

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 15

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Article 15: *Complementary competences*

15.1 *In accordance with Article 10.5, the Union has complementary competence to coordinate and support the actions of Member States.*

15.2 The *principal* areas for *such* action are:

- industry
- *tourism*
- *cross-border cooperation*
- education, vocational training and youth
- culture
- sport
- protection against disasters.

15.4 Legally binding acts adopted by the Union on the basis of the provisions specific to these areas in Part Two cannot entail harmonisation of Member States' laws or regulations.

Explanation:

15 This category of competences is not simply that of 'supporting action', and the title and the first sentence of 15.1 should be changed to reflect that.

15.1 The reference to Part Two has already been covered in Article 10.6. It is confusing and unnecessary to repeat it here with slightly different wording.

15.2 In line with our more permissive approach to the delimitation of competences, and our opposition to rigid lists, it would be prudent to qualify this category with the provision that these are only the principal areas of supporting action.

A reference to the tourism sector may be appropriately added here. It is a vital component of the economy and an important factor in European integration.

Effective cooperation between authorities in order to assist the development of border regions is frequently hampered by administrative or cultural obstacles. A specific provision in the Constitution to substantiate EU supporting action in this field is appropriate.

15.3 We have suggested (Article 12.4) that employment policy becomes a shared competence.