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COMPROMISE AMENDMENTS

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Draft motion for resolution

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Soil protection
(2021/2548(RSP))

Compromise Amendment 1

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 161, 162, 163, 164, 165

Amendment 1

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Emphasizes the importance of protecting soil and promoting healthy soils in the Union, having in view that the degradation of this living **organism** and non-renewable resource continues, in spite of limited action in some Member States; stresses the costs of inaction on soil degradation, with estimates in the Union exceeding €50 billion per year⁴ ;

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Amendment

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Or. en

Compromise Amendment 2

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 86, 98, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 195, 212

Amendment 2

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Paragraph 2

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2. Underlines the multifunctional role of soil (provision of food, carbon pool, platform for human activities, biomass production, biodiversity pool, source of

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raw materials, pharmaceuticals and generic resources, water and nutrients cycling, storage and filtering, storing geological and archaeological heritage, etc.) and the need to preserve *it*;

drought prevention, source of raw materials, pharmaceuticals and generic resources, water and nutrients cycling, storage and filtering, storing geological and archaeological heritage, etc.) and the *resulting* need to *protect, sustainably manage, restore it and* preserve *its capacity to fulfil its multiple roles by means of stable European level and, moreover, cross-border levels of intra-Community cooperation and with non-EU countries*;

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 3

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 196, 275

Amendment 3

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses that healthy soils are essential to achieve the objectives of the European Green Deal such as climate neutrality, biodiversity restoration, zero pollution, healthy and sustainable food systems and a resilient environment;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 3

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Believes that soils should have special attention in the implementation of

the Farm to Fork Strategy, EU Forest Strategy, the Biodiversity Strategy 2030 and the Zero Pollution Action Plan for water, air and soil ; calls, therefore, on the Commission to address all sources of soil pollution in the upcoming Zero Pollution Action Plan and in the revision of the Industrial Emissions Directive;

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 4

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 27, 114, 137, 199, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 213, 248, 270, 293

Amendment 4

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Recognizes the variability of soils in the Union and the need for *different* solutions to ensure their protection through joint efforts at Union and Member States level, taking into consideration the transboundary impacts of soil and land degradation;

Amendment

6. Recognizes the variability of soils in the Union and the need for *targeted policy solutions and environment-specific sustainable soil management approaches* to ensure their protection through joint efforts at Union and Member States level, *in line with their respective competences*, taking *also* into consideration *the regional, local and parcel level*, the transboundary impacts of soil and land degradation, *and the need to establish a level playing field for economic operators*;

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 5

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 227, 228

Amendment 5

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

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7. Stresses that soil, which is a common resource, is unlike air or water not covered by specific legislation; welcomes, consequently, the Commission ambition to propose a coherent and integrated EU soil protection framework;

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Compromise Amendment 6
EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 212, 213, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242 (Part I), 243, 244, 245, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 265 (Part I), 265 (Part II), 270, 286, 293, 361, 369, 391

Amendment 6

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

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8. Calls on the Commission to design an EU-wide common legal framework for the protection and sustainable use of soil, addressing all main soil threats, that shall include, inter alia, common definitions of soil **and soil** functions and criteria for its good status, objectives, indicators, including harmonised indicators to monitor soil **quality and reporting**, measurable targets to tackle all identified threats and appropriate timelines **(based on an impact assessment)** taking into consideration "first mover" efforts, **while ensuring** integration with relevant policy instruments; **and provide for training and** sharing of best **practice** as well as adequate control measures;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to design an EU-wide common legal framework, **with full respect of subsidiarity principle**, for the protection and sustainable use of soil, addressing all main soil threats, that shall include, inter alia:

a. common definitions of soil, **its** functions, and criteria for its good status **and for its**

sustainable use,

b. objectives, indicators, including harmonised indicators, methodology to continuously monitor and report soil status,

c. measurable intermediate and final targets with harmonised datasets and measures to tackle all identified threats and appropriate timelines taking into consideration best practices learned from "first mover" efforts and respecting land ownership rights,

d. clarification of responsibilities of different stakeholders,

e. mechanism for sharing of best practices, training as well as adequate control measures,

f. adequate financial resources;

g. effective integration with relevant policy targets and instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Calls on the Commission to accompany its legal proposal by an in-depth impact assessment study which will be based on scientific data and will analyse both costs of action and non-action in terms of immediate and long-term impact on environment, human health, internal market and general sustainability;

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 7

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265 (Part I), 265, (Part II), 268, 269 (Part I), 269 (Part II), 271, 273, 361

Amendment 7

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Paragraph 9

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9. Points out that the common framework shall also consist of provisions regarding the mapping of risk areas and of contaminated sites and brownfield sites, and decontamination of contaminated sites; calls on the Commission and Member States to apply the polluter pays principle and to propose a mechanism for the remediation of orphan sites;

Amendment

9. Points out that the common framework shall also consist of provisions regarding the mapping of risk areas and of contaminated sites and brownfield sites ***and of abandoned sites***, and decontamination of contaminated sites; calls on the Commission and Member States to apply the polluter pays principle and to propose a mechanism for the remediation of orphan sites; ***considers that the remediation of these sites could be funded by European funding mechanisms;***

Or. en

Amendment 7

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Commission to consider proposing an open list of activities which can have a significant potential to cause soil contamination and which is compiled from comprehensive lists at national level; stresses that this list should be publicly accessible and regularly updated; furthermore calls on the Commission to facilitate harmonization of risk assessment methodologies for contaminated sites;

Compromise Amendment 8

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283

Amendment 8

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

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10. Calls on the Commission to include in this common framework measures on prevention and/or minimisation of soil sealing, giving priority to brownfield recycling over use of unsealed soil with the aim to reach no-land degradation objective by 2030 and no net land take by 2050 at the latest **and** the right to effective public participation and consultation on land use planning;

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission to include in this common framework **effective** measures on prevention and/or minimisation of soil sealing **and any other land use affecting soil performance**, giving priority to brownfield **land and soil recycling and the recycling of abandoned sites** over use of unsealed soil, with the aim to reach no-land degradation objective by 2030 and no net land take by 2050 at the latest, **with an interim target by 2030, to achieve a circular economy, and to also include** the right to effective **and inclusive** public participation and consultation on land use planning **and to propose measures providing for construction and drainage techniques that would allow as many soil functions as possible to be preserved, where sealing occurs;**

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 9

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 184, 225, 247, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 304, 305, 308, 309, 310, 314, 321, 322, 323, 326, 327, 365, 394, 396, 409

Amendment 9

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses that soil protection and sustainable use ***of soil needs*** to be integrated into and should be made consistent across all relevant EU sectoral policies in order to prevent further degradation, ensure a consistent high level of protection and to avoid overlapping, incoherence, and inconsistencies between EU legislation and policies;

Amendment

11. Stresses that soil protection, ***its circular and sustainable use and its restoration need*** to be integrated into and should be made consistent across all relevant EU sectoral policies in order to prevent further degradation, ensure a consistent high level of protection, ***and rehabilitation where possible***, and to avoid overlapping, incoherence, and inconsistencies between EU legislation and policies; ***calls on the Commission, in this regard, to review the relevant policies in view of ensuring policy coherence with soil protection***;

^{1a} Eurostat, 2014b. European Agricultural Census 2010. [Online] URL: http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/Agricultural_census_2010 (accessed 02.14.)- the European average of 19% cropland applying winter cover crop, 21.5% reduced tillage, 4% no-till farming

Or. en

Amendment 9

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)**

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Considers that CAP should provide conditions safeguarding the productivity and ecosystem services of soils; encourages the Member States to introduce coherent soil protection measures in their national CAP Strategic Plans and to ensure a wide use of agronomic practices based on agroecology; invites the Commission to assess whether CAP National Strategic Plans ensure a high level of soil protection and to promote actions to

*regenerate degraded agricultural soils;
calls for measures to promote less
intensive tillage practices with minimum
soil disturbance, organic farming, and the
use of organic matter additions to soil;*

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 9 A

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 34, 51, 139, 167, 176, 177, 185, 198, 210, 253, 292, 293, 313, 316, 319, 329, 332, 334, 336, 347, 353, 355, 362, 364, 366, 385, 389, 391

Compromise amendment 9 A

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 b. Emphasises the important role of soils for water purification and infiltration, and hence contributing to the provision of drinking water to a large share of the European population; recalls that the limited links between EU water law and soil protection actions have been recognised in the recent Fitness Check of EU water policy; emphasizes the need to improve the quality of soil, together with groundwater and surface water quality and quantity, to achieve the goals of the Water Framework Directive;

Or. en

Amendment 9 A

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 c. Welcomes the Commission's intention to bring forward in 2021 a legislative proposal for EU nature

restoration plan and supports that it should include targets on the restoration of soils; underlines that the plan should be coherent with the reviewed Soil Thematic Strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 9 A

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11 d (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 d. Reiterates its call that the revision of material recovery targets set in EU legislation for construction and demolition waste and its material-specific fractions should include a material recovery target for excavated soils in the revision of the Waste Framework Directive; Calls on the Commission and Member States to establish a systematic diagnosis of the status and reuse potential of excavated soil and a traceability system for excavated soils and regular checks at disposal sites to prevent illegal dumping of contaminated soils coming from industrial brownfields as well as ensuring their compatibility with receiving sites;

Or. en

Amendment 9 A

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11 e (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 e. Highlights that the fragmentation and loss of habitats in coastal marine ecosystems reduce their ability to protect shorelines as well as to provide sustainable livelihoods; recognises the crucial role of coastal protection to

mitigate the threat from climate change in the EU and stresses the necessity for the Commission to include coastal protection and restoration in the new EU soil strategy and the EU Nature restoration plan, together with ecosystem-based management, such as integrated coastal zone management and marine spatial planning; calls on the Commission to prioritize the restoration of coastal areas acting as natural sea defences and that have been negatively impacted by urbanisation of coasts, in regions threatened by coastal erosion and/or floods in the EU Nature restoration plan;

Or. en

Amendment 9 A

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11 f (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 f. Highlights that soil biodiversity is the very basis for key ecological processes and notes with concern the increased soil degradation, soil sealing and the decline of soil biodiversity in European agricultural area and therefore calls on the Commission, based on scientific data and economic, environmental and social impact assessments, to establish a common framework for its protection, conservation and restoration of soil quality and to develop concrete solutions to address hotspot issues in Europe with the dual purposes of biodiversity restoration and nature-based climate change mitigation and adaptation, believes that a robust EU-wide monitoring of soil organisms and trends in their range and volume must be in place and maintained; calls on the Commission and Member States to support further research, including in different depths

and horizons, monitoring and beneficial farming and forestry practices increasing soil organic matter at greater depths; welcomes, in this context, the objectives within the Farm to Fork Strategy and Biodiversity Strategy to 2030; calls for clear trajectories in view of the committed mid-term reviews of both Strategies, respecting different starting points of Member States;

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 9 B
S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 225, 338, 339, 341

Amendment 9 B

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 g (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 g. Encourages the Commission and Member States to contribute effectively towards the reduction of overuse of synthetic fertilizers, especially nitrogen by decreasing the thresholds fixed by the 'Nitrates' Directive; calls on the Commission to build on the UNEP Resolution on Sustainable Nitrogen Management and on the objective of the Colombo Declaration to halve nitrogen waste from all sources by 2030; calls on the Commission and Member States to ensure sustainable nutrient management including by improving nitrogen use efficiency, extensification of livestock farming in defined areas, mixed farming integrating livestock and cropping systems, efficient use of animal manure and greater use, in rotations, of nitrogen-fixing crops such as legumes in all relevant legislation; calls on the Commission for greater attention to nitrous oxide emissions in global greenhouse gas accounting, and more integrated efforts to tackle nitrogen

excess as a climate, nature and health issue; and incentives for better nitrogen management at farm level;

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 9 C

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 179, 181, 225, 267, 274, 294, 295, 348, 350, 351, 354, 407

Amendment 9 C

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 h (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

11h. Calls on the Commission to tackle diffuse contamination deriving from farming activities, in line with the targets of the 'Farm to Fork' strategy; welcomes in this regard the Commission's announcement to revise the Directive on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides; reminds that many alternatives to synthetic pesticides already exist such as Integrated Pest Management (IPM), and should be scaled up; expects the Commission and Member States to address all its calls within the resolution of 16 January on the Union's authorisation procedure for pesticides (2018/2153(INI)) without delays;

Or. en

Amendment 9 C

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 i (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 i. Regrets that the EU authorisation process of chemicals, including environmental risk assessment and ecotoxicological studies, does not take due account of their impacts on soils; calls therefore on the Commission, in the new EU soil strategy and in coherence with the Chemicals Strategy on Sustainability, to adopt regulatory measures to prevent and mitigate pollution of soil by chemicals, in particular persistent and bioaccumulative chemicals (including plastics and microplastics), and to ensure that ecologically relevant test conditions representative of field conditions are met;

Or. en

Amendment 9 C

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11 j (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 j. Calls on the Commission to support the research to bridge the knowledge gaps about the potential of soil biodiversity in tackling soil pollution, impacts of pollution on soil biodiversity and the legislative gaps related to toxicity of biocides and veterinary products to soil and its organisms, without delays; calls on the Commission and Member States to support the work of the responsible agencies to ensure development and promotion of alternatives to the most toxic biocides in veterinary pest management; calls for the Commission in collaboration with ECHA to develop European limits on PFAS pollution in soils, based on the precautionary principle;

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 10

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 383, 391

Amendment 10

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to improve and speed up the collection and the integration of data on the status and threats to soil at the EU level; welcomes in this regard the **launch** of the EU Soil Observatory;

Amendment

12. ***Agrees with the EEA that harmonised, representative soil monitoring across Europe is needed to develop early warnings of exceedances of critical thresholds and to guide sustainable soil management^{2c}***; calls on the Member States and the Commission to improve and speed up the collection and the integration of data on the status, ***trends*** and threats to soil at the EU level; welcomes in this regard the ***establishment*** of the EU Soil Observatory, ***which builds on LUCAS Soil***; ***calls on the Commission to ensure long term operability for both instruments as well as for sufficient resources to ensure optimal and regular monitoring of soil biological attributes and physio-chemical properties, including presence of agro-chemicals and other contaminants, such as contaminants of emerging concern; believes this is fundamental to filling the gap on data and indicators and in supporting the European Green Deal; underlines the need to better understand the process leading to land degradation and desertification in the EU***; ***calls on the Commission to establish a methodology and relevant indicators to assess and collect data on the extent of desertification and land degradation in the EU***;

^{2c} ***EEA (2019): The European environment - state and outlook 2020***

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 27

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 214, 302, 367, 368

Amendment 27

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. ***Urges the Commission and Member States to tackle*** the challenges of governance, coordination, communication, financial, technical and legal nature that hinder improving consistency and interoperability of ***Union-wide*** and national soil monitoring and information ***systems***;

Amendment

13. ***Notes*** the challenges of governance, coordination, communication, financial, technical and legal nature that hinder improving consistency and interoperability of ***EU-wide*** and national soil monitoring and ***collection of*** information; ***urges the Commission and Member States to tackle those challenges jointly and to accelerate cooperation, including within the EU Expert Group on Soil Protection, with the view to ensure a high level of soil protection, avoid duplications and unnecessary bureaucratic burdens and unnecessary costs for the Member States and SMEs***;

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 11

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 86, 194, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 387, 392

Amendment 11

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Acknowledges the important role of healthy soil, as the largest terrestrial carbon sink to capture and store carbon, which

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must facilitate the achievement of the 2030 climate targets as well as the Union's objective of climate neutrality by 2050 at the latest; calls, therefore, on the Member States to strengthen the sustainable use of soil as a tool for climate policy in their National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) and in particular in measures applying to the agricultural and LULUCF sectors to enhance carbon sinks;

particularly through the co-benefits of wetlands, nature-based solutions, which must facilitate the achievement of the 2030 climate targets as well as the Union's objective of climate neutrality by 2050 at the latest; stresses that the new soil strategy should ensure that the contribution of soils to climate mitigation and adaptation is coherent with the rest of the EU climate policy architecture; calls, therefore, on the Member States to strengthen the restoration and sustainable use of soil as a tool for climate policy in their National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) and in particular in measures applying to the agricultural and LULUCF sectors to preserve, restore and enhance carbon sinks (especially in areas with carbon-rich soils, such as grasslands and peatlands), in addition to action seeking to promote the sustainable use of soil in the agricultural policy and to reduce agricultural emissions; believes that measures to increase carbon sequestration in soils should be supported; welcomes, particularly, the Commission's announcement of a carbon farming initiative and encourages the Commission to explore several options;

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 12

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404

Amendment 12

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States to scale up soil-specific research and funding and to adjust *criteria* of relevant funding programmes to reflect

Amendment

15. Calls on the Commission and Member States *to ensure that the multi-functional role of soil is adequately addressed in research*, to scale up soil-

the specific characteristics of *research in soil*;

specific research, *innovation* and funding and to adjust relevant *existing* funding programmes to *facilitate such research projects*, to reflect the specific characteristics of *soil in related* research; *welcomes in this regards the launch of the Horizon Europe mission for Soil Health and Food; calls for a strengthened role for the EU Soil Observatory and European Soil Data Centre and for the allocation of adequate funding to fulfil their mission and achieve the objectives of the new soil strategy; calls, furthermore, on the Commission and Member States to build taxonomic expertise of soil biodiversity and knowledge on consequences of soil conditions for ecosystem interactions; underlines the interdependence between soils and water and calls for dedicated support for research on the positive role of healthy soils play in further reducing diffuse pollution to water;*

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 13

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 370, 410, 411, 412, 413, 415, 391

Amendment 13

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Commission and Member States to introduce measures for harmonised data collection, exchange of information and best practices on soil protection across the Union;

Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission and Member States to introduce measures for harmonised *and integrated* data collection, *comprehensive monitoring system*, exchange of information and best practices on soil protection, *its sustainable management and restoration* across the Union, *as well as maximising the*

Compromise Amendment 13 A

S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 410

Amendment 13 A

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Considers that measures referred to in paragraph 16 should be the baseline conditions to be eligible for Union or national funding.

Compromise Amendment 14

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 285, 416, 417 (Part I), 418, 432

Amendment 14

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Supports initiatives aiming to improve public awareness and understanding on the positive impact of soil functionalities and protection, including those linked to public health and environmental sustainability;

17. Supports initiatives aiming to improve public awareness and understanding on the positive impact of soil functionalities and protection, including those linked to **sustainable soil management, protection and restoration**, public health and environmental sustainability; **stresses that public awareness and understanding of soil functionalities are key to the success of the new soil strategy and to ensure the participation of citizens, first and foremost of landowners, farmers, and**

foresters, as primary actors of soil management; calls for greater engagement with the general public on soil health and the environmental emergency and for support for community initiatives on protection and sustainable use of soil; expresses its support for World's Soils Day and urges for further actions to raise awareness in this respect;

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 15

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 311, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424

Amendment 15

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Commission to include in the new EU soil strategy the protection and sustainable use of soil in all relevant *aspect* of its external policy;

Amendment

18. Calls on the Commission, *as a global leader in the field of environment*, to include in the new EU soil strategy the protection and sustainable use of soil in all relevant *aspects* of its external policy, *in particular taking this aspect fully into account when concluding relevant international agreements and when reviewing existing ones*;

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 16

S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 311, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430

Amendment 16

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to **take** measures to address imported soil degradation from **third** countries;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission to **include soil protection in the Trade and sustainable development chapters (TSD chapters) of trade agreements, taking** measures to address imported soil degradation from **these** countries, **including degradation from biofuels with highly negative environmental impact and to refrain from exporting soil degradation; calls on the Commission to ensure that imports products from third countries to the EU comply with the same environmental and sustainable land use standards;**

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 17

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 20, 21, 22, 26, 32, 131, 146

Amendment 17

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas soil is an essential, complex, multifunctional, and living ecosystem of crucial environmental and socio-economic importance which performs many key functions and delivers services vital to human **activities** and ecosystems survival;

Amendment

A. whereas soil is an essential, complex, multifunctional, and living ecosystem of crucial environmental and socio-economic importance which performs many key functions and delivers services vital to human **existence** and ecosystems survival, **so that present and future generations can meet their own needs;**

Or. en

Amendment 17

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A a. whereas Earth's soils represent the largest terrestrial carbon store and contain roughly 2,500 GT of carbon, compared with 800 billion tons in atmosphere and 560 billion tons in animal and plant life; whereas healthy soils are crucial for climate change mitigation as they remove approximately 25% of the equivalent carbon emitted through the world's fossil fuel use each year ; whereas the world's cultivated soils have lost between 50 and 70 percent of their original carbon stock;

^{1a} Schwartz J.D. 2014. Soil as Carbon Storehouse: New Weapon in Climate Fight? Yale Environment 360.

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 18

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 23, 28, 29, 30, 31, 36

Amendment 18

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas soil plays a central role as a habitat and gene pool as it hosts 25% of the world biodiversity, provides key ecosystem services such as the provision of food, provides raw materials, carbon sequestration, water purification, nutrient regulation, pest control, and serves as a platform for human activity and helps preventing floods and droughts;

B. whereas soil plays a central role as a habitat and gene pool as it hosts 25% of the world biodiversity, provides key ecosystem services ***to local communities and in global context*** such as the provision of food, provides raw materials, ***climate regulation through*** carbon sequestration, water purification, nutrient regulation, pest control, and serves as a platform for human

activity and helps preventing floods and droughts; *whereas soil formation is one of the ecosystem processes known to be declining in Europe;*

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 19

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 178, 211, 225

Amendment 19

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas, both in the EU and globally, land and soil continue to be degraded by a wide range of human activities, such as poor land management, land use change, unsustainable agricultural practices, pollution, forestry practices, **construction activities** and soil sealing, climate change, often combined with other factors, thus **threatening** their capacities to provide ecosystem services;

Amendment

C. whereas, both in the EU and globally, land and soil continue to be degraded by a wide range of human activities, such as poor land management, land use change, unsustainable agricultural practices, **land abandonment**, pollution, **unsustainable** forestry practices, and soil sealing, **biodiversity loss and** climate change, often combined with other factors, thus **reducing** their capacities to provide ecosystem services **for the whole society;**

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 19 A

S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 42, 62, 116, 119, 209

Amendment 19 A

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas it is regrettable that the EU and Member States are not currently

on track to meet their international and European commitments related to soil and land, in particular:

- a. to combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world by 2030;*
- b. to achieve the no net land take target by 2050 and reduce erosion, increase soil organic carbon and progress with remedial work by 2020;*
- c. to manage land sustainably in the EU, protect soils adequately, and make sure that the remediation of contaminated sites is well underway by 2020;*

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 20

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 63, 64, 66, 67, 77, 102, 177, 178, 293, 391

Amendment

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas several key threats to the soil have been identified in the EU such as: erosion, floods and landslides, loss of soil organic matter, salinisation, contamination, **compaction, sealing**, and loss of soil biodiversity, acidification, desertification; whereas most of these **threats** are not addressed in existing European legislation;

Amendment

D. whereas several key threats to the soil have been identified in the EU such as: **climate change, sealing, compaction**, erosion, floods and landslides, **draughts, hydrogeological instability**, loss of soil organic matter, **fires, storms**, salinisation, contamination, and loss of soil biodiversity, acidification, desertification; whereas most of these **ongoing degradation processes are not adequately addressed or** are not addressed **at all** in existing European **and national** legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D a. whereas soil erosion affecting 25% of agricultural land in the EU and having increased by some 20% between 2000 and 2010; whereas it is estimated that soil erosion causes an estimated loss of agricultural production of EUR 1.25 billion in the EU annually^{1a}; whereas carbon stocks in arable topsoils are declining and the EU has been losing its wetlands and peatlands steadily; whereas significant areas of EU farmland are facing salinisation and desertification, with 32-36% of European subsoils^{1b} highly susceptible to compaction;

^{1a} <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/news/soil-erosion-costs-european-farmers-125-billion-year#:~:text=Soil%20erosion%20costs%20European%20countries,consequences%20do%20not%20stop%20there>

^{1b} *Commission Staff Working Document (2019): Evaluation of the 7th EAP, SWD/2019/181 final*

Or. en

Amendment 20

Motion for a resolution
Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D b. whereas the unsustainable management of land and soil has several negative impacts not only on terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity but also on

marine biodiversity, causing changes in hydrographic conditions, excess nutrient and contamination concentrations, and increased loss and deterioration of coastal marine ecosystems; whereas shorelines protection is projected to be declining in Europe, threatening the natural capacity of coastal ecosystems to reduce the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events in the most vulnerable coastal zones;

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 21

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 73, 74, 75, 76

Amendment 21

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas soil protection in Europe is currently derived from the protection of other environmental resources and *threats and* is fragmented among many policy instruments that lack coordination and which are often non-binding, both at the EU and Member States *level*;

Amendment

E. whereas soil protection in Europe is currently derived from the protection of other environmental resources and is *partial and* fragmented among many policy instruments that lack coordination and which are often non-binding, both at the EU and Member States *and regional levels*;

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 22

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 242 (Part II), 245

Amendment 22

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas voluntary national initiatives and existing national measures are important for achieving the objective of greater soil protection, but have proved in the past to be insufficient to prevent its further degradation;

Amendment

F. whereas voluntary national initiatives and existing national measures are important for achieving the objective of greater soil protection, but have proved in the past to be insufficient ***of their own and more efforts are needed*** to prevent its further degradation, ***including land take; whereas, despite having a soil thematic strategy, soil degradation has continued across the EU; whereas cross-border measures are also needed for pollution-related situations or major incidents;***

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 23

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 94, 119, 226, 245, 417 (Part II)

Amendment 23

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the lack of a comprehensive, adequate, coherent ***and*** integrated EU legal framework for protecting Europe's land and soil resources has been identified as a key gap that contributes to the continuous degradation of many soils within the Union, reduces the effectiveness of the existing incentives and measures, and limits Europe's ability to achieve its environmental, sustainable development and climate-related agenda and international commitments;

Amendment

G. whereas the lack of a comprehensive, adequate, coherent, integrated EU legal framework for protecting Europe's land and soil resources has been identified as a key gap that contributes to the continuous degradation of many soils within the Union, reduces the effectiveness of the existing incentives and measures, and limits Europe's ability to achieve its environmental, sustainable development and climate-related agenda and international commitments; ***whereas an earlier attempt to introduce a legal framework for soil protection in the EU has been tried without any success as it was withdrawn in May 2014 after eight years of blockage by a minority of***

Member States in the Council; recalls the European Citizens Initiative of 2016 called People4Soil supported by 500 European institutions and organisations, which called on the EU to do more to protect soil;

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 23 A

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 8, 9, 15, 296

Amendment 23 A

Motion for a resolution

Citation 10 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013),*

Or. en

Amendment 23 A

Motion for a resolution

Citation 11 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans)*

and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (COM(2018)0392),

Or. en

Amendment 23 A

Motion for a resolution Citation 29 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the Opinion the Economic and Social Committee on the Agroecology adopted during the plenary session of the European Committee of the Regions on 3-5 February 2021 (NAT-VII/010),*

Or. en

Amendment 23 A

Motion for a resolution Recital G a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

G a. whereas sectoral policies in place, e.g. the agricultural policy, currently do not do their fair share with regard to soil protection; whereas while majority of the cropland is under the CAP regime, on average less than quarter^{1a} applies effective protection from soil erosion;

^{1a} Eurostat, 2014b. European Agricultural

Census 2010. [Online] URL: http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/Agricultural_census_2010 (accessed 02.14.)- the European average of 19% cropland applying winter cover crop, 21.5% reduced tillage, 4% no-till farming

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 23 B

S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 5, 6, 70, 107

Amendment 23 B

Motion for a resolution

Citation 7 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the Council Directive 91/676/EEC of 12 December 1991 concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources (the Nitrates Directive),*

Or. en

Amendment 23 B

Motion for a resolution

Recital G b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

G b. whereas 80% of nitrogen is wasted and lost to the environment; whereas excessive nitrogen deposition threatens air quality, water quality, climate change through nitrous oxide emissions, soil quality and biodiversity, including plant-pollinator interaction and networks, and leads to the depletion of stratospheric ozone; whereas improving nitrogen use

*efficiency not only supports climate,
nature and health goals but could also
save US\$100 billion globally annually;*

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 23 C

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 11, 12, 58, 71, 99, 100, 117, 132, 176

Amendment 23 C

Motion for a resolution

Citation 25 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolution of
16 January 2019 on the Union's
authorisation procedure for pesticides
(2018/2153(INI)),*

Or. en

Amendment 23 C

Motion for a resolution

Citation 25 b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to its resolution of
10 July 2020 on a Chemicals Strategy for
Sustainability (2020/2531(RSP)),*

Or. en

Amendment 23 C

Motion for a resolution

Recital G c (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

G c. whereas agricultural intensification and overuse of pesticides is causing soil contamination by pesticide residues, including due to some pesticides' high soil persistence and toxicity to non-target species, and has lasting effects on soil health; whereas diffuse pollution by agrochemicals poses a threat to soil;

Or. en

Amendment 23 C

**Motion for a resolution
Recital G d (new)**

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

G d. whereas EU legislation is relatively comprehensive for water protection, but addresses control of pollutants from soils from the perspective of water protection rather than wider environmental protection including that of soils themselves; whereas pollutants emitted to atmosphere and water can have indirect effects through deposition on the ground, which can negatively affect the quality of soil;

Or. en

Amendment 23 C

**Motion for a resolution
Recital G e (new)**

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

G e. whereas scientific evidence has proved that soil and its organisms are substantially exposed to mixture of chemicals, including persistent and bioaccumulative chemicals, pesticide

residues, hydrocarbons, heavy metals, solvents and their mixtures substantially, leading to high risk of chronic toxicity, potentially altering biodiversity, hindering recovery, and impairing ecosystem functions; whereas approximately 3 million sites with potentially polluting activities in Europe are identified, 340 000^{1 a} of which are expected to require remediation; whereas comprehensive information is lacking on diffuse soil pollution;

^{1a} [Progress in management of contaminated sites — European Environment Agency \(europa.eu\)](#)

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 24

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 197, 246

Amendment 24

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas *soil* is mostly privately owned in the EU, while at the same time *it* is a common good that *delivers* food and essential ecosystem services for the whole society and nature;

Amendment

H. whereas *land* is mostly privately owned in the EU *which is to be respected*, while at the same time *soil* is a common good that *is needed for the production of* food and *delivers* essential ecosystem services for the whole society and nature; *whereas it is in the public interest that land users are encouraged to take precautionary measures to prevent soil degradation and to conserve soil and manage it sustainably for future generations; therefore, supporting measures and further financial incentives for land-owners to protect soil and land should be considered;*

Compromise Amendment 25

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 118, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 133, 134, 135, 136, 138, 176, 213, 248

Amendment 25

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas soil and land degradation has inherent transboundary aspects linked for example to climate change and pollution that require response at the EU level;

Amendment

I. whereas soil and land degradation has inherent transboundary aspects linked, for example, to climate change, ***water quantity and quality***, and pollution that require a response at the EU level, ***concrete action by the Member States, and multilateral cooperation with third countries; whereas the soil degrading practices in one country can result in costs being borne by a different Member State; whereas differences between national soil protection regimes, e.g. as regards soil contamination, can impose on economic operators very different obligations and distort competition on the internal market;***

Or. en

Amendment 25

Motion for a resolution

Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I a. whereas excavated soils accounted for more than 520 million tonnes of waste in 2018^{1a} and are by far the biggest source of waste produced in the EU; whereas excavated soils are currently considered

waste under EU law and are therefore disposed of in landfills; whereas a majority of those soils are not contaminated and could be safely reutilised if a recovery target coupled with a comprehensive traceability system was put in place;

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https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/ENV_WASGEN/bookmark/table?lang=en&bookmarkId=bbf937c1-ce8b-4b11-91b7-3bc5ef0ea042

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 26

EPP, S&D, Renew, Greens/EFA, ECR, The Left

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 195

Amendment 26

Motion for a resolution

Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas a coherent and adequate EU soil protection policy is a prerequisite ***in order*** to achieve the objectives of the Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal, and in particular, climate neutrality objective, the Farm-to-Fork Strategy, the Biodiversity Strategy ***and*** the zero-pollution ambition and other main environmental and societal challenges;

Amendment

J. whereas a coherent and adequate EU soil protection policy is a prerequisite to achieve the objectives of the ***Sustainable Development Goals, the*** Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal, and in particular, ***the*** climate neutrality objective, the Farm-to-Fork Strategy, the Biodiversity Strategy, the zero-pollution ambition, ***Bioeconomy Strategy*** and other main environmental and societal challenges;

Or. en