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AMENDMENTS

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European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Growth Survey
2018

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Amendment 1
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. *Emphasises the protection of the environment is not an obstacle to economic growth and employment but that the decarbonisation of the economy should on the contrary be seen as a key source for new and sustainable economic growth and employment; considers that the EU must invest more in order to maintain its status as the global frontrunner of the transition to a low-carbon economy and a sustainable production-consumption system;*

Or. en

Amendment 2
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1 a. *Emphasizes that environmental and sustainability policy must be given a more prominent role in the European Semester, in particular for key issues such as resource efficiency, natural capital and ecosystem services, green jobs, sustainable innovation and green financing;*

Or. en

Amendment 3
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Draft opinion

Paragraph -1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1 b. Reiterates that since at least 20% of the EU budget for 2014-2020 should be spent on climate change related action, the contribution for 2018 should overshoot the overall target in order to offset the lower allocations from the first half of the current Multiannual Financial Framework; stresses that stable and appropriate funding is essential to achieving the European Union's commitments, especially in light of the Paris Agreement; calls, in this regard, on the Commission to guarantee that the mechanism of climate change mainstreaming is fully optimized;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Draft opinion

Paragraph -1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1 c. Welcomes the Commission's commitment to mainstreaming Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into all EU policies and initiatives; underlines that in order for the EU to meet the goals of the 2030 Agenda it is essential these are reflected in the European Semester in a comprehensive way; calls on the Commission to develop without delay a long-term roadmap for the full implementation of the SDGs in the EU, recognising the inter-linkages and equal importance of the different SDGs, and to integrate all outstanding aspects of the 2030 Agenda and the 7th Environment Action Programme into the European Semester;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Highlights the environmental significance and socio-economic benefits of biodiversity, such as the Natura 2000 network which contributes between 1.7 and 2.5% to EU GDP through the provision of ecosystem services such as carbon storage, water purification, pollination and tourism and notes with concern that the EU's 2020 biodiversity targets will not be met without substantial additional efforts and adequate financial commitments for which the European Semester is an essential tool;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Bas Eickhout

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Regrets that the Commission Annual Growth Survey for 2018 still fails to place the future of Union economy in the context of the necessary phase out of carbon emissions and a shift to a circular economy, therefore missing the opportunity to guide Europe's economy to a more stable, inclusive, productive and resilient path;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 b. Underlines that a horizontal application of sustainability criteria and performance based objectives for all EU structural and investment funds, including the European Fund for Strategic Investments, is needed in order to achieve a comprehensive transition to sustainable and inclusive economic growth; calls on the Commission and Member States to re-orient investments towards sustainable technologies and businesses in order to finance growth in a sustainable manner over the long-term;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Bas Eickhout

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 b. Considers that measurement and benchmarking methodologies for resource efficiency and greenhouse gas intensity should be included in both the European Semester in the framework of the scoreboard for macroeconomic imbalances, and the review of the Europe 2020 strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 c (new)

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Amendment

1 c. Welcomes the increasing amount of institutional and private capital allocated toward financing the SDGs and invites the Commission and Member States to develop sustainable development criteria for EU institutional spending, identify potential regulatory barriers and incentives to SDG investment and explore opportunities for convergence and cooperation between public and private investments;

Or. en

**Amendment 10
Bas Eickhout**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 c. Recommends that measures to support the continuation of the recovery focus on ensuring investments that support transition to fossil free, efficient renewable economy in support of domestic employment and demand;

Or. en

**Amendment 11
Bas Eickhout**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 d. Stresses the fact that investment in resource efficiency, energy savings and emission reductions will increase productivity across the economy whilst reducing external costs and impacts;

highlights the opportunities for support for the transition towards a circular economy to create new jobs in innovative, maintenance and repair services and in designing and making new, more sustainable products;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 d. Considers that, within the discussion on the European Semester, the Commission should come forward with new policies and incentives to encourage Member States to rapidly phase out fossil fuel subsidies which are one the most pressing hurdles to achieving EU climate and renewables targets and the achievement of the EU 2020 goals and the SDGs;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Bas Eickhout

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 e. Reiterates the need to phase out fossil fuel and other environmentally harmful subsidies by 2020 and to shift taxes from labour to environmental taxation;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the proclamation of the European Pillar for Social Rights at the Social Summit for Fair Employment and Growth in Gothenburg, based on 20 principles, such as the establishment of health care concerning the right to access in preventive and curative quality health care at affordable prices;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the proclamation of the European Pillar for Social Rights at the Social Summit for Fair Employment and Growth in Gothenburg, based on 20 principles, such as the establishment of health care concerning the right to access in preventive and curative quality health care at affordable prices, ***although in the area of social protection and health, some Member States are already ahead of these objectives;***

Or. en

Amendment 15
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission and Member States to enhance efforts in developing, reforming, and implementing effectively policies that address health promotion and disease prevention, ***including with technical support from the European Commission's Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP);***

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 16
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. ***Calls on the Commission and*** Member States to enhance efforts in developing, reforming, and implementing effectively policies that address health promotion and disease prevention, including with technical support from the European Commission's Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP);

Amendment

3. ***Suggests to the*** Member States to enhance efforts in developing, reforming, and implementing effectively policies that address health promotion and disease prevention, including with technical support from the European Commission's Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP);

Or. en

Amendment 17
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Welcomes the initiative of the European Commission in launching the web portal on health promotion and disease prevention which provides up-to date information on topics related to the promotion of health and well-being, an important source of clear and reliable information for citizens;

Amendment

4. Welcomes the initiative of the European Commission in launching the web portal on health promotion and disease prevention which provides up-to date information on topics related to the promotion of health and well-being, an important source of clear and reliable information for citizens ***provided that this information comes from reliable and independent sources, and especially not funded by the pharmaceutical industry;***

Or. en

Amendment 18
Luke Ming Flanagan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Welcomes the initiative of the European Commission in launching the web portal on health promotion and disease prevention which provides up-to date

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information on topics related to the promotion of health and well-being, an important source of clear and reliable information for citizens;

information on topics related to the promotion of health and well-being, an important source of clear and reliable information for citizens; ***stresses that this portal should be fully accessible to all EU citizens, including those suffering from dyslexia and other such difficulties;***

Or. en

Amendment 19
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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5. Stresses the need, in the context of the review of the European Civil Protection Mechanism, to effectively create an EU civil protection response reserve of civil protection assets complementary to national resources, strengthening the European common response capacity to disasters such as forest fires;

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Or. en

Amendment 20
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses the need, in the context of the review of the European Civil Protection Mechanism, to effectively create an EU civil protection response reserve of civil protection assets complementary to national resources, strengthening the European common response capacity to disasters such as forest fires;

Amendment

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to encourage greater co-operation on the advanced planning of European disaster-response operations by, among other measures, mapping Member States' assets, drawing up contingency plans as well as improving risk-management planning;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

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7. Stresses that extreme events, such as drought in southern European countries, hurricanes or catastrophic floods, require the signatories of the Paris Agreement to increase their ambition to meet the targets established;

Amendment

7. Stresses that extreme events, such as drought in southern European countries, hurricanes or catastrophic floods, ***especially in overseas territories***, require the signatories of the Paris Agreement to increase their ambition to meet the targets established;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Luke Ming Flanagan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the European Commission to create a real sustainable management and protection strategy for forests to help to fight the effects of climate change.

Amendment

8. Calls on the European Commission to create a real sustainable management and protection strategy for forests to help to fight the effects of climate change, ***with the emphasis on 'sustainable' and an added emphasis on the species of trees grown in those forests; calls further for the Commission to implement and incentivize a project to encourage tree and shrub growth along the banks of streams and rives, thus helping to alleviate the***

effect of prolonged heavy precipitation;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Christofer Fjellner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the European Commission to *create a real* sustainable *management and protection strategy for forests to* help to fight the effects of climate change.

Amendment

8. Calls on the European Commission to *use the EU Forest Strategy to boost the growth in the sector and by* sustainable *forest manage* help to fight the effects of climate change;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. *Calls on the European Commission to create a real* sustainable management and protection strategy for forests to help to fight the effects of climate change.

Amendment

8. *Suggests to the Member States to strengthen their* sustainable management and protection strategy for forests to help to fight the effects of climate change;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Bas Eickhout

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 a. *Calls for increased and structured*

*involvement of civil society and
environmental organisations in the
European Semester process,
and increased involvement
of Environment ministers in the
European Semester process at Council
level;*

Or. en