

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 8

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Status : Members and alternate members.

Article 8: [Right of initiative]

The acts referred to in Chapters 3 and 4 of this Title shall be adopted on a proposal from the Commission *acting either on its own initiative* or on the initiative of a quarter of the Member States.

Explanation:

Whoever takes the political initiative, the legislative initiative must come from the Commission alone in order to ensure coherence and purposefulness as well as to avoid the minoritisation of some Member States.

The present arrangements under Pillar Three demonstrate very clearly how Member States cannot achieve the necessary quality of legislative proposal if left to their own devices.