

AMENDMENT 25**NEW GUIDELINES FOR STATE AID FOR ENERGY****ENVE-V-041****Point 30**

Amend as follows:

Csaba Borboly

<i>Draft Opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
believes that environmental taxes could affect the competitiveness of businesses. By contrast, exemption from such taxes can only strengthen their position;	believes that environmental taxes could affect the competitiveness of businesses. By contrast, exemption from such taxes can only strengthen their position; <u>instead of taxes, other environmental restrictions are needed, which could help to raise environmental awareness while in the long term reducing the environmental footprint;</u>

Reason

Instead of imposing environmental taxes on companies, it would be more effective to encourage them to engage in activities directly helping to protect the environment and conserve nature, for example becoming involved in afforestation or park development.

AMENDMENT 27**NEW GUIDELINES FOR STATE AID FOR ENERGY****ENVE-V-041****Point 32**

Amend as follows:

Csaba Borboly

<i>Draft Opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
asks Member States to pay greater attention to the specific characteristics of their regions when granting state aid;	asks Member States to pay greater attention to the specific characteristics of their regions, <u>including climatic, demographic and cultural features</u> , when granting state aid;

Reason

Regions need access to targeted funding, taking into account the environmental and social dimensions. Environmental awareness-raising of the public is essential, together with specific environmental and energy-efficiency measures.

AMENDMENT 28**NEW GUIDELINES FOR STATE AID FOR ENERGY****ENVE-V-041****Point 34**

Amend as follows:

Csaba Borboly

<i>Draft Opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
notes that it is essential to guarantee a range of energy providers in order to establish a properly functioning market;	notes that it is essential to guarantee a range of energy providers in order to establish a properly functioning market, <u>given that diversification not only ensures continuity in energy production and consumption, but also promotes the use of new technologies, thanks to market-based competition;</u>

Reason

Using a range of energy providers ensures continuity in energy production and consumption; at the same time, consumer choices mean that providers have to offer competitive prices, which in turn encourages efficient production and technological innovation.