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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Maria Arena
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General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015 - all sections
(2014/2040(BUD))

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Amendment 1
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Emphasises that the 2015 budget has to play a key role in enhancing the Union's contribution to growth and jobs; with a particular focus on **addressing** the persisting issue of youth unemployment in the European Union;

Amendment

1. Emphasises that the 2015 budget has to play a key role in enhancing the Union's contribution to growth and jobs; with a particular focus on **the creation of jobs to address** the persisting issue of youth unemployment in the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Notes the overall year-on-year increase proposed by the Commission and the Council in the appropriations of heading 1 – Smart and inclusive growth; notes further the proportionally even higher increases in heading 1a – Competitiveness for growth and jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Considers that there should be budgetary restraint over the coming years and this should be reflected in the Draft Budget 2015; welcomes the Commission's shift towards the growth, jobs and competitiveness programmes; considers that the aim needs to be to reduce waste and inefficiency and to direct funds to those areas that create jobs and deliver the best value for money. In order to balance our books, any increase in funding in one area should be matched by cuts in other parts of the budget;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Maria Arena, Jutta Steinruck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Notes that the commitment appropriations in heading 1b – Economic, social and territorial cohesion are to be increased up to the level of margin according to the Commission proposal; regrets however the decrease in payment appropriations in this heading worsened by even further cuts proposed by the Council;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ib. Strongly believes that EU funding, particularly that under the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), should not be used to subsidise national approaches, but should be used to provide additional support to young people in a way that complements and enhances national programmes according to the decision of the Member States;

Or. en

**Amendment 6
Ulrike Trebesius**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ic. Considers that EU funding should be directed to areas that help SMEs, micro-enterprises and business growth; acknowledges at the same time that small enterprises especially need a reduction in national regulations; considers that EU programmes should not lead to the postponement of necessary national structural reforms;

Or. en

**Amendment 7
Ulrike Trebesius**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Urges the Commission to arrange for the prompt payment of the unpaid claims resulting from the completion of the ESF programmes, in order to ensure that 2015 commitments will fund new ESF projects and to avoid that the backlog has a disincentive effect on national pre-financing of new operations in the Member States;

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Or. en

Amendment 8
Maria Arena, Jutta Steinruck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Underlines the importance of sufficient funding and good budgetary management of the programmes within the 2014-2020 multiannual financial framework, which aim to address unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, such as the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the different axis of the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived; for the latter taking into account the appropriations finally adopted in the amending budget 3/2014.

Or. en

Amendment 9
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make full use of the funds dedicated to support the unemployed youth population; reminds of the decision about the frontloading of the funds under the Youth Employment Initiative as well as the corresponding amounts programmed within the European Social Fund in order to provide the necessary help in the first years of the programming period;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 10
Maria Arena, Jutta Steinruck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make full use of the funds dedicated to support the unemployed youth population; reminds of the *decision* about the frontloading of the funds under the Youth Employment Initiative as well as the corresponding amounts programmed within the European Social Fund in order to provide the necessary help in the first years of the programming period;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make full use of the funds dedicated to support the unemployed youth population; reminds of the *political agreement linked to the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020* about the frontloading of the funds under the Youth Employment Initiative as well as the corresponding amounts programmed within the European Social Fund in order to provide the necessary help in the first years of the programming period; *welcomes that the Commission and the Council respect this agreement in the proposed figures;*

Or. en

Amendment 11
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make full use of the funds dedicated to support the unemployed youth population ***with a special emphasis on encouraging family SMEs***; reminds of the decision about the frontloading of the funds under the Youth Employment Initiative as well as the corresponding amounts programmed within the European Social Fund in order to provide the necessary help in the first years of the programming period;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Tamás Meszerics, Monika Vana
on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make full use of the funds dedicated to support the unemployed youth population; reminds of the decision about the frontloading of the funds under the Youth Employment Initiative as well as the corresponding amounts programmed within the European Social Fund in order to provide the necessary help in the first years of the programming period;
Expresses its concerns about the absorption capacity of some Member States with regard to the Youth Employment Initiative; recalls that according to the Council regulation laying down the multiannual financial

framework for the years 2014-2020, margins left available below the MFF ceilings for commitment appropriations for the years 2014-2017 shall constitute a Global MFF Margin for commitments, to be made available over and above the ceilings established in the MFF for the years 2016 to 2020 for policy objectives related to growth and employment, in particular youth employment;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Tamás Meszerics, Monika Vana
on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls for an increase in the financing of EU-level networks in the promotion of social inclusion as these organisations play a key role in promoting actions to eradicate poverty and empower people experiencing poverty and social exclusion in times of an on-going economic and social crisis in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Marek Mirosław Plura

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Underlines the fact that in order to implement long term and effective changes in the labour market, it is

necessary to ensure the hospitable conditions to create and develop the SMEs, which create 65% of all the employment in the EU and therefore calls on the European Commission and the Member States to assure the efficiency of financing of the programmes supporting SMEs, including the social entrepreneurships and financing start-ups;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Marek Mirosław Plura

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Calls on the European Commission to adopt, without any delay, FEAD operational programmes prepared by the Member States and to present delegated and implementing acts in the framework of FEAD;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Tamás Meszerics, Monika Vana
on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Calls for an increase in the financing of EURES as this instrument plays an important role in cross-border employment mobility and can therefore contribute to the fight against

Amendment 17
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Proposes to launch a pilot project on Social security card to investigate the benefits of introducing, and – if appropriate – to make available, a forgery-proof European electronic document containing professional and social security details of the worker;

Amendment

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Amendment 18
Maria Arena, Jutta Steinruck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Proposes to launch a pilot project on **Social security** card to investigate the benefits of introducing, and – if appropriate – to make available, a forgery-proof European electronic document containing professional and social security details of the worker;

Amendment

4. Proposes to launch a pilot project on **European worker's e-card** to investigate the benefits of introducing, and – if appropriate – to make available, a forgery-proof European electronic document containing professional and social security details of the worker; ***the scope of this card is distinct from the European Health Insurance Card and it should not be mixed;***

Amendment 19
Ulla Tørnæs, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Proposes to launch a pilot project on Social security card to investigate the benefits of introducing, and – if appropriate – to make available, a forgery-proof European electronic document containing professional and social security details of the worker;

Amendment

4. Proposes to launch a pilot project on Social security card to investigate the benefits of introducing, and – if appropriate – to make available, a forgery-proof European electronic document containing professional and social security details of the worker; ***as a foundation for the pilot project and to establish the necessary knowledge for the pilot project the Commission should initiate a comparative analysis on the different social security systems within the EU-28;***

Or. en

Amendment 20
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Proposes to launch a pilot project on Fuel/Energy poverty with the aim to assess the impact of the economic and financial crisis on energy poverty in the European Union, with a particular view to those Member States where this issue has not yet been examined and/or addressed by policy measures up to date;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 21
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Proposes to launch a preparatory action entitled Toward asbestos-free workplaces in the European Union to provide tools to screen and register asbestos-containing materials in accordance with Article 11 of Directive 2009/148/EC and to design a roadmap for total eradication of asbestos in the workplaces, whilst ensuring public awareness of the risk and of the need for actions also at the level of workplaces.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 22
Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Proposes to launch a preparatory action entitled Toward asbestos-free workplaces in the European Union to provide tools to screen and register asbestos-containing materials in accordance with Article 11 of Directive 2009/148/EC and to design a roadmap for total eradication of asbestos in the workplaces, whilst ensuring public awareness of the risk and of the need for actions also at the level of workplaces.

Amendment

6. Proposes to launch a preparatory action entitled Toward asbestos-free workplaces in the European Union to provide tools to screen and register asbestos-containing materials in accordance with Article 11 of Directive 2009/148/EC and to design a roadmap for total eradication of asbestos in the workplaces, whilst ensuring public awareness of the risk and of the need for actions also at the level of workplaces; ***the action should feed into a prospective strategy for banning all forms of asbestos and all uses of asbestos fibres, including appropriate export requirements in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 on shipments of waste and taking into***

account the principle of proximity as laid down in Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste, since asbestos remains responsible for a substantial number of diseases related to exposure to asbestos fibres.

Or. en

Amendment 23
Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Proposes to launch a preparatory action to strengthen the capacity of the national minimum income networks to develop an implementation strategy of the recommendations that have emerged from a previous pilot project on the matter, to further develop the awareness raising on minimum income schemes focusing on coverage, adequacy and take-up, to engage EU-level actors on further dialogue on minimum income schemes, to promote the common methodology on reference budgets (under preparation through another pilot project "Reference Budget Network") at local, national and EU-level to ensure adequacy of minimum income support.

Or. en

Amendment 24
Marek Mirosław Plura, Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Proposes to launch a preparatory action on Supporting active inclusion of disadvantaged migrants with the aim to assess benefits and test possibilities to create local centres for social and economic integration.

Or. en

Amendment 25

Tamás Meszerics, Monika Vana
on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Proposes to launch a pilot project in form of a feasibility study to be carried out with the objective of identifying possibilities to finance certain highly effective low cost energy efficiency measures in low income households from available EU funds and budget lines, considering also the existing barriers and including a cost-benefit analysis of longer-term energy efficiency measures and possible funds for financing.

Or. en