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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Matthias Ecke
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Job creation – the just transition and impact investments
((2022/2170(INI))

Amendment 1
Martina Michels

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Reminds that local and regional authorities are often largely responsible for implementing policies relating to decent work, quality jobs and training and that the territorial dimension of these policies is thus of vital importance; To this end, recalls the importance of equal administrative capacity and access to funding and to information in all EU regions;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Matthias Ecke

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Is convinced that developing a regional perspective to the Green Transition, thus, including local and regional authorities, as well as social partners and trade unions, is essential in a Just Transition towards a net-zero carbon economy;

Amendment 3
Stelios Kypouropoulos

Draft opinion
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Or. el

Amendment 4
Franc Bogovič, Peter Pollák, Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Or. en

Amendment 5

Daniel Buda

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Or. ro

Amendment 6

Denis Nesci

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

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1. Believes that the EU's cohesion policy funds aimed at territorial, economic and social cohesion are crucial for ***supporting*** the transition towards climate neutrality while guaranteeing high-quality employment opportunities in the regions;

Amendment

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Or. it

Amendment 7

Matthias Ecke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Underlines the diversity of Europe's regions, each with its own specific territorial, economic, infrastructural and demographic challenges; Urges the Commission and Member States to address the development trap and stagnant growth in several European regions by increasing their attractiveness, as well as responding to the shrinking labour force, coupled with a declining and ageing population in many member states;

Or. en

**Amendment 8
Stelios Kypourouopoulos**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Cohesion policy funding, together with associated financial instruments, can be channelled into the training of young people and workers in the regions, providing them with the additional skills required for new jobs created or those modified by green transition.

Or. el

**Amendment 9
Martina Michels**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Believes that training and retraining of workers, upskilling,

reskilling and lifelong education must ensure that nobody, regardless of their work sector, their type of contract, gender or their geographical location is forgotten on the path to the EU green transition;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses the importance of EU cohesion policy in supporting companies in such a way that there is no relocation of economic activities outside the borders of the European Union, and in helping companies make this transition;

Or. ro

Amendment 11
Denis Nesci

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Notes that the type of action needed to create new jobs should take into account the specific nature of the area and the level of impact on regional and local competitiveness;

Or. it

Amendment 12
Denis Nesci

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Notes that the JTF provides support by channelling subsidies into the sectors most vulnerable to the possible consequences of climate transition with the aim of ensuring the balanced and homogeneous development of the areas concerned;

Or. it

Amendment 13
Yana Toom

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Welcomes the concept of a ‘just transition’, considering it a unique principle that must permeate all aspects of the transition to climate neutrality; notes that an ambitious, comprehensive just transition is needed to address the unintended distributional effects of the green transition, such as greater regional inequalities; highlights that the Just Transition Fund (JTF) is a key cohesion policy instrument supporting regions impacted by the transition towards a net-zero economy and suggests expanding and broadening the JTF’s scope to include other industrial sectors and regions;

2. Welcomes the concept of a ‘just transition’, considering it a unique principle that must permeate all aspects of the transition to climate neutrality; notes that an ambitious, comprehensive just transition is needed to address the unintended distributional effects of the green transition, such as greater regional inequalities ***while ensuring that no one is left behind in the transition; stresses therefore the importance of greater dialogue between national, local and regional authorities as well as ensuring that representatives of workers from the affected regions are consulted;***

2a. Highlights that the Just Transition Fund (JTF) is a key cohesion policy instrument supporting regions impacted by the transition towards a net-zero economy, by building a more sustainable economy, training and re-skilling workers and creating new businesses through research and innovation; stresses that ensuring the long-term sustainability of the new local economy models requires a change in the

education strategy in order to offer diverse curriculum options that are focused on areas of growth and the region's needs; notes that the JTF needs adequate financial resources to ensure its effectiveness in supporting regions transition towards climate neutrality and suggests expanding and broadening the JTF's scope to include other industrial sectors and regions;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Franc Bogovič, Peter Pollák, Krzysztof Hetman

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2. Welcomes the concept of a 'just transition', considering it a unique principle that must permeate all aspects of the transition to climate neutrality; ***emphasizes that there is no one-size-fits-all solution and that the support for a just transition shall be adapted to the local and regional circumstances, natural conditions and specific characteristics and needs of given regions;*** notes that an ambitious ***and*** comprehensive just transition is needed to address the unintended distributional effects of the green transition, such as greater regional inequalities, ***as well as other challenges that regions may face as a result, such as unemployment, depopulation and brain drain;*** ***underlines*** that the Just Transition Fund (JTF) is a key cohesion policy instrument supporting regions impacted by the transition towards a net-zero economy, ***including notably former coal-mining and steel-producing regions,*** and suggests expanding and broadening the JTF's scope to include ***also*** other industrial sectors and regions ***that are equally affected by the***

green transition;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Matthias Ecke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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Or. en

Amendment 16

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 17 **Martina Michels**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 2**

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broadening the JTF's scope to include other industrial sectors and regions;

broadening the JTF's scope to include other industrial sectors and regions *so as to promote the skills development for net zero, recycling, re-use, resource and energy saving industries and related services; Reminds the particular importance of this instrument in regions as defined in articles 174 and 349 TFEU;*

Or. en

Amendment 18
Denis Nesci

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Amendment

2. Welcomes the concept of a 'just transition' *as an economically and socially sustainable process to be carried out progressively and pragmatically*; notes that an ambitious, comprehensive, *just and fair* transition is needed *that is able to* address the unintended distributional effects of the green transition, such as greater regional inequalities, *job losses and declining competitiveness of European companies linked to the green transition*; highlights that the Just Transition Fund (JTF) is a key cohesion policy instrument supporting regions impacted by the transition towards a net-zero economy and suggests expanding and broadening the JTF's scope to include other industrial sectors and regions;

Or. it

Amendment 19
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
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Or. ro

Amendment 20 **Stelios Kypourouopoulos**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 2**

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Amendment

2. Welcomes the concept of a ‘just transition’, considering it a unique principle that must permeate all aspects of the transition to climate neutrality; notes that an ambitious, ***competitive and*** comprehensive just transition is needed to address the unintended distributional effects of the green transition, such as greater regional inequalities; highlights that the Just Transition Fund (JTF) is a key cohesion policy instrument supporting regions impacted by the transition towards a net-zero economy and suggests expanding and broadening the JTF’s scope to include other industrial sectors and regions;

Amendment 21

Yana Toom

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Highlights that the Just Transition roadmap is not a one-size-fits-all, owing to the intrinsic specificities of each carbon-dependent region; stresses in this regard the need for Just Transition Plans to take into account the complexities of the target regions, including the demographic makeup and socio-economic factors such as linguistic aptitudes; Further stresses that particular attention must be paid to rural areas, and regions which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps such as islands, mountain, outermost and border regions as these regions already suffer from a reduced access to public and private services and job opportunities and lower economic development;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Denis Nesci

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Believes that social impact investment (SII) is no substitute for public social spending; notes, however, that SII can complement cohesion funds in tackling the challenges encountered on the path towards climate neutrality, ***provided it has a measurable social effect on inclusion,***

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equality and employment; underlines that any adjustment of the legal, regulatory and economic framework for SII must meet these requirements;

neutrality;

Or. it

Amendment 23

Franc Bogovič, Peter Pollák, Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Believes that social impact investment (SII) is no substitute for public social spending; notes, however, that SII can complement cohesion funds in tackling the challenges encountered on the path towards climate neutrality, provided it has a measurable social effect on inclusion, equality and employment; underlines that any adjustment of the legal, regulatory and economic framework for SII must meet these requirements;

Amendment

3. Believes that social impact investment (SII) is no substitute for public social spending; notes, however, that SII can complement cohesion funds in tackling the challenges encountered on the path towards climate neutrality, provided it has a measurable social effect on **greater** inclusion, **coping with demographic changes**, equality, **skills** and employment; underlines that any adjustment of the legal, regulatory and economic framework for SII must meet these requirements;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Yana Toom

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses that the ongoing climate emergency, the continuing recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia's aggression against Ukraine and the current high inflation rates across Member States emphasises the importance of the just transition to a more sustainable and resilient economy but

greater attention must be given to the social economy and its importance in this transition; underlines the importance of strengthening the capacities of social economy organisations by mobilising public and private investments to prepare for the green transition;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that the green transition has a strong gender dimension, with women tending to be under-represented in green jobs and men tending to be more affected by the disappearance of carbon-intensive jobs; underlines, therefore, the need for a gender perspective when designing and implementing all transition policies to avoid deepening the divides within local labour markets;

Amendment

4. Notes that the green transition has a strong gender dimension, with women tending to be under-represented in green jobs and men tending to be more affected by the disappearance of carbon-intensive jobs; underlines, therefore, the need for a gender perspective when designing and implementing all transition policies to avoid deepening the divides within local labour markets; *recalls the importance for a socially just green transition of the care economy and the care sector (such as early childcare or long-term care work), a female-dominated workfield in which job creation is indispensable to redistribute unpaid care work, a precondition to ensure women have equal working opportunities than men in the transition, as well as in light of the new health threats related to climate change and pollution;*

Or. en

Amendment 26

Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. *Notes that the green transition has a strong gender dimension, with women tending to be under-represented in green jobs and men tending to be more affected by the disappearance of carbon-intensive jobs; underlines, therefore, the need for a gender perspective* when designing and implementing all transition policies to avoid deepening the divides within local labour markets;

Amendment

4. Underlines, therefore, the need for *certain equalities* when designing and implementing all transition policies to avoid deepening the divides within local labour markets;

Or. ro

Amendment 27
Franc Bogovič, Peter Pollák, Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that the green transition has a strong gender dimension, with women tending to be under-represented in green jobs and men tending to be more affected by the disappearance of carbon-intensive jobs; underlines, therefore, the need for a gender *perspective* when designing and implementing all transition policies to avoid deepening the divides within local labour markets;

Amendment

4. Notes that the green transition has a strong gender dimension, with women tending to be under-represented in green jobs and men tending to be more affected by the disappearance of carbon-intensive jobs, *as well as on older generations and other people in vulnerable situation, such as Roma*; underlines, therefore, the need for a gender *equality, respect for fundamental rights and equal opportunities to ensure greater inclusion of these groups*, when designing and implementing all transition policies to avoid deepening the divides within local labour markets;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Denis Nesci

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

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Amendment 29
Martina Michels

Draft opinion
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Or. en

Amendment 30
Franc Bogovič, Peter Pollák, Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. *Highlights that one of the main focus of just transition should be to foster entrepreneurship and create employment opportunities for young people in carbon-intensive regions, so as to support their sustainable development and prevent depopulation and brain drain;*

Or. en

Amendment 31

Franc Bogovič, Peter Pollák, Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Remains convinced that a just transition has the potential to not only convert the EU into a successful net-zero economy, but also make it a global model for this existentially necessary transformation; highlights that cohesion policy is an essential tool on the path towards a net-zero economy and believes that the debate on the future of EU cohesion policy, including funding for 2028-2035, must be guided by the need to assist the Member States on this path.

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Or. en

Amendment 32

Matthias Ecke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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Calls for fresh EU money to be mobilised for necessary EU investments, such as the creation of a EU Sovereignty Fund with a strong territorial dimension.

Or. en

Amendment 33
Denis Nesci

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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Amendment

5. Highlights that cohesion policy is an essential tool on the path towards a net-zero economy and believes that the debate on the future of EU cohesion policy, including funding for 2028-2035, must be guided by the need to assist the Member States on this path ***in order to promote the more effective take-up of resources by regional and local communities.***

Or. it

Amendment 34

Martina Michels

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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Amendment

5. Remains convinced that a just transition has the potential to not only convert the EU into a successful net-zero economy, but also make it a global model for this existentially necessary transformation; highlights that cohesion policy is an essential tool on the path towards a net-zero economy and believes that the debate on the future of EU cohesion policy, including ***in the revision of MFF 2021-2027, in the*** funding for 2028-2035, must be guided by the need to assist the Member States on this path.

Or. en

Amendment 35
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Remains convinced that a just transition has the potential to not only convert the EU into a successful ***net-zero*** economy, but also make it a global model for this existentially necessary transformation; highlights that cohesion policy is an essential tool on the path towards a net-zero economy and believes that the debate on the future of EU cohesion policy, including funding for 2028-2035, must be guided by the need to assist the Member States on this path.

Amendment

5. Remains convinced that a just transition has the potential to not only convert the EU into a successful ***reduced-emissions*** economy, but also make it a global model for this existentially necessary transformation; highlights that cohesion policy is an essential tool on the path towards a net-zero economy and believes that the debate on the future of EU cohesion policy, including funding for 2028-2035, must be guided by the need to assist the Member States on this path.

Or. ro

Amendment 36
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Highlights the job creation potential of democratic and participatory ecological planning; underlines that in order to move forward with the green and just transition, capacities at all levels but particularly of local and regional administrations need to be strengthened and well resourced in order to ensure a participatory ecological planning, quality environmental impact assessments of projects, robust “do no significant harm” analysis, effective implementation of environmental and climate legislation, and to guarantee absorption of EU funds while decreasing the risk of decommitments at the end of the funding periods;

Or. en

Amendment 37
André Rougé

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Points out that job creation depends in part on access to high-quality training, which is not available in all the EU's outermost regions, forcing local people to leave for mainland France and reducing the scope for innovation and economic development at local level; stresses that economic difficulties and de facto territorial separation make it more difficult for overseas citizens of the Member States to access training;

Amendment 38

Denis Nesci

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Notes that the just transition fund (JTF) should address the social and economic effects of the transition and promote diversification of the local production system while mitigating the impact on employment; stresses that the Just Transition Fund can offer a real possibility to support the unemployed and workers at risk as a result of the transition;

Or. it

Amendment 39

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Highlights that many less-developed regions, particularly NUTS-2 level regions with GDP per capita lower than 75% of the EU-27 average, rural, remote areas and areas with low population density, do not uniformly match the employment opportunities in comparison with the occupational opportunities available in more developed parts of the EU; stresses that further convergence and cooperation in this sense are necessary between the Member States and at the EU level, particularly through its cohesion policy, programming and the

use of the European funds; therefore calls on the Commission and the Member States to cooperate in order to insure that social impact investments in the context of the green and just transition tackle the regional disparities in job markets, employment opportunities, especially in the lesser developed, rural and remote regions in order to ensure economic, social, and territorial cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Denis Nesci

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. In connection with the future revision of the related legislative framework, is convinced of the need for the cohesion policy budget to be tailored to the multiple challenges related to the transition, primarily to facilitate employment and the creation of new jobs; to this end, calls on the Commission to ensure that existing funding is sufficiently flexible to avoid creating disparities within the single market.

Or. it

Amendment 41
André Rougé

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Points to the inequalities in access to training, particularly between the EU's outermost regions and their metropolitan

areas; calls for these factors to be taken into account in order to encourage Member States to support the creation of training and higher education centres, particularly in the outermost regions;

Or. fr

Amendment 42
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. 8. Believes that impact investments should be prioritised and geared towards local green infrastructure and renewable energy projects, focused on improving energy efficiency, including renovation, development and retrofitting of energy-efficient buildings, local waste recycling and management infrastructure, expansion of regional and local solar, wind, and hydropower installations, sustainable transportation which stimulate local economies and offer a great potential for creation of local jobs which can not be offshored in construction, engineering, maintenance and related industries;

Or. en

Amendment 43
André Rougé

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. Stresses the need to protect and support local jobs and the know-how that

goes with them, as they represent an opportunity in the transition to a sustainable economy by bringing together supply and demand;

Or. fr

Amendment 44

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5d. Believes that impact investment should first of all focus on investing in micro-enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises in the region that are aligned with a just transition as these investments can provide capital, technical assistance, and market access to micro-enterprises and SMEs engaged in sustainable and innovative practices; by supporting these enterprises, impact investors contribute to job creation and economic diversification within the region, and support a more sustainable transformation and economic development;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Bronis Ropé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5e. Is of the opinion that sector-specific investments, targeted to sectors that are strategically important for the

region and are undergoing a just transition offer even greater opportunities for the development of new local industries and local jobs; for example, the regions heavily reliant on fossil fuel extraction should receive more investments in energy efficiency, renewable energy projects and circular economy solutions such as wind farms, solar installations, local waste collection, recycling and management;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Bronis Ropé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5f. Believes that job creation under the just transition should prioritise local community development and therefore calls Member States to ensure meaningful participation of all regional and local authorities, civil society organisations, businesses, local action groups and other stakeholders in taking decisions pertinent to developing programmes, planning investments in projects on national, regional and local levels, steered towards expanding job creation prospects; engaging in collaborative decision-making processes will ensure that the just transition strategies and policies adequately address the concerns and needs of those affected, that investments are aligned with local contexts, maximise job creation potential, ensure that the benefits of the transition are spread throughout the community, reducing regional disparities; recalls to the Member States that stakeholder engagement is implemented in line with the principles set out in the “European Code of Conduct on

***Partnership” (Commission Delegated
Regulation (EU) No 240/2014);***

Or. en