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AMENDMENTS

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Draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2022 -
General Introduction - Total expenditure - General statement of revenue -
Statement of revenue and expenditure by section
(2021/0227(BUD))

Amendment 1
Alex Agius Saliba, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion
Recital A (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A. Whereas the next years will undoubtedly be characterised by an economic and labour market crisis with high levels of unemployment and consistent labour shortages particularly for sectors with traditional shortages aggravated due to the pandemic, but also newly emerging shortages, related to COVID-19 as well as the transition to the digital age and a climate neutral economy;¹ whereas the green and digital transitions are a priority, consideration of fairness and ongoing learning priorities in light of these transitions should be included in support for short-time working, including the EU SURE initiative;²

Or. en

Amendment 2
Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion
Recital B (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

B. Whereas the more vulnerable labour market categories were experiencing a worsening of their socio-economic conditions already before the pandemic with over three quarters of the net decline in employment in the EU during 2020 accounted for by loss of work of those on temporary contracts; whereas

¹ Eurofound (2021), Tackling labour shortages in EU Member States, Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg.

² Eurofound, 2021 - Distributional impacts of climate policies in Europe

*the COVID-19-related income-support schemes were particularly important for low-paid workers, as these workers tended to be more affected by lockdown measures or reduced working hours than others, however such measures were crisis-contingent and temporary and broader and more inclusive social protection schemes will help against intermittent job recovery;*³

Or. en

Amendment 3

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

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Recital C (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

C. Whereas existing inequalities are widening because of the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on vulnerable groups and findings show that difficulties in making ends meet increased significantly among those already in a precarious situation;⁴ Whereas according to latest Eurofound data 23% of minimum wage earners in the EU reported difficulties or great difficulties in making ends meet, compared to 11.5% among the rest of employees and a total of 16% of minimum wage earners lived in materially deprived households, compared to 6% among the rest of employees;⁵

Or. en

³ Eurofound (2021, forthcoming). Structural changes in the labour market: Employment impact of the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic

⁴ Eurofound, 2021 - Living, working and Covid 19

⁵ Eurofound, 2021, Annual minimum wage

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Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

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Recital D (new)

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Amendment

D. Whereas the COVID-19 crisis and the unintended consequences of lockdown measures risk to jeopardise decades of gains achieved in gender equality with tangible risks of women disengaging from the labour market and of developments reinforcing gender roles; whereas due to the sectoral and occupational segregation, with women being overrepresented in low-paying jobs and part-time work and in sectors highly hit by the Covid-19 pandemic, women are more at risk than other groups of suffering the employment and social fallout of the crisis.⁶

Or. en

Amendment 5

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

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Recital E (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

E. Whereas Eurofound research shows that the capacity of social dialogue needs to be strengthened to address distributional effects and facilitate a just transition and evidence shows that the undesired effects of some climate policies, especially as they affect firms and workers in certain sectors and regions, can be

⁶ (Eurofound (2020), Women and labour market equality: Has COVID-19 rolled back recent gains?, Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg.)

*addressed by social partners, and solutions can be achieved through social dialogue and joint initiatives;*⁷

Or. en

Amendment 6

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

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Recital F (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

F. Whereas Eurofound Covid-19 survey shows that mental well-being has reached its lowest level across all age groups since the onset of the pandemic over a year ago and this is especially prominent among young people and those who have lost their job;⁸

Or. en

Amendment 7

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

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Recital G (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

G. Whereas the EU and Member States have taken a wide range of actions in order to minimise the impact of the pandemic on businesses, workers and people; whereas the nature of the measures is changing and widening, and to this end measures and instruments that gather and structure information, like Eurofound's COVID-19 EU PolicyWatch database or the European Restructuring

⁷ Eurofound, 2021 - Distributional impacts of climate policies in Europe

⁸ Eurofound, 2021 - Living, working and Covid 19

*Monitor support instruments database, are important to monitor developments and provide evidence on their evaluation;*⁹

Or. en

Amendment 8
Radan Kanev

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that the social and employment related *consequences of* the COVID-19 pandemic *demand a strong response for people, families, workers and businesses*; highlights in this regard the crucial role the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), which will be the main driver for strengthening the social dimension of the Union and ensuring a socially sustainable recovery, as well as of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) and the Just Transition Fund (JTF);

Amendment

1. Stresses that the social and employment related *challenges of the economic downturn caused by* the COVID-19 pandemic, *has had a disproportional impact on different Member States, different regions and different groups in our society with the most severe impact on the most vulnerable groups and especially affecting the labour market*; highlights in this regard the crucial role the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), which will be the main driver for strengthening the social dimension of the Union and ensuring a socially sustainable recovery, as well as of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) and the Just Transition Fund (JTF);

Or. en

Amendment 9
Miriam Lexmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

⁹ COVID-19 EU Policy Watch database, ERM database

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that the social and employment related consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic demand a strong response for people, families, workers and businesses; highlights in this regard the crucial role the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), which will be the main driver for strengthening the social dimension of the Union and ensuring a socially sustainable recovery, as well as of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) and the Just Transition Fund (JTF);

Amendment

1. Stresses that the social and employment related consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic demand a strong response for people, families, workers and businesses; highlights in this regard the crucial role ***of the European funds and financial instruments including the Recovery and Resilience facility***, the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), which will be the main driver for strengthening the social dimension of the Union and ensuring a socially sustainable recovery, as well as of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) and the Just Transition Fund (JTF); ***stresses that these funds and instruments should support activities of all relevant stakeholders including non-governmental and charitable organisations;***

Or. en

Amendment 10

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that the social and employment ***related consequences*** of the COVID-19 pandemic demand a strong response ***for people, families, workers and businesses***; highlights in this regard the crucial role the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), which will be the main driver for strengthening the social dimension of the Union and ensuring a socially sustainable recovery, as well as of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) and the Just Transition Fund (JTF);

Amendment

1. ***Reiterates that the year 2022 will continue to be a critical year and*** stresses that the social and employment ***impact*** of the COVID-19 pandemic demands a strong ***and unprecedented*** response ***and a social and sustainable budget that leaves no one behind***; highlights in this regard the crucial role ***of the Next Generation EU in addition to the*** European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), which ***is*** the main driver for strengthening the social dimension of the Union and ensuring a socially sustainable, ***inclusive and non-discriminatory*** recovery, as well as of the European

Amendment 11
Samira Rafaela

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Stresses that the social and employment related consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic demand a strong response for people, families, workers and businesses; highlights in this regard the crucial role the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), which will be the *main* driver for strengthening the social dimension of the Union and ensuring a socially sustainable recovery, as well as of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) and the Just Transition Fund (JTF);

Amendment

1. Stresses that the social and employment related consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic demand a strong response for people, *particularly young people*, families, workers and businesses, *particularly SMEs*; highlights in this regard the crucial role *of the Recovery and Resilience Facility and the* European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), which will be the *key* drivers for strengthening the social dimension of the Union and ensuring a socially sustainable recovery, as well as of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) and the Just Transition Fund (JTF);

Amendment 12
Katrin Langensiepen

Draft opinion
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1. Stresses that the social and employment related consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic demand a strong response for people, families, workers *and businesses*; highlights in this regard the

Amendment

1. Stresses that the social and employment related consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic demand a strong response for *all* people, *all* families, *including LGBTIQ families*, workers *and*

crucial role the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), which will be the main driver for strengthening the social dimension of the Union and ensuring a socially sustainable recovery, as well as of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) and the Just Transition Fund (JTF);

all types of employers, including the self-employed; highlights in this regard the crucial role the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), which will be the main driver for strengthening the social dimension of the Union and ensuring a socially *and environmentally* sustainable *and just* recovery *in line with the European Pillar of Social Rights and the Green Deal*, as well as of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) and the Just Transition Fund (JTF);

Or. en

Amendment 13 **Sandra Pereira, Leila Chaibi**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 1**

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that the social and employment related consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic demand a strong response for people, families, workers and businesses; highlights *in this regard* the crucial role the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), *which will be the main driver for strengthening the social dimension of the Union and ensuring a socially sustainable recovery, as well as of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) and the Just Transition Fund (JTF)*;

Amendment

1. Stresses that the social and employment related consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic demand a strong response for people, families, workers and businesses; highlights the crucial role *of the Cohesion Policy, including* the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) *and the Just Transition Fund, in mitigating the adverse effects of an integration project such the European Union for the most vulnerable, for workers and at grass-roots level, especially in the Member States that have been the most weakened in economic and social terms; urges, therefore, that resources for these funds to be stepped up*;

Or. en

Amendment 14 **Radan Kanev**

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Highlights that the budget should help create quality employment, reduce poverty and increase upward social convergence in a time of unprecedented crisis following the COVID-19 pandemic; stresses that the crisis has ***exacerbated existing social and economic inequalities and has worsened*** the living and working conditions of ***many*** workers and their families; insists on the need to tackle territorial and regional disparities;

Amendment

2. Highlights that the budget should help ***adapting to the imminent labour market changes***, create quality employment, reduce poverty and increase upward social convergence in a time of unprecedented crisis following the ***economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic***; stresses that the crisis has ***shed light on many existing imbalances and accelerated dangerous social trends , such as the precariousness of*** the living and working conditions of ***some groups of***, workers and ***small business owners*** and their families; insists on the need to tackle territorial and regional disparities;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Miriam Lexmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Highlights that the budget should help create quality employment, reduce poverty and increase ***upward social convergence*** in a time of unprecedented crisis following the COVID-19 pandemic; stresses that the crisis has exacerbated existing social and economic inequalities and has worsened the living and working conditions of many workers and their families; insists on the need to tackle territorial and regional disparities;

Amendment

2. Highlights that the budget should help create quality employment, reduce poverty and increase ***resilience and improve stability of the social systems*** in a time of unprecedented crisis following the COVID-19 pandemic; stresses that the crisis has exacerbated existing social and economic inequalities and created new ones; ***points out that the pandemic has moreover*** worsened the living and working conditions of many workers and their families; insists on the need to tackle territorial and regional disparities;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Highlights that the budget should help create quality employment, **reduce** poverty and increase upward social convergence in a time of unprecedented crisis following the COVID-19 pandemic; stresses that the crisis has exacerbated existing social and economic inequalities and has worsened the living and working conditions of many workers and their families; insists on the need to tackle territorial and regional disparities;

Amendment

2. Highlights that the budget **with a strong social dimension** should help create quality **and sustainable** employment **and safeguard existing jobs and decent employment and working conditions, boost sustainable growth, eradicate poverty including child poverty, address social exclusion and social inequalities and youth unemployment** and increase upward social convergence, **even more** in a time of unprecedented crisis following the COVID-19 pandemic; stresses that the crisis has exacerbated existing social and economic inequalities, **has revealed new forms of discrimination** and has worsened the living and working conditions of many **people, including** workers and their families; insists on the need to tackle **economic, social, territorial, regional and generational** disparities **and inequalities**;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Samira Rafaela

Draft opinion

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2. Highlights that the budget should help create quality employment, reduce poverty and increase upward social convergence in a time of unprecedented crisis following the COVID-19 pandemic; stresses that the crisis has exacerbated

Amendment

2. Highlights that the budget should help create quality employment, reduce poverty **and social exclusion, in particular affecting children** and increase upward social convergence in a time of unprecedented crisis following the

existing social and economic inequalities and has worsened the living and working conditions of many workers and their families; insists on the need to tackle territorial and regional disparities;

COVID-19 pandemic; stresses that the crisis has exacerbated existing social and economic inequalities and has worsened the living and working conditions of many workers and their families; insists on the need to tackle *economic, social, intersectional, territorial, generational* and regional disparities;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Katrin Langensiepen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Highlights that the budget should help *create* quality employment, *reduce* poverty and increase upward social convergence in a time of unprecedented crisis following the COVID-19 pandemic; stresses that the crisis has exacerbated existing social and economic inequalities and has worsened the living and working conditions of many workers and their families; insists on the need to tackle territorial and regional disparities;

Amendment

2. Highlights that the budget should help *preserving and creating* quality employment, *eradicate* poverty *and inequality, ensure inclusive equality* and increase upward social convergence in a time of unprecedented crisis following the COVID-19 pandemic; stresses that the crisis has exacerbated existing social and economic inequalities and has worsened the living and working conditions of many workers and their families, *particularly vulnerable groups of workers and those working under precarious employment contracts and arrangements*; insists on the need to tackle territorial and regional disparities;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Beata Szydło
on behalf of the ECR Group
El bieta Rafalska, Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Highlights that the budget should help create quality employment, reduce poverty and increase upward social convergence in a time of unprecedented crisis following the COVID-19 pandemic; stresses that the crisis has exacerbated existing social and economic inequalities and has worsened the living and working conditions of many workers and their families; insists on the need to tackle territorial and regional disparities;

Amendment

2. Highlights that the budget should help create quality employment, reduce poverty and increase upward social convergence in a time of unprecedented crisis following the COVID-19 pandemic; stresses that the crisis has exacerbated existing social and economic inequalities and has worsened the living and working conditions of many workers and their families; insists on the need to tackle territorial and regional disparities, ***as the Cohesion Policy must remain one of the priorities in the post-COVID recovery;***

Or. en

Amendment 20

Sandra Pereira, Leila Chaibi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Highlights that the budget should help create quality employment, ***reduce*** poverty and increase upward social convergence in a time of unprecedented crisis following the COVID-19 pandemic; stresses that the crisis has exacerbated existing social and economic inequalities and has worsened the living and working conditions of many workers and their families; insists on the need to tackle territorial and regional disparities;

Amendment

2. Highlights that the budget should help create quality employment, ***with fully respect of labour rights and the highest standards of working conditions***, poverty ***eradication, fight against social exclusion and discrimination***, and increase upward social, ***economic and territorial convergence and cohesion; recalls that this is even more crucial*** in a time of unprecedented crisis following ***the containment measures of*** the COVID-19 pandemic; stresses that the crisis has exacerbated existing social and economic inequalities and has worsened the living and working conditions of many workers and their families; insists on the need to tackle territorial and regional disparities; ***Stresses, in this regard, the urgent need for EU programmes, funds and instruments with sufficient budgetary***

means and with objectives fully aligned with this;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Agrees with the European leaders that, with unemployment and inequalities increasing due to the pandemic, it is important to channel resources where they are most needed to strengthen our economies and to focus our policy efforts on equal access to quality services in order to improve equal opportunities, quality job creation, entrepreneurship, up- and reskilling and reducing poverty and exclusion; stresses that the extraordinary resources made available to support Europe's recovery are a chance that cannot be missed;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Sandra Pereira, Leila Chaibi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Warns, however, that this is insufficient without a new strategy focusing on social progress and social justice and geared to economic, social and territorial cohesion, breaking away from right-wing policies and the restrictions imposed by the EU on Member States'

economic, social and labour policies;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Sandra Pereira, Leila Chaibi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Stresses, however, that many of the activities and measures supported by the funds and programmes aiming at addressing social and labour problems are being compromised by the restrictions resulting from the European economic governance framework;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Radan Kanev

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Stresses the importance of policies and measures to support labour market transition, especially in the context of the COVID-19 crisis; insists on the need for up- and reskilling policies to address the challenges posed by demographic change as well as the green and digital transition; recalls that the integration into the labour market of the most vulnerable groups, such as people in poverty, people with disabilities, young and elderly people, and the unemployed, is paramount;

3. Stresses the importance of policies and measures to support labour market transition ***progress in technologies and innovation, and to strengthen the competitiveness of our economies by making sure everyone in our societies has the right skills to find a job and bring their talents to fruition***, especially in the context of the-COVID-19 crisis; insists on the need for up- and reskilling policies to address the challenges posed by demographic change as well as the green and digital transition; ***highlights in this context the importance of strengthening EU education programs at the same time***

as aligning training and education with the needs of the economy and the society of the future, supporting employees and teachers to train the right skills as well as investments in digital infrastructure are necessary; recalls that the integration into the labour market of the most vulnerable groups, such as people in poverty, people with disabilities, young and elderly people, and the unemployed, is paramount; *underlines that inclusive education and training systems must be reformed and updated to adapt the qualifications of workers to the requirements of the labour market*;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Miriam Lexmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses the importance of policies and measures to support labour market transition, especially in the context of the COVID-19 crisis; insists on the need *for* up- and reskilling policies to address the challenges posed by demographic change as well as the green and digital transition; recalls that the *integration into the labour market* of the most vulnerable groups, such as people in poverty, *people* with disabilities, young and elderly people, and the unemployed, is paramount;

Amendment

3. Stresses the importance of policies and measures to support labour market transition, especially in the context of the COVID-19 crisis *and long-standing trends*; insists on the need *to adopt* up- and reskilling policies *and to recognize skills gained through informal and non-formal learning in order* to address the challenges posed by demographic change as well as the green and digital transition *including the increased use of AI*; recalls that the *improvement of the position in the labour market* of the most vulnerable groups, such as people in poverty, *persons* with disabilities, young and elderly people, *single parents* and the unemployed, *that allows dignified life*, is paramount;

Or. en

Amendment 26

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses the importance of policies and measures to support labour market transition, especially in the context of the COVID-19 crisis; insists on the need for ***up- and reskilling*** policies to address the challenges posed by demographic change as well as the green and digital transition; recalls that the integration into the labour market of the most vulnerable ***groups***, such as people in poverty, people with disabilities, young and elderly people, and the unemployed, ***is paramount***;

Amendment

3. Stresses the importance of policies and measures to support labour market transition, especially in the context of the COVID-19 crisis; insists on the need for ***ambitious*** policies to address the challenges posed by demographic change as well as ***socially fair*** green and digital transition, ***including policies for up and reskilling and improving the life prospects of the young generation, fighting poverty and social exclusion, including child poverty, and ensuring decent working conditions and their effective enforcement, long-term security, adequate social protection, gender-balanced opportunities, and a working environment adjusted to people with disabilities and fostering a safe and prosperous environment for all in the EU***; recalls that the integration into the labour market of ***the people in*** the most vulnerable ***situations is paramount as the crisis hits the most vulnerable the most hard, in particular people experiencing or at risk of poverty and social exclusion, especially, persons with disabilities, the Roma and other disadvantaged ethnic minorities***, young and elderly people, and the unemployed, ***in particular the long-term unemployed, as well as self-employed workers and workers in precarious employment***;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Samira Rafaela

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses the importance of policies and measures to support labour market transition, especially in the context of the COVID-19 crisis; insists on the need for up- and reskilling policies to address the challenges posed by demographic change as well as the green and digital transition; recalls that the integration into the labour market of **the most** vulnerable groups, such as people in poverty, people with disabilities, young and elderly people, and the unemployed, is paramount;

Amendment

3. Stresses the importance of policies and measures to support labour market transition, especially in the context of the COVID-19 crisis; insists on the need for **lifelong learning** and up- and reskilling policies to address the challenges posed by demographic change as well as the green and digital transition; recalls that the integration into the labour market of the vulnerable groups, **in particular the most deprived**, such as people in poverty, people with disabilities, young and elderly people, and the unemployed, is paramount;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Katrin Langensiepen

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses the importance of policies and measures to support labour market transition, especially in the context of the COVID-19 crisis; insists on the need for up- and reskilling policies to address the challenges posed by demographic change as well as the green and digital transition; recalls that the integration into the labour market of the most vulnerable groups, such as people in poverty, people with disabilities, young and elderly people, and the unemployed, is paramount;

Amendment

3. Stresses the importance of policies and measures to support labour market transition, especially in the context of the COVID-19 crisis; insists on the need for up- and reskilling policies to address the challenges posed by demographic change as well as the green and digital transition; recalls that the integration into the labour market **of women and** the most vulnerable groups, such as people in poverty, people with disabilities, young and elderly people, and the unemployed, is paramount **to create a fair and socially just and inclusive society**;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Beata Szydło

on behalf of the ECR Group

El bieta Rafalska, Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

Draft opinion

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3. Stresses the importance of policies and measures to support labour market transition, especially in the context of the COVID-19 crisis; insists on the need for up- and reskilling policies to address the challenges posed by demographic change as well as the green and digital transition; recalls that the integration into the labour market of the most vulnerable groups, such as people in poverty, people with disabilities, young and elderly people, and the unemployed, is paramount;

Amendment

3. Stresses the importance of policies and measures to support labour market transition, especially in the context of the COVID-19 crisis; insists on the need for up- and reskilling policies to address the challenges posed by demographic change as well as the green and digital transition; ***recalls that the post-COVID recovery of the economy and the labour market must remain a priority***; recalls that the integration into the labour market of the most vulnerable groups, such as people in poverty, people with disabilities, young and elderly people, and the unemployed, is paramount; ***emphasises the importance of lifelong learning in this regard***;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Sandra Pereira, Leila Chaibi

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3. Stresses the importance of policies and measures to support labour market transition, especially in the context of the COVID-19 crisis; insists on the need for up- and reskilling policies to address the challenges posed by demographic change as well as the green and digital transition; recalls that the integration into the labour market of the most vulnerable groups, such as people in poverty, people with

Amendment

3. Stresses the importance of policies and measures to support labour market transition, especially in the context of the COVID-19 crisis; insists on the need for up- and reskilling policies to address the challenges posed by demographic change as well as the green and digital transition; recalls that the integration, ***with rights and on equal footing***, into the labour market of the most vulnerable groups, such as people

disabilities, young and elderly people, and the unemployed, is paramount;

in poverty, people with disabilities, young and elderly people, and the unemployed, is paramount;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Sandra Pereira, Leila Chaibi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission to guarantee that EU funds do not support any projects, investments and programmes that contribute to segregation, discrimination or social exclusion; urges the Commission to prevent potential or current private beneficiaries, practising social and labour dumping, with ongoing collective dismissal processes and/or relocation processes, to access EU funding;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Sandra Pereira, Marc Botenga, Leila Chaibi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

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Amendment

3b. Highlights that subcontracting services often put workers, mainly women, in an extremely vulnerable position; urgently calls for the revision of the working conditions and status of workers providing services at the European institutions and to explore alternative solutions like the internalisation to

improve their working conditions;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Miriam Lexmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Welcomes the Commission proposal to allocate EUR 13 ,173 5 billion in 2022 to the ESF+; highlights that the ESF+ must play a key role in supporting the Member States to achieve high employment levels, adequate social protection and a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the transition to a green and digital economy; welcomes the transfer from REACT-EU of an additional EUR 10,8 billion to cohesion in 2022, of which 30 % will be allocated to the ESF +;

Amendment

4. Welcomes the Commission proposal to allocate EUR 13 ,173 5 billion in 2022 to the ESF+; highlights that the ESF+ must play a key role in supporting the Member States to achieve high employment levels, *non-discriminatory and inclusive labour markets, working conditions that allow work-life balance for parents and carers*, adequate *and fair* social protection and a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the transition to a green and digital economy; welcomes the transfer from REACT-EU of an additional EUR 10,8 billion to cohesion in 2022, of which 30 % will be allocated to the ESF +;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

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4. *Welcomes* the Commission proposal to allocate EUR 13 ,173 5 billion in 2022 to the ESF+; highlights that the ESF+ must play a key role in supporting the Member States to achieve high employment levels, adequate social protection and a skilled and resilient

Amendment

4. *Notes* the Commission proposal to allocate EUR 13 ,173 5 billion in 2022 to the ESF+; highlights that the ESF+ must play a key role in supporting the Member States to achieve high employment levels *for all, especially for those farthest from the labour market*, adequate social

workforce ready for the transition to a green and digital economy; welcomes the transfer from REACT-EU of an additional EUR 10,8 billion to cohesion in 2022, of which 30 % will be allocated to the ESF +;

protection and a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the transition to a green and digital economy **and ensuring gender equality and non-discrimination**; welcomes the transfer from REACT-EU of an additional EUR 10,8 billion to cohesion in 2022, of which 30 % will be allocated to the ESF +; **recalls that the REACT-EU resources shall support job creation and quality employment, in particular for people in vulnerable situations, as well as support social systems contributing to social inclusion, anti-discrimination and poverty eradication measures, with a particular focus on child poverty and enhance equal access to social services of general interest, including for children, the elderly, persons with disabilities, ethnic minorities and the homeless**;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Samira Rafaela

Draft opinion
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4. Welcomes the Commission proposal to allocate EUR 13 ,173 5 billion in 2022 to the ESF+; highlights that the ESF+ must play a key role in supporting the Member States to achieve high employment levels, adequate social protection and a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the transition to a green and digital economy; welcomes the transfer from REACT-EU of an additional EUR 10,8 billion to cohesion in 2022, of which 30 % will be allocated to the ESF +;

Amendment

4. Welcomes the Commission proposal to allocate EUR 13 ,173 5 billion in 2022 to the ESF+; highlights that the ESF+ must play a key role in supporting the Member States to achieve high employment levels, **particularly creating better opportunities for young people**, adequate social protection and a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the transition to a green and digital economy; welcomes the transfer from REACT-EU of an additional EUR 10,8 billion to cohesion in 2022, of which 30 % will be allocated to the ESF +; **urges the Member States to quickly deploy these resources to mitigate the social impacts of the crisis**;

Amendment 36
Katrin Langensiepen

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4. Welcomes the Commission proposal to allocate EUR 13 ,173 5 billion in 2022 to the ESF+; highlights that the ESF+ must play a key role in supporting the Member States to achieve high **employment** levels, adequate social protection and a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the transition to a green and digital economy; welcomes the transfer from REACT-EU of an additional EUR 10,8 billion to cohesion in 2022, of which 30 % will be allocated to the ESF +;

Amendment

4. Welcomes the Commission proposal to allocate EUR 13 ,173 5 billion in 2022 to the ESF+; highlights that the ESF+ must play a key role in supporting the Member States to **foster social inclusion, fight against poverty**, achieve high levels **of quality employment**, adequate social protection and a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the transition to a green and digital economy; welcomes the transfer from REACT-EU of an additional EUR 10,8 billion to cohesion in 2022, of which 30 % will be allocated to the ESF +;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Sandra Pereira, Leila Chaibi

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4. **Welcomes** the Commission proposal to allocate EUR 13 ,173 5 billion in 2022 to the ESF+; highlights that the ESF+ **must** play a key role in supporting the Member States to **achieve high employment levels, adequate social protection and a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the transition to a green and digital economy**; welcomes the transfer from REACT-EU of an additional EUR 10,8 billion to cohesion in 2022, of which 30 % will be allocated to the ESF +;

Amendment

4. **Takes note of** the Commission proposal to allocate EUR 13 ,173 5 billion in 2022 to the ESF+, **and regrets the lack of ambition; states that the growing precarisation, the alarming poverty figures, including in-work and child poverty, the worrying unemployment level, including the young one, and social exclusion, and the persistent discrimination problems need a more ambitious budgetary answer**; highlights that the ESF+ **can** play a key role in

supporting the Member States to *tackle the mentioned problems*; welcomes the transfer from REACT-EU of an additional EUR 10,8 billion to cohesion in 2022, of which 30 % will be allocated to the ESF +;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Alex Agius Saliba, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Recalls that implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights and the Action Plan to implement the 20 principles of the EPSR will help to address the challenges facing Europe such as digitalisation, green transition and demographic change and will help alleviate the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on health, employment, social and economic aspects; stresses that adequate resources should be allocated to fund the implementation of the Action Plan and until the economic effects of the pandemic are visible be complemented by the General Escape Clause supported by coherent ECB policies, as well as Stability and Growth pact that aim at an overall well-being of people, labour market inclusiveness, and worker's protection;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Sandra Pereira, Leila Chaibi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Expresses its concern at the low take-up of EU funds and programmes; considers that it can be significantly leveraged if support is stepped up for public structures providing technical assistance, and if co-funding rates were increased and if public investment financed by EU funds and programmes was excluded from budget deficit criteria;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginell

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Reiterates that the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) must contribute to implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights, in order to create stable quality jobs, social cohesion and inclusion and stresses that social objectives should be mainstreamed in all relevant legislation and regulations and implementing plans linked to Next Generation EU; stresses that the reforms from the national plans should be in line with the Porto objectives and with the European Pillar of Social Rights and that the Member States should increase investments in area of the social dimension in line with their social reforms in the labour market, education and skills, social protection and social housing, in particular in those MS where there is an increased need for social measures within the CSRs;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. Recalls that social dialogue and social partners must be a cornerstone of the Recovery Plan and contribute to the implementation of the EPSR, both at national and EU level, and be systematically involved in the design, implementation and monitoring of national and European Recovery and Resilient Plans; Calls on all the Member States to invest at least 0.25% of ESF+ resources under shared management in each programme for the capacity building of social partners and civil society organisations, including in the form of training, networking measures, and strengthening of the social dialogue, and to activities jointly undertaken by the social partners in the delivery of employment, education and social inclusion policies;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion

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Amendment

5. Recalls the obligation by Member States with a higher share than the average Union rate of young people not in employment, education or training to allocate at least 12,5 % of their ESF+ resources to implement the Youth

5. Calls on Member States and the Commission to make combating youth unemployment a priority, in particular as part of the European recovery effort and to make full use of financial instruments such as the Youth Guarantee (YG); recalls

Guarantee; calls on the Members States to make the best use of the directly managed strand of the ESF+, the Employment and Social Innovation strand for investment in social innovation and for stimulating labour mobility;

the obligation by Member States with a higher share than the average Union rate of young people not in employment, education or training to allocate at least 12,5 % of their ESF+ resources to implement the Youth Guarantee; ***encourages all Member States, not only those that are most affected by youth unemployment, to continue to invest sufficient ESF+ resources in measures to support youth employment and allocate at least 12,5 % of their ESF+ resources under shared management to targeted actions and structural reforms to support quality youth employment***; calls on the Members States to make the best use of the directly managed strand of the ESF+, the Employment and Social Innovation strand for investment in social innovation and for stimulating labour mobility;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Miriam Lexmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls the obligation by Member States with a higher share than the average Union rate of young people not in employment, education or training to allocate at least 12,5 % of their ESF+ resources to implement the Youth Guarantee; calls on the Members States to make the best use of the directly managed strand of the ESF+, the Employment and Social Innovation strand for investment in social innovation and for *stimulating* labour mobility;

Amendment

5. Recalls the obligation by Member States with a higher share than the average Union rate of young people not in employment, education or training to allocate at least 12,5 % of their ESF+ resources to implement the Youth Guarantee; calls on the Members States to make the best use of the directly managed strand of the ESF+, the Employment and Social Innovation strand for investment in social innovation and for *supporting* labour mobility ***but also preventing brain drain from certain Member States, remote or rural areas***;

Amendment 44
Samira Rafaela

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls the obligation *by* Member States with a higher share than the average Union rate of young people not in employment, education or training to allocate at least 12,5 % of their ESF+ resources to implement the Youth Guarantee; calls on the Members States to make the best use of the directly managed strand of the ESF+, the Employment and Social Innovation strand for investment in social innovation and for stimulating labour mobility;

Amendment

5. ***Welcomes the Youth Employment Support Package, particularly the reinforced Youth Guarantee and stresses the need for Member States to implement this by investing relevant EU funds available for their education, training, upskilling and employment;*** Recalls the obligation *for all* Member States ***to allocate an appropriate amount of their ESF + resources to targeted actions to implement the Youth Guarantee and for Member States*** with a higher share than the average Union rate of young people not in employment, education or training to allocate at least 12,5 % of their ESF+ resources to implement the Youth Guarantee; calls on the Members States to make the best use of the directly managed strand of the ESF+, the Employment and Social Innovation strand for investment in social innovation and for stimulating labour mobility;

Amendment 45
Katrin Langensiepen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls the obligation by Member States with a higher share than the average

Amendment

5. Recalls the obligation by ***all*** Member States ***to use the Youth***

Union rate of young people not in employment, education or training to allocate at least 12,5 % of their ESF+ resources to implement the Youth Guarantee; calls on the Members States to make the best use of the directly managed strand of the ESF+, the Employment and Social Innovation strand for investment in social innovation and for stimulating labour mobility;

Guarantee, especially those with a higher share than the average Union rate of young people not in employment, education or training to allocate at least 12,5 % of their ESF+ resources to implement the Youth Guarantee; calls on the Members States to make the best use of the directly managed strand of the ESF+, the Employment and Social Innovation strand for investment in social innovation and for stimulating labour mobility;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls that Member States with a level of child poverty above the Union average should use at least 5 % of their ESF+ resources to address this issue, whereas all other Member States must allocate an appropriate amount of their ESF+ resources to targeted actions to combat child poverty in view of supporting the implementation of the Child Guarantee;

Amendment

6. Deplores the fact that more than a quarter of all children in the EU are at risk of poverty or social exclusion; stresses that, in the context of recovery from the COVID-19 outbreak, tackling child poverty will become even more important in the coming years; recalls that Member States with a level of child poverty above the Union average should use at least 5 % of their ESF+ resources to address this issue, whereas all other Member States must allocate an appropriate amount of their ESF+ resources to targeted actions to combat child poverty in view of supporting the implementation of the Child Guarantee; ***recalls its call on the Commission to allocate EUR 20 billion of fresh money to European Child Guarantee in the period 2021-2027 out of which at least 3 billion must be made available in the year 2022;***

Or. en

Amendment 47
Miriam Lexmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls that Member States *with a level of child poverty above the Union average* should use *at least 5 %* of their ESF+ resources to *address this issue, whereas all other Member States must allocate an appropriate amount of their ESF+ resources to* targeted actions to combat child poverty in view of supporting the implementation of the Child Guarantee;

Amendment

6. Recalls that Member States should use the ESF+ resources to *efficiently tackle child poverty and support* targeted actions to combat child poverty in view of supporting the implementation of the Child Guarantee;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Samira Rafaela

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls that Member States with a level of child poverty above the Union average should use at least 5 % of their ESF+ resources to address this issue, whereas all other Member States must allocate an appropriate amount of their ESF+ resources to targeted actions to combat child poverty in view of supporting the implementation of the Child Guarantee;

Amendment

6. *Welcomes the adopted European Child Guarantee aimed at ensuring that every child in Europe at risk of poverty or social exclusion has access to free healthcare, education, early childhood education and care as well as decent housing and adequate nutrition;* Recalls that Member States with a level of child poverty above the Union average should use at least 5 % of their ESF+ resources to address this issue, whereas all other Member States must allocate an appropriate amount of their ESF+ resources to targeted actions to combat child poverty in view of supporting the implementation of the Child Guarantee; *highlights, in this regard, the importance of Member States' investment of EU funds in combatting child poverty and*

social exclusion;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Katrin Langensiepen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls that Member States with a level of child poverty above the Union average should use at least 5 % of their ESF+ resources to address this issue, whereas all other Member States must allocate an appropriate amount of their ESF+ resources to targeted actions to combat child poverty in view of supporting the implementation of the Child Guarantee;

Amendment

6. Recalls that Member States with a level of child poverty above the Union average should use at least 5 % of their ESF+ resources to address this issue, whereas all other Member States must allocate an appropriate amount of their ESF+ resources to targeted actions to combat child poverty in view of supporting the implementation of the Child Guarantee; ***strongly encourages Member States to go beyond the minimum requirements of the ESF+, in view of the persistently high levels of child poverty and social exclusion throughout the Union;***

Or. en

Amendment 50
Radan Kanev

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Recalls that the EGF will offer one-off ***assistance to dismissed*** workers ***to find another job*** as rapidly as possible in major restructuring events, in particular those caused by ***important*** changes in trade relations of the Union or the composition of the internal market, the transition to a low-carbon economy or as a consequence

Amendment

7. Recalls that the EGF will offer ***temporary***, one-off ***support to displaced*** workers ***and self-employed persons to adapt to structural change and return to employment*** as rapidly as possible in major restructuring events, in particular those caused by ***significant*** changes in ***the*** trade relations of the Union or the composition

of digitisation or automation; Underlines the importance of the revised application requirements and eligibility criteria in the EGF Regulation, lowering the minimum threshold of *workers made redundant or of self-employed persons* from 500 to 200;

of the internal market *and financial or economic crisis*, the transition to a low-carbon economy or as a consequence of digitisation or automation; Underlines the importance of the revised application requirements and eligibility criteria in the EGF Regulation, lowering the minimum threshold of *job displacement* from 500 to 200;

Or. en

Amendment 51 **Miriam Lexmann**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 7**

Draft opinion

7. Recalls that the EGF will offer one-off assistance to dismissed workers to find another job as rapidly as possible in major restructuring events, in particular those caused by important changes in trade relations of the Union or the composition of the internal market, the transition to a low-carbon economy or as a consequence of digitisation or automation; Underlines the importance of the revised application requirements and eligibility criteria in the EGF Regulation, lowering the minimum threshold of workers made redundant or of self-employed persons from 500 to 200;

Amendment

7. Recalls that the EGF will offer one-off assistance to dismissed workers to find another job as rapidly as possible in major restructuring events, in particular those caused by important changes in trade relations of the Union or the composition of the internal market, the transition to a low-carbon economy or as a consequence of digitisation or automation; Underlines the importance of the revised application requirements and eligibility criteria in the EGF Regulation, lowering the minimum threshold of workers made redundant or of self-employed persons from 500 to 200; *recalls that the support from EGF should be gradually accessible to all companies including SMEs;*

Or. en

Amendment 52 **Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 7**

Draft opinion

7. Recalls that the EGF **will offer** one-off assistance to dismissed workers to find another job as rapidly as possible in major restructuring events, in particular those caused by important changes in trade relations of the Union or the composition of the internal market, the transition to a low-carbon economy or as a consequence of digitisation or automation; Underlines the importance of the **revised** application requirements and eligibility criteria in the EGF Regulation, lowering the minimum threshold of workers made redundant or of self-employed persons from 500 to 200;

Amendment

7. Recalls that the EGF **offers ex-post** one-off assistance to dismissed workers to find another job as rapidly as possible in major restructuring events, in particular those caused by important changes in trade relations of the Union or the composition of the internal market, the transition to a low-carbon economy or as a consequence of digitisation or automation; Underlines the importance of the **simplified** application requirements and **revised** eligibility criteria in the EGF Regulation, lowering the minimum threshold of workers made redundant or of self-employed persons from 500 to 200; **calls on Member States to make use of the opportunities provided by EGF in case of major restructuring events;**

Or. en

Amendment 53
Samira Rafaela

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Recalls that the EGF will offer one-off assistance to **dismissed** workers to find another job as rapidly as possible in major restructuring events, in particular those caused by important changes in trade relations of the Union or the composition of the internal market, the transition to a low-carbon economy or as a consequence of digitisation or automation; Underlines the importance of the revised application requirements and eligibility criteria in the EGF Regulation, lowering the minimum threshold of workers made redundant or of self-employed persons from 500 to 200;

Amendment

7. Recalls that the EGF will offer one-off assistance to **displaced** workers to find another job as rapidly as possible in major restructuring events, in particular those caused by important changes in trade relations of the Union or the composition of the internal market, the transition to a low-carbon economy or as a consequence of digitisation or automation; Underlines the importance of the revised application requirements and eligibility criteria in the EGF Regulation, lowering the minimum threshold of workers made redundant or of self-employed persons from 500 to 200;

Amendment 54
Katrin Langensiepen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Recalls that the EGF will offer one-off assistance to *dismissed* workers to find another job as rapidly as possible in major restructuring events, in particular those caused by important changes in trade relations of the Union or the composition of the internal market, the transition to a low-carbon economy or as a consequence of digitisation or automation; Underlines the importance of the revised application requirements and eligibility criteria in the EGF Regulation, lowering the minimum threshold of workers made redundant or of self-employed persons from 500 to 200;

Amendment

7. Recalls that the EGF will offer *direct* one-off assistance to workers *who have been made redundant* to find another job *in a sustainable and future-oriented sector* as rapidly as possible in major restructuring events, in particular those caused by important changes in trade relations of the Union or the composition of the internal market, the transition to a low-carbon economy or as a consequence of digitisation or automation; *Highlights that the EGF will provide training packages to include skills required in the digital industrial age as well as in a resource-efficient economy*; Underlines the importance of the revised application requirements and eligibility criteria in the EGF Regulation, lowering the minimum threshold of workers made redundant or of self-employed persons from 500 to 200;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Recalls that the EGF will offer one-off assistance to dismissed workers to find another job as rapidly as possible in major restructuring events, in particular those

Amendment

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caused by important changes in trade relations of the Union or the composition of the internal market, the transition to a low-carbon economy or as a consequence of digitisation or automation; Underlines the importance of the revised application requirements and eligibility criteria in the EGF Regulation, lowering the minimum threshold of workers made redundant or of self-employed persons from 500 to 200;

caused by important changes in trade relations of the Union or the composition of the internal market, the transition to a low-carbon economy or as a consequence of digitisation or automation; Underlines the importance of the revised application requirements and eligibility criteria in the EGF Regulation, lowering the minimum threshold of workers made redundant or of self-employed persons from 500 to **50**;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Samira Rafaela

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Recalls the important role the revised European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for displaced workers (EGF) can play in supporting and reskilling workers made redundant as a result of the economic impacts of the COVID-19 crisis; believes Member States should make use of the Fund and widely disseminate information on the possibilities for support to workers and their representatives;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Katrin Langensiepen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

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Amendment

8. Takes note that the level of EGF commitment appropriations in reserve for

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2022 is set at EUR 201,3 million (+2% compared to 2021), corresponding to the maximum annual amount envelope of EUR 186 million (2018 prices) available in accordance with Article 8 of the MFF Regulation;

2022 is set at EUR 201,3 million (+2% compared to 2021), corresponding to the maximum annual amount envelope of EUR 186 million (2018 prices) available in accordance with Article 8 of the MFF Regulation; ***Welcomes the alignment of the co-financing rate with the ESF+.***

Or. en

Amendment 58
Sandra Pereira, Leila Chaibi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Regrets the fact the annual budgetary answer is financial constrained by a Multiannual Financial Framework that is far from being the adequate financial answer to the population and workers' needs;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Radan Kanev

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. Recalls that the JTF provides support ***for*** territories ***and people*** facing socio-economic and employment challenges deriving from the transition process towards a climate neutral economy of the Union by 2050; takes note of the Commission appropriations in 2022 of EUR 1 159,749 million; Highlights the broadening of its scope to address the social aspects of the transition, in particular

9. Recalls that the JTF provides support ***to the people, economies and environment of*** territories facing ***serious*** socio-economic and employment challenges deriving from the transition process towards ***the Union's 2030 targets for energy and climate and*** a climate-neutral economy of the Union by 2050; takes note of the Commission appropriations in 2022 of EUR 1 159,749

support to jobseekers, including job search assistance, upskilling and reskilling and their active inclusion into the labour market as well as investments in smart and sustainable mobility, other activities in the areas of education and social inclusion, including investments in infrastructure for the purposes of training centres, child- and elderly-care facilities and the possibility to support investments in large enterprises in 'assisted areas' pursuant to regional State aid guidelines, if such support is necessary for job creation in the identified territory;

million; Highlights the broadening of its scope to address the social aspects of the transition, in particular support to jobseekers, including job search assistance, upskilling and reskilling and their active inclusion into the labour market as well as investments in smart and sustainable mobility, other activities in the areas of education, *training and labour market adaptation with a specific accent on green and digital employment* and social inclusion, including investments in infrastructure for the purposes of training centres, child- and elderly-care facilities and the possibility to support investments in large enterprises in 'assisted areas' pursuant to regional State aid guidelines, if such support is necessary for job creation in the identified territory;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Miriam Lexmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Recalls that the JTF provides support for territories and people facing socio-economic and employment challenges deriving from the transition process towards a climate neutral economy of the Union by 2050; takes note of the Commission appropriations in 2022 of EUR 1 159,749 million; Highlights the broadening of its scope to address the social aspects of the transition, in particular support to jobseekers, including job search assistance, upskilling and reskilling and their active inclusion into the labour market as well as investments in smart and sustainable mobility, other activities in the areas of education and social inclusion,

Amendment

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including investments in infrastructure for the purposes of training centres, child- *and* elderly-care facilities and the possibility to support investments in large enterprises in 'assisted areas' pursuant to regional State aid guidelines, if such support is necessary for job creation in the identified territory;

including investments in infrastructure for the purposes of training centres, child-, elderly- *and disability-* care facilities and the possibility to support investments in large enterprises in 'assisted areas' pursuant to regional State aid guidelines, if such support is necessary for job creation in the identified territory;

Or. en

Amendment 61

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Recalls that the JTF provides support for territories and people facing socio-economic and employment challenges deriving from the transition process towards a climate neutral economy of the Union by 2050; takes note of the Commission appropriations in 2022 of EUR 1 159,749; Highlights the broadening of its scope to address the social aspects of the transition, in particular support to jobseekers, including job search assistance, upskilling and reskilling and their active inclusion into the labour market as well as investments in smart and sustainable mobility, other activities in the areas of education and social inclusion, including investments in infrastructure for the purposes of training centres, child- and elderly-care facilities and the possibility to support investments in large enterprises in 'assisted areas' pursuant to regional State aid guidelines, if such support is necessary for job creation in the identified territory;

Amendment

9. Recalls that the JTF provides support for territories and people facing socio-economic and employment challenges deriving from the transition process towards a climate neutral economy of the Union by 2050; ***highlights that the JTF must focus on the needs of individuals and social well-being and lead to social sustainability by supporting the creation of quality and sustainable jobs, reskilling of workers, and creating social infrastructure so no one is left behind;*** takes note of the Commission appropriations in 2022 of EUR 1 159,749 million; Highlights the broadening of its scope to address the social aspects of the transition, in particular support to jobseekers, including job search assistance, upskilling and reskilling and their active inclusion into the labour market as well as investments in smart and sustainable mobility, other activities in the areas of education and social inclusion, including investments in ***social*** infrastructure for the purposes of training centres, ***in training and retraining social service providers,*** child- and elderly-care facilities and the possibility to support investments in large

enterprises in 'assisted areas' pursuant to regional State aid guidelines, if such support is necessary for **quality and sustainable** job creation in the identified territory;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Katrin Langensiepen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Recalls that the JTF provides support for territories and people facing socio-economic and employment challenges deriving from the transition process towards a climate neutral economy of the Union by 2050; takes note of the Commission appropriations in 2022 of EUR 1 159,749 million; Highlights the broadening of its scope to address the social aspects of the transition, in particular support to jobseekers, including job search assistance, upskilling and reskilling and their active inclusion into **the labour market** as well as investments in smart and sustainable mobility, other activities in the areas of education and social inclusion, including investments in infrastructure for the purposes of training centres, child- and elderly-care facilities and the possibility to support investments **in large enterprises in 'assisted areas'** pursuant to regional State aid guidelines, if such support is necessary for job creation in the identified territory;

Amendment

9. Recalls that the JTF provides support for territories and people facing socio-economic and employment challenges deriving from the transition process towards a climate neutral economy of the Union by 2050; takes note of the Commission appropriations in 2022 of EUR 1 159,749 million; Highlights the broadening of its scope to address the social aspects of the transition, in particular support to jobseekers **with and without disabilities, and irrespectively of their gender, race, ethnicity, age, religion or belief, sexual orientation, migration status or socioeconomic background**, including job search assistance, upskilling and reskilling and their active inclusion into **decent and sustainable jobs** as well as investments in smart and sustainable mobility, other activities in the areas of **inclusive** education and social inclusion, including investments in infrastructure for the purposes of training centres, child- and elderly-care facilities and the possibility to support **sustainable** investments pursuant to regional State aid guidelines, if such support is necessary for job creation in the identified territory;

Or. en

Amendment 63

Beata Szydło

on behalf of the ECR Group

El bieta Rafalska, Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Recalls that the JTF provides support for territories and people facing socio-economic and employment challenges deriving from the transition process towards a climate neutral economy of the Union by 2050; takes note of the Commission appropriations in 2022 of EUR 1 159,749 million; Highlights the broadening of its scope to address the social aspects of the transition, in particular support to jobseekers, including job search assistance, upskilling and reskilling and their active inclusion into the labour market as well as investments in smart and sustainable mobility, other activities in the areas of education and social inclusion, including investments in infrastructure for the purposes of training centres, child- and elderly-care facilities and the possibility to support investments in large enterprises in 'assisted areas' pursuant to regional State aid guidelines, if such support is necessary for job creation in the identified territory;

Amendment

9. Recalls that the JTF provides support for territories and people facing socio-economic and employment challenges deriving from the transition process towards a climate neutral economy of the Union by 2050; ***highlights that JTF is a key tool for supporting territories most affected by this transition and plays a key role in preventing an increase in regional disparities***; takes note of the Commission appropriations in 2022 of EUR 1 159,749 million; Highlights the broadening of its scope to address the social aspects of the transition, in particular support to jobseekers, including job search assistance, upskilling and reskilling and their active inclusion into the labour market as well as investments in smart and sustainable mobility, other activities in the areas of education and social inclusion, including investments in infrastructure for the purposes of training centres, child- and elderly-care facilities and the possibility to support investments in large enterprises in 'assisted areas' pursuant to regional State aid guidelines, if such support is necessary for job creation in the identified territory;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Recalls that the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) has been integrated in ESF+ and that, in 2022, at least 3 % of the ESF+ budget shall be spent on food aid and basic material assistance for the most deprived persons, with a co-financing rate of 90%;

Amendment

10. Recalls that the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) has been integrated in ESF+ and **welcomes** that, in 2022, at least 3 % of the ESF+ budget shall be spent on food aid and basic material assistance, **together with accompanying measures** for the most deprived persons, with a co-financing rate of 90% **since the current crisis hits the most deprived the hardest**;

Or. en

Amendment 65

Alex Agius Saliba, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Acknowledges that the EU Member States are projected to reach their pre-crisis level of quarterly output by the end of 2022; warns that for the recovery to be sustainable, it is essential that quality jobs are created also for the medium and low skilled workers and especially for women, as it has been shown that they are essential for the resilience of our societies and economies, that the wealth distribution is fairer and more equal and that increases of income and consumer spending capacity/purchase power for the lower earners are also consolidated;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10b. *Recalls that women are more widely affected by the pandemic in terms of health risks, pre-existing employment inequalities and care responsibilities and strongly promotes gender responsive budgeting and increased funding to support measures for the promotion of equality and equal access to the labour and to have comprehensive systems to monitor and measure gender budget allocations; acknowledges that most of the sectors which have been hardest hit by the COVID-19 crisis were feminised and essential sectors, many of which have precarious working conditions, and that special efforts should be made during the recovery period to improve employment conditions in those sectors;*

Or. en

Amendment 67

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10c. *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to agree on a quality job creation target with a tracker system on public investments at all levels, including a dedicated section on green jobs, digital jobs and gender perspective and on a systems of quality and green job creation conditionalities for companies accessing public funds; stresses that if the EU wants to lead global sustainable recovery, millions of well-paying jobs must be created, including for medium and low skilled workers, so that everyone has the*

opportunity to contribute to the common project; insists that more investment is needed in research and innovation, zero-carbon technologies;

Or. en

Amendment 68

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 10 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10d. Highlights that addressing the socio-economic dimension of environmental policy and climate action not only constitutes basic fairness, but also creates opportunities to realise broader wellbeing gains for all and create virtuous circles rather than negative feedback loops; believes that, if well designed, green and digital investments have a great potential for quality job creation and reduction of inequalities and that the transition to a new distribution of care needs to be added; demands that, in order to achieve this potential, social conditionalities are attached to companies accessing RRF funds for green and digital investments, in the form of quality job creation targets and collective agreement coverage;

Or. en

Amendment 69

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 10 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10e. Demands the Commission and the Member States to ensure a fair distribution of the benefits and profits of the green and digital investments, and that this aspect is also monitored in the scoreboard, in order to ensure that they benefit the most vulnerable communities and regions and the most affected by climate change as well as the gender impact; stresses that the expected social return of green and digital investments should be defined ex ante in the NRRPs in order to ensure the maximum impact;

Or. en

Amendment 70

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Paragraph 10 f (new)

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Amendment

10f. Calls on the Member States for the greater mobilisation of ESF+ and Just Transition Fund (JTF) resources and to combine them with national and local investment in order to tackle social exclusion, energy poverty, and material deprivation, to effectively counter the digital gap and digital exclusion, especially in rural areas and among the young, the elderly and persons with disabilities, and to secure access to digital tools and programmes and to affordable communication infrastructures;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10g. *Recalls that COVID-19 pandemic has once again exposed the lack of policy responses to the impact of demographic change in the EU, such as the lack of adequate and affordable housing, quality care facilities and sufficient care and support services; stresses that the budget 2022 should underline the importance of safeguarding and promoting the dignity of the elderly and their fundamental rights in the EU; calls, furthermore, for sufficient funding to support investment in housing in order to tackle effectively the growing problems of a lack of affordable housing, poor housing conditions, housing exclusion and homelessness;*

Or. en

Amendment 72
Miriam Lexmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

Amendment

11. Insists on the importance of budgetary accountability and prioritisation; welcomes in this regard the Commission Communication on the performance framework for the 2021-2027 MFF; stresses that in order to deliver true value for money for EU citizens, the focus should be put on evidence-based policymaking;

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Or. en

Amendment 73

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Insists on the importance of budgetary accountability and prioritisation; welcomes in this regard the Commission Communication on the performance framework for the 2021-2027 MFF; stresses that in order to deliver true value for money for EU *citizens*, the focus should be put on evidence-based policymaking;

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11. Insists on the importance of budgetary accountability and prioritisation; welcomes in this regard the Commission Communication on the performance framework for the 2021-2027 MFF; stresses that in order to deliver true value for money for *the people in the* EU, the focus should be put on evidence-based policymaking; *to this end, considers it important to involve social partners and civil society organisations into the monitoring and evaluation of programmes;*

Or. en

Amendment 74

Katrin Langensiepen

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 75
Samira Rafaela

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11a. Strongly believes that gender and disability inclusive budgeting must be mainstreamed in the 2022 general budget to better align policies and activities that promote the equal participation of women and people with disabilities in the labour market and to have comprehensive systems to monitor and measure such budgetary allocations in line with the EU's commitments under the European Gender Equality and Disability Rights Strategies and the UNCRPD;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11a. Recalls that it is important that local administrations are able to receive and manage a significant part of EU funds, as they are the public entities closest to European citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginell

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Stresses that pilot projects (PPs) and preparatory actions (PAs) are important tools to test new policy initiatives in the fields of employment and social inclusion, including through data collection; recalls that the assessment of their implementability is formally anchored in the Interinstitutional agreement of 2 December 2013 and in practice, is meant to ensure that Parliament adopts PPs/PAs that are legally and technically implementable; highlights, therefore, that the evaluation must be thorough **and** detailed and that the grade given must reflect only the merit of the proposal; also points out that the implementation of an adopted PP/PA must remain **faithful to** the proposal;

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Or. en

Amendment 78
Katrin Langensiepen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

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highlights, therefore, that the evaluation must be thorough and detailed, *as well as transparent and objective* and that the grade given must reflect only the merit of the proposal; also points out that the implementation of an adopted PP/PA must remain faithful to the proposal; ***Calls on the European Commission to establish direct communication and exchanges with the European Parliament in order to ensure reasonable evaluations of the PP/PA;***

Or. en

Amendment 79
Radan Kanev

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13

Draft opinion

13. Recalls that the agencies play an important role in providing Union institutions and countries with specialised knowledge notably on employment and social issues; stresses that they must be given the necessary resources to fulfil their tasks which are evolving.

Amendment

13. Recalls that the agencies *and especially the ELA* play an important role in providing Union institutions and countries with specialised knowledge notably on employment and social issues *and facilitating fair labour mobility*; stresses that they must be given the necessary resources to fulfil their tasks which are evolving.

Or. en

Amendment 80
Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13

Draft opinion

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Amendment

13. Recalls that the agencies play an important role in providing Union institutions and ***the Member States*** with specialised knowledge ***and expertise*** notably on employment and social issues; stresses that they must be given the necessary resources to fulfil their tasks which are ***constantly*** evolving; ***insists, in particular, on a proper staffing and financing of the new European Labour Authority in accordance with the financial statement;***

Or. en

Amendment 81

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

13a. Stresses that adequate financial means should be made available to ensure the correct and ambitious application and enforcement of occupational safety and health strategic framework; to this end calls for an increased funding for EU-OSHA to cope with the new challenges and to fulfil the new tasks; reiterates that labour inspectorates should be strongly involved, both in enforcement of OSH measures aimed at preventing Covid-19 infection as well as in developing guidance and assistance to employers and workers and that particular attention should be given to high-risk sectors, such as healthcare, services, education and transport;

Or. en

Amendment 82

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 13 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

13b. Stresses that during the pandemic there is a significant risk of suffering mental health problems and poor mental well-being that would be exacerbated by both job loss and job insecurity and is of the opinion that people will need extra support in getting back to normal and in coping with the issues brought on by the pandemic and calls on the Member States to pay attention to ways of mitigating mental health risks in the case of further waves of the Covid-19;

Or. en

Amendment 83

Alex Agius Saliba, Aurore Lalucq, Milan Brglez, Alicia Homs Ginel

Draft opinion

Paragraph 13 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

13c. Recalls that the transition to a digital economy, which delivers for decent working conditions and fully respect labour rights, will require investments to adapt industrial production facilities, improve related infrastructures, connectivity, network security, and the future organisation of work, as well as investment in new ways to deliver social and organisational support to workers; calls in this regard for adequate resources to ensure the right to disconnect for all workers in the EU as well as adequate teleworking conditions including psycho-social and ergonomic rules;

