

AMENDEMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 3

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Article 3 : The Union's objectives

2. The Union shall work for a Europe of sustainable development based on balanced economic growth and social justice, with a free single market, and economic and monetary union....It shall promote economic, **social and territorial cohesion, services of general economic interest**, equality between women and men,...

Explanation (if any):

Article 3: Cohesion also should be promoted concerning the territorial dimension.

- A reference to services of general economic interest in the definition of the Union's objectives underlines that the Union also aims at provisions regarding basic services guaranteeing the well-being of its people, as also expressed by the Working Group XI on Social Europe.
- The mention of services of general economic interest as a Union's objective in the first part of the Constitutional Treaty implicates a well balanced integration of provisions (including a legal mandate for European secondary law) concerning these services in the second part of the Constitutional Treaty.