

# EMPL Resolution on Empowering European Youth : post-pandemic employment and social recovery

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1. Welcomes the fact that President von der Leyen designated 2022 as the **European Year of Youth (86Gr)**; considers that 2022 should **provide an additional impetus (86Gr, 87RE, 88SD, 89TL) for the proper and full implementation (90EPP)** of the European youth strategy through ambitious **actions to address challenges faced by young people, in particular because of the negative effects of the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic (CULT, Rap), and the concrete implementation of other existing tools such as the Reinforced Youth Guarantee (87RE)** to combat the **employment and social (90EPP)** effects of COVID-19; **calls on the Commission and the Council to ensure the intersectional framing of all policies targeting youth, taking into account the diversity of young people across Europe and the challenges they face (86Gr, 87RE, 88SD, 209SD); considers that the EYY should (Rap) contribute to the implementation of principles 1 and 3 of the European Pillar of Social Rights (88SD);**

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2. ***Commends (93EPP)*** the inclusion of mental health as one of the priorities in the youth goals ***such as specified (EPP)*** within the EYY ***and calls on the Commission to prioritise it also in the upcoming EU care strategy; underlines that the link between socio-economic factors, such as unemployment, housing insecurity, mental health and wellbeing must be addressed to ensure a holistic and comprehensive approach towards mental health that needs to be adopted at EU-level (93EPP, 95 RE); highlights that uncertainty about the future, including the impact of climate change, has detrimental effect on the mental health of youth (EPP)***<sup>1</sup>; ***calls therefore, for (93EPP)*** the Member States to make mental health an integral part of the EU's ***socio-economic (93EPP)*** recovery from the pandemic and an occupational health priority, in particular in educational and workplace environments; ***calls to make mental health care accessible and affordable for all age groups, especially in early ages (94Gr), and to address health inequalities through the provision of adequate support to vulnerable groups of young people (93EPP); calls on the Commission to conduct a thorough study on different causes of psychological discomfort of young people in Europe (96EPP);***

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<sup>1</sup> Source <https://medies.net/246469-2/>

#### **Amendment 100**

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#### **Amendment 101**

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#### **Amendment 102**

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#### **Amendment 171**

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3. Stresses the vital role that young people must play in shaping employment and social policies in Europe; welcomes the EU youth dialogue and the youth work **and youth organisations that bring (98Gr)** the EU closer to young people **provided that youth participation processes are followed by concrete initiative (EPP) from decision makers (Greens, 99TL)**; encourages the promotion of the co-management principle in the development of youth policies **working with young people and youth representatives (99TL)**; calls on the Commission to recognise the positive impact of the third sector, including youth organisations, and the non-formal and informal learning opportunities that they provide through, **but not limited to (103SD)**, volunteering **and youth participation (98Gr) while formally recognising the knowledge and skills gained, in order to help young people strengthen their perspectives on the labour market (101EPP)**; encourages the **recognition of civic engagement as meritorious (EPP) work experience when hiring individuals (171RE)**; calls on the Commission to consider supporting the European Youth Capitals project as a continuation of 2022 EYY (102RE); calls on the Commission and the Member States to take into consideration a youth clause assessing the impact on youth, across policy areas, when putting forward new initiatives;

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4. Calls on the Commission and Council to ***make full and optimal (EPP) (Greens) use of the funding available*** (EPP 109) under the multiannual financial framework 2021-2027 without prejudice to the programmes already established under the ESF+, following structural problems related to youth unemployment and poverty; ***recalls that Outermost regions are particularly affected by these issues and therefore need in this respect specific support (RE 107)***; welcomes, in this respect, the availability of funds (SD) under the RRF<sup>2</sup> for measures dedicated to children and young people ***and expects it to lead to significant opportunities being created for European youth (RE 106)***; ***calls to involve social partners (EPP) youth organisations and social partners in the monitoring and evaluation of the national recovery and resilience plans (EPP)***; ***calls on Member States to ensure the Just Transition Fund and the ESF+ support integrated plans at local level to help upskilling and reskilling especially for the most vulnerable groups (Greens 110) affected by the transition (ECR)***;

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<sup>2</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/business-economy-euro/recovery-coronavirus/recovery-and-resilience-facility/information-provided-european-parliament-or-council-recovery-and-resilience-plans\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/business-economy-euro/recovery-coronavirus/recovery-and-resilience-facility/information-provided-european-parliament-or-council-recovery-and-resilience-plans_en); <https://www.bruegel.org/publications/datasets/european-union-countries-recovery-and-resilience-plans/>; [https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/2021\\_06\\_17\\_factual\\_information\\_3.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/2021_06_17_factual_information_3.pdf)

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5. Calls on the Member States to ensure complementarity between measures under the RRF, other EU programmes ***such as the European Youth Guarantee and the European Child Guarantee (114 SD)*** and national ***investments and measures to promote skills, education, training and labour market integration (SD,111EPP)***; ***in compliance with their own identified needs and specific national conditions (112EPP)***; ***calls on the European Commission to continue monitoring (Rap) investment and spending on youth priorities within the Next Generation EU, RRF and ESF+ (113TL, 116Gr, 117SD) and to keep Parliament closely involved (SD, Gr)***; recalls the opportunity provided by the InvestEU social investment and skills window to generate social impact investments; ***takes note of the increasing attention paid to the concept of social impact bonds (111EPP)*** and social outcome contracts aimed at young people while also involving the private sector in their design and implementation;

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6. ***Notes with concern that the Youth Guarantee has so far not fully reached its goals (Greens, SD) and (121RE)*** calls for reinforced measures ***including making full use of the opportunities provided by (124EPP)*** the ESF+, to promote employment through active

interventions for labour market integration and the creation of sustainable *(TL, SD, Greens, EPP) (122Gr, 123SD, 125TL)* entry-level positions ***which ensure that (SD) young people have access to social security and fair (EPP, SD) remuneration (121RE)***; Calls on the ***Commission to request (121RE, 123SD, 125TL)*** Member States to present updated Reinforced Youth Guarantee schemes ***and to introduce a (SD) framework with clear and binding (SD) quality standards for offers provided under the initiatives to promote positive and sustainable outcomes for young people and successful transition to the labour market (SD) (121RE, 122Gr, 123SD, 125TL)***; calls on the Commission ***and Member States to encourage (122Gr)*** companies to play an active role in the reinforced youth guarantee; ***recalls one of the ESF+ objectives is to promote a gender-balanced participation in the labour market through measures that aim to ensure, inter alia, equal working conditions, improved work-life balance and access to childcare, including early childhood education and care; recalls that the ESF+ should also aim to provide a healthy and well-adapted working environment in order to respond to health risks related to changing forms of work, and the needs of the ageing workforce (121RE)***;

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7. ***Recalls that partnerships with stakeholders are a key element of the reinforced youth guarantee, but no formal body or mechanism currently exists at EU level for their participation in the monitoring and implementation of the youth guarantee schemes (EPP, 127Gr, 128SD, 129TL, 130EPP, 131RE)***; calls on the ***Commission to monitor the implementation of the Reinforced Youth Guarantee schemes through the Employment Committee (EMCO) and to regularly report to the EMCO on the implementation and results of Youth Guarantee schemes (124EPP) while keeping the Parliament (SD) informed***; invites the Commission to set up a ***working group (130EPP)*** for the implementation of the reinforced youth guarantee, bringing together relevant stakeholders ***including civic***

***partners, youth organisations and social partners (127Gr, 128SD) in the work of the EMCO, to facilitate coordination and the exchange of best practices between EU and national authorities, together with civic partners and youth organisations **as well as to assess its impact on a regular basis (Greens) and propose recommendations for improvement (127Gr);*****

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### **Amendment 143**

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9. Calls on the Member States to facilitate access for young people to paid, quality (SD) and ***inclusive (139Gr)*** traineeships and apprenticeships; calls for the reinforcement of monitoring schemes, ensuring that young people receive adequate and quality ***first working experience (137TL, 140SD)***, opportunities for upskilling and new qualifications or credentials; ***condemns the practice of (140SD) unpaid internships as a form of exploitation of young workers (140SD), and a violation of their rights, and calls on the European Commission and the Member States, in collaboration with Parliament, and while respecting the principle of subsidiarity, to propose a common legal framework to ensure fair remuneration for traineeships and apprenticeships (137TL, 138EPP, 140SD) in order to avoid (Greens) exploitative practices (Rap, 143ECR); condemns the practice of zero-hour contracts (SD) and calls on the Member States to provide support to employers providing traineeships and apprenticeships to young persons with disabilities (141EPP);***

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11. Underlines that digital skills are essential for **young people and (SD, Greens)** all industries **in the 21st century (153SD)** and invites the Commission **and the Member States (155Gr, 154EPP) to consider developing ( SD)(154EPP)** permanent, certified and free access



for young people to online and offline (Greens) courses for digital skills and literacy in all EU languages in partnership with **public entities and (157TL)** private companies; calls for the creation of exchange spaces on e-learning and e-teaching; insists that the EU and the Member States develop more programmes such as eTwinning and the Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe; **notes, that severe limitations need to be overcome in many Member States in terms of access to hardware, facilities, adequate trainers and appropriate digital infrastructure (156RE); recalls therefore the need to link the access to online courses with the reinforced initiatives to address shortages in accessing internet and digital tools (152EPP) in order to leave no one behind, and insists that the courses should be built in an accessible way to avoid excluding young people with disabilities (155Gr);**

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12. Stresses the importance of green skills development and **quality (162TL)** employment opportunities in a climate-neutral, energy efficient and circular economy, especially in the regions most impacted by the green transition **like those heavily dependent on the agricultural sector (161EPP)** and those **related to combating climate change, production of energy from renewable sources, reducing carbon emissions, increasing energy efficiency, waste and water management, improving air quality, and restoring and preserving biodiversity (159RE)**; calls on employers to ensure up-/reskilling of their workforce and enhance the provision of **more effective (TL)** apprenticeships in line with the European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships; (44GR)

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14. Deplores the insufficient correlation between reforms and investments in education and training with measures that ensure labour market inclusion for young people, particularly NEETs; encourages flexible, inclusive, accessible and open learning paths through individual learning accounts and micro-credentials for young people, youth workers, trainers and professionals, ***including through skills and competencies gained through non-formal education and informal learning (166SD); underlines that strengthening career guidance from an early age and supporting equal access to information and counselling for students and adult learners, can help young people choose suitable educational and vocational pathways leading to employment opportunities fit for them (165Gr);***

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#### **Amendment 167**

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15. Reiterates its call to the Commission and Council to further encourage the development of vocational education training (VET) ***and to better promote trade skills, working to avoid negative perceptions (SD) from non-formal education that is prevalent in several Member States (RE 167) while increasing the attractiveness of VET (EPP168)*** through communication and outreach campaigns, through curricula, youth trade skills centres or hubs, special ecosystems for VET in local communities, dual education systems and long-term mobility for apprentices; ***welcomes, in this regard, the initiative of European Centres of Vocational Excellence with the aim of providing high quality vocational skills and supporting entrepreneurial activities; calls on the Commission and Member States to create a standalone VET Area and a European apprentice's statute (RE 167); reiterates that internships should be part of educational and professional development and***

*therefore have a pedagogical dimension (LEFT 144); Stresses the importance of improving mechanisms for cross-border recognition of skills and qualifications and insists on the promotion and support of practices such as of inter-generational solidarity and mentoring to reduce inequalities and ensure youth support (RE169);*

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16. Calls on the Commission (SD) **to develop a recommendation (175EPP)** to ensure that traineeships, apprenticeships and job placements count as work experience and consequently grant access to social benefits **(178Gr)**; calls for a decrease in the minimum period of contributions needed to access social benefits; **welcomes the Commission initiative on a High-Level Expert Group to study the future of the welfare state and the main challenges that young people face in benefitting from social protection (180RE)**;

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## **Amendment 181**

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**16 a. *Calls on the Commission to ensure that the new ALMA<sup>3</sup> initiative will assist young people, particularly NEETs, in gaining access to social and labour market inclusion within their home countries, by finding (181RE) quality (147SD) temporary work and skilling experience that respects the quality standards upholding young people's labour rights (147SD, 150EPP) in another Member State (181RE ) such as fair remuneration and access to social protection (Greens); stresses that accompanying and offering guidance to young people before, during and after the participation in the program is key (Greens); highlights that ALMA must foster real mobility and quality skills development programmes, vocational training or ( EPP) employment (181RE) for all participants including young persons with disabilities or young people coming from disadvantaged background (151EPP) and must include an inclusion strategy designed with civil society organisation and social partners (Greens) to ensure equal access, prevent discrimination and address barriers that might occur (148GR) and does not become an instrument creating precarious employment conditions for young people (147 SD); notes that support should be given to national Public Employment Services for its implementation through the ESF+ budget line in coordination with private and public partners, while creating synergies with the European Education Area (181RE); urges the Commission to ensure the added value of ALMA in addition to the existing opportunities under Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps (148Gr) and to ensure that virtual learning and cooperation remain combined with physical mobility under ESF+ (181RE); calls on the Commission to assess if (Greens) ALMA could be included as one of the mobility components of the Reinforced Youth Guarantee (Rap);***

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZexVMSa2ek>

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### **Amendment 193**

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18. Recalls the fact that young women are at increased risk of workplace discrimination<sup>4</sup>, **worsened by intersectional inequalities (THE LEFT 188)** unemployment, being single-parents (EPP) and being long-term **informal** caregivers (EPP 193), which often excludes them from the workforce or **can keep (ECR 191)** them below the poverty line; **calls on** (SD 189) the Council and Commission **to consider indicative, minimum** (SD 189, EPP 190) targets for assistance and tailored aid schemes for young women at risk in **youth and employment** (EPP 190) initiatives from 2022 onwards; calls on the Commission to work with the Member States to integrate child guarantee national action plans with labour integration measures at national, **regional and local levels** (EPP 190) to support young single parents;

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### **Amendment 200**

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### **Amendment 197**

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<sup>4</sup> Baptista, I., Marlier, E. et al., Social protection and inclusion policy responses to the COVID-19 crisis - An analysis of policies in 35 countries, European Social Policy Network, Brussels 2021.

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19. Reiterates the importance of access to ***decent and affordable (194 TL, 195SD, 196Gr)*** housing and tailored social services for young people ***in particular vulnerable (SD addition) including young people with disabilities (139Gr, 199ECR) and young people from large families (199ECR)***; asks the Commission to work with the Member States on housing first for youth programmes complemented by employment, social and health support services; stresses the importance of private and public investment in social infrastructure for young people; ***welcomes the European Platform on Combatting Homelessness launched by the Commission and its ultimate objective of ending homelessness by 2030 (Greens) and the potential this represents for young people (196 Gr, 197RE); calls on the Member States and the Commission to take measures and implement programmes for young people who reach the age of 18 and are at risk of being homeless particularly vulnerable groups such as (EPP) LGBTIQ+ homelessness (Greens); calls on the Commission and Member States to ensure that the reinforced Youth Guarantee contributes to tackling youth homelessness, which is increasing in many EU countries (196Gr);***

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#### **Amendment 205**

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20. Notes with concern the worsening of conditions for many young people in general and in particular vulnerable young people (THE LEFT) already suffering from **long-term unemployment (204Gr)** and social exclusion such as young Roma, young people with disabilities, **young LGBTI+ community members (204Gr, 206EPP, 207TL, 208SD)** and young migrants, **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 Recovery and Resilience Facility (204Gr, 205RE, 206EPP, 207TL);**

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A. whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect on the **employment (13TL, 17SD)** and social **situation (13TL)** of young people in Europe, with **opportunities for personal development dwindling or being temporarily halted (15RE)**, employment rates falling, **and corresponding (16Gr) numbers of young people not in employment, education or training (NEET) rising<sup>5</sup> (15RE)**; whereas youth have significant decrease in personal income and a higher risk of poverty and social **(17SD)** exclusion, **as well as a considerable risk for the future labour market involvement (14EPP)**; whereas immediate action is needed to secure **and improve** the future and **well-being (17SD)** of young people; **whereas the youth unemployment rate stands at 15,9%, 2.5 times higher than the general unemployment rates<sup>6</sup> (13TL)**

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<sup>5</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/yth\\_empl\\_150/default/table?lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/yth_empl_150/default/table?lang=en)

<sup>6</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Unemployment\\_statistics#Youth\\_unemployment](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Unemployment_statistics#Youth_unemployment)

#### **Amendment 18**

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#### **Amendment 19**

Maria Walsh

#### **Amendment 20**

Kim Van Sparrentak

Aa. *whereas the poverty rate is predicted to increase as one of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic (18SD); whereas countries that were particularly hard hit during the financial crisis once again saw an above-average rise in youth unemployment (20Gr); whereas women, young people, older people, persons with disabilities and large families are more endangered by this development (18SD); whereas the Commission Autumn 2022 Economic Forecast shows promising figures with declining unemployment, and labour markets expected to complete its recovery in 2022 to pre-pandemic levels; however the crisis continues affecting particularly the young; whereas the number of young workers declined, compared to Q1-21(SD)<sup>7</sup>; whereas in 2022 and 2023 3.4 million jobs are expected to be created<sup>8</sup> making it will be essential to ensure young people take part of these new employment opportunities (19EPP); whereas an increasing number of young adults are now relying on the parental home to protect them from poverty, but 29 % of households with three generations are at risk of poverty and 13 % are severely deprived<sup>9</sup>;*

## **CA C**

#### **Amendment 29**

Maria Walsh

#### **Amendment 30**

Kim Van Sparrentak

#### **Amendment 31**

Leila Chaibi

C. Whereas in September 2021, President von der Leyen announced a proposal to designate 2022 the **European Year of Youth (30Gr)** to reflect on the perspectives of young people in Europe and to focus on **the European, national, regional and local policies (29EPP)** and legislative proposals that create opportunities for young people across the EU; **whereas this proposal should provide genuine and efficient impetus to improve the working conditions of young people in the European Union (31TL).**

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<sup>7</sup> Source: [European Economic Forecast, Autumn 2021 \(COM\) \(p. 128\)](#)

<sup>8</sup> European Commission Autumn 2021 Economic Outlook, p.2.

<sup>9</sup> Source: Recital N – EP Resolution on Strong Social Europe for Just Transitions)



## CA D

### Amendment 32

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### Amendment 33

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### Amendment 34

Miriam Lexmann

### Amendment 35

Kim Van Sparrentak

D. whereas the mental health of young people has worsened significantly during the pandemic, with problems related to mental health doubling in several Member States ***compared to the pre-crisis level; whereas 64 % of young people in the age group 18–34 years<sup>10</sup> were at risk of depression in spring 2021, partly as a consequence of their lack of employment, financial and educational prospects in the longer run (33SD) as well as due to loneliness and social isolation (35Gr; 34EPP);*** whereas nine million adolescents in Europe (aged 10 to 19) are living with mental health disorders, with anxiety and depression accounting for more than half of cases; ***whereas the worsening of mental health can be also attributed to disruptions of access to mental health services and increased number of tasks at work and the labour market crisis that disproportionately affected young people (32RE); whereas 19 percent of European boys aged 15 to 19 suffer from mental health disorders, followed by more than 16 percent of girls the same age; whereas suicide is the second leading cause of death in Europe among young people<sup>11</sup>;***

## CA F

### Amendment 43

Leila Chaibi

### Amendment 44

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### Amendment 45

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<sup>10</sup> European Youth Forum (2021) 'Beyond Lockdown: the 'pandemic scar' on young people', P. 24 and ILO Decent Jobs for Youth: Global Survey 2020 on Youth & Covid 19 undertaken in spring 2020.

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.unicef.org/eu/press-releases/worsening-mental-health-situation-europes-children>

## **Amendment 46**

Maria Walsh

## **Amendment 47**

Miriam Lexmann

F. whereas the labour and social inclusion of young people refers to their equal (SD) access to ***quality, stable (43TL) and gainful (Rap) employment, to decent and affordable (43TL, 44SD, 45Gr)*** housing and ***adequate (44SD)*** nutrition, ***quality (44SD)*** healthcare and prevention services, ***including mental health protection (47EPP)*** and ***access to minimum standards of digital infrastructure (45Gr)***; whereas ***education and (46 EPP)*** skills development initiatives, ***volunteering (47EPP), quality traineeships (44SD) and lifelong learning programmes (Rap), are essential to ensure equal opportunities and access to labour markets (46EPP) while allowing young people to start their adult life with confidence (43TL)***;

## **CA G**

### **Amendment 50**

Leila Chaibi

### **Amendment 51**

Maria Walsh

G. whereas investments in young people, particularly social impact investments, are known to ***have a positive impact*** on the ***employment and participation of young people in society (50TL)*** and to produce ***measurable social, as well as financial (51EPP)*** effective returns on the funds invested, ***fostering economic development while achieving social outcomes (51EPP)***; whereas ***existing tools and mechanisms have to be implemented as much as (50TL)***, new instruments ***should be further considered (51EPP)***;

## **CA H**

### **Amendment 53**

Leila Chaibi

### **Amendment 54**

Kim Van Sparrentak

### **Amendment 55**

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### **Amendment 56**

Kim Van Sparrentak

### **Amendment 57**

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#### **Amendment 58**

Kim Van Sparrentak

H. whereas existing initiatives ( EPP) **and policies (54Gr)** such as the **Reinforced Youth Guarantee (54Gr, 55SD)**, the European Youth Dialogue, Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps, and new proposals such as Aim, Learn, Master, Achieve (ALMA), **must reach young people (53TL) and tackle youth challenges in 2022 such as youth unemployment, comprising active and passive labour market policies and effective access to social inclusion measures and to social, health and housing services for young people (54Gr); whereas Cedefop concludes that not all apprenticeships and training opportunities are of high-quality, and not all apprentices are entitled to employment or social protection rights<sup>12</sup> (58 Gr); whereas the European Parliament in its resolution of 8 October 2020 voiced concerns about the quality of offers under the Youth Guarantee (56Gr), traineeships and job opportunities provided under new and existing programmes and initiatives must be paid and limited in length and number (EPP; 57 SD);**

## **CA I**

#### **Amendment 59**

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#### **Amendment 60**

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#### **Amendment 61**

Kim Van Sparrentak

#### **Amendment 62**

Miriam Lexmann

#### **Amendment 63**

Leila Chaibi

#### **Amendment 64**

Maria Walsh

I. whereas the constant development of new horizontal skills among young people, such as digital skills, as well as the development of skills with economic potential, such as green or entrepreneurial skills, is key for a healthy **inclusive and future-oriented (64EPP)** European labour market **and should create access (Rap) for every young European to quality employment (63TL); whereas the same applies to vocational education, trade skills and life skills; whereas 40% of**

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<sup>12</sup> Source: [https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/files/9155\\_en.pdf](https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/files/9155_en.pdf)

*employers cannot find people with the right skills to fill their vacancies<sup>13</sup>; whereas the EU needs to overcome all forms of skills mismatch in order to make effective use of its human capital<sup>14</sup>; whereas youth unemployment has become a severe economic and societal problem in many European countries<sup>15</sup>(60RE); whereas access to proper digital infrastructure and training on digital skills should be available to all in order to avoid widening the gap between young people on digital literacy and ensure equal opportunities for all in the education system and in the labour market (61Gr); whereas cross-cutting skills like critical thinking, team work, intercultural skills are equally important for healthy life and work-life balance of young people (62EPP);*

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## CA K

### Amendment 67

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### Amendment 68

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### Amendment 69

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### Amendment 70

Miriam Lexmann

### Amendment 71

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### Amendment 72

Kim Van Sparrentak

K. whereas discrimination against young people in general remains an issue in Europe, with young women and young people ***from vulnerable groups (68ECR) often experiencing discriminations (Rap) on the basis of their gender, ethnic background (67TL) such as Roma (71RE), sexual orientation and identity (Greens, 69SD, 72Gr), disability (67TL) or disadvantaged socio-economic background (70EPP) while*** being at a much higher risk of unemployment, in-work poverty and social exclusion, ***including in-work poverty (69SD);***

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<sup>13</sup> Source : <https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1146&langId=en>

<sup>14</sup> Source: [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2016/573893/EPRS\\_BRI%282016%29573893\\_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2016/573893/EPRS_BRI%282016%29573893_EN.pdf)

<sup>15</sup> Source: <https://www.iza.org/publications/pp/65/youth-unemployment-in-europe-what-to-do-about-it>

