

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 4

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Article 4: [Evaluation mechanisms]

Delete

Explanation:

The draft would appear to ignore the fact that the pillars are to be merged. Current arrangements for peer review might well be inadequate, but that is one of the main reasons why the merger is mooted. In the future, EU law and policy in this field will be evaluated like any other, and no special arrangement has to be made. Article 226 TEC (or its equivalent) will apply.

In the exercise of its executive functions in the field of police, security and judicial cooperation, the Council is bound to evaluate its performance, along with the Commission and under the overall scrutiny of the European and national parliaments.

If we are faithful to the decision about merging the third pillar and to our objective of simplification, this article can be dropped - and Article 5 (below) can be supplemented accordingly.