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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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Implementation report on the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement
((2022/2188(INI))

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Amendment 1
Giuseppe Milazzo, Denis Nesci

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement establishes preferential arrangements in areas such as trade in goods and services, intellectual property, digital trade, road transport and aviation, public procurement, energy, social security coordination, law enforcement and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, fisheries, competition, mobility, investment, thematic cooperation and participation in Union programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Giuseppe Milazzo, Denis Nesci

Draft opinion
Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ab. whereas the Windsor Agreement covers a wide range of areas, such as customs, agri-food, medicines, state aid, VAT and excise duties;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Eric Minardi

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

Amendment

B. *whereas the UK's withdrawal from the EU endangers territorial and cross-border cooperation and the existing relationships between the regions and cities of the EU and the UK;* *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 4
François Alfonsi
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the UK's withdrawal from the EU endangers territorial and cross-border cooperation and the existing relationships between the regions and cities of the EU and the UK;

Amendment

B. whereas the UK's withdrawal from the EU endangers territorial and cross-border cooperation and the existing relationships between the *different* regions and cities of the EU and the UK;

Or. en

Amendment 5
François Alfonsi
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. *whereas the UK's withdrawal from the EU triggered negative effects for regions and partners involved in the Interreg projects;*

Or. en

Amendment 6
Giuseppe Milazzo, Denis Nesci

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca.. whereas on 27 February 2023, the European Commission and the UK Government reached political agreement on the Windsor Framework, which includes a comprehensive set of common solutions aimed at definitively addressing the practical challenges faced by Northern Ireland's citizens and businesses, as well as a commitment to preserve the Good Friday Agreement in all its parts;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Erik Bergkvist

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Points out that the TCA, despite its lack of a regional dimension, provides a general framework for the UK's participation in EU programmes; reiterates its call¹ to explore possibilities for the participation of parts of the UK in EU cohesion policy programmes;

1. Points out that the TCA, despite its lack of a regional dimension, provides a general framework for the UK's participation in EU programmes; reiterates its call^[1] to explore possibilities for the participation of parts of the UK in EU cohesion policy programmes; ***Regrets the general lack of Interreg programs with UK as a third country partner as well as the UK's non-participation in the Erasmus + program.***

¹ ***European Parliament legislative resolution of 28 April 2021 on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, Texts adopted P9_TA(2021)0140.***

Amendment 8
Giuseppe Milazzo, Denis Nesci

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

1. Points out that the TCA, despite its lack of a regional dimension, provides a general framework for the UK's participation in EU programmes, ***including Horizon Europe programme***; reiterates its call¹ to explore possibilities for the participation of parts of the UK in EU cohesion policy programmes;

¹ European Parliament legislative resolution of 28 April 2021 on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, Texts adopted P9_TA(2021)0140.

Amendment 9
Eric Minardi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Points out that the TCA, ***despite its lack of a regional dimension***, provides a general framework for the UK's participation in EU programmes; reiterates its call to explore possibilities for the participation of parts of the UK in EU cohesion policy programmes;

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Or. fr

Amendment 10
Susana Solís Pérez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Regrets the slow recovery of trade with the UK after the Covid 19 pandemic compared to other third countries, despite the TCA, as this may affect the economic and social cohesion in certain EU regions;

Or. en

Amendment 11
François Alfonsi
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Regrets that without UK's participation in the Cohesion policy and other EU programmes, cooperation in the field of the cross-border environmental protection and fight against climate change has been fading;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Susana Solís Pérez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Calls for a balanced and coordinated approach towards achieving Green Deal objectives and energy independence for both the EU and UK; calls on both parties to strengthen technological cooperation, skills development and exchange of data in the energy sector; highlights the importance of R&D cooperation in the field of critical technologies, carbon capture technologies, hydrogen, renewable energy and nuclear energy;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Susana Solís Pérez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Calls for coordinated EU-UK critical infrastructure development, especially in the energy sector, to enhance its robustness and lower the chances of infrastructure disruptions and energy supply failures;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Giuseppe Milazzo, Denis Nesci

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Believes that there is untapped potential for EU-UK subnational cooperation in areas of mutual interest, such as immigration, mobility – including of military personnel and assets, the sustainable management of the North Sea, the Channel and the Irish Sea, and climate action; stresses the need to support initiatives for bilateral and multilateral cooperation between EU and UK regions, such as the Straits Committee, possibly through a specific EU interregional cooperation fund, provided that the UK Government financially contributes to the fund;

Amendment

2. Believes that there is untapped potential for EU-UK subnational cooperation in areas of mutual interest, such as immigration, mobility – including of military personnel and assets, the sustainable management of the North Sea, the Channel and the Irish Sea, and climate action; ***supports dialogue and strategic cooperation between the EU and the UK on the most urgent common challenges from global security to strengthening energy security***; stresses the need to support initiatives for bilateral and multilateral cooperation between EU and UK regions, such as the Straits Committee, possibly through a specific EU interregional cooperation fund, provided that the UK Government financially contributes to the fund;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Eric Minardi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Believes that there is untapped potential for ***EU-UK subnational cooperation*** in areas of mutual interest, such as immigration, mobility – including of military personnel and assets, the sustainable management of the North Sea, the Channel and the Irish Sea, and climate action; stresses the need to support initiatives for bilateral and multilateral cooperation between ***EU and UK regions, such as the Straits Committee, possibly through a specific EU interregional cooperation fund, provided that the UK Government financially contributes to the***

Amendment

2. Believes that there is untapped potential for ***cooperation at national level between the EU Member States and the UK*** in areas of mutual interest, such as immigration, mobility – including of military personnel and assets, the sustainable management of the North Sea, the Channel and the Irish Sea, and climate action; stresses the need to support initiatives for bilateral and multilateral cooperation between the EU ***Member States and*** the UK;

fund;

Or. fr

Amendment 16
Erik Bergkvist

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 17
Peter Pollák

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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sustainable management of the North Sea, the Channel and the Irish Sea, **and** climate action; stresses the need to support initiatives for bilateral and multilateral cooperation between EU and UK regions, such as the Straits Committee, possibly through a specific EU interregional cooperation fund, provided that the UK Government financially contributes to the fund;

the sustainable management of the North Sea, the Channel and the Irish Sea, **education, climate action, digitalisation and so on**; stresses the need **for creating synergies**, to support initiatives for bilateral and multilateral cooperation between EU and UK regions, such as the Straits Committee, possibly through a specific EU interregional cooperation fund, provided that the UK Government financially contributes to the fund;

Or. en

Amendment 18

François Alfonsi

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Believes that there is untapped potential for EU-UK subnational cooperation in areas of mutual interest, such as immigration, **human and social rights**, mobility – including of military personnel and assets, the sustainable management of the North Sea, the Channel and the Irish Sea, and climate action; stresses the need to support initiatives for bilateral and multilateral cooperation between EU and UK regions, such as the Straits Committee, possibly through a specific EU interregional cooperation fund, provided that the UK Government financially contributes to the fund;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Susana Solís Pérez

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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Or. en

Amendment 20

Giuseppe Milazzo, Denis Nesci

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Regrets the tensions that have arisen in Northern Ireland stemming from the implementation of the Northern Ireland Protocol and welcomes the fact that an agreement, referred to as the Windsor Framework, has been reached to remedy the implementation issues;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 21

Susana Solís Pérez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Welcomes the Windsor Agreement and calls for constructive relations between the UK Government and the Commission to form the basis for effective cooperation and participation in EU programmes, including potential association to Horizon Europe under an agreed set of financial and intellectual rights rules;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Eric Minardi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Underlines the importance of quantifying the effects of the TCA at regional level in order to adopt tailored measures for the most impacted regions and communities;

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Or. fr

Amendment 23
Peter Pollák

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

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quantifying the effects of the TCA at regional level in order to adopt tailored measures for the most impacted regions and communities;

quantifying the effects, ***including the social impact*** of the TCA at regional level in order to adopt tailored measures for the most impacted regions and communities;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Giuseppe Milazzo, Denis Nesci

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Underlines the importance of quantifying the effects of the TCA at regional level in order to adopt tailored measures for the most impacted regions and communities;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 25
Susana Solís Pérez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Points out that for EU-UK trade relation particular attention should be paid to the four economic sectors defined by the Committee of the Regions^{1a} that could be most affected by the impact of Brexit, such as electric vehicles, electrical machinery, wood products and furniture, and agricultural products;

^{1a} Study of the European Committee of the Regions on “New trade and economic relations between EU-UK: the impact on

*regions and cities” of 2022,
https://cor.europa.eu/en/engage/studies/Documents/New%20trade%20and%20economic%20relations%20between%20EU_UK%20the%20impact%20on%20regions%20and%20cities.pdf*

Or. en

Amendment 26
François Alfonsi
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Calls for devolved territories of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales to have a greater involvement in the EU-UK Parliamentary Partnership Assembly;*

Or. en

Amendment 27
Susana Solís Pérez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. *Asks for specific measures to help workers in these four sectors and in the regions most affected by Brexit by creating a "bridge of skills" to help workers to reskill and to avoid unemployment and depopulation in these regions;*

Or. en

Amendment 28
Susana Solís Pérez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. Underlines in this regard the need for a dedicated support for those SMEs, who are located on border regions and whose businesses are particularly dependent on the UK's market;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Susana Solís Pérez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5d. Takes note of the ‘transitional arrangements’ in place for potential UK participants in Horizon Europe programmes and regrets that grant agreements cannot be signed, as they are conditional on UK association; calls on the Commission and the UK to swiftly reach a fair, balanced and mutually beneficial agreement on UK association to Horizon Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Susana Solís Pérez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5e. Invites the UK to reconsider its association to the Erasmus+ programme, which would increase its opportunities for student exchange and cooperation projects in the areas of education and training;

Or. en

**Amendment 31
Susana Solís Pérez**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

5f. Calls for strengthening cooperation in the field of cybersecurity, due to its implications for both the EU and UK on a wide range of aspects of mutual interest, especially in the digital and financial sectors, IT, defence, energy and R&D;

Or. en

**Amendment 32
Susana Solís Pérez**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

5g. Believes that common rules for offshore renewable and nuclear energy, carbon capture technologies, gas, hydrogen and pipeline infrastructure are essential for facilitating commercial agreements in these areas with the UK;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Giuseppe Milazzo, Denis Nesci

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Asks the Commission to properly involve the regional and local authorities in the process of scrutinising the implementation of the TCA; suggests that the EU and UK create a cooperation body for local and regional authorities within the framework of the TCA.

Amendment

6. Asks the Commission to properly involve the regional and local authorities in the process of scrutinising the implementation of the TCA; suggests that the EU and UK create a cooperation body for local and regional authorities within the framework of the TCA ***to foster communication and collaboration between the local and regional authorities.***

Or. en

Amendment 34
Eric Minardi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Asks the Commission to properly involve the regional and local authorities ***in the process of scrutinising the implementation of the TCA; suggests that the EU and UK create a cooperation body for local and regional authorities within the framework of the TCA.***

Amendment

6. Asks the Commission to properly involve the ***EU Member States and*** regional and local authorities ***as well as regional and local authorities in*** the ***process of scrutinising the implementation*** of the TCA;

Or. fr

Amendment 35
François Alfonsi
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Asks the Commission to properly involve the regional and local authorities in the process of scrutinising the implementation of the TCA; suggests that the EU and UK create a cooperation body for local and regional authorities within the framework of the TCA.

Amendment

6. Asks the Commission to properly involve the regional and local authorities, ***and civil society organisations***, in the process of scrutinising the implementation of the TCA; suggests that the EU and UK create a cooperation body for local and regional authorities within the framework of the TCA.

Or. en

Amendment 36
Erik Bergkvist

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. 7. Calls for increased cooperation and facilitation of the development of the offshore grid given the large renewable energy potential in the region and since this is a long-standing energy priority for the EU and the concerned countries

Or. en