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Recommendations on the negotiations for a new partnership with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
(2020/2023(INI))

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Amendment 1
François Alfonsi

Draft opinion
Recital -A (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-A. whereas the priority objectives of the European Union, shared by the United Kingdom, and in particular the fight against global warming and climate change, justify reciprocal commitments with a view to the ecological transition of the European continent through a global agreement that includes regional development;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Francesca Donato, Alessandro Panza, Rosanna Conte, Stefania Zambelli, Vincenzo Sofo

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

Amendment

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Or. it

Amendment 3
Isabel Carvalhais

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 4 Tsvetelina Penkova

Draft opinion Recital A

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Or. en

Amendment 5 Sandro Gozi, Laurence Farreng, Susana Solís Pérez, Stéphane Bijoux, Irène Tolleret

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Or. en

Amendment 6
François Alfonsi

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas certain competences are devolved within the United Kingdom to Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, which have their own respective approaches to the negotiations on the future partnership;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Tsvetelina Penkova

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

Amendment

B. whereas many regions of the EU will be negatively affected by the creation of new barriers to trade between the EU and the UK, particularly those sharing a land or sea border with the UK, and will

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thus require additional support from cohesion funds;

sea border with the UK, and will thus require additional support from cohesion funds;

Or. en

Amendment 8
François Alfonsi

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas global challenges, such as the fight against climate change or global pandemics including the recent coronavirus outbreak, cannot be overcome alone and individually by each single region or Member State;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Pascal Arimont

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas the protection of cross-border economic activity is particularly important, and it should remain possible for cross-border workers between the EU and UK to earn their livelihood;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Tsvetelina Penkova

Draft opinion

Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas even if the UK is a third country, it would be advantageous for Interreg programmes *between EU and UK regions* to continue;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 11 Isabel Carvalhais

Draft opinion Recital D

Draft opinion

D. whereas cohesion funding is of special importance to Northern Ireland and the border regions of Ireland, as the PEACE programme has played a key role in community reconciliation and peacebuilding;

Amendment

D. whereas cohesion funding is of special importance to Northern Ireland and the border regions of Ireland, as the PEACE programme has played a key role in community reconciliation and peacebuilding; *whereas the PEACE programme has connected thousands of people through cross-border activities, including support for the development of small and medium-sized enterprises, for community-based organisations that lead projects on reconciliation and cultural understanding, and for cross-border projects focusing on skills, learning and training;*

Or. en

Amendment 12 Pascal Arimont

Draft opinion Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Da. whereas EU development and cohesion policies have allowed for fruitful cooperation between EU and UK territories overseas, and this should continue in the future;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Tsvetelina Penkova

Draft opinion
Recital E

Draft opinion

E. whereas the withdrawal of the UK without a subsequent agreement on its future relationship with the EU would have disruptive effects, creating a significant burden for public finances in the EU; whereas such a failure to reach an agreement on future EU-UK relations would justify activating the solidarity principle; whereas Parliament has already approved activating the solidarity principle in such a scenario;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 14
Francesca Donato, Alessandro Panza, Rosanna Conte, Stefania Zambelli, Vincenzo Sofo

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Or. it

Amendment 15

Francesca Donato, Alessandro Panza, Rosanna Conte, Stefania Zambelli, Vincenzo Sofo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Considers that the UK should be invited to contribute to the cohesion funds if it wishes to participate in the internal market, in accordance with the model for EEA countries;

Amendment

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Or. it

Amendment 16

Sandro Gozi, Laurence Farreng, Susana Solís Pérez, Stéphane Bijoux, Irène Tolleret

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Considers that *the UK* should *be invited to contribute to the* cohesion funds *if it wishes* to participate in the internal market, in accordance with the model *for* EEA countries;

Amendment

1. Considers that, *in the absence of full participation in the internal market, the United Kingdom* should *not be able to benefit from* cohesion funds, *except for projects which are permitted under the regulations establishing those funds; adds that, should the United Kingdom ultimately wish* to participate in the internal market, *it should contribute to cohesion funds for the 2021-2027 period* in accordance with the model *applied to* EEA countries;

Or. en

Amendment 17
François Alfonsi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Considers that the UK should be invited to contribute to the cohesion funds if *it wishes* to participate in the internal market, in accordance with the model for EEA countries;

Amendment

1. Considers that the UK ***and the governments of its devolved nations*** should be invited to contribute to the cohesion funds if ***they wish*** to participate in the internal market, in accordance with the model for EEA countries; ***believes that the UK should seek continued involvement in cross-border and other territorial cooperation programmes in the programming periods to come;***

Or. en

Amendment 18
Tsvetelina Penkova

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 19
François Alfonsi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. ***Calls for a long-term solution to allow the participation of the UK in EU cohesion policy as a tool for ensuring sustainable development, partnership involvement, an integrated and bottom-up approach and the fostering of human links to the European continent.***

Or. en

Amendment 20
Isabel Carvalhais

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Believes that the new agreement should take into account the needs of the regions affected by Brexit, especially those sharing a land or sea border with the UK, such as the border regions of Ireland and the coastal regions along the Channel and the North Sea;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 21
Isabel Benjumea Benjumea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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sharing a land or sea border with the UK, such as the border regions of Ireland **and** the coastal regions along the Channel and the North Sea;

sharing a land or sea border with the UK, such as the border regions of Ireland, the coastal regions along the Channel and the North Sea **and Andalusia**;

Or. es

Amendment 22
François Alfonsi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Believes that the new agreement should take into account the needs of the regions affected by Brexit, especially those sharing a land or sea border with the UK, such as the border regions of Ireland and the coastal regions along the Channel and the North Sea;

Amendment

2. Believes that the new agreement should take into account the needs of the regions affected by Brexit, especially those sharing a land or sea border with the UK, such as the border regions of Ireland, **the western regions of Wales** and the coastal regions along the Channel and the North Sea;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Sandro Gozi, Laurence Farreng, Susana Solís Pérez, Stéphane Bijoux, Irène Tolleret

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Believes that the new agreement should take into account the needs of the regions affected by Brexit, especially those sharing a land or sea border with the UK, such as the border regions of Ireland and the coastal regions along the Channel and the North Sea;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 24
Pascal Arimont

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls for the future agreement to include provisions for the ongoing protection of the livelihood of cross-border workers, including for new employment relationships, particularly for those working across the Irish border or between the UK and Belgium, France or the Netherlands;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Martina Michels

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Notes that the cross-border and transnational programmes funded through Interreg play a key role in encouraging cooperation between regions ***in different*** Member ***States, and*** proposes that Interreg programmes should remain open to the UK in future, provided that ***a*** financial contribution ***is made***;

3. Notes that the cross-border and transnational programmes funded through Interreg play a key role in encouraging cooperation between regions ***and their citizens; would welcome any agreement which would allow Northern Ireland to participate in other EU programmes, in particular Interreg, provided that a financial contribution is made; believes, however, that, as a third country, the entire UK cannot enjoy the same rights and benefits as a Member State;*** proposes, ***therefore,*** that Interreg programmes should remain open to the UK in future, provided that ***the UK commits itself to make a fair and appropriate financial contribution to the programme for its full length under the multiannual financial framework;***

Or. en

Amendment 26
François Alfonsi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Notes that the cross-border and transnational programmes funded through Interreg play a key role in encouraging cooperation between regions in different Member States, and proposes that Interreg programmes should remain open to the UK *in future*, provided that a financial contribution is made;

Amendment

3. Notes that the cross-border and transnational programmes funded through Interreg, ***including the Wales-Ireland and Atlantic Area programmes***, play a key role in encouraging cooperation between regions in different Member States, and proposes that Interreg programmes should remain open to the UK ***and the governments of its devolved nations***, provided that a financial contribution is made;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Isabel Carvalhais

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

3a. Recalls that the Interreg programmes also support inclusive policies and strategies that avoid exacerbating inequalities in cross-border communities; considers that maintaining Interreg cross-border and transnational programmes with the UK is a way of promoting social cohesion and gender equality in the regions in question, and improving conditions for migrants, young and older workers and low-skilled workers;

Or. en

Amendment 28
François Alfonsi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Believes that the UK should be offered the opportunity to engage with, and be included in, territorial cooperation, whilst complying with European best practices and applying all provisions for the fully fledged cooperation of UK actors with EU counterparts, including an appropriate financial contribution from the UK;

Or. en

Amendment 29
François Alfonsi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Stresses that, whatever solution is found for cohesion funding in other regions, it is of the utmost importance that the PEACE programme continue to operate in Northern Ireland and the border regions of Ireland, administered autonomously by the Special EU Programmes Body;

4. Stresses that, whatever solution is found for cohesion funding in other regions, **such as in Scotland and in Wales**, it is of the utmost importance that the PEACE programme continue to operate in Northern Ireland and the border regions of Ireland, administered autonomously by the Special EU Programmes Body;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Tsvetelina Penkova

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses that, ***whatever solution is found for cohesion funding in other regions***, it is of the utmost importance that the PEACE programme continue to operate in Northern Ireland and the border regions of Ireland, administered autonomously by the Special EU Programmes Body;

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Or. en

Amendment 31 Pascal Arimont

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Considers that cooperation between EU outermost regions and overseas countries and territories on the one hand, and UK overseas territories on the other hand, particularly in the Caribbean and Pacific, should continue; calls for special provisions to allow future joint projects under the European Development Fund and cohesion funds, as appropriate;

Or. en

Amendment 32 Isabel Carvalhais

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Recalls the importance of mobility and the temporary movement of goods

and equipment for ongoing cooperation between cultural and educational groups; believes that the temporary mobility of people, goods and equipment is a good way to identify cooperation opportunities and share good practices and expertise;

Or. en

Amendment 33
François Alfonsi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. *Underlines the important contribution of EU cohesion policy to Northern Ireland, particularly in terms of assisting the recovery of deprived urban and rural areas, tackling climate change, and building cross-community and cross-border contacts in the context of the peace process;*

Or. en

Amendment 34
François Alfonsi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. *Emphasises the attachment of all stakeholders in Northern Ireland to the continuance of EU cohesion policy goals in the region; stresses in that regard the importance of a bottom-up approach, coordinated multilevel governance and the partnership principle;*

Or. en

Amendment 35
François Alfonsi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. Recalls the positive role of the Common Fisheries Policy in the development of the fishing sector and in the management of fishery resources; calls on the Commission to ensure that the new agreement does not affect either the existing biodiversity strategies or the economic sector;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Francesca Donato, Alessandro Panza, Rosanna Conte, Stefania Zambelli, Vincenzo Sofo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Recalls the importance of extending the scope of the European Union Solidarity Fund to cover a part of the additional public expenditure incurred in preparation for, or as a consequence of, the end of the transition period without a subsequent agreement on the UK's future relationship with the EU; calls on the Commission to put forward a proposal on the matter, mirroring the proposal previously made to cover a failure to ratify the Withdrawal Agreement, which was approved by Parliament on 24 October 2019¹.

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¹ **Amendments adopted by the European Parliament on 24 October 2019 on the**

proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 in order to provide financial assistance to Member States to cover serious financial burden inflicted on them following a withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement (COM(2019)0399 – C9-0111/2019 – 2019/0183(COD)), P9_TA(2019)0045.

Or. it

Amendment 37
Tsvetelina Penkova

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

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Amendment 38
Isabel Benjumea Benjumea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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Amendment

5. Recalls the importance of extending the scope of the European Union Solidarity Fund to cover a part of the additional public expenditure incurred in preparation for, or as a consequence of, the end of the transition period without a subsequent agreement on the UK's future relationship with the EU; ***recalls the reforms made to this fund as a result of the SARS-CoV-2 health crisis; believes that they should be taken into account, in view of the impact of this crisis on health, social and economic systems.***

Amendment 39
Isabel Carvalhais

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Recalls that, in order to be in the internal market, the UK must respect the planned partnership and maintain a carbon pricing system whose effectiveness and scope are at least identical to those laid down in the common standards of the EU, including the target of achieving a climate-neutral economy by 2050 in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement; stresses that those targets must be reached before the end of the Union's transitional period and remain applicable thereafter;*

Or. en

Amendment 40
Sandro Gozi, Laurence Farreng, Susana Solís Pérez, Stéphane Bijoux, Irène Tolleret

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Asks the Commission to prepare for the consequences of a no-deal scenario should the UK not request an extension to the transition period.*

Or. en

Amendment 41
Isabel Carvalhais

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Considers that, in order to have access to the internal market, the UK should promote only natural resources obtained legally and managed in a sustainable manner, in particular regarding biodiversity, fauna and flora, aquatic ecosystems and forest products, and comply with relevant international instruments and practices, such as the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking.

Or. en