

FICHE AMENDEMENT

Proposition d'amendement à l'Article : 12

Déposée par Madame ou Monsieur : Rt Hon David Heathcoat-Amory, MP

Qualité : - Membre *X* - Suppléant

12. Delete « principal»

Explication éventuelle

The original text allows for the addition of further competences without end

12.1 Delete and replace with « The Union shall share competence with the Member States where the Constitution confers on it a competence which does not relate to the areas referred to in Articles 11 and 15. »

Explication éventuelle

This paragraph has been redrafted to make clear that those areas not covered by exclusive competences or areas for supporting action are shared competences. If this is done sufficiently clearly, paragraphs 2-4 will be unnecessary.

12.3 Delete. Insert « Member States may exercise their legislative prerogative in this area. In the absence thereof, the Union may engage in exercising joint competence. »

Explication éventuelle

The original wording is the wrong way round.

12.3a Insert new clause « The Union will undertake to apply sunset clauses to its activities.»

Explication éventuelle

In areas where competences have not been successfully shared, better programmes can consequently be run by national governments on the basis of the experience learned, and therefore time-limited legislation is needed to ensure that these programmes are extended on the basis of success and common accord.

12.4 Delete « area of freedom, security and justice »

Explication éventuelle

The Union's pillared structure with its intergovernmental parts should not be collapsed. The intergovernmental method is essential for democracy as it keeps decision-making closer to the citizens

12.4 Delete « agriculture»

Explication éventuelle

The CAP can only be reformed by restoring control to national parliaments. Currently, citizens pay twice – once to pay the tax subsidies, and again at the checkout because of the higher cost of the produce. This hits poor families the most. Only by putting the system back under national control will agricultural spending be disciplined and accountable.

12.4 Delete « and fisheries»

Explication éventuelle :

The CFP has been a complete disaster (see the recent Forum submission by ordinary fishermen to understand why). Only by restoring national control, and to let internal subsidiarity take effect, can we restore common sense to a policy which is causing social disaster and ecological havoc, before our seas go the way of the Canadian Grand Banks

12.4 Delete «transport»

Explication éventuelle

We need to reconsider why the union should have a role in matters which can be very local.

12.4 Delete «energy»

Explication éventuelle

There is no treaty base presently for any Union action here

12.4 Delete «social policy»

Explication éventuelle

Best left to member states who have a greater understanding of their society

12.4 Delete «economic and social cohesion»

Explication éventuelle

Cohesion funds were principally designed to facilitate less developed economies participating in the Euro. As the four primary recipients have since been deemed to have converged sufficiently so to join, this form of aid line should be closed, and the assistance concentrated on helping the poorer countries of this world

12.4 Delete « public health »

Explication éventuelle :

The working group on Complementary Competences resolved that this should be a supporting measure, as a majority of public health policy matters had been allocated to Member States under the present treaties

12.4 Delete « trans-European networks »

Explication éventuelle

The working group on Complementary Competences resolved that this should be a supporting measure

12.4 Delete whole clause

Explication éventuelle

The working group on complementary competences decided not to set out a list. It also did not agree to the inclusion of TENs or Public Health.

12.5 Delete whole clause

Explication éventuelle

There is no evidence that Union policies are more efficient at allocating resources than the current multinational agreements. The need for centralised control and funding is not therefore proven.

12.6 Delete whole clause

Explication éventuelle

The Communities' Development budget has been characterised by fraud and mismanagement, as detailed by the Court of Auditors, which has for many years declined to verify the accuracy and completeness of the accounts.