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Amendment 1

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Trillet Lenoir

Draft opinion

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Amendment

*– having regard to the upcoming
European Parliament’s Resolution on
Empowering European Youth: post-
pandemic employment and social recovery*

Or. en

Amendment 2

Alex Agius Saliba

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*– having regard to the European Pillar of
Social Rights (EPSR), proclaimed by the
European Council, the European
Parliament and the European
Commission in November 2017, the
Commission Action plan on the
implementation of the European Pillar of
Social Rights of 4 March 2021 and the
Porto Declaration on social affairs
adopted by the members of the European
Council in May 2021;*

Or. en

Amendment 3

Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion

Paragraph -1 a (new)

-1a. *Takes the view that the single market, common policies and, in particular, the single currency have an uneven effect, creating inequalities between Member States and putting them on diverging paths; considers that, with a view to countering that divergence and fostering genuine upward convergence, the EU budget should play a redistributive role and uphold the principle of contributory solidarity; deplores, in this regard, the fact that some of the richest countries in the EU benefit from corrections and adjustments to their national contributions;*

Or. en

Amendment 4**Alex Agius Saliba****cosigned by Marc Angel, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Vilija****Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brglez, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius****Draft opinion****Paragraph 1**

1. Points to the economic recovery in 2021 and expected further growth in 2022; notes *nonetheless* uncertainty in the economic outlook, in the light of factors such as supply chain disruption, high energy prices, rising inflation and the continuing COVID-19 pandemic; recalls therefore that the 2023 Union budget will play an important role in strengthening the Union economy, ensuring that no one is left behind, and in fostering economic, social and territorial cohesion;

1. Points to the economic recovery in 2021 and expected further growth in 2022; notes *that 2023 will continue to be an important year for the social and economic recovery from the crisis following the COVID-19 pandemic with* uncertainty in the economic outlook, in the light of factors such as supply chain disruption, high energy prices, rising inflation, *the social impact such as rising unemployment, poverty and social inequalities* and the continuing COVID-19 pandemic; recalls therefore that the 2023 Union budget will play an important role in strengthening the Union economy, ensuring *just transition and social justice and resilience so* that no one is left behind,

and in fostering economic, social and territorial cohesion **and upward social convergence**;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Eugen Tomac

Draft opinion
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1. Points to the economic recovery in 2021 and expected further growth in 2022; notes nonetheless uncertainty in the economic outlook, in the light of factors such as supply chain disruption, high energy prices, rising inflation, **loss of jobs and rising unemployment** and the continuing COVID-19 pandemic; **notes that in this social landscape of growing inequalities, women, children, young people and the elderly are especially affected by the various precarious socio-economic situations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and are exposed to the risk of being left behind; stresses that social and employment related challenges caused by the pandemic have had a disproportionate impact on the Member States, on the different regions and social groups, impacting the most vulnerable ones and affecting the labour market**; recalls therefore that the 2023 Union budget will play an important role in strengthening the Union economy **and competitiveness**, ensuring that no one is left behind, and in fostering economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 6

El bieta Rafalska

on behalf of the ECR Group

cosigned by Beata Szydło, Anna Zalewska

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 7

Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Takes the view that, to properly address the socio-economic plight that the Member States are facing, the EU budget must be increased significantly and its redistributive role must be stepped up with a view to fostering real upward convergence in economic and social progress among the Member States, including by reinforcing GNI based national contribution and by supporting the Member States' real economies, by means of grants and not loans, promoting the highest labour and social rights

standards at the same time;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Takes the view that the socio-economic state of affairs triggered and precipitated by COVID-19 is further evidence that the Stability and Growth Pact and economic governance of the EU as a whole undermine the Member States' ability to address social and economic problems and needs properly; calls, therefore, for the repeal of the Stability Pact, the six-pack and two-pack economic governance legislation, the European Semester, the Fiscal Compact, and all mechanisms that restrict Member States' room for manoeuvre in the promotion of public investment and their financing of public services and their social roles;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Recalls that thematic concentration, low co-financing rates, the paucity of public structures that provide technical assistance to applicants and the inclusion of public investment projects financed with EU funds in the calculation

of budget deficits adversely affect implementation rates for EU funds and programmes; calls, therefore, for increased autonomy and flexibility in the management of EU funds, for higher co-financing rates and for financing for technical support to be stepped up, and urges the Commission to exclude national co-financing from the budget deficit criteria;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1d. Points out that, as it provides the EU budget as a guarantee for debt issuance on the markets, the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) is actually, by its very nature, an advance payment to Member States, made towards future payments; rejects the argument that the RRF funds now transferred to the Member States could, from 2028 onwards, be deducted from future transfers under EU cohesion policy and its instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
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Amendment

2. Commits therefore to working to adopt a future-oriented budget that matches

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the Union's political priorities, ensuring a stronger Health Union, ***making a success of*** the green and digital transitions and fostering ***the*** recovery, ***including increased*** support for SMEs, promoting the rule of law and its application, ***contributing to greater*** opportunities for young people throughout the Union, ***and ensuring a stronger*** Europe;

the Union's political priorities, ensuring a stronger Health Union, ***guaranteeing that nobody is left behind in*** the green and digital transitions, and fostering ***an inclusive, sustainable and resilient*** recovery, ***by increasing economic*** support for SMEs, promoting the rule of law and its application, ***fostering ecological and social justice as well as gender equality, creating more and better employment*** opportunities for young people throughout the Union, ***that ensures a Social*** Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Lucia uriš Nicholsonová

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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2. Commits therefore to ***working to adopt*** a future-oriented budget that matches the Union's political priorities, ensuring a stronger Health Union, making a success of the green and digital transitions and fostering the recovery, including increased support for SMEs, promoting the rule of law and its application, contributing to greater opportunities for young people throughout the Union, and ensuring a stronger Europe;

Amendment

2. Commits therefore to ***work towards the adoption of a*** future-oriented budget that matches the Union's political priorities, ***and the six pillars of the Recovery and Resilience Facility***, ensuring a stronger Health Union, making a success of the green and digital transitions and fostering the recovery, including increased support for SMEs, promoting the rule of law and its application, ***investing in the new generations and*** contributing to greater opportunities for young people throughout the Union, and ensuring a stronger Europe ***based on strategic autonomy and sovereignty***;

Or. en

Amendment 13

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Amendment

2. Commits therefore to working to adopt a future-oriented **social and sustainable** budget that matches the Union's political priorities, ensuring a stronger Health Union, making a success of the green and digital transitions and fostering the recovery, including increased support for **the most vulnerable economic subjects, such as** SMEs, promoting the rule of law and its application, **supporting and** contributing to **better** opportunities for **the most deprived and other disadvantaged groups** throughout the Union **such as children and youth, LGBTIQ+ families or single parent families, person with disabilities, older persons, migrants and refugees and Roma people**, and ensuring a stronger Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Eugen Tomac

Draft opinion
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Draft opinion

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Amendment

2. Commits therefore to working to adopt a future **and investment**-oriented budget **with a strong social and economically sustainable dimension** that matches the Union's political priorities, ensuring a stronger Health Union, making a success of the green and digital transitions and fostering the recovery, including increased support for SMEs, promoting the rule of law and its

stronger Europe;

application, contributing to greater opportunities for young people throughout the Union, *adapting to the imminent labour market changes, preserve and create quality and sustainable employment with full respect of labour rights and decent employment and working conditions, contributing to the fight against poverty, and reducing social exclusion, inequalities and discrimination, in particular affecting children and youth, boosting sustainable growth, and increasing upward social convergence* and ensuring a stronger, *more resilient and competitive* Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 15

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Amendment

2. Commits therefore to working to adopt a future-oriented budget that matches the Union's political priorities, ensuring a stronger Health Union, making a success of the green and digital transitions and fostering the recovery, including increased support for SMEs, contributing to greater opportunities for young people *and greater social inclusion of older people* throughout the Union, and ensuring a stronger Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 16

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Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

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Amendment

2a. Highlights that as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to create uncertainty on the economic outlook, it is therefore important to continue financing the recovery and to address the social and employment-related challenges resulting from the pandemic, as well as support workers and businesses in the move towards a more solidarity-based digital, greener and climate neutral economy; stresses therefore, that the EU budget is an opportunity to move towards sustainability agenda driven by a reinforced commitment to promote sustainable growth, full employment and decent work by prioritising investments and policy actions that deliver for people, create quality jobs, protect workers and build stronger European institutions bound to solidarity and social progress;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion
Title (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ensuring full social, economic and territorial cohesion and achieving the highest standards on social and labour rights

Or. en

Amendment 18
Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Takes the view that, in the light of the further deterioration of working conditions, alarming poverty and social exclusion figures, worrying unemployment levels and continuing discrimination problems, an ambitious budgetary response is called for; hence, calls for robust allocations dedicated to ESF+;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Urges a EU budget that fosters equality at all life stages, including the beginning and the end of life; thus, calls for the creation of a programme to support Member States that wish to establish or strength a public, universal and free network of care of high quality for children, older people and people with disabilities, as well as people with long-term care needs;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Urges a EU budget strongly committed with the guarantee of the right to housing for all; calls, therefore, for sufficient funding to support State investment in housing, in order to effectively tackle the growing problems of lack of affordable housing, poor housing conditions, housing exclusion and homelessness;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2d. Calls for the establishment of a programme to raise awareness of the importance of trade unions, workers' unionisation and collective bargaining;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2e. Calls the Commission to propose a legislative initiative to bar access to EU funds for companies that fail to uphold the highest social and labour standards;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Eugen Tomac

Draft opinion
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3. Welcomes the priority given to Union health policy and highlights in that connection the EU4Health programme and Cluster Health in Horizon Europe; notes that the budget for preparedness activities by the Health Emergency Response Authority is drawn from those programmes and from the Union Civil Protection Mechanism, and expresses deep concern that this could compromise the attainment of other important health objectives; stresses the need to ensure adequate funding for the Beating Cancer Plan;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the priority given to Union health policy and highlights in that connection the EU4Health programme and Cluster Health in Horizon Europe; ***acknowledges recent data¹ depicting how mental well-being has reached its lowest level across all age groups of Europeans since the beginning of the pandemic and that this is particularly prominent among young people and those who have lost their job***; notes that the budget for preparedness activities by the Health Emergency Response Authority is drawn from those programmes and from the Union Civil Protection Mechanism, and expresses deep concern that this could compromise the attainment of other important health objectives; stresses the need to ensure adequate funding for the Beating Cancer Plan ***and highlights in this context the importance of EU legislation laying down minimum standards in occupational health and safety and in ensuring the highest technically possible protection for workers***;

1a

<https://www.eurofound.europa.eu/publications/report/2021/living-working-and-covid-19-update-april-2021-mental-health-and-trust-decline-across-eu-as-pandemic>

Or. en

Amendment 24

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Recognises the importance of other Union programmes, including the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), in providing investment in health *measures* and infrastructure and stresses the need for synergies between those activities and EU4Health; recalls also the importance of steady implementation and access to technical assistance for Member States with low administrative capacity; emphasises that the decentralised health agencies should be adequately funded;

Amendment

4. Recognises the importance of other Union programmes, including the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), in providing investment in health *prevention, resilient healthcare systems* and infrastructures and stresses the need for synergies between those activities and EU4Health; recalls also the importance of steady implementation and access to technical assistance for Member States with low administrative capacity; emphasises that the decentralised health agencies should be adequately funded;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Eugen Tomac

Draft opinion

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Draft opinion

4. Recognises the importance of other Union programmes, including the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), in providing investment in health measures and infrastructure and stresses the need for synergies between those activities and EU4Health; recalls also the importance of steady implementation and access to technical assistance for Member States with low administrative capacity; emphasises that the decentralised health agencies should be adequately funded;

Amendment

4. Recognises the importance of other Union programmes, including the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), in providing investment in health measures and infrastructure and stresses the need for synergies between those activities and EU4Health; recalls also the importance of steady implementation and access to technical assistance for Member States with low administrative capacity; emphasises that the decentralised health agencies should be adequately funded *to fulfil their mandated tasks and*

responsibilities;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Recognises the importance of other Union programmes, including the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), in providing investment in health measures and infrastructure and stresses the need for synergies between those activities and EU4Health; recalls also the importance of steady implementation and access to technical assistance for Member States with low administrative capacity; emphasises that the decentralised health agencies should be adequately funded;

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Or. en

Amendment 27

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Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

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Amendment

4a. Stresses the need for the Commission to secure sufficient staffing in order to meet its tasks as regards health and safety at work, and notably to prepare an action plan covering at least 25 additional occupational exposure limits and ensure legislative follow up without

delay;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Eugen Tomac

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Recalls that the transition to a green and digital economy that delivers decent working conditions and respects labour rights will require adequate resources and investments in order to adapt to the required infrastructure, connectivity, production facilitates and appropriate support for workers;

Or. en

Amendment 29
El bieta Rafalska
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Draft opinion
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Amendment

5. Acknowledges that implementing the Green Deal and achieving the Union's emission reduction goals will require massive investments, ***whilst stressing that the cost of inaction would be much higher***; emphasises that the Union budget is at the heart of efforts to make a just transition towards a greener and more resilient Union in which no one is left behind; in that regard, highlights the need to fully implement the Just Transition

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Mechanism;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Terry Reintke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Acknowledges that implementing the Green Deal and achieving the Union's emission reduction goals **will require** massive investment, whilst stressing that the cost of inaction would be much higher; emphasises that the Union budget is **at the heart of efforts** to make a just transition towards a **greener** and **more** resilient Union in which no one is left behind; in that regard, highlights the need to fully implement the Just Transition Mechanism;

Amendment

5. Acknowledges that implementing the Green Deal and achieving the Union's emission reduction goals **requires urgent and** massive investment, whilst stressing that the cost of inaction would be much higher; emphasises that the Union budget is **key** to make a just transition towards a **green** and resilient Union in which no one is left behind; in that regard, highlights the need to fully implement the Just Transition Mechanism;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Lucia uriš Nicholsonová

cosigned by Sylvie Brunet, Marie Pierre Vedrenne, Veronique Trillet Lenoir

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in full complementarity with other instruments, such as the European Social Fund + and the upcoming Social Climate Fund to accompany the most vulnerable people in this transition, be it in terms of labour market inclusion or with respect to their capacity to invest in more efficient energy devices;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Eugen Tomac

Draft opinion
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Amendment

5. Acknowledges that implementing the Green Deal and achieving the Union's emission reduction goals will require massive investment, whilst stressing that the cost of inaction would be much higher; emphasises that the Union budget is at the heart of efforts to make a just *and fair* transition towards a greener and more resilient Union in which no one is left behind; *stresses the importance of policies and measures to support labour market transition and the need to strengthen the competitiveness of our economies in the context of the green and digital transitions*; in that regard, highlights the need to fully implement the Just Transition Mechanism;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Alex Agius Saliba

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Amendment

5. Acknowledges that implementing the Green Deal and achieving the Union's emission reduction goals will require massive investment, whilst stressing that the cost of inaction would be much higher; emphasises that ***climate measures should be accompanied by adequate just transition measures to support the creation of decent and sustainable quality jobs, reskilling of workers, and creating social infrastructure and that*** the Union budget is at the heart of efforts to make a just transition towards a greener and more resilient Union in which no one is left behind; ***highlights the urgency of adopting instruments that protect vulnerable groups from both the impact of climate change and pollution and that prevent them from suffering any negative social consequence that might arise from the implementation of the European Green Deal climate actions;*** in that regard, highlights the need to fully implement the Just Transition Mechanism ***by focusing on social well-being and individuals' needs and stresses that the SURE mechanism if implemented on a permanent basis could be a valuable tool in this respect;***

Or. en

Amendment 34

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cosigned by Marc Angel, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brglez, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius

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Paragraph 5 a (new)

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Amendment

5a. ***Recalls that the transition to a digital and climate-neutral economy,***

which delivers for decent working conditions and fully respects labour rights, will require massive investment to adapt industrial production facilities and improve related infrastructures; believes that well-equipped public employment services are needed to implement active labour market policies and to perform the outreach strategies identified to undergo the digital and green transition;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Alex Agius Saliba

cosigned by Marc Angel, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brgež, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

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Amendment

5b. *Advocates for a stronger interaction between the new Fit for 55 package and the EPSR as any legislative proposals on climate should be accompanied by adequate social measures to guarantee a just transition as well as the creation of quality jobs; Welcomes the Commission proposal for a Social Climate Fund to cushion the negative social impact of extending emissions trading to the building and road transport sectors; warns that the instrument proposed is clearly insufficient both in its aims and in its funding and believes that it should also be used to promote high quality employment and decent working conditions; insists that in order to design new generation game changer policies, social and environmental policies and objectives must be integrated on an equal footing with economic ones;*

Or. en

Amendment 36
Eugen Tomac

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6. Stresses the need for investment in research and innovation in green technologies **and** processes, including with a view to giving the Union a competitive edge in the future net-zero economy, and highlights Horizon Europe in that context; considers that the Union must make full use of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) to modernise and connect its transport and energy infrastructure;

Amendment

6. Stresses the need for investment in research and innovation in green technologies, processes, **and skills**, including with a view to giving the Union a competitive edge in the future net-zero economy, and highlights Horizon Europe in that context; considers that the Union must make full use of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) to modernise and connect its transport and energy infrastructure;

Or. en

Amendment 37
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8. Considers it essential to Union competitiveness to further digitalise the economy and the public sector; believes that a successful digital transition requires research and innovation efforts under Horizon Europe, significant investment in digital infrastructure through CEF-Digital, and support in areas such as artificial intelligence and cybersecurity through the Digital Europe Programme; ***points to the need to tackle the digital skills gap by promoting advanced digital skills;***

Amendment

8. Considers it essential to Union competitiveness to further digitalise the economy and the public sector ***by speeding up the second phase of digitalisation, increasing public funding and overcoming fragmentation, while ensuring a level-playing field for all economic actors, combating monopolies and the undue exploitation of market power, guaranteeing labour rights and decent jobs for platform workers and fully respecting the GDPR;*** believes that a successful digital transition requires research and innovation efforts under Horizon Europe, significant investment in

digital infrastructure through CEF-Digital, and support in areas such as artificial intelligence and cybersecurity through the Digital Europe Programme, *and investments in adapting industrial production facilities and improving related infrastructures, connectivity, network security, and the future organisation of work in order to deliver social and organisational support to workers; stresses in this regard the need to invest in ensuring decent working conditions in terms of the AI, as well as the recent increase of teleworking and the right to disconnect;*

Or. en

Amendment 38
Eugen Tomac

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Amendment

8. Considers it essential to Union competitiveness to further digitalise the economy and the public sector; ***highlights the importance of strengthening the Union's education and training programs in line with socio-economic needs of the future labour market, supporting workers, children, youth and teachers; stresses the need for unemployment prevention mechanisms and professional reconversion tools to be made available to workers in order to sustainably support the green and digital transitions;*** believes that a successful digital transition requires research and innovation efforts under Horizon Europe, significant investment in digital infrastructure through CEF-Digital, and support in areas such as artificial intelligence and cybersecurity through the Digital Europe Programme; points to the

need to tackle the digital skills gap by promoting advanced digital skills; ***acknowledges the advantages brought by digital transformation and artificial intelligence in regards to the creation of new jobs; stresses, however, that automatisisation and artificial intelligence might also lead to loss of jobs and disruptions in the labour market and recalls the need for adequate protection of workers affected by these changes;***

Or. en

Amendment 39

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Considers it essential to Union competitiveness to further digitalise the economy and the public sector; believes that a successful digital transition requires research and innovation efforts under Horizon Europe, significant investment in digital infrastructure through CEF-Digital, and support in areas such as artificial intelligence and cybersecurity through the Digital Europe Programme; points to the need to tackle the digital skills gap by promoting advanced digital skills;

Amendment

8. Considers it essential to Union competitiveness to further digitalise the economy and the public sector; believes that a successful digital transition requires research and innovation efforts under Horizon Europe, significant investment in digital infrastructure through CEF-Digital, and support in areas such as artificial intelligence and cybersecurity through the Digital Europe Programme; points to the need to tackle the digital skills gap by promoting advanced digital skills ***and equal access to such training programmes, not least by ensuring that EU funds target advanced digital skills;***

Or. en

Amendment 40

El bieta Rafalska

on behalf of the ECR Group

cosigned by Beata Szydło, Anna Zalewska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Considers it essential to Union competitiveness to further digitalise the economy and the public sector; believes that a successful digital transition requires research and innovation efforts under Horizon Europe, significant investment in digital infrastructure through CEF-Digital, and support in areas such as artificial intelligence and cybersecurity through the Digital Europe Programme; points to the need to tackle the digital skills gap by promoting advanced digital skills;

Amendment

8. Considers it essential to Union competitiveness to further digitalise the economy and the public sector; believes that a successful digital transition requires research and innovation efforts under Horizon Europe, significant investment in digital infrastructure through CEF-Digital, and support in areas such as artificial intelligence and cybersecurity through the Digital Europe Programme; points to the need to tackle the digital skills gap by promoting advanced digital skills; ***notes the need for investment in digital skills for older people and people living in remote areas;***

Or. en

Amendment 41

Alex Agius Saliba

cosigned by Marc Angel, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brglez, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Points to the need to address future skills policies and measures to support labour market transition and better adjustment to demographic change, automatisisation and digitalisation, particularly by improving the policy framework for quality and inclusive education and training, also guaranteeing the right to adult learning and access to upskilling and reskilling trainings, paid educational leave, full qualification, validation of informal and non-formal

learning, and guidance and counselling;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Eugen Tomac

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Recognises the contribution of Union funding programmes to the economic recovery, and in particular to supporting SMEs; in that connection, highlights InvestEU, and its SME window as well as the possibility under the programme for SMEs negatively affected by the pandemic to receive *capital* support; highlights the need for sufficient funding for the Single Market Programme;

Amendment

9. Recognises the contribution of Union funding programmes to the economic recovery, and in particular to supporting SMEs *and micro-enterprises*; in that connection, highlights InvestEU, and its SME window as well as the possibility under the programme for SMEs negatively affected by the pandemic to receive *financial and technical* support; highlights the need for sufficient funding for the Single Market Programme; *Recalls that small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) constitute the backbone of the European economy and acknowledges their role in the creation of quality jobs and economic prosperity;*

Or. en

Amendment 43
Alex Agius Saliba

cosigned by Marc Angel, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brglez, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion
Title (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Promoting Strong Social Recovery from the pandemic

Or. en

Amendment 44

Alex Agius Saliba

cosigned by Marc Angel, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Vilija

Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brgež, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Believes that addressing social gaps with EU and governments' budgets through social investment in key policy areas improving the living and working conditions for people who are affected by both the pandemic crisis and by transition of the accelerating green and digital transformations should be at the heart of the recovery strategy of the EU; stresses that until the economic effects of the pandemic are visible such measures must 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 45

Alex Agius Saliba

cosigned by Marc Angel, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Vilija

Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brgež, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9b. Considers that detecting social risks and taking into account the pandemic divergent employment effects and long-term unemployment across particular industries should be adequately addressed and prevented as much as possible; stresses, in this regard, the need

to invest in measures tackling the risks of precarious working conditions, working time organisation, work-life balance, job-to-job transitions and mobility of the workforce;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Alex Agius Saliba

cosigned by Marc Angel, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brglez, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9c. Recognises the crucial role of all European funds and programmes in the social area, in particular the European Social Fund + (ESF+), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the ReactEU with its additional resources for the European Social Fund (ESF), Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD), Recovery and Resiliency Facility (RRF), etc.; insists therefore that in the next years' recovery all programmes in the social area and in particular the ESF+, and the FEAD, are adequately financed to overcome rising unemployment and poverty in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Alex Agius Saliba

cosigned by Marc Angel, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brglez, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9d. *Is of the opinion that the principles of upward convergence and social progress must guide the adoption of the Porto targets on employment, poverty and education/training and the adoption of sub-targets at national level; calls on the Commission to present a Sustainable Development Goal expenditure tracking methodology for the EU budget, that can also be used to assess the National Recovery Plans investments;*

Or. en

Amendment 48

Alex Agius Saliba

cosigned by Marc Angel, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brgež, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9e. *Recognises that ESF + and the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) must contribute to the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights by putting its principles into practice and mainstreaming social objectives in all relevant legislation, policies and implementing plans linked to Next Generation EU; stresses that adequate resource should be allocated to fund and implement the EPSR Action Plan adopted in Porto and to achieve the Porto's headline targets; calls in this regard on the Commission to ensure adequate staffing to support this task; believes that the Porto's poverty targets should be detailed better in all NRRPs and at EU level with an action plan and a strong anti-poverty strategy supported by substantial investments that addresses all*

aspects of poverty, including in-work poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Alex Agius Saliba

cosigned by Marc Angel, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brglez, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9f. Stresses that the RRF and public incentives to support employment must be conditioned to the creation of fairly remunerated jobs, the respect of labour rights and health and safety of workers, and the observation of the social and fiscal obligations of employers, including the right to collective bargaining; is of the opinion that the RRF should be made permanent and include a minimum 30% of the funds to be social investment strengthening social welfare systems and investing in social security, access to healthcare and education, affordable housing, employment, justice and social services for vulnerable groups;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Alex Agius Saliba

cosigned by Marc Angel, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brglez, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9g. Calls for the Social Scoreboard and well-being indicators to measure the overall impact of different funds,

instruments and facilities financed under the MFF and NGEU; Calls on the European Commission to develop the methodology for tracking the social expenditure in the EU budget based on the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Alex Agius Saliba

cosigned by Marc Angel, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brglez, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9h. Calls for maintaining support for short-time employment and workers' income schemes and other forms of support to employment and income until the pandemic and its economic consequences subside and building on the positive experience of SURE urges the Commission to introduce a permanent instrument in form of a European Unemployment Reinsurance Scheme to protect employment and fight against unemployment, including the preservation of jobs and workers' income in situations of external shocks;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Alex Agius Saliba

cosigned by Marc Angel, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brglez, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 i (new)

9i. *Stresses that social dialogue and collective bargaining are crucial to ensure equality, social cohesion, social mobility and sustainable growth; recalls that social dialogue and social partners must be a cornerstone of the Recovery Plan and that the national recovery and resilient plans (NRRPs) should be aligned to the EPSR Action plan and the Porto's Headline Targets; Stresses the importance of the partnership principle, in order to ensure the involvement of social partners in all stages of the planning, design, implementation and monitoring of projects financed by the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF), as well as in other relevant EU funds, including the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RFF), REACT EU;*

Or. en

Amendment 53

El bieta Rafalska

on behalf of the ECR Group

Beata Szydło, Anna Zalewska

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Considers it essential for the Union's credibility to ensure the proper use of Union funds and to take all steps to protect the Union's financial interests; ***emphasises the clear link between respect for the rule of law and efficient implementation of the Union budget in accordance with the principles of sound financial management; considers that Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2092 on a general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget should be applied immediately and in full;*** believes

Amendment

10. Considers it essential for the Union's credibility to ensure the proper use of Union funds and to take all steps to protect the Union's financial interests; believes that adequate resources should be made available to Union bodies in this field, such as the European Public Prosecutor's Office, OLAF, or Eurojust;

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Or. en

Amendment 54
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Considers it essential for the Union's credibility to ensure the proper use of Union funds and to take all steps to protect the Union's financial interests; emphasises the clear link between respect for the rule of law and efficient implementation of the Union budget in accordance with the principles of sound financial management; considers that Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2092 on a general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget should be applied immediately and in full; believes that adequate resources should be made available to Union bodies in this field, such as the European Public Prosecutor's Office, OLAF, or Eurojust;

Amendment

10. Considers it essential for the Union's credibility to ensure the proper use of Union funds and to take all steps to protect the Union's financial interests; emphasises the clear link between respect for the rule of law and efficient implementation of the Union budget in accordance with the principles of sound financial management; considers that Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2092 on a general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget should be applied immediately and in full; believes that adequate resources should be made available to Union bodies in this field, such as the European Public Prosecutor's Office, OLAF, **FRA**, or Eurojust;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 -a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10-a. *Rejects the existence of sanctions*

mechanisms within the EU, such as the macroeconomic conditionality and the rule of law mechanism;

Or. en

Amendment 56

El bieta Rafalska

on behalf of the ECR Group

cosigned by **Beata Szydło, Anna Zalewska**

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Emphasises *that the rule of law protects* the *other* fundamental values on which the Union is founded *and is intrinsically linked to respect for democracy and fundamental rights*; highlights the importance of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme in sustaining and further developing open, rights-based, democratic, equal and inclusive societies;

Amendment

11. Emphasises the fundamental values on which the Union is founded; highlights the importance of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme in sustaining and further developing open, rights-based, democratic, equal and inclusive societies;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Terry Reintke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Emphasises that the rule of law protects the other fundamental values on which the Union is founded and is intrinsically linked to respect for democracy *and* fundamental rights; highlights the importance of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme in sustaining and further developing open,

Amendment

11. Emphasises that the rule of law protects the other fundamental values on which the Union is founded and is intrinsically linked to respect for democracy, fundamental rights *and media freedom*; *stresses that the promotion of European values and*

rights-based, democratic, equal and inclusive societies;

*cultures plays an active role in supporting democracy, non-discrimination and gender equality, and tackling disinformation and fake news; highlights the importance of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme in sustaining and further developing open, rights-based, democratic, equal and inclusive societies, **underlines the need to provide sufficient funding for this programme and to reinforce the resources dedicated to supporting victims of gender-based violence through Daphne programme;***

Or. en

Amendment 58
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11a. Reminds that women have been particularly negatively affected by the economic and social crisis stemming from the Covid-19 pandemic, including the growth of the cases of gender based violence; requests in this regards increased funding for the Daphne Programme; highlights that gender mainstreaming and gender equality is a key building stone for allowing Europe to reach its full potential; underlines the important role played by the European Institute for Gender Equality and the need to ensure adequate funding and staff for its tasks;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Eugen Tomac

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Recognises that the COVID-19 crisis has had a severe negative impact on young people and has led to lost opportunities and diminished prospects; believes strongly that the 2023 budget should include a focus on youth, building on the momentum of the 2022 European Year of Youth; highlights the importance of Erasmus+, which should become more inclusive, offering greater opportunities to people from disadvantaged backgrounds;

Amendment

12. Recognises that the COVID-19 crisis has had a severe negative impact on young people and has led to lost opportunities and diminished prospects; ***stresses that young people are more likely than other groups to experience precarious work situations, financial insecurity and mental health problems due to the COVID-19 crisis***; believes strongly that the 2023 budget should include a focus on youth, building on the momentum of the 2022 European Year of Youth; highlights the importance of Erasmus+, which should become more inclusive, offering greater opportunities to people from disadvantaged backgrounds; ***underlines in this context the importance of strengthening EU education programs while at the same time aligning training and education with the needs of the economy and the society of the future; inclusive education and training systems must be reformed and updated to adapt the qualifications of workers to the requirements of the labour market; emphasises the positive impact of education on social cohesion, which is a precondition for economic growth, job creation and employment; underlines the need for policymakers at both EU and national level to facilitate and support young people (re-) entering and staying in the labour market, accessing good quality housing, and completing their educational trajectory and developing skills, including digital and green skills; stresses that adequate funding should be allocated to the Youth Guarantee and that Member States should be encouraged to make full use of these funds in order to improve young people's access to the labour***

market;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Recognises that the COVID-19 crisis has had a severe negative impact on young *people* and has led to lost opportunities and diminished prospects; believes strongly that the 2023 budget should include a focus on youth, building on the momentum of the 2022 European Year of Youth; highlights the importance of Erasmus+, which should become more inclusive, *offering greater* opportunities to people *from* disadvantaged *backgrounds*;

Amendment

12. Recognises that the COVID-19 crisis has had a severe negative impact on young people's *mental health* and has led to lost opportunities and diminished *professional and personal* prospects; believes strongly that the 2023 budget should include a focus on *mainstreaming* youth *across policy areas*, building on the momentum of the 2022 European Year of Youth *and the European Pillar of Social Rights*; highlights the importance of Erasmus+, which should become more inclusive, *affordable, greener, and offer more accessible* opportunities to people *in* disadvantaged *situations such as Roma people or those with a migrant background, lower economic income and socio-economic support, the LGBTIQ+ community and people with disabilities*;

Or. en

Amendment 61
El bieta Rafalska
on behalf of the ECR Group
cosigned by Beata Szydło, Anna Zalewska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

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12. Recognises that the COVID-19

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crisis has had a severe negative impact on young people and has led to lost opportunities and diminished prospects; believes strongly that the 2023 budget should include a focus on youth, building on the momentum of the 2022 European Year of Youth; highlights the importance of Erasmus+, which should become more inclusive, offering greater opportunities to *people from disadvantaged backgrounds*;

crisis has had a severe negative impact on young people and has led to lost opportunities and diminished prospects; believes strongly that the 2023 budget should include a focus on youth, building on the momentum of the 2022 European Year of Youth; highlights the importance of Erasmus+, which should become more inclusive, offering greater opportunities to *all*;

Or. en

Amendment 62

Alex Agius Saliba

cosigned by Marc Angel, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brglez, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Recognises that the COVID-19 crisis has had a severe negative impact on *young people and* has led to lost opportunities and diminished prospects; believes strongly that the 2023 budget should include a focus on youth, building on the momentum of the 2022 European Year of Youth; highlights the importance of Erasmus+, which should become more inclusive, offering *greater* opportunities to people from disadvantaged backgrounds;

Amendment

12. Recognises that the COVID-19 crisis has had a severe negative impact on *youth, their employment perspectives, working conditions and mental health, which* has led to lost opportunities and diminished prospects; believes strongly that the 2023 budget should include a focus on youth, building on the momentum of the 2022 European Year of Youth; highlights the importance of *Reinforced Youth Guarantee and* Erasmus+, which should become more inclusive, offering *diversity, equal opportunities and access* to people from disadvantaged backgrounds *and ensuring sustainable and quality learning, training and working placements*;

Or. en

Amendment 63

Lucia Čerňáková

cosigned by Sylvie Brunet, Marie Pierre Vedrenne, Veronique Trillet Lenoir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Recognises that the COVID-19 crisis has had a severe negative impact on young people and has led to lost opportunities and diminished prospects; believes strongly that the 2023 budget should include a focus on youth, building on the momentum of the 2022 European Year of Youth; highlights the importance of Erasmus+, which should become more inclusive, offering greater opportunities to people from disadvantaged backgrounds;

Amendment

12. Recognises that the COVID-19 crisis has had a severe negative impact on young people, ***in particular on their mental health*** and has led to lost opportunities and diminished prospects; believes strongly that the 2023 budget should include a focus on youth ***and offer possibilities to support them in new challenges that the pandemic has brought to them, especially as regards mental health***, building on the momentum of the 2022 European Year of Youth; highlights the importance of Erasmus+, which should become more inclusive, offering greater opportunities to people from disadvantaged backgrounds;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Alex Agius Saliba

cosigned by Marc Angel, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Vilija

Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brglez, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12a. Calls on Member States and the Commission to make combating youth unemployment a priority, in particular as part of the European recovery effort, to make full use of financial instruments such as the Youth Guarantee (YG), and to take tailored action to tackle youth unemployment; calls on all Member States, not only those the 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;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12a. Underlines that the link between socio-economic factors, such as unemployment, housing insecurity, academic pressures and mental health and well-being must be addressed to ensure a holistic approach towards mental health is adopted at an EU-level; calls, therefore, for Member States to make mental health an integral part of the EU's socio-economic recovery from the pandemic and an occupational health priority, in particular in educational and workplace environments and to address health inequalities through the provision of adequate support to vulnerable groups of young people; calls on the Commission to ensure that the mental health of young people is a strategic priority of upmost importance in the upcoming EU care strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Alex Agius Saliba
cosigned by Marc Angel, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brglez, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius
Draft opinion
Paragraph 13

Draft opinion

13. Points also to the need to bolster the European Solidarity Corps (ESC), which helps young people gain practical experience in another Member State thereby increasing their employability and life chances; ***recalls the importance of activities for young people under the European Social Fund Plus, in particular with regard to training, and the RRF;***

Amendment

13. Points also to the need to bolster the European Solidarity Corps (ESC), which helps young people gain practical experience in another Member State thereby increasing their employability and life chances;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Lucia uriš Nicholsonová

cosigned by Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Sylvie Brunet, Marie Pierre Vedrenne, Veronique Trillet Lenoir

Draft opinion

Paragraph 13

Draft opinion

13. Points also to the need to bolster the European Solidarity Corps (ESC), which helps young people gain practical experience in another Member State thereby increasing their employability and life chances; recalls the importance of activities for young people under the European Social Fund Plus, in particular with regard to training, and the RRF;

Amendment

13. Points also to the need to bolster the European Solidarity Corps (ESC), which helps young people gain practical experience in another Member State thereby increasing their employability and life chances ***as well as their pro-EU sentiment***; recalls the importance of activities for young people under the European Social Fund Plus, in particular with regard to training, and the RRF;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Eugen Tomac

Draft opinion

Paragraph 13

Draft opinion

13. Points also to the need to bolster the European Solidarity Corps (ESC), which helps young people gain practical experience in another Member State thereby increasing their employability and life chances; recalls the importance of activities for young people under the European Social Fund Plus, in particular with regard to training, and the RRF;

Amendment

13. Points also to the need to bolster the European Solidarity Corps (ESC), which helps young people gain practical experience in another Member State thereby increasing their employability and life chances; recalls the importance of activities for young people under the European Social Fund Plus, in particular with regard to training, and the RRF ***and the importance of investing in upskilling and lifelong learning;***

Or. en

Amendment 69
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13

Draft opinion

13. Points also to the need to bolster the European Solidarity Corps (ESC), which helps young people gain practical experience in another Member State thereby increasing their employability and life chances; recalls the importance of activities for young people under the European Social Fund Plus, in particular with regard to training, and the RRF;

Amendment

13. Points also to the need to bolster the European Solidarity Corps (ESC), ***and the Reinforced Youth Guarantee*** which helps young people gain practical experience in another Member State thereby increasing their employability and life chances; recalls the importance of activities for young people under the European Social Fund Plus, in particular with regard to training, and the RRF; ***notes with concern the worsening of conditions for many young people in general and in particular vulnerable young people already suffering from long-term unemployment and social exclusion and calls for a coordinated approach in creating and offering them opportunities for social inclusion in the framework of the Reinforced Youth Guarantee, ESF+ and the RRF;***

Or. en

Amendment 70
Eugen Tomac

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

13b. Stresses that in the context of recovery from the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, tackling child poverty and social exclusion are essential to prevent a lost generation; 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; calls on the Member States to effectively implement European Child Guarantee across the Union by mainstreaming the Guarantee across all relevant policy sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Alex Agius Saliba
cosigned by Marc Angel, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brgelez, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

13a. Deplores the fact that more than a quarter of all children in the EU are in or 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; welcomes, in this regard, the creation of the

European Child Guarantee in order to help ensure that every child in Europe at risk of poverty or social exclusion has free and effective access to the most basic set of rights such as high quality healthcare, early childhood education and care and education, adequate nutrition and decent housing; calls in this regard on all Member States, not only those the most affected by the child poverty, to allocate at least 5 % of the ESF+ resources under shared management to support activities under the European Child Guarantee; moreover calls on the Commission to make available and on the Member States to make use of all possible resources for the implementation of the Child Guarantee including the ESF+, ReactEU, RRF, etc;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

13a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the new ALMA initiative reaches young people, in particular disadvantaged young people aged 18 to 29 not in employment, education or training (NEETs), via the involvement of civil society organisations and social partners on the ground; recalls that for the most disadvantaged groups of young people, guidance will be key in finding temporary work experience in another Member State, as well as being accompanied before, during and after the participation in the program in order to lead young people towards quality employment opportunities; insists that placements

undertaken through ALMA must comply with minimum quality standards that uphold young people's labour rights such as fair remuneration and access to social protection; urges the Commission to ensure the added value of ALMA in addition to the existing opportunities under Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps; calls to put in place an inclusion strategy in order to ensure equal access to ALMA for all young people, prevent discrimination and address barriers that might occur;

Or. en

Amendment 73

Alex Agius Saliba

cosigned by Marc Angel, Alicia Homs Ginel, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brgež, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 14

Draft opinion

14. Recalls that the pandemic has severely impacted older people too; notes that Erasmus+ offers opportunities for adults and seniors and calls on the Commission to ensure that they benefit more from it; points to the need to ensure mobility and volunteering for seniors similar to what young people enjoy under the ESC;

Amendment

14. Recalls that the pandemic has severely impacted older people too, ***once again exposing 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 should underline the importance of safeguarding and promoting the dignity of the older persons and their fundamental rights in the EU by introducing an “ageing-in-dignity” criteria; 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;*** notes that Erasmus+ offers opportunities for adults and seniors and calls on the Commission to ensure that they benefit more from it; points to the

need to ensure mobility and volunteering for seniors similar to what young people enjoy under the ESC;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 15 -a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

15-a. Calls for the appropriations foreseen for the Common Security and Defence Policy and the European Neighbourhood Policy to be allocated in full to policies supporting economic, social and territorial cohesion, aiming at, among other objectives, achieving and ensuring the respect on the highest standards on labour and social rights;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Eugen Tomac

Draft opinion
Paragraph 19 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

19b. Stresses the need to adopt ambitious policies in order to tackle social exclusion and fight poverty, including child poverty, as well as ensuring decent working conditions and their effective enforcement, employment security, adequate social protection, gender-balanced opportunities and fostering a safe environment and wellbeing for all in the Union, without leaving anyone

behind;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Eugen Tomac

Draft opinion
Paragraph 19 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

19c. *Recalls that women have been more widely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in terms of job loss, health risks, precarious working conditions, pre-existing employment inequalities and care responsibilities and calls for adequate funding to support measures for the promotion of equality and equal access to the labour market;*

Or. en

Amendment 77
Alex Agius Saliba

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Draft opinion
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

22a. *Underlines that the European Parliament and other EU institutions should set the example to protect essential workers and maintain their jobs during the pandemic; expresses, in this sense, strong concern over the contracts and working conditions of the workers providing essential and structural services to the EU institutions, such as cleaning and catering; calls in this regard on the European institutions to ensure decent*

working conditions to all employees, including workers in the subcontracting chain and external staff and to explore the possibility of insourcing external jobs and services with its own employment services;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

23a. Calls for the implementation of gender budgeting by assigning budget allocations taking into account a gender-responsive evaluation of the previous budgetary period and ensuring equal participation in the budgetary process; stresses that gender budgeting also requires linking the budget to gender equality objectives defined in each policy area, tracing spending on gender equality and ensuring a gender-sensitive review of the programmes and spending to adjust them in the following period;

Or. en

Amendment 79

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Draft opinion
Paragraph 24

Draft opinion

Amendment

24. Recalls that the Commission must implement, no later than 1 January 2023

24. Calls for a mainstreaming of gender responsive budget to better align

and for certain centrally managed programmes, a methodology to measure expenditure relevant to the promotion of gender equality as well as rights and equal opportunities for all;

policies and activities that promote the equal participation of women in the labour market and to have comprehensive systems to monitor and measure gender budget allocations, women participation in the labour market, access to apical positions, and employment and pay gaps; recalls that the Commission must implement, no later than 1 January 2023 and for certain centrally managed programmes, a methodology to measure expenditure relevant to the promotion of gender equality as well as rights and equal opportunities for all;

Or. en

Amendment 80

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

24a. *Recalls that women are more widely affected by the pandemic and are more at risk of suffering the employment and social fallout of the crisis as the gender gap widened during the pandemic; Stresses that employment headline target adopted in Porto can only be achieved by adopting ambitious targets at national level to include women in the labour market, creating incentives, infrastructures and removing barriers and discriminations; strongly promotes solutions to stop direct and indirect discrimination affecting women, raise the pay levels of sectors that are highly feminised and poorly remunerate and promote equality and equal access to the labour market, in particular in sectors that will greatly benefit from investments*

and subsidies during the recovery;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

24a. 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 solutions to stop direct and indirect discrimination affecting women during the crisis; stresses the importance of increased funding to support measures for the promotion of equality and equal access to the labour market for men and women; strongly believes that gender responsive budgeting must be mainstreamed in the 2023 general budget to better align policies and activities that promote the equal participation of women in the labour market and to have comprehensive systems to monitor and measure gender budget allocations; recalls the importance of ambitious funding and other instruments that promote the support of anti-discrimination legislation and policies and the implementation thereof;

Or. en

Amendment 82
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Draft opinion
Paragraph 25

Draft opinion

25. Recalls the essential work carried out by decentralised agencies; considers that agencies must be properly staffed and adequately resourced so that they can perform their tasks;

Amendment

25. Recalls the essential work carried out by decentralised agencies; considers that agencies must be properly staffed and adequately resourced so that they can perform their tasks; ***insists, in particular, on a proper staffing and financing of the new European Labour Authority;***

Or. en

Amendment 83

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Blinkevičiūtė, Milan Brgež, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 25 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

25a. Reiterates that pilot projects (PPs) and preparatory actions (PAs) are very valuable tools to initiate new activities and policies in the fields of employment and social inclusion and that several ideas of the EMPL Committee have been implemented successfully in the past as PPs/PAs; Calls for the implementation of PPs/PAs to be transparent and in line with their adopted objectives and recommendations; calls the Commission to prioritise, for efficiency reasons, the implementation of these projects and actions through Union agencies when they fall under their areas of expertise;

Or. en

Amendment 84

Terry Reintke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 26 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

26a. Strongly supports cohesion funding as the prime funding instrument of the EU budget that enables economic, social and territorial cohesion, and one of the cornerstones of the recovery; highlights its role in reaching EU strategic objectives such as employment, fight against poverty, gender equality, climate neutral economy, and innovation, and as a driving force of a more inclusive and sustainable Union; highlights that the regional policy must play a key role in boosting equal job opportunities among all genders and supporting the re-skilling of workers by providing adequate life-long training;

Or. en