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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 255**

**Draft opinion**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**  
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## Amendment 1

Jean Lambert

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Draft opinion

#### Recital -A (new)

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***-A. whereas in 2010 the Member States committed themselves to the EU2020 goals for a smart, sustainable and inclusive economy as the direction in which the EU is to develop; whereas there is a lack of consistency between policies in the economic, employment and social field with recommendations often contradicting each other;***

Or. en

## Amendment 2

Anthea McIntyre

### Draft opinion

#### Recital A

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

A. whereas, after six years of economic crisis and negative growth rates, the Commission's forecasts for the economic recovery are still fragile and insufficient to achieve citizens' employment and social demands; whereas the Commission recognises that in many parts of the EU the social situation is depressed, that unemployment has reached unprecedented heights and that the divergences among regions and Member States are growing; whereas measures to tackle this employment and social ***emergency need to be put in place as a matter of urgency;***

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**Amendment 3**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

A. whereas, after six years of economic crisis and negative growth rates, the **economic recovery is gaining ground and it is expected to be spread to all Member States by 2015; whereas the** Commission's forecasts for the economic recovery are still fragile, **the reforms must continue** to achieve citizens' employment and social demands; whereas the Commission recognises that in many parts of the EU the social situation is depressed, that unemployment has reached unprecedented heights and that the divergences among regions and Member States are growing; whereas measures to tackle this employment and social emergency need to be put in place as a matter of urgency;

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Jutta Steinruck**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas, notwithstanding a mild decline **in unemployment, unemployment rates in the EU** are still incredibly alarming (25.005 million in the EU-28 in June 2014); whereas, furthermore, the differences between Member States'

*Amendment*

B. whereas, notwithstanding a mild decline, **EU unemployment and youth unemployment rates** are still incredibly alarming (25.005 million **unemployed** in the EU-28 in June 2014 **and 5.06 million young unemployed in the EU-28 in July**

unemployment rates (5 % in Austria, compared with 27.3 % in Greece) represent a major risk both for the economic stability of the EU and for European social cohesion;

2014); whereas, furthermore, the differences between Member States' unemployment *and youth unemployment* rates (5 % in Austria *unemployed*, compared with 27.3 % in Greece; **9.3 % young unemployed in Austria, compared with 53.8 % in Spain**) represent a major risk both for the economic stability of the EU and for European social cohesion;

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Evelyn Regner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

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Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Brando Benifei**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

B. whereas, notwithstanding a mild decline in unemployment, unemployment rates in the EU are still incredibly alarming (25.005 million in the EU-28 in June 2014); whereas, furthermore, the differences between Member States' unemployment rates (5 % in Austria, compared with 27.3 % in Greece), ***especially youth unemployment***, represent a major risk both for the economic stability of the EU and for European social cohesion;

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas, notwithstanding a ***mild*** decline in unemployment, unemployment rates in the EU are still incredibly alarming (25.005 million in the EU-28 in June 2014); whereas, furthermore, the differences between Member States' unemployment rates (5 % in Austria, compared with 27.3 % in Greece) represent a major risk both for the economic stability of the EU and for European social cohesion;

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***B a. whereas the Commission has noted that many Member States have already launched important reforms, including strengthening and improving the efficiency of active labour market policies and by creating a hospitable businesses environment;***

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***B b. whereas the Commission points to the role of innovation, research and development in generating added value, and that growing skills mismatches are particularly affecting knowledge based sectors;***

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***C. whereas the labour market is now one of the major causes of inequality between Member States and between different***

***deleted***

*sectors, owing to divergences in access to employment, working conditions, or wage levels insufficient to guarantee decent living standards;*

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Brando Benifei**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C**

*Draft opinion*

C. whereas the labour market is now one of the major causes of inequality between Member States and between different sectors, owing to divergences in access to employment, working conditions, or wage levels insufficient to guarantee decent living standards;

*Amendment*

C. whereas the labour market ***fragmentation*** is now one of the major causes of inequality between Member States and between different sectors, owing to divergences in access to employment, working conditions, or wage levels insufficient to guarantee decent living standards;

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Jean Lambert**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C**

*Draft opinion*

C. whereas the labour market is now one of the major causes of inequality between Member States and between different sectors, owing to ***divergences*** in access to employment, working conditions, ***or*** wage levels insufficient to guarantee decent living standards;

*Amendment*

C. Whereas the labour market is now one of the major causes of inequality between Member States and between different sectors, owing to ***divergence*** in access to employment, working conditions, wage levels insufficient to guarantee decent living standards ***and growing polarisation between low and high-skilled work which can prevent movement within the labour***



*market;*

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C**

*Draft opinion*

C. whereas the labour market is now one of the major causes of inequality between Member States and between different sectors, *owing to* divergences in access to employment, working conditions, or wage levels *insufficient to guarantee decent living standards;*

*Amendment*

C. whereas the labour market is now one of the major causes of inequality between Member States and between different sectors, *showing* divergences in access to employment, working conditions, or wage levels;

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C**

*Draft opinion*

C. whereas the labour market is *now* one of the *major causes of inequality* between Member States and between different sectors, *owing to divergences in access to employment, working conditions, or wage levels insufficient to guarantee decent living standards;*

*Amendment*

C. whereas the labour market is one of the *main divergences* between Member States and between different sectors *due to lack of reform, working conditions and living standards as well as divergences in access to employment, such as high entrance hurdles;*

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Glenis Willmott**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*C a. whereas there is ample evidence that wage inequality is lower when worker representation is high and wages are set through collective bargaining and other processes involving worker and trade union participation; whereas higher wages stimulate demand and can therefore act as an economic stimulus for job creation and growth;*

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Jean Lambert**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*C a. Whereas the Commission has acknowledged that, contrary to the Europe 2020 targets, poverty has increased by 10 million between 2010 and 2012 instead of being reduced;*

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*C a. Whereas the economic and financial*

*crisis has highlighted the fragility of public finances in some Member States;*

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Vilija Blinkevičiūtė**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*C a. whereas cases of vulnerable workers being abused in the EU and labour-market compartmentalisation with varying levels of protection for different contract types and job relationships still exist, leading to social maladjustment and inequality;*

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*C a. whereas the setting of minimum wages is a competence of the Member States;*

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Glenis Willmott**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*C b. whereas EU legislation on working conditions, discrimination and health and safety in the workplace grants protection for workers from exploitation and discrimination and also helps to facilitate the incorporation of groups, such as women and disabled people, into the labour market; whereas the cost of accidents at work and occupational ill health is estimated to represent between 2.6% and 3.8% of GDP, while it is estimated that for every euro spent on implementing health and safety standards, companies receive a return of 2.2 euros;*

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*C b. Whereas budget and fiscal consolidation have been necessary to avoid bankruptcy of some Member States and to guarantee the sustainability and viability of the EU economy and the EU welfare state;*

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Vilija Blinkevičiūtė**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*C b. whereas, to tackle the crisis, certain Member States have made severe cuts in public expenditure at the same time as demand for social protection has increased in response to the rise in unemployment; whereas national budget allocations for social security cover have been further stretched as contributions have fallen in the wake of wide-scale job losses or wage cuts, thus placing the European social model at a real risk;*

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*C c. whereas once the economic and budgetary sustainability can be guaranteed, efforts should be focused on economic growth, job creation and social aspects;*

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

D. whereas *the Commission has acknowledged that excessive austerity policies have had a negative impact on*

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*economic growth because they failed to take into account the effects of the fiscal multipliers, and that such austerity policies have resulted in tough cuts to social spending in fundamental areas such as education, health and pensions, resulting in unprecedented levels of inequality and poverty in the EU;*

such as education, health and pensions;  
*whereas the social impact of future reform proposals should be evaluated;*

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

D. whereas the Commission has acknowledged that excessive austerity policies have had a negative impact on economic growth because they failed to take into account the effects of the fiscal multipliers, and that such austerity policies have resulted in tough cuts to social spending in fundamental areas such as education, health and pensions, resulting in unprecedented levels of inequality and poverty in *the EU*;

*Amendment*

D. whereas the Commission has acknowledged that excessive austerity policies have had a negative impact on economic growth because they failed to take into account the effects of the fiscal multipliers, and that such austerity policies have resulted in tough cuts to social spending in fundamental areas such as education, health and pensions, resulting in unprecedented levels of inequality and poverty in *many Member States*;

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

D. whereas the Commission has acknowledged that excessive austerity policies *have had a negative impact on*

*Amendment*

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*economic growth because they failed to take into account the effects of the fiscal multipliers, and that such austerity policies have resulted in tough cuts to social spending in fundamental areas such as education, health and pensions, resulting in unprecedented levels of inequality and poverty in the EU;*

*situation of several EU economies, have had a negative impact on economic growth and social aspects;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 27**

**Maria Arena**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Recital D**

##### *Draft opinion*

D. whereas the Commission has acknowledged that excessive austerity policies have had a negative impact on economic growth because they failed to take into account the effects of the fiscal multipliers, and that such austerity policies have resulted in tough cuts to social spending in fundamental areas such as education, health and pensions, resulting in unprecedented levels of inequality and poverty in the EU;

##### *Amendment*

D. whereas the Commission has acknowledged that excessive austerity policies have had a negative impact on economic growth because they failed to take into account the effects of the fiscal multipliers, and that such austerity policies have resulted in tough cuts to social spending in fundamental areas such as education, health and pensions, resulting in unprecedented levels of inequality and poverty in the EU, ***with a particularly alarming increase of child poverty compromising children's chances to achieve their full potential and to contribute to societies' well-being in the future;***

Or. en

## **Amendment 28**

**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

D. whereas the Commission has acknowledged that *excessive austerity policies have had a negative impact on economic growth because they failed to take into account the effects of the fiscal multipliers, and that such austerity policies have resulted in tough cuts to social* spending in fundamental areas such as education, health and pensions, *resulting in unprecedented levels of inequality and poverty in the EU;*

*Amendment*

D. whereas the Commission has acknowledged that *several Member States are making progress in reducing their current account deficits and reversing losses in competitiveness, allowing future* spending in fundamental areas such as education, health and pensions, *however further progress in needed to address high debt and the net international position of the most indebted economies;*

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital E**

*Draft opinion*

E. whereas Article 9 TFEU provides that: «In defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union shall take into account requirements linked to the promotion of a high level of employment, the guarantee of adequate social protection, the fight against social exclusion, and a high level of education, training and protection of human health», and whereas *this horizontal clause has not been implemented* sufficiently in all policy areas so as to achieve the objectives of Article 3 TEU;

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**



**Draft opinion**  
**Recital E**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 31**  
**Brando Benifei**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital E a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***E a. Whereas only 7,5 million people, 3,1 % of the workforce in the EU, are currently employed in another Member State and whereas young people are the group more likely to be mobile;***

Or. en

**Amendment 32**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital E a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*E a. Whereas Art. 174 TFUE provides that "In order to promote its overall harmonious development, the Union shall develop and pursue its actions leading to the strengthening of its economic, social and territorial cohesion. In particular, rural areas, areas affected by industrial transition, and regions which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps such as the northernmost regions with very low population density and island, cross-border and mountain regions";*

Or. en

**Amendment 33**

**Jérôme Lavrilleux, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Anne Sander**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital E a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*E a. Whereas the Commission has to establish trust with economic actors, support enterprise development and in particular focus on supporting SME development, with the aim to promote economic growth and to support employment in Europe;*

Or. en

**Amendment 34**

**Javi López**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital E a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***E a. whereas the European Parliament adopted its resolutions of 14 September 2011 and of 16 January 2014 on an EU Homelessness Strategy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 35**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital E a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***E a. whereas, as a result of the crisis, SMEs and micro-enterprises are facing an extremely high cost of and difficulty in accessing finance, thus hampering their ability to grow and create jobs;***

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes the ***fact that the*** focus of the 2014 country-specific recommendations (CSRs) ***has shifted from solely boosting fiscal consolidation to*** strengthening the conditions for sustainable growth and employment; recalls that within the current Stability and Growth Pact (SGP) there are still margins intended to facilitate economic growth in the EU, and that differences in the Member States'

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economic and social situations need to be taken into account; *calls for greater flexibility margins in order to boost job creation; takes the view, however, that some of the structural reforms promoted by the Commission – especially labour reforms, wage devaluation, pension reforms, etc. – may result in the same contractionary effects on the economy or on internal demand as the excessive austerity conducted up to now*; calls on the Commission, *therefore*, to assess the economic and social impact of *such* policies *before recommending them*;

*importance of structural reforms to attract the private investments that create growth and jobs*; calls on the Commission to assess the economic and social impact of *recommended* policies;

Or. en

### **Amendment 37**

**Jean Lambert**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Draft opinion*

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Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Heinz K. Becker**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

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fiscal consolidation to strengthening the conditions for sustainable growth and employment; recalls that the Member States *have taken a commitment to adhere to the SGP and the full set of economic governance principles; calls on the Commission to continue the growth friendly consolidation strategy in order to facilitate growth and job creation and the Member States to better implement the CSRs;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 41**

**Jean Lambert**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1 a. Underlines that while wages are an important variable in resolving euro-area macro-economic imbalances, they are not merely a tool for economic adjustment, but above all the income that workers need to live on; calls on the Commission to ensure that recommendations in the field of wages do not increase in-work poverty or wage inequalities within Member States, or harm low-income groups;*

Or. en

**Amendment 42**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1 a. Welcomes the Commission's recognition that fiscal consolidation must continue in a growth-friendly and differentiated manner, which will allow Member States not only to invest in growth and job creation, but also to tackle high debt, unemployment or the challenges of an ageing society;***

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Inês Cristina Zuber, Patrick Le Hyaric**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1 a. Notes that the neoliberal measures, so-called of austerity, which have been reinforced, notably as part of the so-called National Reform Plans, Economic Governance and the European Semester are contributing to the deepening of the social and economic crisis in a number of countries with more fragile economies, making life more and more difficult for families of the working class and in particular for young people, women and children, who are the main victims of the increase of poverty, unemployment and precarious and poorly paid work;***

Or. en



**Amendment 44**  
**Jean Lambert**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1 b. Highlights the job potential of the green economy which according to Commission estimates could create 5 million jobs by 2020 in the energy efficiency and renewable energy sectors alone, provided that ambitious climate and energy policies are put in place; calls on the Member States to ensure sufficient levels of investment in these sectors and to anticipate future skills of workers; calls on the Commission to include the exploitation of the job potential of the green economy as a key priority in the Annual Growth Survey of 2015;*

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1 b. Welcomes the fact that the Commission takes into account the divergences between Member States apparent in National Reform Programmes (NRPs), but calls on the Commission and Member States to pay special attention to those regions with permanent natural or demographic handicaps, in particular when considering fund allocations;*

**Amendment 46**  
**Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2 a. Stresses that social and employment policies should not merely be looked at from a cost perspective, but consideration should also be given to structural reforms of the labour market and the long term benefit perspective, in order to maintain investments in society and citizens with a view to reaching the goals of the EU2020 strategy and safeguarding the future and stability of the Member States and the EU as a whole;***

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3. Is deeply concerned that, up to now, the recommendations made as part of the European Semester have taken us further away from achieving the employment and social targets of the Europe 2020 strategy; calls on the new Commission to ask immediately that the Member States report on national progress on the Europe 2020 strategy and correct this discrepancy in their national reform programmes (NRPs) to be presented as part of the next European Semester;***

***deleted***

**Amendment 48**  
**Siôn Simon**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Is deeply concerned that, up to now, the recommendations made as part of the European Semester have taken us further away from achieving the employment and social targets of the Europe 2020 strategy; calls on the new Commission to **ask immediately that the** Member States report on national progress on the Europe 2020 strategy and correct this discrepancy in their national reform programmes (NRPs) to be presented as part of the next European Semester;

*Amendment*

3. Is deeply concerned that, up to now, the recommendations made as part of the European Semester have taken us further away from achieving the employment and social targets of the Europe 2020 strategy; calls on the new Commission to **fix an immediate deadline for the** Member States **to present** report on national progress on the Europe 2020 strategy and correct this discrepancy in their national reform programmes (NRPs) to be presented as part of the next European Semester;

**Amendment 49**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Is deeply concerned that, **up to now, the recommendations made as part of the European Semester have taken us further** away from achieving the employment and social targets of the Europe 2020 strategy; calls on the new Commission to ask **immediately** that the Member States report on national progress on the Europe 2020 strategy **and correct this discrepancy in their national reform programmes (NRPs)**

*Amendment*

3. Is deeply concerned that the EU **is far** away from achieving the employment and social targets of the Europe 2020 strategy; calls on the new Commission to ask that the Member States report on national progress on the Europe 2020 strategy, **in particular relating to progress made by Member States to modernise their labour markets and to integrate more people into the workforce;**

*to be presented as part of the next European Semester;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 50**

**Jean Lambert**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 3**

##### *Draft opinion*

3. Is deeply concerned that, up to now, the recommendations made as part of the European Semester have taken us further away from achieving the employment and social targets of the Europe 2020 strategy; calls on the new Commission to ask immediately that the Member States report on national progress on the Europe 2020 strategy and correct this discrepancy in their national reform programmes (NRPs) to be presented as part of the next European Semester;

##### *Amendment*

3. Is deeply concerned that, up to now, the recommendations made as part of the European Semester have taken us further away from achieving the employment and social targets of the Europe 2020 strategy, ***with especially the poverty reduction target lagging behind as poverty is increasing rather than decreasing***; calls on the new Commission to ***adopt a consistent approach and to*** ask immediately that the Member States report on national progress on the Europe 2020 strategy and ***its targets and*** correct this discrepancy in their national reform programmes (NRPs) to be presented as part of the next European Semester ***and to aim Country Specific Recommendations at poverty reduction in all those Member States where more should be done in this area; furthermore calls for more transparency and policy coherence with regard to the overlapping EU level economic and employment strategies***;

Or. en

## **Amendment 51**

**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Is deeply concerned that, up to now, the ***recommendations made as part of the European Semester have*** taken us further away from achieving the employment and social targets of the Europe 2020 strategy; calls on ***the new Commission to ask immediately that the Member States report on national progress on the Europe 2020 strategy and correct this discrepancy*** in their national reform programmes (NRPs) ***to be presented as part of the next European Semester;***

*Amendment*

3. Is deeply concerned that, up to now, the ***economic and financial situation has*** taken us further away from achieving the employment and social targets of the Europe 2020 strategy; calls on ***Member States to set up well-defined national strategies to move forward with*** the Europe 2020 strategy in their national reform programmes (NRPs);

Or. en

**Amendment 52**

**Jean Lambert**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3 a. Calls for ex-ante coordination of fiscal, economic and social policies recommended under the European Semester and in particular in the Annual Growth Survey and the Country Specific Recommendations;***

Or. en

**Amendment 53**

**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Calls for a true «social pillar» to be implemented within economic and monetary union (EMU) as part of the process of improving economic governance mechanisms, so as to reduce unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, overcome social dumping and prevent competition for the lowest social standards *in the EU*;

*Amendment*

4. Calls for a true «social pillar» to be implemented within economic and monetary union (EMU) as part of the process of improving economic governance mechanisms *in these Member States*, so as to reduce unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, overcome social dumping and prevent competition for the lowest social standards;

Or. en

**Amendment 54**

**Evelyn Regner, Jutta Steinruck**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Calls for a true «social pillar» to be implemented within economic and monetary union (EMU) as part of the process of improving economic governance mechanisms, so as to reduce unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, overcome social dumping and prevent competition for the lowest social standards in the EU;

*Amendment*

4. Calls for a true «social pillar» to be implemented within economic and monetary union (EMU) as part of the process of improving economic governance mechanisms, so as to reduce unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, overcome social dumping and prevent competition for the lowest social standards in the EU; *calls on the Commission and the Member States to bring economic measures implemented in the course of the European Semester in line with the social targets of the Europe 2020 strategy and the social principles set out in the Treaties*;

Or. en

**Amendment 55**

**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Calls for ***a true «social pillar’ to be implemented within*** economic and monetary union (EMU) as part of the process of improving economic governance mechanisms, so as to reduce unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, overcome social dumping and prevent competition for the lowest social standards in the EU;

*Amendment*

4. Calls for ***continuing the development of the social dimension of the*** economic and monetary union (EMU) as part of the process of improving economic governance mechanisms, so as to reduce unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, overcome social dumping and prevent competition for the lowest social standards in the EU;

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Jutta Steinruck, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Evelyn Regner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Calls for a true «social pillar’ to be implemented within economic and monetary union (EMU) as part of the process of improving economic governance mechanisms, so as to reduce unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, overcome social dumping and prevent competition for the lowest social standards in the EU;

*Amendment*

4. Calls for a true social pillar to be implemented within economic and monetary union (EMU) as part of the process of improving economic governance mechanisms, so as to reduce unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, overcome social dumping and prevent competition for the lowest social standards in the EU; ***calls furthermore for a Social Union to be implemented including a Social Progress Pact with common binding targets on employment, education and research and development;***

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. ***Calls for a true «social pillar' to be implemented within*** economic and monetary union (EMU) as part of the process of ***improving economic governance mechanisms, so as to reduce unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, overcome social dumping and prevent competition for the lowest social standards in the EU;***

*Amendment*

4. ***Acknowledges the Commission's work on the "social pillar" of*** economic and monetary union (EMU) as part of the process of ***integrating the social dimension in the current structures for economic governance mechanisms to reduce unemployment, poverty and social exclusion;***

Or. en

**Amendment 58**  
**Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Welcomes the Commission's use of the new employment and social scoreboard for this year's CSRs; ***considers it regrettable, however, that these indicators have not been made binding in view of the current employment and social emergency;*** calls on the Commission, ***therefore, to put them on an equal footing with macroeconomic indicators, and*** to include additional indicators – such as child poverty levels, access to healthcare, homelessness, and a decent work index – in the scoreboard in order to allow more effective analysis of Member States' ***employment and social concerns;***

*Amendment*

5. Welcomes the Commission's use of the new employment and social scoreboard for this year's CSRs; calls on the Commission to include additional indicators – such as child poverty levels, access to healthcare, (youth-)homelessness, and a decent work index – in the scoreboard ***and, in order to allow more effective analysis and to encourage the identification and exchange of best practices, calls for a detailed overview of Member States' choices in different policy fields and the corresponding results;***

Or. en



**Amendment 59**  
**Jutta Steinruck**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Welcomes the Commission's use of the new employment and social scoreboard for this year's CSRs; considers it regrettable, however, that these indicators have not been made binding in view of the current employment and social emergency; calls on the Commission, therefore, to put them on an equal footing with macroeconomic indicators, and to include additional indicators – such as child poverty levels, access to healthcare, homelessness, and a decent work index – in the scoreboard in order to allow more effective analysis of Member States' employment and social concerns;

*Amendment*

5. Welcomes the Commission's use of the new employment and social scoreboard for this year's CSRs; considers it regrettable, however, that these indicators **are only analytical and** have not been made binding in view of the current employment and social emergency; calls on the Commission, therefore, to put them on an equal footing with macroeconomic indicators, and to include additional indicators – such as child poverty levels, access to healthcare, homelessness, and a decent work index – in the scoreboard in order to allow more effective analysis **and monitoring** of Member States' employment and social concerns;

Or. en

**Amendment 60**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Welcomes the Commission's use of the new employment and social scoreboard for this year's CSRs; **considers it regrettable, however, that these indicators have not been made binding in view of the current employment and social emergency; calls on the Commission, therefore, to put them on an equal footing with macroeconomic indicators, and to include additional indicators – such as child poverty levels, access to healthcare, homelessness, and a**

*Amendment*

5. Welcomes the Commission's use of the new employment and social scoreboard for this year's CSRs;

*decent work index – in the scoreboard in order to allow more effective analysis of Member States’ employment and social concerns;*

Or. en

**Amendment 61**  
**Siôn Simon**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Welcomes the Commission’s use of the new employment and social scoreboard for this year’s CSRs; considers it regrettable, however, that these indicators have not been made binding in view of the current employment and social emergency; calls on the Commission, therefore, to put them on an equal footing with macroeconomic indicators, and to include additional indicators – such as child poverty levels, access to healthcare, *homelessness*, and a *decent work* index – in the scoreboard in order to allow more effective analysis of Member States’ employment and social concerns;

*Amendment*

5. Welcomes the Commission’s use of the new employment and social scoreboard for this year’s CSRs; considers it regrettable, however, that these indicators have not been made binding in view of the current employment and social emergency; calls on the Commission, therefore, to put them on an equal footing with macroeconomic indicators, and to include additional indicators – such as *decent work*, child poverty levels, access to healthcare and a *homelessness* index – in the scoreboard in order to allow more effective analysis of Member States’ employment and social concerns;

Or. en

**Amendment 62**  
**Jean Lambert**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Welcomes the Commission’s use of the new employment and social scoreboard for

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this year's CSRs; considers it regrettable, however, that these indicators have not been made binding in view of the current employment and social emergency; calls on the Commission, therefore, to put them on an equal footing with macroeconomic indicators, and to include additional indicators – such as child poverty levels, access to healthcare, homelessness, and a decent work index – in the scoreboard in order to allow more effective analysis of Member States' employment and social concerns;

this year's CSRs; considers it regrettable, however, that these indicators have not been made binding in view of the current employment and social emergency; calls on the Commission, therefore, to put them on an equal footing with macroeconomic indicators, and to include additional indicators – such as child poverty levels, access to healthcare, homelessness, and a decent work index – in the scoreboard in order to allow more effective analysis of Member States' employment and social concerns; ***calls on the Commission and Council to continue to improve indicators to monitor the social, environmental and innovation dimension of the EU 2020 Strategy in the framework of the European Semester;***

Or. en

**Amendment 63**  
**Heinz K. Becker**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Welcomes the Commission's use of the new employment and social scoreboard for this year's CSRs; ***considers it regrettable, however, that these indicators have not been made binding in view of the current employment and social emergency;*** calls on the Commission, ***therefore, to put them on an equal footing with macroeconomic indicators, and to include additional indicators – such as child poverty levels, access to healthcare, homelessness, and a decent work index – in the scoreboard in order to allow more effective analysis of Member States' employment and social concerns;***

*Amendment*

5. Welcomes the Commission's use of the new employment and social scoreboard for this year's CSRs; calls on the Commission ***and Member States to strengthen the awareness for implementing CSRs*** in the ***European economy;***

**Amendment 64**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Welcomes the Commission's use of the new employment and social scoreboard for this year's CSRs; ***considers it regrettable, however, that these indicators have not been made binding in view of the current employment and social emergency***; calls on the Commission, therefore, to ***put them on an equal footing with macroeconomic indicators, and to*** include additional indicators – such as child poverty levels, access to healthcare, homelessness, and a decent work index – in the scoreboard in order to allow more effective analysis of Member States' employment and social concerns;

*Amendment*

5. Welcomes the Commission's use of the new employment and social scoreboard for this year's CSRs; calls ***for the inclusion of*** additional indicators – such as child poverty levels, access to healthcare, homelessness, and a decent work index – in the scoreboard in order to allow more effective analysis of Member States' employment and social concerns;

**Amendment 65**  
**Danuta Jazłowiecka, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Welcomes the Commission's use of the new employment and social scoreboard for this year's CSRs; considers it regrettable, however, that these indicators ***have not been made binding*** in view of the current employment and social emergency; calls on the Commission, therefore, to ***put them on an equal footing with macroeconomic***

*Amendment*

5. Welcomes the Commission's use of the new employment and social scoreboard for this year's CSRs; considers it regrettable, however, that ***Member States' targets regarding*** these indicators ***were not sufficiently ambitious*** in view of the current employment and social emergency ***and the objectives of the Europe 2020***

*indicators, and to include additional indicators – such as child poverty levels, access to healthcare, homelessness, and a decent work index – in the scoreboard* in order to allow more effective analysis of Member States' employment and social concerns;

*strategy*; calls on the Commission, therefore, to *further insist on the full implementation of the European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion, The Youth on the Move and the Agenda for New Skills and Jobs*, in order to allow more effective analysis of Member States' employment and social concerns;

Or. en

## **Amendment 66**

**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 5**

##### *Draft opinion*

5. Welcomes the *Commission's* use of the new employment and social scoreboard for this year's CSRs; *considers it regrettable, however, that these indicators have not been made binding in view of the current employment and social emergency; calls on the Commission, therefore, to put them on an equal footing with macroeconomic indicators, and to include* additional indicators – such as child poverty levels, access to healthcare, *homelessness, and a decent work index* – in the scoreboard in order to allow more effective analysis of Member States' employment and social concerns;

##### *Amendment*

5. Welcomes the *Commission's* use of the new employment and social scoreboard for this year's CSRs, *in particular the references to unemployment levels, NEET and youth unemployment rates; considers it important to include* additional indicators – such as child poverty levels, access to healthcare *and homelessness* – in the scoreboard in order to allow more effective analysis of Member States' employment and social concerns;

Or. en

## **Amendment 67**

**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Reiterates its call for a meeting of the Eurogroup employment and social affairs ministers to be held prior to euro summits whenever necessary, so as to ensure that social and employment concerns are addressed more fully in the discussions and decisions of the eurozone authorities, and with a view to contributing to the meetings of the eurozone heads of state and government; believes *that* joint meetings between the EPSCO and ECOFIN Councils with the aim of achieving a coherent position *are also crucial*;

*Amendment*

6. Reiterates its call for a meeting of the Eurogroup employment and social affairs ministers to be held prior to euro summits whenever necessary, so as to ensure that social and employment concerns are addressed more fully in the discussions and decisions of the eurozone authorities, and with a view to contributing to the meetings of the eurozone heads of state and government; believes *in the importance of* joint meetings between the EPSCO and ECOFIN Councils with the aim of achieving a coherent position *whenever necessary*;

Or. en

**Amendment 68**  
**Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Welcomes the Commission's recognition that the impact of fiscal consolidation measures on the EU employment and social situation has been severe and far-reaching; calls for *the immediate fulfilment of all* the employment and social *obligations* set out in the Treaties and in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights; calls on the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights to assess thoroughly the impact of these measures on fundamental rights and to issue recommendations in the event of breaches of the Charter;

*Amendment*

7. Welcomes the Commission's recognition that the impact of fiscal consolidation measures on the EU employment and social situation has been severe and far-reaching; calls for *increased efforts towards fulfilling* the employment and social *goals* set out in the Treaties and in *line with* the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights; calls on the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights to assess thoroughly the impact of these measures on fundamental rights and to issue recommendations in the event of breaches of the Charter;

Or. en

**Amendment 69**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Welcomes the Commission's recognition that the impact of fiscal consolidation measures on the EU employment and social situation has been severe and far-reaching; calls for the ***immediate fulfilment of all*** the employment and social obligations set out in the Treaties and in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights; ***calls on the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights to assess thoroughly the impact of these measures on fundamental rights and to issue recommendations in the event of breaches of the Charter;***

*Amendment*

7. Welcomes the Commission's recognition that the impact of fiscal consolidation measures, ***taken in order to guarantee not only the sustainability of some Member States economies, but the sustainability of the whole European economy***, on the EU employment and social situation has been severe and far-reaching; calls ***on Member States to fulfil*** all the employment and social obligations set out in the Treaties and in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights;

Or. en

**Amendment 70**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Welcomes the ***Commission's*** recognition that ***the impact of fiscal consolidation measures*** on the EU employment and social situation has been severe and far-reaching; calls for the ***immediate*** fulfilment of all the employment and social obligations set out in the Treaties and in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights; ***calls on the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights to assess thoroughly the impact of these measures on fundamental rights and to issue recommendations in the event of breaches***

*Amendment*

7. Welcomes the ***Commission's*** recognition that ***year-long lack of structural reform in Member States, combined with excessive deficits and a large contraction in economic growth has had a negative effect*** on the EU employment and social situation has been severe and far-reaching; calls for the fulfilment of all the employment and social obligations set out in the Treaties and in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights;

*of the Charter;*

Or. en

**Amendment 71**  
**Brando Benifei**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7 a. Welcomes the intention of the Italian Presidency, as also included in the conclusions of the European Council extraordinary meeting on 30 August 2014, to hold a Conference at the level of Heads of State or Government on employment, especially youth employment;***

Or. en

**Amendment 72**  
**Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

8. Welcomes the abovementioned mild decline in unemployment rates in the EU; ***recalls, however, that the Europe 2020 strategy accurately states that the figure to watch is the employment rate, which indicates the availability of human and financial resources to ensure the sustainability of our economic and social model; asks that the slowdown in the unemployment rate not be confused with the recovery of lost jobs, as no account is taken of increased emigration or forced early retirement;***

8. Welcomes the abovementioned mild decline in unemployment rates in the EU;



**Amendment 73**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Welcomes the ***abovementioned mild decline*** in unemployment rates ***in the EU***; recalls, ***however***, that the Europe 2020 strategy accurately states that the figure to watch is the employment rate, which indicates the availability of human and financial resources to ensure the sustainability of our economic and social ***model***; ***asks that the slowdown in the unemployment rate not be confused with the recovery of lost jobs, as no account is taken of increased emigration or forced early retirement***;

*Amendment*

8. Welcomes the ***reduction*** in unemployment rates ***particularly in some Member States***; recalls, that the Europe 2020 strategy accurately states that the figure to watch is the employment rate, which indicates the availability of human and financial resources to ensure the sustainability of our economic and social ***models***;

**Amendment 74**  
**Siôn Simon**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Welcomes the abovementioned mild decline in unemployment rates in the EU; ***recalls, however, that*** the Europe 2020 strategy ***accurately*** states ***that the figure to watch is the employment rate, which indicates the availability of human and financial resources to ensure the sustainability of our economic and social model***; ***asks that the slowdown in the unemployment rate not be confused with***

*Amendment*

8. Welcomes the abovementioned mild decline in unemployment rates in the EU; ***warns that the EU shall not only measure the employment rate, as accurately stated in the Europe 2020 strategy, but also the quality of those new jobs, as new jobs are a first step but must also be real, secure and decently paid with clearly defined rights***; ***asks that the slowdown in the unemployment rate not be confused with***

the recovery of lost jobs, as no account is taken of increased emigration or forced early retirement;

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Or. en

**Amendment 75**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Welcomes the abovementioned *mild* decline in unemployment rates in the EU; recalls, however, that the Europe 2020 strategy accurately states that the figure to watch is the employment rate, *which indicates the availability of human and financial resources to ensure the sustainability of our economic and social model; asks that the slowdown in the unemployment rate not be confused with the recovery of lost jobs, as no account is taken of increased emigration or forced early retirement;*

*Amendment*

8. Welcomes the abovementioned decline in unemployment rates in the EU; recalls, however, that the Europe 2020 strategy accurately states that the figure to watch is the employment rate;

Or. en

**Amendment 76**  
**Paloma López, Rina Ronja Kari, Inês Cristina Zuber**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. *Welcomes the abovementioned mild decline in* unemployment rates in the EU; recalls, *however*, that the Europe 2020 strategy accurately states that the figure to watch is the employment rate, which indicates the availability of human and

*Amendment*

8. *Is concerned with the persistently high* unemployment rates in the EU; recalls, *moreover*, that the Europe 2020 strategy accurately states that the figure to watch is the employment rate, which indicates the availability of human and financial

financial resources to ensure the sustainability of our economic and social model; asks that the slowdown in the unemployment rate not be confused with the recovery of lost jobs, as no account is taken of increased emigration or forced early retirement;

resources to ensure the sustainability of our economic and social model; asks that the slowdown in the unemployment rate not be confused with the recovery of lost jobs, as no account is taken of increased emigration or forced early retirement; *asks that the deterioration in job quality, including rising involuntary part-time and temporary employment, and involuntary self-employment, are given adequate consideration;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 77**

**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs**

#### **Draft opinion Paragraph 8**

##### *Draft opinion*

8. Welcomes the abovementioned mild decline in unemployment rates in the EU; *recalls, however, that the Europe 2020 strategy accurately states that the figure to watch is the employment rate, which indicates the availability of human and financial resources to ensure the sustainability of our economic and social model; asks that the slowdown in the unemployment rate not be confused with the recovery of lost jobs, as no account is taken of increased emigration or forced early retirement;*

##### *Amendment*

8. Welcomes the abovementioned mild decline in unemployment rates in the EU;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 78**

**Inês Cristina Zuber, Patrick Le Hyaric**

#### **Draft opinion Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***8 a. Stresses the need for reforms in the labour market to put a strong focus on promoting quality of work, improved social security and social exclusion, enhancing existing and introducing new workers' rights, promoting health and safety at work, better social risk management and the reconciliation of work and non-work life;***

Or. en

**Amendment 79**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***8 a. Notes that the Commission draws attention to the need for structural reforms to improve framework conditions for growth and jobs, particularly at times of high unemployment and that many opportunities can be opened up at both national and European levels by completing the Single Market;***

Or. en

**Amendment 80**  
**Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

9. Calls on the new Commission to make the employment recovery ***a true*** priority by

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establishing an ambitious and holistic strategy for **quality job creation**, which should involve all the new Commissioners; **takes the view that, to this end, each Commissioner should draw up a quality employment plan for their specific policy area, including concrete measures, a budget allocation and a calendar for its implementation;**

**absolute** priority by establishing an ambitious and holistic strategy for **the creation of growth and jobs**, which should involve all the new Commissioners;

Or. en

### **Amendment 81**

**Jean Lambert**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 9**

##### *Draft opinion*

9. Calls on the new Commission to make the employment recovery a true priority by establishing an ambitious and holistic strategy for quality job creation, which should involve all the new Commissioners; takes the view that, to this end, each Commissioner should draw up a quality employment plan for their specific policy area, including concrete measures, a budget allocation and a calendar for its implementation;

##### *Amendment*

9. Calls on the new Commission to make the employment recovery a true priority by establishing an ambitious and holistic strategy for quality job creation, **and to promote access for excluded groups through integrated active inclusion approaches**, which should involve all the new Commissioners; takes the view that, to this end, each Commissioner should draw up a quality employment plan for their specific policy area, including concrete measures, a budget allocation and a calendar for its implementation, **also urges the Commission to demand from each Member State a National Job Plan for decent/quality job creation as agreed by Member States at the 2012 Spring Council;**

Or. en

### **Amendment 82**

**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. Calls on the new Commission to make the employment recovery a true priority by establishing an ambitious and holistic strategy for quality job creation, which should involve all the new Commissioners; ***takes the view that, to this end, each Commissioner should draw up a quality employment plan for their specific policy area, including concrete measures, a budget allocation and a calendar for its implementation;***

*Amendment*

9. Calls on the new Commission to make the employment recovery a true priority by establishing an ambitious and holistic strategy for quality job creation, which should involve all the new Commissioners;

Or. en

**Amendment 83**  
**Danuta Jazłowiecka, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. Calls on the new Commission to make the employment recovery a true priority by establishing an ambitious and holistic strategy for quality job creation, which should involve all the new Commissioners; takes the view that, to this end, ***each Commissioner*** should draw up a quality employment plan for their specific policy area, ***including concrete*** measures, a budget allocation and a calendar for its implementation;

*Amendment*

9. Calls on the new Commission to make the employment recovery a true priority by establishing an ambitious and holistic strategy for quality job creation, which should involve all the new Commissioners ***dealing with subjects which have an impact on the EU labour market;*** takes the view that, to this end, ***those Commissioners*** should draw up a quality employment plan for their specific policy area, ***with recommendations for*** measures, a budget allocation and a calendar for its implementation;

Or. en

**Amendment 84**  
**Brando Benifei**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. Calls on the new Commission to make the employment recovery a true priority by establishing an ambitious and holistic strategy for quality job creation, which should involve all the new Commissioners; takes the view that, to this end, each Commissioner should draw up a quality employment plan for their specific policy area, *including* concrete measures, a budget allocation and a calendar for its implementation;

*Amendment*

9. Calls on the new Commission to make the employment recovery a true priority by establishing an ambitious and holistic strategy for quality job creation, which should involve all the new Commissioners; takes the view that, to this end, each Commissioner should draw up a quality employment plan for their specific policy area, *as well as for the spending voices of the promised EUR 300 billion investment plan, indicating* concrete measures, a budget allocation and a calendar for its implementation;

Or. en

**Amendment 85**  
**Zdzisław Marek Krasnodębski**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. Calls on the new Commission to make the employment recovery a true priority *by* establishing an ambitious and holistic strategy for quality job creation, *which should involve all the new Commissioners; takes the view that, to this end, each Commissioner should draw up a quality employment plan for their specific policy area, including concrete measures, a budget allocation and a calendar for its implementation;*

*Amendment*

9. Calls on the new Commission to make the employment recovery a true priority; *calls on the Commission to motivate Member States to* establish an ambitious and holistic strategy for quality job creation *and to take appropriate and energetic measures in the fight against unemployment;*

Or. en

## Amendment 86

Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 9

##### *Draft opinion*

9. Calls on the new Commission to make the employment recovery a true priority *by establishing an ambitious and holistic strategy for quality job creation, which should involve all the new Commissioners; takes the view that, to this end, each Commissioner should draw up a quality employment plan for their specific policy area, including concrete measures, a budget allocation and a calendar for its implementation;*

##### *Amendment*

9. Calls on the new Commission to make the employment recovery a true priority; *asks therefore that economic recovery, growth and job creation be made a horizontal priority of the new European Commission involving all the new Commissioners;*

Or. en

## Amendment 87

Anthea McIntyre

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 9

##### *Draft opinion*

9. Calls on the new Commission to make the employment recovery a true priority by establishing an ambitious and holistic strategy for quality job creation, which should involve all the new Commissioners; takes the view that, to this end, each Commissioner should draw up *a quality* employment plan for their specific policy area, including concrete measures, *a* budget allocation and a calendar for its implementation;

##### *Amendment*

9. Calls on the new Commission to make the employment recovery a true priority by establishing an ambitious and holistic strategy for quality job creation, which should involve all the new Commissioners; takes the view that, to this end, each Commissioner should draw up *an ambitious* employment plan for their specific policy area, including concrete measures, *a* budget allocation *where appropriate by identifying savings elsewhere in the EU budget* and a calendar for its implementation;



**Amendment 88**  
**Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*10. Is concerned that the Commission's strategy of restoring EU competitiveness through an excessive adjustment of unit labour costs via salary reductions has sharply eroded the purchasing power of many EU workers, lowered household incomes and depressed internal demand, further fuelling unemployment and social exclusion, particularly in those countries hit hardest by the crisis; points out that a cross-sectoral policy for restoring competitiveness must also contemplate strategies focusing on other production costs, price developments and profit margins, and on boosting innovation and excellence;*

*deleted*

**Amendment 89**  
**Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Anne Sander**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*10. Is concerned that the Commission's strategy of restoring EU competitiveness through an excessive adjustment of unit labour costs via salary reductions has sharply eroded the purchasing power of many EU workers, lowered household incomes and depressed internal demand,*

*deleted*

*further fuelling unemployment and social exclusion, particularly in those countries hit hardest by the crisis; points out that a cross-sectoral policy for restoring competitiveness must also contemplate strategies focusing on other production costs, price developments and profit margins, and on boosting innovation and excellence;*

Or. en

**Amendment 90**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft opinion*

10. *Is concerned* that the *Commission's strategy of restoring* EU competitiveness *through an excessive adjustment of unit labour costs via salary reductions has sharply eroded the purchasing power of many EU workers, lowered household incomes and depressed internal demand, further fuelling unemployment and social exclusion, particularly in those countries hit hardest by the crisis;* points out that a cross-sectoral policy for restoring competitiveness must also contemplate strategies focusing on other production costs, price developments and profit margins, and on boosting innovation and excellence;

*Amendment*

10. *Considers* that the EU competitiveness *recovery cannot be reached by cost-cutting alone, but needs to be accompanied by increased investment in research and development, education and skills and resource efficiency;* points out that a cross-sectoral policy for restoring competitiveness must also contemplate strategies focusing on other production costs, price developments and profit margins, and on boosting innovation and excellence;

Or. en

**Amendment 91**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10**

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*Draft opinion*

10. ***Is concerned that the Commission's strategy of restoring EU competitiveness through an excessive adjustment of unit labour costs via salary reductions has sharply eroded the purchasing power of many EU workers, lowered household incomes and depressed internal demand, further fuelling unemployment and social exclusion, particularly in those countries hit hardest by the crisis***; points out that a cross-sectoral policy for restoring competitiveness must also contemplate strategies focusing on other production costs, price developments and profit margins, and on boosting innovation and ***excellence***;

*Amendment*

10. ***Notes that part of the recovery strategy went through an adjustment of unit labour costs via salary and entitlement reductions bringing unit labour costs back in line with productivity***; points out that a cross-sectoral policy for restoring competitiveness must also contemplate strategies focusing on other production costs, price developments and profit margins, and on boosting innovation and

Or. en

**Amendment 92**  
**Glenis Willmott**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

***10 a. Is concerned that calls to 'modernise' EU labour markets will lead to de-regulation and the erosion of workers' rights and essential protection of workers health, safety and security; therefore calls on the new Commission to uphold workers' social rights and to ensure that all legislation grants appropriate protection to workers against exploitation, discrimination and ill-health and does so on the basis of risk, rather than the size of an enterprise;***

Or. en

**Amendment 93**

**Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Anne Sander**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***10 a. Stresses that the Commission's strategy of restoring EU competitiveness should focus on a cross-sectorial policy in order to boost innovation and excellence;***

Or. en

**Amendment 94**

**Evelyn Regner, Jutta Steinruck**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***10 a. Is concerned about the ever rising inequalities in terms of wealth and income weakening the purchasing power and the internal demand as well as the investments in the real economy; calls on Member States to include measures to reduce these inequalities into their NRPs in order to boost growth, employment and social cohesion;***

Or. en

**Amendment 95**

**Maria Arena**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***10 a. Furthermore regrets that, in the***

*CSRs, the reduction of work taxation aimed to reinforce competitiveness and employment is proposed to be compensated only through rises in VAT or environmental taxation, and never through increases in capital taxation;*

Or. en

**Amendment 96**  
**Rina Ronja Kari, Inês Cristina Zuber**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*10 a. Insists that the Commission refrains from interfering in wage-setting mechanisms in Member States; wage-setting must remain the prerogative of the autonomous social partners, or by similar means, specific to the individual Member States;*

Or. en

**Amendment 97**  
**Jean Lambert**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*10 a. Welcomes the Commission's Country Specific Recommendations in the field of environmental taxation and calls on Member States to implement this recommendation while ensuring that this will benefit lower incomes in particular; highlights the positive budgetary, employment, social, and environmental*

*impacts of shifting taxation from labour to environmental taxation and of the phasing out of environmentally harmful subsidies; calls on the Commission to make environmental taxation a priority in the upcoming Annual Growth Survey;*

Or. en

**Amendment 98**  
**Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Draft opinion*

11. Welcomes the Commission's call, in its umbrella communication on the CSR in the EU as a whole, to invest more in R&D, innovation, education, skills and active labour market policies, together with energy, transport and the digital economy; *considers, however, that in the context of the current process of fiscal consolidation these goals can be achieved only through greater flexibility within the SGP;*

*Amendment*

11. Welcomes the Commission's call, in its umbrella communication on the CSR in the EU as a whole, to invest more in R&D, innovation, education, skills and active labour market policies, together with energy, transport and the digital economy;

Or. en

**Amendment 99**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Draft opinion*

11. Welcomes the Commission's call, in its umbrella communication on the CSR in the EU as a whole, to invest more in R&D, innovation, education, skills and active labour market policies, together with energy, transport and the digital economy;

*Amendment*

11. Welcomes the Commission's call, in its umbrella communication on the CSR in the EU as a whole, to invest more in R&D, innovation, education, skills and active labour market policies, together with energy, transport and the digital economy;

*considers, however, that in the context of the current process of fiscal consolidation these goals can be achieved only through greater flexibility within the SGP;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 100**

**Inês Cristina Zuber, Patrick Le Hyaric**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 11**

##### *Draft opinion*

11. *Welcomes the Commission's call, in its umbrella communication on the CSR in the EU as a whole, to invest more in R&D, innovation, education, skills and active labour market policies, together with energy, transport and the digital economy; considers, however, that in the context of the current process of fiscal consolidation these goals can be achieved only through greater flexibility within the SGP;*

##### *Amendment*

11. *Asks the Commission to invest more in R&D, innovation, education, skills and active labour market policies, together with energy, transport and the digital economy;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 101**

**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 11**

##### *Draft opinion*

11. Welcomes the *Commission's* call, in its umbrella communication on the CSR in the EU as a whole, to invest more in R&D, innovation, education, skills and active labour market policies, together with energy, transport and the digital economy; *considers, however, that in the context of the current process of fiscal consolidation*

##### *Amendment*

11. Welcomes the *Commission's* call, in its umbrella communication on the CSR in the EU as a whole, to invest more in R&D, innovation, education, skills and active labour market policies, together with energy, transport and the digital economy; *calls on Member States to make use of the given flexibility within the economic*

*these goals can be achieved only through greater flexibility within the SGP;*

*governance rules;*

Or. en

**Amendment 102**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*11 a. Is concerned that financial fragmentation in the Euro area is, in some cases, jeopardising SMEs growth and sustainability; calls for a restoration of the economy's lending capacity, which allows SMEs to invest and create jobs, as well as for easing the access to entrepreneurship and the access of SMEs to programs such as COSME or Horizon 2020;*

Or. en

**Amendment 103**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*11 b. Calls on Member States to eliminate unnecessary administrative burdens and bureaucracy for the self-employed, micro-enterprises and SMEs and to facilitate the conditions for start-up of businesses;*

Or. en



**Amendment 104**  
**Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Draft opinion*

12. ***Calls on the Commission, as a matter of urgency, to give tangible form to the promised EUR 300 billion investment plan, and calls for an assessment as to whether this figure is sufficient*** to restore the EU's full potential for growth and quality job creation;

*Amendment*

12. ***Welcomes the announcement by the President of the new Commission of a EUR 300 billion investment plan to restore the EU's full potential for growth and quality job creation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 105**  
**Brando Benifei**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Draft opinion*

12. Calls on the Commission, as a matter of urgency, to give tangible form to the promised EUR 300 billion investment plan, and calls for an assessment as to whether this figure is sufficient to restore the EU's full potential for growth and quality job creation;

*Amendment*

12. Calls on the Commission, as a matter of urgency, to give tangible form to the promised EUR 300 billion investment plan, and calls for an assessment as to whether this figure is sufficient to restore the EU's full potential for growth and quality job creation; ***stresses the fact that priority should be given to finance measures to boost quality job creation and investments in public infrastructures, as a means to re-launch economic growth and to trigger economies of scale;***

Or. en

**Amendment 106**  
**Jean Lambert**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Draft opinion*

12. Calls on the Commission, as a matter of urgency, to give tangible form to the promised EUR 300 billion investment plan, and calls for an assessment as to whether this figure is sufficient to restore the EU's full potential for growth and quality job creation;

*Amendment*

12. Calls on the Commission, as a matter of urgency, to give tangible form to the promised EUR 300 billion investment plan, and calls for an assessment as to whether this figure is sufficient to restore the EU's full potential for growth and quality job creation; ***recalls the Commission's recognition of the health and social care sectors as holding significant potential for growth and representing crucial areas for investment in pursuit of sustainable economies; invites the Commission to report on progress in developing initiatives, as part of the Europe 2020 Strategy, for investment in the health and social care sectors with regards to quality employment;***

Or. en

**Amendment 107**

**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Draft opinion*

12. Calls on the Commission, as a matter of urgency, to give tangible form to the promised EUR 300 billion investment plan, and calls for an assessment as to whether this figure is sufficient to restore the ***EU's*** full potential for growth and quality job creation;

*Amendment*

12. Calls on the Commission, as a matter of urgency, to give tangible form to the promised EUR 300 billion investment plan, and calls for an assessment as to whether this figure is sufficient to restore the ***EU's*** full potential for ***competitiveness***, growth and quality job creation;

Or. en

**Amendment 108**  
**Guillaume Balas, Edouard Martin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***12 a. Calls on the Commission to provide, on the basis of Article 9 TFEU, a detailed social impact assessment of the EUR 300 billion investment plan;***

Or. en

**Amendment 109**  
**Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***13. Calls on the Commission and the Member States, as a matter of urgency, to exclude productive investments, for instance in education or research and development, from the deficit targets established under EU and national rules;***

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 110**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***13. Calls on the Commission and the Member States, as a matter of urgency, to exclude productive investments, for instance in education or research and***

*deleted*

*development, from the deficit targets established under EU and national rules;*

Or. en

**Amendment 111**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*13. Calls on the Commission and the Member States, as a matter of urgency, to exclude productive investments, for instance in education or research and development, from the deficit targets established under EU and national rules;*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 112**  
**Rina Ronja Kari, Inês Cristina Zuber**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

13. Calls on the Commission and the Member States, as a matter of urgency, to exclude productive investments, for instance in education or research and development, from the deficit targets established under EU and national rules;

13. Calls on the Commission and the Member States, as a matter of urgency, to exclude productive investments, for instance in **green growth, infrastructure**, education or research and development, from the deficit targets established under EU and national rules;

Or. en

**Amendment 113**  
**Georgi Pirinski**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Draft opinion*

13. Calls on the Commission and the Member States, as a matter of urgency, to exclude productive investments, for instance in education or research and development, from the deficit targets established under EU and national rules;

*Amendment*

13. Calls on the Commission and the Member States, as a matter of urgency, to exclude productive investments, for instance in education or research and development, ***innovations and investments in professional qualifications and skills*** from the deficit targets established under EU and national rules; ***stresses that, more specifically, priority shall be given to excluding the net increases of public expenditures in the above mentioned policy areas from deficit targets on a year-to-year basis;***

Or. en

**Amendment 114**  
**Guillaume Balas, Edouard Martin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***13 a. Considers that the generalisation in all Member States of structural reforms only aiming at the reduction of labour cost leads to a counterproductive race to the bottom and is inefficient for the achievement of the objective of full employment; considers that this situation illustrates the absence of a genuine coordination of fiscal, social and tax policies in Europe;***

Or. en

**Amendment 115**  
**Rina Ronja Kari, Inês Cristina Zuber**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***13 a. Stresses that welfare services are essential for the social cohesion in Member States and that they play a crucial role in maintaining a well-functioning workforce; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to immediately exclude welfare spending from the deficit targets established under EU and national rules;***

Or. en

**Amendment 116**  
**Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

14. Calls on the Commission to strengthen EU industry through the application of a ***more flexible competition policy in favour of competitiveness and employment, together with an ecological and digital transition plan***; reiterates its call on the Commission to draw up a proposal for a legal act on the provision of information to, and consultation of, workers and the anticipation and management of restructuring in order to ensure economic and socially responsible adaptation to change by EU industry;

14. Calls on the Commission to strengthen EU industry through the application of a ***coherent strategy to strengthen industrial competitiveness without placing an excessive regulatory burden on businesses, in particular SMEs***; reiterates its call on the Commission to draw up, ***after consulting the social partners***, a proposal for a legal act on the provision of information to, and consultation of, workers and the anticipation and management of restructuring in order to ensure economic and socially responsible adaptation to change by EU industry;

Or. en

## Amendment 117

Danuta Jazłowiecka, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 14

##### *Draft opinion*

14. Calls on the Commission to strengthen EU industry through the application of a more flexible competition policy in favour of competitiveness and employment, together with an ecological and digital transition plan; reiterates its call on the Commission to **draw up a** proposal for a legal act on the provision of information to, and consultation of, workers and the anticipation and management of restructuring in order to ensure economic and socially responsible adaptation to change by EU industry;

##### *Amendment*

14. Calls on the Commission to strengthen EU industry through the application of a more flexible competition policy in favour of competitiveness and employment, together with an ecological and digital transition plan; reiterates its call on the Commission to **analyse the necessity of a** proposal for a legal act on the provision of information to, and consultation of, workers and the anticipation and management of restructuring in order to ensure economic and socially responsible adaptation to change by EU industry;

Or. en

## Amendment 118

Jutta Steinruck, Evelyn Regner

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 14

##### *Draft opinion*

14. Calls on the Commission to strengthen EU industry through the application of a more flexible competition policy in favour of competitiveness and employment, together with an ecological and digital transition plan; reiterates its call on the Commission to draw up a proposal for a legal act on the provision of information to, and consultation of, workers and the anticipation and management of restructuring in order to ensure economic and socially responsible adaptation to change by EU industry;

##### *Amendment*

14. Calls on the Commission to strengthen EU industry through the application of a more flexible competition policy in favour of competitiveness and employment - **such as guaranteeing workers' rights, including the right to collective bargaining** - together with an ecological and digital transition plan; reiterates its call on the Commission to draw up a proposal for a legal act on the provision of information to, and consultation of, workers and the anticipation and management of restructuring in order to ensure economic and socially responsible

adaptation to change by EU industry;

Or. en

### Amendment 119

Anthea McIntyre, Zdzisław Marek Krasnodębski

#### Draft opinion

##### Paragraph 14

#### *Draft opinion*

14. Calls on the Commission to strengthen EU industry through the application of a more flexible competition policy in favour of competitiveness and employment, together with an ecological and digital transition plan; ***reiterates its call on the Commission to draw up a proposal for a legal act on the provision of information to, and consultation of, workers and the anticipation and management of restructuring in order to ensure economic and socially responsible adaptation to change by EU industry;***

#### *Amendment*

14. Calls on the Commission ***together with the Member States*** to strengthen EU industry through the application of a more flexible competition policy in favour of competitiveness and employment, together with an ecological and digital transition plan;

Or. en

### Amendment 120

Inês Cristina Zuber, Patrick Le Hyaric

#### Draft opinion

##### Paragraph 14

#### *Draft opinion*

14. Calls on the Commission to strengthen EU industry ***through the application of a more flexible competition policy*** in favour of ***competitiveness and*** employment, together with an ecological and digital transition plan; reiterates its call on the Commission to draw up a proposal for a legal act on the provision of information to,

#### *Amendment*

14. Calls on the Commission to strengthen EU industry in favour of employment, together with an ecological and digital transition plan; reiterates its call on the Commission to draw up a proposal for a legal act on the provision of information to, and consultation of, workers and the anticipation and management of



and consultation of, workers and the anticipation and management of restructuring in order to ensure economic and socially responsible adaptation to change by EU industry;

restructuring in order to ensure economic and socially responsible adaptation to change by EU industry;

Or. en

**Amendment 121**  
**Glenis Willmott**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***14 a. Calls on the new Commission to ensure that trade union rights are upheld, to take action against the practice of blacklisting in employment, to promote worker consultation in wage setting and to ensure that companies' economic freedoms are not prioritised over workers' social rights;***

Or. en

**Amendment 122**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***14 a. Stresses the need to shift the tax burden away from labour towards other forms of sustainable tax in order to promote growth and job creation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 123**  
**Glenis Willmott**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Draft opinion*

15. Is concerned that, in many Member States and sectors, job losses are coupled with a decline in job quality, an increase in precarious forms of employment and a deterioration in basic labour standards; stresses that the Commission and the Member States need to make dedicated efforts to address the increase in involuntary part-time employment *and temporary* contracts, payless internships and apprenticeships, and bogus self-employment, together with the activities of the black economy;

*Amendment*

15. Is concerned that, in many Member States and sectors, job losses are coupled with a decline in job quality, an increase in precarious forms of employment and a deterioration in basic labour standards; stresses that the Commission and the Member States need to make dedicated efforts to address the increase in involuntary part-time employment, *temporary and zero-hours* contracts, payless internships and apprenticeships, and bogus self-employment, together with the activities of the black economy;

Or. en

**Amendment 124**  
**Evelyn Regner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Draft opinion*

15. Is concerned that, in many Member States and sectors, job losses are coupled with a decline in job quality, an increase in precarious forms of employment and a deterioration in basic labour standards; stresses that the Commission and the Member States need to make dedicated efforts to address the increase in involuntary part-time employment and temporary contracts, payless internships and apprenticeships, and bogus self-employment, together with the activities of the black economy;

*Amendment*

15. Is concerned that, in many Member States and sectors, job losses are coupled with a decline in job quality, an increase in precarious forms of employment and a deterioration in basic labour standards; stresses that the Commission and the Member States need to make dedicated efforts to address the increase in involuntary part-time employment and temporary contracts, payless internships and apprenticeships, and bogus self-employment, together with the activities of the black economy; *points out that undeclared work is a rising problem in*

*most Member States and especially in cross-border work, which can only be effectively tackled by clear regulation and by much closer cooperation between the Member States, i.e. by setting up a European Platform on undeclared work, of binding nature for the Member States;*

Or. en

**Amendment 125**  
**Siôn Simon**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Draft opinion*

15. Is concerned that, in many Member States and sectors, job losses are coupled with a decline in job quality, an increase in precarious forms of employment *and a deterioration in basic labour standards*; stresses that the Commission and the Member States need to make dedicated efforts to address the increase in involuntary part-time employment and temporary contracts, payless internships and apprenticeships, and bogus self-employment, together with the activities of the black economy;

*Amendment*

15. Is concerned that, in many Member States and sectors, job losses are coupled with a decline in job quality, an increase in precarious forms of employment, *such as part time and zero hours contracts and bogus self-employment*; stresses that the Commission and the Member States, *in order to protect workers from discrimination and exploitation*, need to make dedicated efforts to address the increase in involuntary part-time employment and temporary contracts, payless internships and apprenticeships, and bogus self-employment, together with the activities of the black economy;

Or. en

**Amendment 126**  
**Jutta Steinruck, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Draft opinion*

15. Is concerned that, in many Member States and sectors, job losses are coupled with a decline in job quality, an increase in precarious forms of employment and a deterioration in basic labour standards; stresses that the Commission and the Member States need to make dedicated efforts to address the increase in involuntary part-time employment and temporary contracts, payless internships and apprenticeships, *and* bogus self-employment, *together with the activities of the black economy*;

*Amendment*

15. Is concerned that, in many Member States and sectors, job losses are coupled with a decline in job quality, an increase in precarious forms of employment and a deterioration in basic labour standards; stresses that the Commission and the Member States need to make dedicated efforts to address the increase in involuntary part-time employment and temporary contracts, payless internships and apprenticeships, bogus self-employment, *and undeclared work; welcomes therefore the Commission's initiative on a European platform on undeclared work; stresses however that the platform needs to be made binding for every Member State and that also operational measures such as common controls need to be implemented*;

Or. en

**Amendment 127**

**Jean Lambert**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 15**

*Draft opinion*

15. Is concerned that, in many Member States and sectors, job losses are coupled with a decline in job quality, an increase in precarious forms of employment and a deterioration in basic labour standards; stresses that the Commission and the Member States need to make dedicated efforts to address the increase in involuntary part-time employment and temporary contracts, payless internships and apprenticeships, and bogus self-employment, together with the activities of

*Amendment*

15. Is concerned that, in many Member States and sectors, job losses are coupled with a decline in job quality, an increase in precarious forms of employment and a deterioration in basic labour standards; stresses that the Commission and the Member States need to make dedicated efforts to address the increase in involuntary part-time employment and temporary contracts, payless internships and apprenticeships, and bogus self-employment, together with the activities of

the black economy;

the black economy; *believes that all types of contractual arrangements should give workers access to a core set of rights; reiterates its call on Member States to ensure that people with precarious, temporary or part-time contracts or who are self-employed have adequate social protection, pension rights and access to life-long learning;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 128**

**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 15**

##### *Draft opinion*

*15. Is concerned that, in many Member States and sectors, job losses are coupled with a decline in job quality, an increase in precarious forms of employment and a deterioration in basic labour standards;* stresses that the Commission and the Member States need to make dedicated efforts to *address the increase in involuntary part-time employment and temporary contracts, payless internships and apprenticeships, and bogus self-employment, together with* the activities of the black economy;

##### *Amendment*

*15. Stresses the need to ensure that people with temporary or part-time contracts or who are self-employed have adequate social protection;* stresses that the Commission and the Member States need to make dedicated efforts to *guarantee job quality and to tackle* the activities of the black economy;

Or. en

### **Amendment 129**

**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 15**

*Draft opinion*

15. Is concerned that, in many Member States and sectors, job losses are coupled with a decline in job quality, an increase in ***precarious forms of*** employment and a deterioration in basic labour standards; stresses that the Commission and the Member States need to make dedicated efforts to address ***the increase in*** involuntary part-time employment and temporary contracts, ***payless internships and apprenticeships, and*** bogus self-employment, together with the activities of the black economy;

*Amendment*

15. Is concerned that, in many Member States and sectors, job losses are coupled with a decline in job quality, an increase in ***hurdles to*** employment and deterioration in basic labour standards; stresses that the Commission and the Member States need to make dedicated efforts to address ***matching skills with labour market needs as well as*** involuntary part-time employment and temporary contracts, bogus self-employment, together with the activities of the black economy;

Or. en

**Amendment 130**

**Jean Lambert**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***15 a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that in their policy guidance labour market reforms are aimed at, amongst others, reducing segmentation, promoting transition between jobs, advancing the inclusion of vulnerable groups in the labour market, reducing in-work poverty, promoting gender equality, strengthening the rights of workers with atypical contracts and provide more social protection for self-employed workers;***

Or. en

**Amendment 131**

**Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Draft opinion*

16. Observes that, in its 2013 annual report on the EU employment and social situation, the Commission highlighted the importance of social protection expenditure as a safeguard against social risks; notes, however, that social policies and social standards have been widely used as adjustment factors by those EMU members experiencing negative economic shocks; ***considers it regrettable that the CSRs do not refer to European automatic stabilisers; recalls the importance of such stabilisers in dealing with asymmetrical shocks, in avoiding excessive depletion of national welfare states and thus in strengthening the sustainability of EMU as a whole; reiterates its call on the Commission to produce a Green Paper on automatic stabilisers in the eurozone;***

*Amendment*

16. Observes that, in its 2013 annual report on the EU employment and social situation, the Commission highlighted the importance of social protection expenditure as a safeguard against social risks; notes, however, that social policies and social standards have been widely used as adjustment factors by those EMU members experiencing negative economic shocks; ***takes note of the potential value of European automatic stabilisers for strengthening the sustainability of the EMU as a whole; stresses that such stabilisers should not lead to the creation of permanent transfers;***

Or. en

**Amendment 132**  
**Maria Arena**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Draft opinion*

16. Observes that, in its 2013 annual report on the EU employment and social situation, the Commission highlighted the importance of social protection expenditure as a safeguard against social risks; notes, however, that social policies and social standards have been widely used as adjustment factors by those EMU members experiencing negative economic shocks; considers it regrettable that the CSRs do

*Amendment*

16. Observes that, in its 2013 annual report on the EU employment and social situation, the Commission highlighted the importance of social protection expenditure as a safeguard against social risks; notes, however, that social policies and social standards have been widely used as adjustment factors by those EMU members experiencing negative economic shocks; considers it regrettable that the CSRs do

not refer to European *automatic stabilisers*; recalls the importance of such stabilisers in dealing with asymmetrical shocks, in avoiding excessive depletion of national welfare states and thus in strengthening the sustainability of EMU as a whole; reiterates its call on the Commission to produce a Green Paper on automatic stabilisers in the eurozone;

not refer to *automatic stabilisers at European level, but do refer negatively to precise examples at national level such as wage price indexation systems*; recalls the importance of such stabilisers in dealing with asymmetrical shocks, in avoiding excessive depletion of national welfare states and thus in strengthening the sustainability of EMU as a whole; reiterates its call on the Commission to produce a Green Paper on automatic stabilisers in the eurozone;

Or. en

### **Amendment 133**

**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 16**

##### *Draft opinion*

16. Observes that, in its 2013 annual report on the EU employment and social situation, the Commission highlighted the importance of social protection expenditure as a safeguard against social risks; *notes, however, that social policies and social standards have been widely used as adjustment factors by those EMU members experiencing negative economic shocks; considers it regrettable that the CSRs do not refer to European automatic stabilisers*; recalls the importance of *such* stabilisers in dealing with asymmetrical shocks, in avoiding excessive depletion of national welfare states and thus in strengthening the sustainability of EMU as a whole; reiterates its call on the Commission to produce a Green Paper on automatic stabilisers in the eurozone;

##### *Amendment*

16. Observes that, in its 2013 annual report on the EU employment and social situation, the Commission highlighted the importance of social protection expenditure as a safeguard against social risks; recalls the importance of *the automatic* stabilisers in dealing with asymmetrical shocks, in avoiding excessive depletion of national welfare states and thus in strengthening the sustainability of EMU as a whole; reiterates its call on the Commission to produce a Green Paper on automatic stabilisers in the eurozone;

Or. en



**Amendment 134**  
**Guillaume Balas, Edouard Martin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Draft opinion*

16. Observes that, in its 2013 annual report on the EU employment and social situation, the Commission highlighted the importance of social protection expenditure as a safeguard against social risks; notes, however, that social policies and social standards have been widely used as adjustment factors by those EMU members experiencing negative economic shocks; considers it regrettable that the CSRs do not refer to European automatic stabilisers; recalls the importance of such stabilisers in dealing with asymmetrical shocks, in avoiding excessive depletion of national welfare states and thus in strengthening the sustainability of EMU as a whole; reiterates its call on the Commission to produce a Green Paper on automatic stabilisers in the eurozone;

*Amendment*

16. Observes that, in its 2013 annual report on the EU employment and social situation, the Commission highlighted the importance of social protection expenditure as a safeguard against social risks; notes, however, that social policies and social standards have been widely used as adjustment factors by those EMU members experiencing negative economic shocks; considers it regrettable that the CSRs do not refer to European automatic stabilisers; recalls the importance of such stabilisers in dealing with asymmetrical shocks, in avoiding excessive depletion of national welfare states and thus in strengthening the sustainability of EMU as a whole; reiterates its call on the Commission to produce a Green Paper on automatic stabilisers in the eurozone *such as the implementation of a European Unemployment Benefit Scheme*;

Or. en

**Amendment 135**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Draft opinion*

16. Observes that, in its 2013 annual report on the EU employment and social situation, the Commission highlighted the importance of social protection expenditure as a safeguard against social risks; notes, however, that social policies and social

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standards have been widely used as adjustment factors by those EMU members experiencing negative economic shocks; *considers it regrettable that the CSRs do not refer to European automatic stabilisers; recalls the importance of such stabilisers in dealing with asymmetrical shocks, in avoiding excessive depletion of national welfare states and thus in strengthening the sustainability of EMU as a whole; reiterates its call on the Commission to produce a Green Paper on automatic stabilisers in the eurozone;*

standards have been widely used as adjustment factors by those EMU members experiencing negative economic shocks;

Or. en

**Amendment 136**  
**Brando Benifei**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*16 a. Welcomes the intention of the Italian Presidency, as delineated in its programme, to look into the matter of automatic stabilizers at the EU level, with special attention to the possible establishment of a EMU-wide unemployment benefit scheme;*

Or. en

**Amendment 137**  
**Evelyn Regner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

17. Stresses the importance of active labour market policies in the current context; is

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deeply concerned that several Member States, despite rising unemployment rates, have reduced budget allocations to finance active labour market policies; calls on the Member States to increase the coverage and effectiveness of active labour market policies, in close cooperation with the social partners;

current context; is deeply concerned that several Member States, despite rising unemployment rates, have reduced budget allocations to finance active **and inclusive** labour market policies; calls on the Member States to increase the coverage and effectiveness of active labour market policies, in close cooperation with the social partners;

Or. en

**Amendment 138**  
**Siôn Simon**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Draft opinion*

17. Stresses the importance of active labour market policies in the current context; is deeply concerned that several Member States, despite rising unemployment rates, have reduced budget allocations to finance active labour market policies; calls on the Member States to increase the coverage and effectiveness of active labour market policies, in close cooperation with the social partners;

*Amendment*

17. Stresses the importance of active labour market policies **as a strategic tool for the promotion of employment** in the current context; is deeply concerned that several Member States, despite rising unemployment rates, have reduced budget allocations to finance active labour market policies; calls on the Member States to increase the coverage and effectiveness of active labour market policies, in close cooperation with the social partners;

Or. en

**Amendment 139**  
**Jana Žitňanská**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Draft opinion*

17. Stresses the importance of active labour market policies in the current context; is

*Amendment*

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deeply concerned that several Member States, despite rising unemployment rates, have reduced budget allocations to finance active labour market policies; ***calls on the Member States to increase the coverage and effectiveness of active labour market policies, in close cooperation with the social partners;***

deeply concerned that several Member States, despite rising unemployment rates, have reduced budget allocations to finance active labour market policies; ***encourages those Member States concerned to reconsider these budget allocations and to support programmes empirically proven to help regain employment;***

Or. en

**Amendment 140**  
**Vilija Blinkevičiūtė**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 17 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***17 a. Calls on the Commission to conduct an EU-wide study into whether, as a result of recent changes made to Member State labour laws with a view to making the labour market more flexible, employees' social security cover has not been diminished and the principle of flexibility with security has not been infringed;***

Or. en

**Amendment 141**  
**Jane Collins**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***18. Notes the January 2014 proposal for a EURES (European Job Mobility Portal) regulation; calls for Parliament and the Council to deliberate on the reform as a matter of urgency so that EURES can***

***deleted***

*become an effective instrument for boosting freedom of movement; recalls that mobility must remain voluntary and must not limit efforts to create jobs and training places on the spot;*

Or. en

**Amendment 142**

**Jane Collins**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 18**

*Draft opinion*

18. *Notes the January 2014 proposal for a EURES (European Job Mobility Portal) regulation; calls for Parliament and the Council to deliberate on the reform as a matter of urgency so that EURES can become an effective instrument for boosting freedom of movement; recalls that mobility must remain voluntary and must not limit efforts to create jobs and training places on the spot;*

*Amendment*

18. Calls for *the termination of the EURES programme;*

Or. en

**Amendment 143**

**Brando Benifei**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 18**

*Draft opinion*

18. *Notes the January 2014 proposal for a EURES (European Job Mobility Portal) regulation; calls for Parliament and the Council to deliberate on the reform as a matter of urgency so that EURES can become an effective instrument for boosting freedom of movement; recalls that*

*Amendment*

18. *Welcomes the adoption of the European Parliament and Council decision on enhanced cooperation between Public Employment Services (PES); welcomes the January 2014 proposal for a EURES (European Job Mobility Portal) regulation; calls for*

mobility must remain voluntary and must not limit efforts to create jobs and training places on the spot;

Parliament and the Council to deliberate on the reform as a matter of urgency so that EURES can become an effective instrument for boosting freedom of movement; recalls that mobility must remain voluntary and must not limit efforts to create jobs and training places on the spot;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 144**

**Jean Lambert**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 18**

##### *Draft opinion*

18. Notes the January 2014 proposal for a EURES (European Job Mobility Portal) regulation; calls for Parliament and the Council to deliberate on the reform as a matter of urgency so that EURES can become an effective instrument for boosting freedom of movement; recalls that mobility must remain voluntary and must not limit efforts to create jobs and training places on the spot;

##### *Amendment*

18. Notes the January 2014 proposal for a EURES (European Job Mobility Portal) regulation; calls for Parliament and the Council to deliberate on the reform as a matter of urgency so that EURES can become an effective instrument for boosting freedom of movement ***and for promoting diversity***; recalls that mobility must remain voluntary and must not limit efforts to create jobs and training places on the spot;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 145**

**Jutta Steinruck, Evelyn Regner**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 18**

##### *Draft opinion*

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regulation; calls for Parliament and the Council to deliberate on the reform as a matter of urgency so that EURES can become an effective instrument for boosting freedom of movement; recalls that mobility must remain voluntary and must not limit efforts to create jobs and training places on the spot;

regulation; calls for Parliament and the Council to deliberate on the reform as a matter of urgency so that EURES can become an effective instrument for boosting freedom of movement *in line with the provisions taken in Regulation (EU) Nr. 1296/2013*; recalls that mobility must remain *fair and* voluntary and must not limit efforts to create *quality* jobs and training places on the spot; *stresses that reliable professional information on the working and living conditions in other Member States is a prerequisite of a well-functioning European Economic Area*;

Or. en

**Amendment 146**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Draft opinion*

18. Notes the January 2014 proposal for a EURES (European Job Mobility Portal) regulation; calls for Parliament and the Council to deliberate on the reform as a matter of urgency so that EURES can become an effective instrument for boosting *freedom of movement*; recalls that mobility must remain voluntary and must not limit efforts to create jobs and training places on the spot;

*Amendment*

18. Notes the January 2014 proposal for a EURES (European Job Mobility Portal) regulation; calls for Parliament and the Council to deliberate on the reform as a matter of urgency so that EURES can become an effective instrument for boosting *intra-EU labour mobility*; recalls that mobility must remain voluntary and must not limit efforts to create jobs and training places on the spot;

Or. en

**Amendment 147**  
**Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Draft opinion*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges the Commission to develop a better legal framework for cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards; calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage *equivalent to at least 60 %* of the respective *national average wage*;

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 148**  
**Krisztina Morvai**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Draft opinion*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges the Commission to develop a better legal framework for cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure

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freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards; calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage equivalent to at least 60 % of the respective national average wage;

freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards; calls ***on the Commission to urgently develop a legal and policy framework based on the principle of equal treatment, to decrease the huge differences that presently exist between the remuneration (payment gap) and working conditions of workers employed in identical or basically similar positions and by the same company (group) in different Member States, in violation of the most fundamental values of the EU, including non-discrimination and cohesion***; calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage equivalent to at least 60 % of the respective national average wage;

Or. en

**Amendment 149**  
**Mircea Diaconu**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Draft opinion*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges the Commission to develop a better legal framework for cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards; ***calls for the establishment in each***

*Amendment*

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*Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage equivalent to at least 60 % of the respective national average wage;*

Or. en

**Amendment 150**  
**Jane Collins**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Draft opinion*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, *and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges the Commission to develop a better legal framework for cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards; calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage equivalent to at least 60 % of the respective national average wage;*

*Amendment*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities;

Or. en

**Amendment 151**  
**Csaba Sógor**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Draft opinion*

**19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force;** urges the Commission to develop a better legal framework for cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards; calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage equivalent to at least 60 % of the respective national average wage;

*Amendment*

19. Urges the Commission to develop a better legal framework for cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards; calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage equivalent to at least 60 % of the respective national average wage;

Or. en

**Amendment 152**  
**Glenis Willmott**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Draft opinion*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges the Commission to develop a better legal framework for cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and

*Amendment*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges the Commission to develop a better legal framework for cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and

safeguarding wages and social standards; calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage *equivalent to at least 60 %* of the respective national average wage;

safeguarding wages and social standards; calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage *set as a specified percentage* of the respective national average wage;

Or. en

### **Amendment 153** **Siôn Simon**

#### **Draft opinion** **Paragraph 19**

##### *Draft opinion*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges the Commission to develop a better legal framework for cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards; calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage equivalent to at least 60 % of the respective national average wage;

##### *Amendment*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges the Commission to develop a better legal framework for cross-border movement of workers, *for example by revising the Posted Workers Directive*, in order to ensure freedom of movement *and reduce the dependence on low-skilled labour migrants* while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards; calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage equivalent to at least 60 % of the respective national average wage;

Or. en

### **Amendment 154** **Brando Benifei**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Draft opinion*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges the Commission to develop a better legal framework for cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards; calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage equivalent to at least 60 % of the respective national average wage;

*Amendment*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges ***Member States to ensure that freedom of movement is not restricted and access to public services of mobile young students and workers is not limited or denied; in this sense, calls on the Commission to put forward proposals to further facilitate the voluntary mobility of young people across the EU***; urges the Commission to develop a better legal framework for cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards; calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage equivalent to at least 60 % of the respective national average wage;

Or. en

**Amendment 155**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Draft opinion*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other

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Member States in search of employment opportunities, ***and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force***; urges the Commission to ***develop a better legal framework for*** cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards; ***calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage equivalent to at least 60 % of the respective national average wage***;

Member States in search of employment opportunities; urges the Commission to ***guarantee the*** cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 156**

**Marita Ulvskog, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Ole Christensen**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 19**

##### *Draft opinion*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges the Commission to develop a better legal framework for cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards; ***calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage equivalent to at least 60 % of the***

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19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges the Commission to develop a better legal framework for cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards;

*respective national average wage;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 157**

**Ádám Kósa**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 19**

##### *Draft opinion*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges the Commission to develop a ***better legal framework*** for cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards; calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage equivalent to at least 60 % of the respective national average wage;

##### *Amendment*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges the Commission to develop a ***roadmap*** for cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards ***based on the principle of equal treatment on the ground of nationality, to decrease the huge differences that presently exist between the remuneration (payment gap) and working conditions of workers employed in identical or basically similar positions and by the same company (group) operating in different Member States since their joining the EU in order to contribute to further and reasonable harmonisation among wages in all Member States by not generating further unemployment in New Member States in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards***; calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage equivalent to at least 60

% of the respective national average wage  
*based on an established roadmap*;

Or. en

### **Amendment 158**

**Jean Lambert**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 19**

##### *Draft opinion*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges the Commission to develop a better legal framework for cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards; calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage equivalent to at least 60 % of the respective national average wage;

##### *Amendment*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges the Commission to develop a better legal framework for cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards; *in view of combatting in-work poverty*, calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining *having the force of law*, of a minimum wage equivalent to at least 60 % of the respective national average wage;

Or. en

### **Amendment 159**

**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 19**



*Draft opinion*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges the Commission to develop a better legal framework for cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards; ***calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage equivalent to at least 60 % of the respective national average wage;***

*Amendment*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges the Commission to develop a better legal framework for cross-border movement of workers in order to ensure freedom of movement while consecrating the principle of equal treatment and safeguarding wages and social standards;

Or. en

**Amendment 160**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Draft opinion*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges the Commission ***to develop a better legal framework for cross-border movement of workers*** in order to ensure ***freedom of movement while consecrating*** the principle of equal treatment ***and***

*Amendment*

19. Highlights the rising number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, and is deeply concerned about the persistent divergences between those Member States creating employment and those supplying a low-cost labour force; urges the Commission ***together with the Member States to promote intra-EU labour mobility*** in order to ensure the principle of equal treatment, safeguarding wages, social standards, ***and***

safeguarding wages *and* social standards;  
*calls for the establishment in each Member State, either by law or through collective bargaining, of a minimum wage equivalent to at least 60 % of the respective national average wage;*

*combating illegal immigration, undeclared work, and benefit fraud;*

Or. en

**Amendment 161**  
**Jane Collins**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 19 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*19 a. Calls for the repeal of all Union legislation regarding the freedom of movement to allow Member States to control immigration, employment and social security rights according to their own national laws;*

Or. en

**Amendment 162**  
**Vilija Blinkevičiūtė**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 19 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*19 a. Calls on Member States to step up their efforts to combat undeclared employment and precarious work, including 'mini jobs' and false part-time jobs, and to ensure that all workers enjoy appropriate social protection; deplores, furthermore, the abuse of non-standard employment contracts in order to avoid having to comply with employment and social protection obligations;*

**Amendment 163**

**Marita Ulvskog, Ole Christensen, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 19 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*19 a. Considers that Europe needs stronger nominal wage dynamics to steer the economy away from the debt deflation trap, and robust increases in real wages to put the economy onto a strong growth trajectory; considers furthermore that the respect and promotion of autonomous collective bargaining is the best instrument to achieve these goals, as well as for negotiating restructuring processes, supporting productivity and investment, fostering redistribution and fighting poverty, and for restoring democracy and workers' participation at the workplace; underlines that the statutory minimum wage should be increased substantially in those countries where the social partners consider it necessary; stresses that these minimum wages need to respect the European Social Charter of the Council of Europe which calls for a remuneration that will give workers and their families a decent standard of living;*

Or. en

**Amendment 164**

**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 19 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***19 a. Is concerned that the supply of science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills (STEM) will not match the increasing demands of businesses in the coming years thereby reducing the capacity of the EU labour force to adapt and progress; calls on Member states to invest in the modernisation of education and training systems, including life-long learning, in particular dual learning schemes, and to facilitate the transition from school to work;***

Or. en

**Amendment 165  
Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 19 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***19 b. Believes there is a need to improve leadership, management and entrepreneurial skills among young people to enable new businesses and start-ups to take advantage of new markets, to realise their growth potential so that young people will become employers and not only employees;***

Or. en

**Amendment 166  
Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 19 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***19 c. Notes that bank lending is still the most common source of finance in Europe; believes however, that there are real benefits in new forms of financing through innovative schemes and non-bank routes, such as crowd funding, SME angels, peer-to-peer lending, micro-lending, easily accessible microcredit agencies and other tools, which can provide vital investment for start-ups and SMEs to grow and create jobs;***

Or. en

## **Amendment 167**

**Jeroen Lenaers**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 20**

*Draft opinion*

20. Welcomes the mild decline in youth unemployment, but points out that it is still at alarming levels: 22 % in the EU-28 and 23.1 % in the eurozone; highlights the worrying differences between Member States (7.8 % in Germany and 53.5 % in Spain); considers it regrettable that even when young people do find a job, many of them – 43 % on average, compared with 13 % of adult workers – find themselves working under precarious conditions or on part-time contracts, making it difficult for them to live independently from their families and resulting in a loss of innovation and expert resources which affects production and growth;

*Amendment*

20. Welcomes the mild decline in youth unemployment, but points out that it is still at alarming levels: 22 % in the EU-28 and 23.1 % in the eurozone; highlights the worrying differences between Member States (7.8 % in Germany and 53.5 % in Spain); considers it regrettable that even when young people do find a job, many of them – 43 % on average, compared with 13 % of adult workers – find themselves working under precarious conditions or on part-time contracts, making it difficult for them to live independently from their families and resulting in a loss of innovation and expert resources which affects production and growth; ***also expresses concern at the increasing level of unemployed homeless youth in many Member States;***

Or. en

**Amendment 168**  
**Mircea Diaconu**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Draft opinion*

20. Welcomes the mild decline in youth unemployment, but points out that it is still at alarming levels: 22 % in the EU-28 and 23.1 % in the eurozone; highlights the worrying differences between Member States (7.8 % in Germany and 53.5 % in Spain); ***considers it regrettable that even when young people do find a job, many of them – 43 % on average, compared with 13 % of adult workers – find themselves working under precarious conditions or on part-time contracts, making it difficult for them to live independently from their families and resulting in a loss of innovation and expert resources which affects production and growth;***

*Amendment*

20. Welcomes the mild decline in youth unemployment, but points out that it is still at alarming levels: 22 % in the EU-28 and 23.1 % in the eurozone; highlights the worrying differences between Member States (7.8 % in Germany and 53.5 % in Spain); ***calls on the Commission to prioritise the implementation of any measures necessary to level the playing field between the Member States, recognising the threats that these large differences pose to youth across Europe;***

Or. en

**Amendment 169**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Draft opinion*

20. Welcomes the mild decline in youth unemployment, but points out that it is still at alarming levels: 22 % in the EU-28 and 23.1 % in the eurozone; highlights the worrying differences between Member States (7.8 % in Germany and 53.5 % in Spain); considers it regrettable that even when young people do find a job, many of them – 43 % on average, compared with

*Amendment*

20. Welcomes the mild decline in youth unemployment, but points out that it is still at alarming levels: 22 % in the EU-28 and 23.1 % in the eurozone; highlights the worrying differences between Member States (7.8 % in Germany and 53.5 % in Spain); considers it regrettable that even when young people do find a job, many of them – 43 % on average, compared with

13 % of adult workers – find themselves working under precarious conditions or on part-time contracts, making it difficult for them to live independently from their families and resulting in a loss of innovation and expert resources which affects production and growth;

13 % of adult workers – find themselves working under precarious conditions or on *involuntary* part-time contracts, making it difficult for them to live independently from their families and resulting in a loss of innovation and expert resources which affects production and growth;

Or. en

**Amendment 170**  
**Siôn Simon**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Draft opinion*

20. Welcomes the mild decline in youth unemployment, but points out that it is still at alarming levels: 22 % in the EU-28 and 23.1 % in the eurozone; highlights the worrying differences between Member States (7.8 % in Germany and 53.5 % in Spain); considers it regrettable that even when young people do find a job, many of them – 43 % on average, compared with 13 % of adult workers – find themselves working under precarious conditions or on part-time contracts, making it difficult for them to live independently from their families and resulting in a loss of innovation and expert resources which affects production and growth;

*Amendment*

20. Welcomes the mild decline in youth unemployment, but points out that it is still at alarming levels: 22 % in the EU-28 and 23.1 % in the eurozone; highlights the worrying differences between Member States (7.8 % in Germany and 53.5 % in Spain); ***stresses that job insecurity and underemployment have also risen significantly and*** considers it regrettable that even when young people do find a job, many of them – 43 % on average, compared with 13 % of adult workers – find themselves working under precarious conditions or on part-time contracts, making it difficult for them to live independently from their families and resulting in a loss of innovation and expert resources which affects production and growth;

Or. en

**Amendment 171**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Draft opinion*

20. Welcomes the *mild* decline in youth unemployment, but points out that it is still at alarming levels: 22 % in the EU-28 and 23.1 % in the eurozone; highlights the worrying differences between Member States (7.8 % in Germany and **53.5 % in Spain**); considers it regrettable that even when young people do find a job, many of them – 43 % on average, compared with 13 % of adult workers – find themselves working under precarious conditions or on part-time contracts, ***making it difficult for them to live independently from their families and resulting in a loss of innovation and expert resources which affects production and growth***;

*Amendment*

20. Welcomes the decline in youth unemployment, but points out that it is still at alarming levels: 22 % in the EU-28 and 23.1 % in the eurozone; highlights the worrying differences between Member States (7.8 % in Germany and **Greece (56.3% in April 2014)**); considers it regrettable that even when young people do find a job, many of them – 43 % on average, compared with 13 % of adult workers – find themselves working under precarious conditions or on part-time contracts;

Or. en

**Amendment 172**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Draft opinion*

20. Welcomes the mild decline in youth unemployment, but points out that it is still at alarming levels: 22 % in the EU-28 and 23.1 % in the eurozone; highlights the worrying differences between Member States (7.8 % in Germany and 53.5 % in Spain); ***considers it regrettable that even*** when young people do find a job, ***many*** of them – 43 % on average, compared with 13 % of adult workers – find themselves working under ***precarious conditions or on*** part-time contracts, ***making it difficult for them to live independently from their families and resulting in a loss of***

*Amendment*

20. Welcomes the mild decline in youth unemployment, but points out that it is still at alarming levels: 22 % in the EU-28 and 23.1 % in the eurozone; highlights the worrying differences between Member States (7.8 % in Germany and 53.5 % in Spain); ***notes that*** when young people do find a job, ***some*** of them – 43 % on average, compared with 13 % of adult workers – find themselves working under part-time contracts, ***which can be a stepping stone for full-time employment, enabling different sectors to be more innovative and flexible***, which affects



*innovation and expert resources* which affects production and growth;

production and growth;

Or. en

**Amendment 173**

**Jean Lambert**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 20 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*20 a. Welcomes the mentioning of the Youth Guarantee in the majority of the country specific recommendations; however, calls for more transparency in the monitoring of the implementation and for more ambition with regard to addressing the Member States showing no progress in this regard; calls on the European Commission to closely monitor the challenges that have been identified in the 2014 Country Specific Recommendations, regarding the quality of offers, the lack of active outreach to NEETs, the administrative capacity of Public employment services and the lack of effective engagement with all the relevant partners; stresses that the Youth Employment Initiative should be regarded as an incentive to all Member States to use the European Social Fund to finance broader projects related to youth, especially on poverty and social inclusion;*

Or. en

**Amendment 174**

**Heinz K. Becker**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 20 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***20 a. Calls for obligatory bench-learning of EU Member States policy especially as regards European labour market policy, which means implementation of binding monitoring and recording of best practice models and methods in Europe focusing on the reduction of unemployment rates, primarily of youth unemployment, which shall result in mandatory bench-marking and ranking of all national examples, leading to concrete political consequences to be drawn from these findings by all EU Member States;***

Or. en

**Amendment 175  
Mircea Diaconu**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 20 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***20 b. Considers it regrettable that even when young people do find a job, many of them – 43 % on average, compared with 13 % of adult workers – find themselves working under precarious conditions or on part-time contracts, making it difficult for them to live independently from their families and resulting in a loss of innovation and expert resources which affects production and growth;***

Or. en

**Amendment 176  
Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Draft opinion*

21. Calls on the Commission to ***propose a binding European framework*** for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees ***so as to prevent the funds being misused in such a way as to aggravate national internal wage devaluation processes; takes the view that this legal framework should introduce binding minimum standards for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees, including*** the quality of apprenticeships, decent wages for young people and access to employment services, and ***should cover*** young people aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth Guarantees a priority and to ***increase*** the available budget, ***at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework, up to at least the sum of EUR 21 billion estimated by the International Labour Organisation to be necessary to resolve the problem in the eurozone;***

*Amendment*

21. Calls on the Commission to ***closely follow*** the implementation of the Youth Guarantees; ***calls on the Member States to implement the Youth Guarantee without delay, with a specific focus on*** the quality of apprenticeships, decent wages for young people and access to employment services, and ***including*** young people aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth Guarantees a priority and to ***ensure that*** the available budget ***is adequate;***

Or. en

**Amendment 177**  
**Jutta Steinruck**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Draft opinion*

21. Calls on the Commission to propose a binding European framework for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees so as to prevent the funds being misused in such a way as to aggravate national internal wage devaluation processes; takes the view that this legal framework should introduce

*Amendment*

21. Calls on the Commission to propose a binding European framework for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees so as to prevent the funds being misused in such a way as to aggravate national internal wage devaluation processes; takes the view that this legal framework should introduce

binding minimum standards for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees, including the quality of apprenticeships, decent wages for young people and access to employment services, and should cover young people aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth Guarantees a priority and to increase the available budget, at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework, up to at least the sum of EUR 21 billion estimated by the International Labour Organisation to be necessary to resolve the problem in the eurozone;

binding minimum standards for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees, including the quality of apprenticeships, decent wages for young people and access to employment services, and should cover young people aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth Guarantees a priority and to increase the available budget, at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework, up to at least the sum of EUR 21 billion estimated by the International Labour Organisation to be necessary to resolve the problem *only* in the eurozone; ***stresses furthermore that youth unemployment costs €153 billion every year and that thus the costs of inaction are significantly higher;***

Or. en

**Amendment 178**  
**Evelyn Regner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Draft opinion*

21. Calls on the Commission to propose a binding European framework for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees so as to prevent the funds being misused in such a way as to aggravate national internal wage devaluation processes; takes the view that this legal framework should introduce binding minimum standards for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees, including the quality of apprenticeships, decent wages for young people and access to employment services, and should cover young people aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth Guarantees a priority and to increase the available

*Amendment*

21. Calls on the Commission to propose a binding European framework for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees so as to prevent the funds being misused in such a way as to aggravate national internal wage devaluation processes; takes the view that this legal framework should introduce binding minimum standards for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees, including the quality of apprenticeships, decent wages for young people and access to employment services, and should cover young people aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth Guarantees a priority and to increase the available

budget, at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework, up to at least the sum of EUR 21 billion estimated by the International Labour Organisation to be necessary to resolve the problem in the eurozone;

budget, at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework, up to at least the sum of EUR 21 billion estimated by the International Labour Organisation to be necessary to resolve the problem in the eurozone; ***regards this increase as necessary investment considering the enormous annual economic loss of youth unemployment amounting to EUR 153 billion, corresponding to 1,2% of EU GDP (Eurofound, 2012)<sup>1 a</sup> ;***

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*<sup>1 a</sup> Eurofound (2012), NEETs: young people not in employment, education or training: characteristics, costs and policy responses in Europe, Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg.*

Or. en

**Amendment 179**  
**Siôn Simon**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Draft opinion*

21. Calls on the Commission to propose a binding European framework for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees so as to prevent the funds being misused in such a way as to aggravate national internal wage devaluation processes; takes the view that this legal framework should introduce binding minimum standards for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees, including the quality of apprenticeships, decent wages for young people and access to employment services, and should cover young people aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth Guarantees a priority and to increase the available

*Amendment*

21. Calls on the Commission to propose a binding European framework for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees so as to prevent the funds being misused in such a way as to aggravate national internal wage devaluation processes; takes the view that this legal framework should introduce binding minimum standards for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees, including the quality of apprenticeships, decent wages for young people and access to employment services, and should cover young people aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission ***to closely monitor the introduction and the implementation of the Youth Guarantee Programme with***

budget, at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework, up to at least the sum of EUR 21 billion estimated by the International Labour Organisation to be necessary to resolve the problem in the eurozone;

*regard to the Member States showing no progress in this regard; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth Guarantees a priority and to increase the available budget, at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework, up to at least the sum of EUR 21 billion estimated by the International Labour Organisation to be necessary to resolve the problem in the eurozone;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 180**

**Javi López**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 21**

##### *Draft opinion*

21. Calls on the Commission to propose a binding European framework for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees so as to prevent the funds being misused in such a way as to aggravate national internal wage devaluation processes; takes the view that this legal framework should introduce binding minimum standards for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees, including the quality of apprenticeships, decent wages for young people and access to employment services, and should cover young people aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth Guarantees a priority and to increase the available budget, at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework, up to at least the sum of EUR 21 billion estimated by the International Labour Organisation to be necessary to resolve the problem in the eurozone;

##### *Amendment*

21. Calls on the Commission to propose a binding European framework for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees so as to prevent the funds being misused in such a way as to aggravate national internal wage devaluation processes; takes the view that this legal framework should introduce binding minimum standards for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees, including the quality of apprenticeships, decent wages for young people and access to employment services, and should cover young people aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth Guarantees a priority and to increase the available budget, at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework, up to at least the sum of EUR 21 billion *per year* estimated by the International Labour Organisation to be necessary to resolve the problem in the eurozone;

**Amendment 181**  
**Brando Benifei**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Draft opinion*

21. Calls on the Commission to propose a binding European framework for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees so as to prevent the funds being misused in such a way as to aggravate national internal wage devaluation processes; takes the view that this legal framework should introduce binding minimum standards for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees, including the quality of apprenticeships, decent wages for young people and access to employment services, and should cover young people aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth **Guarantees** a priority and to increase the available budget, at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework, up to at least the sum of EUR 21 billion estimated by the International Labour Organisation to be necessary to resolve the problem in the eurozone;

*Amendment*

21. Calls on the Commission to propose a binding European framework for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees so as to prevent the funds being misused in such a way as to aggravate national internal wage devaluation processes; takes the view that this legal framework should introduce binding minimum standards for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees, including the quality of apprenticeships, decent wages for young people and access to employment services, and should cover young people aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth **Guarantee** a priority and to increase the available budget, at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework, up to at least the sum of EUR 21 billion estimated by the International Labour Organisation to be necessary to resolve the problem in the eurozone; **welcomes the decision by the Commission to 'frontload' the available funding for the Youth Employment Initiative; regrets that the allocated funds to the YEI are not in any way sufficient to achieve such objectives; highlights the need for a rapid and timely implementation of the Youth Employment Package, in particular the Youth Guarantee, in order to maximise the potential benefits of the frontloading in those regions who are most in need;**

**Amendment 182**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Draft opinion*

21. *Calls on the Commission to propose a binding European framework for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees so as to prevent the funds being misused in such a way as to aggravate national internal wage devaluation processes; takes the view that this legal framework should introduce binding minimum standards for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees, including the quality of apprenticeships, decent wages for young people and access to employment services, and should cover young people aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth Guarantees a priority and to increase the available budget, at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework, up to at least the sum of EUR 21 billion estimated by the International Labour Organisation to be necessary to resolve the problem in the eurozone;*

*Amendment*

21. **Recommends Member States to implement Youth Guarantees schemes in order to promote** youth employment; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth Guarantees a priority and to increase the available budget, at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework; **Notes** the sum of EUR 21 billion estimated by the International Labour Organisation to be necessary to resolve the problem in the eurozone;

Or. en

**Amendment 183**  
**Danuta Jazłowiecka, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Draft opinion*

21. Calls on the Commission to propose a **binding** European framework for the

*Amendment*

21. Calls on the Commission to propose a European framework for the



implementation of the Youth Guarantees so as to prevent the funds being misused in such a way as to aggravate national internal wage devaluation processes; takes the view that this legal framework should introduce **binding** minimum standards for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees, including the quality of apprenticeships, **decent wages for young people** and access to employment services, and should cover young people aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth Guarantees a priority and to increase the available budget, at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework, up to at least the sum of EUR 21 billion estimated by the International Labour Organisation to be necessary to resolve the problem in the eurozone;

implementation of the Youth Guarantees so as to prevent the funds being misused in such a way as to aggravate national internal wage devaluation processes; takes the view that this legal framework should introduce minimum standards for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees, including the quality of apprenticeships, **quality of job offers** and access to employment services, and should cover young people aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth Guarantees a priority and to increase the available budget, at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework, up to at least the sum of EUR 21 billion estimated by the International Labour Organisation to be necessary to resolve the problem in the eurozone;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 184**

**Inês Cristina Zuber, Patrick Le Hyaric**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 21**

##### *Draft opinion*

21. Calls on the Commission to propose a binding European framework for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees so as to prevent the funds being misused in such a way as to aggravate national internal wage devaluation processes; takes the view that this legal framework should introduce binding minimum standards for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees, including the quality of apprenticeships, decent wages for young people and access to employment services, and should cover young people aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission and the Member

##### *Amendment*

21. Calls on the Commission to propose a binding European framework for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees so as to prevent the funds being misused in such a way as to aggravate national internal wage devaluation processes; takes the view that this legal framework should introduce binding minimum standards for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees, including the quality of apprenticeships, **the creation of jobs with rights**, decent wages for young people, **permanent contracts** and access to employment services, and should cover young people

States to make the Youth Guarantees a priority and to increase the available budget, at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework, up to at least the sum of EUR 21 billion estimated by the International Labour Organisation to be necessary to resolve the problem in the eurozone;

aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth Guarantees a priority and to increase the available budget, at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework, up to at least the sum of EUR 21 billion estimated by the International Labour Organisation to be necessary to resolve the problem in the eurozone;

Or. en

### Amendment 185

Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs

#### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 21

##### *Draft opinion*

***21. Calls on the Commission to propose a binding European framework for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees so as to prevent the funds being misused in such a way as to aggravate national internal wage devaluation processes; takes the view that this legal framework should introduce binding minimum standards for the implementation of the Youth Guarantees, including the quality of apprenticeships, decent wages for young people and access to employment services, and should cover young people aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth Guarantees a priority and to increase the available budget, at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework, up to at least the sum of EUR 21 billion estimated by the International Labour Organisation to be necessary to resolve the problem in the eurozone;***

##### *Amendment*

21. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth Guarantees a priority and to ***use efficiently*** the available budget; ***takes the view that the framework should facilitate the school-to-work transition and focus equipping young people with the right skills that correspond to the labour market needs, including giving them a chance to start their own businesses;***

Or. en

**Amendment 186**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Draft opinion*

21. Calls on the Commission *to propose a binding European* framework for the implementation of the Youth *Guarantees* so as to prevent the funds being misused *in such a way as to aggravate national internal wage devaluation processes*; takes the view that this *legal* framework should introduce *binding minimum* standards *for the implementation of* the Youth *Guarantees*, including the quality of apprenticeships, decent wages for young people and access to employment services, and should cover young people aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth *Guarantees* a priority and to increase the available budget, at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework, *up to at least the sum of EUR 21 billion estimated by the International Labour Organisation to be necessary to resolve the problem in the eurozone*;

*Amendment*

21. Calls on the Commission *to consider developing a* framework for the implementation of the Youth *Guarantee* so as to prevent the funds being misused *or used to subsidise national approaches*; takes the view that this framework should introduce standards *for Member States to effectively implement* the Youth *Guarantee*, including the quality of apprenticeships, decent wages for young people and access to employment services, and should cover young people aged between 25 and 30; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make the Youth *Guarantee* a priority and to increase the available budget *by identifying savings elsewhere in the EU budget*, at the latest in the promised mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework;

Or. en

**Amendment 187**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 21 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*21 a. Notes that a variety of pathways must be available to young people, and*

*that the definitions of such pathways (internships, traineeships) vary across Europe; strongly believes that applying a single definition across all Member States will create greater confusion;*

Or. en

**Amendment 188**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 21 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*21 a. Stresses the importance of emphasizing practical skills and the dual system of vocational training which makes young people more employable;*

Or. en

**Amendment 189**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 21 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*21 b. Calls on the Member States to improve cooperation between businesses and the education sector at all levels;*

Or. en

**Amendment 190**  
**Siôn Simon**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 22**

*Draft opinion*

22. Urges the Member States to go above and beyond the March 2014 Council recommendation for a Quality Framework for Traineeships in order to prevent discrimination and exploitation of young workers; calls for the adoption of a directive on decent conditions and minimum standards for *internships* and traineeships, giving interns and trainees clearly defined rights that include access to social protection, binding written contracts and fair remuneration and introducing limits on the use of trainees and interns in companies so as to prevent abuses;

*Amendment*

22. Urges the Member States to go above and beyond the March 2014 Council recommendation for a Quality Framework for Traineeships in order to prevent discrimination and exploitation of young workers; calls for the adoption of a directive on decent conditions and minimum standards for *apprenticeship* and traineeships, giving interns and trainees clearly defined rights that include access to social protection, binding written contracts and fair remuneration and introducing limits on the use of trainees and interns in companies so as to prevent abuses;

Or. en

**Amendment 191**  
**Javi López**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 22**

*Draft opinion*

22. Urges the Member States to go above and beyond the March 2014 Council recommendation for a Quality Framework for Traineeships in order to prevent discrimination and exploitation of young workers; calls for the adoption of a directive on decent conditions and minimum standards for *internships and traineeships*, giving interns and trainees clearly defined rights that include access to social protection, binding written contracts and fair remuneration and introducing limits on the use of trainees and interns in companies so as to prevent abuses;

*Amendment*

22. Urges the Member States to go above and beyond the March 2014 Council recommendation for a Quality Framework for Traineeships in order to prevent discrimination and exploitation of young workers; calls for the adoption of a directive on decent conditions and minimum standards for *traineeships and apprenticeships*, giving interns and trainees clearly defined rights that include access to social protection, binding written contracts and fair remuneration and introducing limits on the use of trainees and interns in companies so as to prevent abuses *and the misuse of such schemes to replace jobs*;

Or. en

## **Amendment 192**

**Jean Lambert**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 22**

##### *Draft opinion*

22. Urges the Member States to go above and beyond the March 2014 Council recommendation for a Quality Framework for Traineeships in order to prevent discrimination and exploitation of young workers; calls for the adoption of a directive on decent conditions and minimum standards for internships and traineeships, giving interns and trainees clearly defined rights that include access to social protection, binding written contracts and fair remuneration ***and introducing limits on the use of trainees and interns in companies so as to prevent abuses;***

##### *Amendment*

22. Urges the Member States to go above and beyond the March 2014 Council recommendation for a Quality Framework for Traineeships in order to prevent discrimination and exploitation of young workers; calls for the adoption of a directive on decent conditions and minimum standards for internships and traineeships, giving interns and trainees clearly defined rights that include access to social protection, binding written contracts and fair remuneration.

Or. en

## **Amendment 193**

**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 22**

##### *Draft opinion*

22. ***Urges the Member States to go above and beyond*** the March 2014 Council recommendation for a Quality Framework for Traineeships in order to prevent discrimination and exploitation of young workers; ***calls for the adoption of a directive on decent conditions and minimum standards for internships and traineeships, giving interns and trainees clearly defined rights that include access***

##### *Amendment*

22. ***Welcomes*** the March 2014 Council recommendation for a Quality Framework for Traineeships in order to prevent discrimination and exploitation of young workers;

*to social protection, binding written contracts and fair remuneration and introducing limits on the use of trainees and interns in companies so as to prevent abuses;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 194**

**Danuta Jazłowiecka, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 22**

##### *Draft opinion*

22. Urges the Member States to go above and beyond the March 2014 Council recommendation for a Quality Framework for Traineeships in order to prevent discrimination and exploitation of young workers; *calls for the adoption of a directive on decent conditions and minimum standards for internships and traineeships, giving interns and trainees clearly defined rights that include access to social protection, binding written contracts and fair remuneration and introducing limits on the use of trainees and interns in companies so as to prevent abuses;*

##### *Amendment*

22. Urges the Member States to go above and beyond the March 2014 Council recommendation for a Quality Framework for Traineeships in order to prevent discrimination and exploitation of young workers;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 195**

**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 22**

##### *Draft opinion*

22. *Urges the Member States to go above and beyond the* March 2014 Council

##### *Amendment*

22. *Welcomes the adoption of the* March 2014 Council recommendation for a

recommendation for a Quality Framework for Traineeships in order to prevent discrimination and exploitation of young workers; *calls for the adoption of a directive on decent conditions and minimum standards for internships and traineeships, giving interns and trainees clearly defined rights that include access to social protection, binding written contracts and fair remuneration and introducing limits on the use of trainees and interns in companies so as to prevent abuses;*

Quality Framework for Traineeships in order to prevent discrimination and exploitation of young workers;

Or. en

**Amendment 196**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 22**

*Draft opinion*

22. *Urges the* Member States to *go above and beyond* the March 2014 Council recommendation for a Quality Framework for Traineeships in order to prevent discrimination and exploitation of young workers; *calls for the adoption of a directive on decent conditions and minimum standards for internships and traineeships, giving interns and trainees clearly defined rights that include access to social protection, binding written contracts and fair remuneration and introducing limits on the use of trainees and interns in companies so as to prevent abuses;*

*Amendment*

22. *Calls on* Member States to *implement* the March 2014 Council recommendation for a Quality Framework for Traineeships in order to prevent discrimination and exploitation of young workers;

Or. en

**Amendment 197**  
**Jean Lambert**



on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Draft opinion*

23. Observes with concern that female unemployment rates are higher than the total rates (11.7 % in the EU-18 and 10.4 % in the EU-28, compared with 11.5 % and 10.2 % respectively); calls, therefore, for specific decent-job creation plans with targeted measures for women; calls for the establishment of specific recommendations with a view to reducing the gender pay gap, which is not only a drag on the economy and on competitiveness but also a sign of social injustice;

*Amendment*

23. Observes with concern that female unemployment rates are higher than the total rates (11.7 % in the EU-18 and 10.4 % in the EU-28, compared with 11.5 % and 10.2 % respectively); calls, therefore, for specific decent-job creation plans with targeted measures for women; calls for the establishment of specific recommendations with a view to reducing the gender pay gap **and gender pension gap**, which is not only a drag on the economy and on competitiveness but also a sign of social injustice;

Or. en

**Amendment 198**  
**Vilija Blinkevičiūtė**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Draft opinion*

23. Observes with concern that female unemployment rates are higher than the total rates (11.7 % in the EU-18 and 10.4 % in the EU-28, compared with 11.5 % and 10.2 % respectively); calls, therefore, for specific decent-job creation plans with targeted measures for women; calls for the establishment of specific recommendations with a view to reducing the gender pay gap, which is not only a drag on the economy and on competitiveness but also a sign of social injustice;

*Amendment*

23. Observes with concern that female unemployment rates are higher than the total rates (11.7 % in the EU-18 and 10.4 % in the EU-28, compared with 11.5 % and 10.2 % respectively); calls, therefore, for specific decent-job creation plans with targeted measures for women; calls for the establishment of specific recommendations with a view to reducing the gender pay gap, which is not only a drag on the economy and on competitiveness but also a sign of social injustice; ***calls on the Member States to safeguard their maternity entitlements, to take measures to prevent the unfair***

*dismissal of employees during pregnancy and to protect women and men with care responsibilities from unfair dismissal; calls also on the Council to speed up the adoption of the directive concerning the implementation of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of pregnant workers, workers who have recently given birth and women who are breastfeeding;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 199**

**Danuta Jazłowiecka, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 23**

##### *Draft opinion*

23. Observes with concern that female unemployment rates are higher than the total rates (11.7 % in the EU-18 and 10.4 % in the EU-28, compared with 11.5 % and 10.2 % respectively); calls, therefore, for specific *decent-job* creation plans with targeted measures for women; calls for the establishment of specific recommendations with a view to reducing the gender pay gap, which is not only a drag on the economy and on competitiveness but also a sign of social injustice;

##### *Amendment*

23. Observes with concern that female unemployment rates are higher than the total rates (11.7 % in the EU-18 and 10.4 % in the EU-28, compared with 11.5 % and 10.2 % respectively); calls, therefore, for specific *quality-job* creation plans with targeted measures for women; calls for the establishment of specific recommendations with a view to reducing the gender pay gap, which is not only a drag on the economy and on competitiveness but also a sign of social injustice;

Or. en

### **Amendment 200**

**Jutta Steinruck, Evelyn Regner**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 23**

*Draft opinion*

23. Observes with concern that female unemployment rates are higher than the total rates (11.7 % in the EU-18 and 10.4 % in the EU-28, compared with 11.5 % and 10.2 % respectively); calls, therefore, for specific decent-job creation plans with targeted measures for women; calls for the establishment of specific recommendations with a view to reducing the gender pay gap, which is not only a drag on the economy and on competitiveness but also a sign of social injustice;

*Amendment*

23. Observes with concern that female unemployment rates are higher than the total rates (11.7 % in the EU-18 and 10.4 % in the EU-28, compared with 11.5 % and 10.2 % respectively); calls, therefore, for specific decent-job creation plans with targeted measures for women; calls for ***gender mainstreaming in recommendations and that increasing gender equality and women's labour market participation are not threatened by other recommendations***; calls for the establishment of specific recommendations with a view to reducing the gender pay gap, which is not only a drag on the economy and on competitiveness but also a sign of social injustice;

Or. en

**Amendment 201**

**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 23**

*Draft opinion*

23. Observes with concern that female unemployment rates are higher than the total rates (11.7 % in the EU-18 and 10.4 % in the EU-28, compared with 11.5 % and 10.2 % respectively); calls, ***therefore, for specific decent-job creation plans with targeted measures for women***; calls for the establishment of specific recommendations with a view to reducing the gender pay gap, ***which is not only a drag on the economy and on competitiveness but also a sign of social injustice***;

*Amendment*

23. Observes with concern that female unemployment rates are higher than the total rates (11.7 % in the EU-18 and 10.4 % in the EU-28, compared with 11.5 % and 10.2 % respectively); calls for the establishment of specific recommendations with a view to reducing the gender pay gap, ***calls for specific attention to the integration of women in the labour market***;

Or. en

**Amendment 202**

**Jean Lambert**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 23 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***23 a. Welcomes the recommendations addressing the low participation of women in the labour market; calls on the Commission to include a broader gender equality perspective beyond employment rates in in the next Annual Growth Survey; calls on the Commission to address labour market segregation, unequal distribution of care responsibilities and the effects of fiscal consolidation on women in its policy guidance;***

Or. en

**Amendment 203**

**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 23 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***23 a. Calls for affordable and quality public services in the field of child and dependent people care which will permit, especially for women, the return to employment and to facilitate the conciliation of work and private life;***

Or. en

**Amendment 204**  
**Vilija Blinkevičiūtė**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 23 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***23 a. Calls on the Member States to guarantee adequate social security also for the most vulnerable groups such as the unemployed, the disabled, single-parent families, young families, the young, the elderly and pensioners; calls also on the Member States to ensure that social services are made more accessible for all members of vulnerable social groups and persons with long-term care needs, particularly in rural areas and disadvantaged regions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 205**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 23 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***23 b. Calls on the Member States to pay particular attention to high unemployment rates among disadvantaged groups, giving priority to accession and integration into the labour market and the mainstreaming of accession and integration policies, as employment is the key to successful integration;***

Or. en

**Amendment 206**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Draft opinion*

24. Is deeply concerned that long-term unemployed people and senior workers are experiencing higher unemployment rates and additional difficulties in re-entering the labour market; calls on *the Commission and the* Member States to make full use of the European Social Fund to help these workers; *urges the adoption of a directive on decent working conditions, defining core labour rights for all workers and introducing common minimum standards so as to prevent this kind of labour discrimination;*

*Amendment*

24. Is deeply concerned that long-term unemployed people and senior workers are experiencing higher unemployment rates and additional difficulties in re-entering the labour market; calls on Member States to make full use of the European Social Fund to help these workers *successfully re-enter the labour market;*

Or. en

**Amendment 207**  
**Glenis Willmott**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Draft opinion*

24. Is deeply concerned that long-term unemployed people and senior workers are experiencing higher unemployment rates and additional difficulties in re-entering the labour market; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make full use of the European Social Fund to help these workers; urges the adoption of a directive on decent working conditions, defining core labour rights for all workers and introducing common minimum standards so as to prevent this kind of labour discrimination;

*Amendment*

24. Is deeply concerned that long-term unemployed people, *people with chronic or terminal illnesses* and senior workers are experiencing higher unemployment rates and additional difficulties in re-entering the labour market; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make full use of the European Social Fund to help these workers; urges the adoption of a directive on decent working conditions, defining core labour rights for all workers, *including those returning to work after ill health*, and introducing common minimum standards so as to

prevent this kind of labour discrimination;

Or. en

## **Amendment 208**

**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 24**

##### *Draft opinion*

24. Is deeply concerned that long-term unemployed people and senior workers are experiencing higher unemployment rates and additional difficulties in re-entering the labour market; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make full use of the European Social Fund to help these workers; ***urges the adoption of a directive on decent working conditions, defining core labour rights for all workers and introducing common minimum standards so as to prevent this kind of labour discrimination;***

##### *Amendment*

24. Is deeply concerned that long-term unemployed people and senior workers are experiencing higher unemployment rates and additional difficulties in re-entering the labour market; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make full use of the European Social Fund to help these workers;

Or. en

## **Amendment 209**

**Danuta Jazłowiecka, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 24**

##### *Draft opinion*

24. Is deeply concerned that long-term unemployed people and senior workers are experiencing higher unemployment rates and additional difficulties in re-entering the labour market; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make full use of the European Social Fund to help these workers; ***urges the adoption of a directive***

##### *Amendment*

24. Is deeply concerned that long-term unemployed people and senior workers are experiencing higher unemployment rates and additional difficulties in re-entering the labour market; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make full use of the European Social Fund to help these workers;

*on decent working conditions, defining core labour rights for all workers and introducing common minimum standards so as to prevent this kind of labour discrimination;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 210**

**Jean Lambert**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 24**

##### *Draft opinion*

24. Is deeply concerned that long-term unemployed people and senior workers are experiencing higher unemployment rates and additional difficulties in re-entering the labour market; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make full use of the European Social Fund to help these workers; urges the adoption of a directive on decent working conditions, defining core labour rights for all workers and introducing common minimum standards so as to prevent this kind of labour discrimination;

##### *Amendment*

24. Is deeply concerned that long-term unemployed people and senior workers are experiencing higher unemployment rates and additional difficulties in re-entering the labour market; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make full use of the European Social Fund to help these workers; urges the adoption of a directive on decent working conditions, defining core labour rights for all workers and introducing common minimum standards so as to prevent this kind of labour discrimination; ***calls on Member States to ensure that employment policies reach also those furthest away from the labour market, including people with migrant background and the Roma and to take action to ensure that anti-discrimination legislation relating to employment matters is implemented;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 211**

**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**



**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Draft opinion*

24. Is deeply concerned that long-term unemployed people and senior workers are experiencing higher unemployment rates and additional difficulties in re-entering the labour market; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make full use of the European Social Fund to help these workers; ***urges the adoption of a directive on decent working conditions, defining core labour rights for all workers and introducing common minimum standards so as to prevent this kind of labour discrimination;***

*Amendment*

24. Is deeply concerned that long-term unemployed people and senior workers are experiencing higher unemployment rates and additional difficulties in re-entering the labour market; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make full use of the European Social Fund to help these workers; ***calls for increasing the flexibility of labour markets in order to adapt to specific competences and allow specific remuneration schemes bringing labour cost in line with productivity and stepping away from pay based on seniority;***

Or. en

**Amendment 212**  
**Heinz K. Becker**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 24 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

***24 a. Observes with concern that employees aged 40+ often no longer have appropriate training and further education on their job; calls therefore on employers, social partners and national governments to execute true life-long learning (LLL) concepts and measurements on the labour market to achieve marked improvements in qualification of elder workers as soon as possible;***

*Amendment*

Or. en

**Amendment 213**  
**Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Draft opinion*

25. Welcomes those CSRs aimed at increasing the adequacy and coverage of minimum income schemes and social protection, and the number of CSRs relating to labour market inclusion policies; takes the view, however, that the uneven and fragile growth expected by the Commission in 2014 and 2015 will not by itself be able to tackle the severe impact that ***austerity measures and the crisis have*** had on the fight against poverty and social exclusion and on the achievement of the Europe 2020 goals; ***demands that*** the Member States propose specific, targeted measures within their NRPs with a view to tackling poverty, especially child poverty;

*Amendment*

25. Welcomes those CSRs aimed at increasing the adequacy and coverage of minimum income schemes and social protection, and the number of CSRs relating to labour market inclusion policies; takes the view, however, that the uneven and fragile growth expected by the Commission in 2014 and 2015 will not by itself be able to tackle the severe impact that the crisis ***has*** had on the fight against poverty and social exclusion and on the achievement of the Europe 2020 goals; ***calls on*** the Member States ***to*** propose specific, targeted measures within their NRPs with a view to tackling poverty, especially child poverty;

Or. en

**Amendment 214**  
**Javi López**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Draft opinion*

25. Welcomes those CSRs aimed at increasing the adequacy and coverage of minimum income schemes and social protection, and the number of CSRs relating to labour market inclusion policies; takes the view, however, that the uneven and fragile growth expected by the Commission in 2014 and 2015 will not by itself be able to tackle the severe impact that ***austerity measures and the crisis have*** had on the fight against poverty and social

*Amendment*

25. Welcomes those CSRs aimed at increasing the adequacy and coverage of minimum income schemes and social protection, and the number of CSRs relating to labour market inclusion policies; takes the view, however, that the uneven and fragile growth expected by the Commission in 2014 and 2015 will not by itself be able to tackle the severe impact that ***austerity measures and the crisis have*** had on the fight against poverty and social

exclusion and on the achievement of the Europe 2020 goals; demands that the Member States propose specific, targeted measures within their NRPs with a view to tackling poverty, especially child poverty;

exclusion and on the achievement of the Europe 2020 goals; demands that the Member States propose specific, targeted measures within their NRPs with a view to tackling poverty, especially child poverty *and homelessness*;

Or. en

**Amendment 215**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Draft opinion*

25. Welcomes those CSRs aimed at increasing the adequacy and coverage of minimum income schemes and social protection, and the number of CSRs relating to labour market inclusion policies; takes the view, however, that the uneven and fragile growth expected by the Commission in 2014 and 2015 will not by itself be able to tackle the severe impact that austerity measures and the crisis have had on the fight against poverty and social exclusion and on the achievement of the Europe 2020 goals; *demands that the* Member States propose specific, targeted measures within their NRPs with a view to tackling poverty, especially child poverty;

*Amendment*

25. Welcomes those CSRs aimed at increasing the adequacy and coverage of minimum income schemes and social protection, and the number of CSRs relating to labour market inclusion policies; takes the view, however, that the uneven and fragile growth expected by the Commission in 2014 and 2015 will not by itself be able to tackle the severe impact that austerity measures and the crisis have had on the fight against poverty and social exclusion and on the achievement of the Europe 2020 goals; *urges* Member States *to* propose specific, targeted measures within their NRPs with a view to tackling poverty, especially child poverty;

Or. en

**Amendment 216**  
**Anne Sander, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Jérôme Lavrilleux**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Draft opinion*

25. Welcomes those CSRs aimed at increasing the adequacy and coverage of minimum income schemes and social protection, and the number of CSRs relating to labour market inclusion policies; takes the view, however, that the uneven and fragile growth expected by the Commission in 2014 and 2015 will not by itself be able to tackle the *severe* impact that *austerity measures and* the crisis have had on the fight against poverty and social exclusion and on the achievement of the Europe 2020 goals; demands that the Member States propose specific, targeted measures within their NRPs with a view to tackling poverty, especially child poverty;

*Amendment*

25. Welcomes those CSRs aimed at increasing the adequacy and coverage of minimum income schemes and social protection, and the number of CSRs relating to labour market inclusion policies; takes the view, however, that the uneven and fragile growth expected by the Commission in 2014 and 2015 will not by itself be able to tackle the impact that the crisis have had on the fight against poverty and social exclusion and on the achievement of the Europe 2020 goals; demands that the Member States propose specific, targeted measures within their NRPs with a view to tackling poverty, especially child poverty;

Or. en

**Amendment 217**

**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 25**

*Draft opinion*

25. Welcomes those CSRs aimed at increasing the adequacy and coverage of *minimum income schemes* and social protection, and the number of CSRs relating to labour market inclusion policies; takes the view, however, that the uneven and fragile growth expected by the Commission in 2014 and 2015 will not by itself be able to tackle *the severe impact that austerity measures and the crisis have had on the fight against poverty and social exclusion and on* the achievement of the Europe 2020 goals; demands that the Member States propose specific, targeted measures within their NRPs with a view to tackling poverty, especially child poverty;

*Amendment*

25. Welcomes those CSRs aimed at increasing the adequacy and coverage of *safety nets* and social protection, and the number of CSRs relating to labour market inclusion policies; takes the view, however, that the uneven and fragile growth expected by the Commission in 2014 and 2015 will not by itself be able to tackle the achievement of the Europe 2020 goals; demands that the Member States propose specific, targeted measures within their NRPs with a view to tackling poverty, especially child poverty;

**Amendment 218**  
**Jutta Steinruck**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Draft opinion*

25. Welcomes those CSRs aimed at increasing the adequacy and coverage of minimum income schemes and social protection, and the number of CSRs relating to labour market inclusion policies; takes the view, however, that the uneven and fragile growth expected by the Commission in 2014 and 2015 will not by itself be able to tackle the severe impact that austerity measures and the crisis have had on the fight against poverty and social exclusion and on the achievement of the Europe 2020 goals; demands that the Member States propose specific, targeted measures within their NRPs with a view to tackling poverty, especially child poverty;

*Amendment*

25. Welcomes those CSRs aimed at increasing the adequacy and coverage of minimum income schemes and social protection, and the number of CSRs relating to labour market inclusion policies; takes the view, however, that the uneven and fragile growth expected by the Commission in 2014 and 2015 will not by itself be able to tackle the severe impact that austerity measures and the crisis have had on the fight against poverty and social exclusion and on the achievement of the Europe 2020 goals; ***demands that people who cannot fully participate in the labour market are not neglected and calls therefore for a comprehensive active inclusion strategy that allows full access to quality social services; demands furthermore*** that the Member States propose specific, targeted measures within their NRPs with a view to tackling poverty, especially child poverty;

Or. en

**Amendment 219**  
**Jean Lambert**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Draft opinion*

25. Welcomes those CSRs aimed at increasing the adequacy and coverage of minimum income schemes and social protection, and the number of CSRs relating to labour market inclusion policies; takes the view, however, that the uneven and fragile growth expected by the Commission in 2014 and 2015 will not by itself be able to tackle the severe impact that austerity measures and the crisis have had on the fight against poverty and social exclusion and on the achievement of the Europe 2020 goals; demands that the Member States propose specific, targeted measures within their NRPs with a view to tackling poverty, especially child poverty;

*Amendment*

25. Welcomes those CSRs aimed at increasing the adequacy and coverage of minimum income schemes and social protection, and the number of CSRs relating to labour market inclusion policies; takes the view, however, that the uneven and fragile growth expected by the Commission in 2014 and 2015 will not by itself be able to tackle the severe impact that austerity measures and the crisis have had on the fight against poverty and social exclusion and on the achievement of the Europe 2020 goals; demands that the Member States ***follow up closely the recommendations, deliver on them and*** propose specific, targeted measures within their NRPs with a view to tackling poverty, especially child poverty;

Or. en

**Amendment 220**

**Csaba Sógor**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 25 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***25 a. Calls on Member States, taking note of the Council recommendation from 9 and 10 December 2013 on effective Roma integration measures in the Member States, to implement long-term, targeted and integrated measures for reducing the level of social and economic marginalization of Roma communities, especially through the adoption of measures for their integration in the labour market, including through strengthened links between social assistance and activation, and through the increase of school attendance by Roma***

*children and the reduction of early school leaving;*

Or. en

**Amendment 221**  
**Vilija Blinkevičiūtė**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 25 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*25 a. Encourages Member States to take practical steps to combat poverty and social exclusion, by providing an appropriate minimum income and a social security system, in accordance with their own national practices, including provisions set out in collective agreements or national legislation;*

Or. en

**Amendment 222**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Jutta Steinruck**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 25 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*25 a. Calls on the Commission to immediately tackle the alarming increase in child poverty throughout Europe through the introduction of a child guarantee against poverty; believes that such a guarantee is of upmost importance in order to protect children that have been affected by the consequences of the current economic and social crisis;*

Or. en

**Amendment 223**

**Jean Lambert**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 25 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***25 a. Calls on the Commission to link the European Semester more closely to the Europe 2020 social objectives; National Reform Programmes (NRPs) should report on progress on the national poverty targets demonstrating the contribution to the commonly agreed headline poverty target under Europe 2020; Calls on the Commission to issue CSRs on fighting poverty to all MSs in the future; Calls on Member States to have specific social inclusion and anti-discrimination measures in place to reduce poverty aiming groups most at risk from social exclusion;***

Or. en

**Amendment 224**

**Jeroen Lenaers**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 26**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

26. Regrets the fact that the Commission recommendations on pensions were made without taking into account Parliament's position on the Green and White Papers on pensions; is concerned that reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pensions have focused solely on population ageing, without taking into account the importance of the employment rate, especially in pay-

26. Regrets the fact that the Commission recommendations on pensions were made without taking into ***full*** account Parliament's position on the Green and White Papers on pensions, ***in particular with regard to Parliament's recommendation of collective, solidarity-based supplementary occupational pension savings, preferably resulting from***



as-you-go systems; recalls that guaranteeing decent pensions above a minimum level is an effective way to fight poverty and social exclusion;

*collective agreements and established at the national, sectorial or company level*; is concerned that reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pensions have focused solely on population ageing, without taking into account the importance of the employment rate, especially in pay-as-you-go systems; recalls that guaranteeing decent pensions above a minimum level is an effective way to fight poverty and social exclusion;

Or. en

**Amendment 225**  
**Jutta Steinruck**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Draft opinion*

26. Regrets the fact that the Commission recommendations on pensions were made without taking into account Parliament's position on the Green and White Papers on pensions; is concerned that reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pensions have focused solely on population ageing, without taking into account the importance of the employment rate, especially in pay-as-you-go systems; recalls that guaranteeing decent pensions above a minimum level is an effective way to fight poverty and social exclusion;

*Amendment*

26. Regrets the fact that the Commission recommendations on pensions were made without taking into account Parliament's position on the Green and White Papers on pensions; is concerned that reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pensions have focused solely on population ageing, without taking into account the importance of the employment rate, especially in pay-as-you-go systems; ***strongly stresses the principle of subsidiarity and emphasises that national particularities, especially as regards occupational pension funds, have to be respected***; recalls that guaranteeing decent pensions above a minimum level is an effective way to fight poverty and social exclusion;

Or. en

**Amendment 226**  
**Siôn Simon**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Draft opinion*

26. Regrets the fact that the Commission recommendations on pensions were made without taking into account Parliament's position on the Green and White Papers on pensions; ***is concerned that*** reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pensions ***have focused solely on population ageing, without taking*** into account the importance of the employment rate, especially in pay-as-you-go systems; recalls that guaranteeing decent pensions above a minimum level is an effective way to fight poverty and social exclusion;

*Amendment*

26. Regrets the fact that the Commission recommendations on pensions were made without taking into account Parliament's position on the Green and White Papers on pensions; ***calls for*** reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pensions, ***which focus not only on population ageing but also on the future generation and take*** into account the importance of the employment rate, especially in pay-as-you-go systems; recalls that guaranteeing decent pensions above a minimum level is an effective way to fight poverty and social exclusion;

Or. en

**Amendment 227**  
**Maria Arena**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Draft opinion*

26. Regrets the fact that the Commission recommendations on pensions were made without taking into account Parliament's position on the Green and White Papers on pensions; ***is concerned that*** reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pensions ***have focused solely on population ageing, without taking*** into account the importance of the employment rate, especially in pay-as-you-go systems; recalls that guaranteeing decent pensions above a minimum level is an effective way to fight poverty and social exclusion;

*Amendment*

26. Regrets the fact that the Commission recommendations on pensions were made without taking into account Parliament's position on the Green and White Papers on pensions; ***is concerned that*** reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pensions ***have focused solely on population ageing, without taking*** into account the importance of the employment rate, especially in pay-as-you-go systems; recalls that ***raising the statutory retirement age, without significant rises in senior and young workers employment rates only transfers the cost from pension schemes to other social security schemes and workers;*** ***recalls that*** guaranteeing decent pensions

above a minimum level is an effective way to fight poverty and social exclusion;

Or. en

**Amendment 228**  
**Evelyn Regner, Jutta Steinruck**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Draft opinion*

26. Regrets the fact that the Commission recommendations on pensions were made without taking into account Parliament's position on the Green and White Papers on pensions; is concerned that reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pensions have focused solely on population ageing, without taking into account the importance of the employment rate, especially in pay-as-you-go systems; recalls that guaranteeing decent pensions above a minimum level is an effective way to fight poverty and social exclusion;

*Amendment*

26. Regrets the fact that the Commission recommendations on pensions were made without taking into account Parliament's position on the Green and White Papers on pensions; is concerned that reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pensions have focused solely on population ageing, without taking into account the importance of the employment rate (*respectively the dependency ratio*), especially in pay-as-you-go systems; recalls that guaranteeing decent pensions above a minimum level is an effective way to fight poverty and social exclusion;

Or. en

**Amendment 229**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Draft opinion*

26. Regrets the fact that the Commission recommendations on pensions were made without taking into account Parliament's position on the Green and White Papers on pensions; *is concerned that* reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pensions

*Amendment*

26. Regrets the fact that the Commission recommendations on pensions were made without taking into account Parliament's position on the Green and White Papers on pensions; *calls on Member States to carry out the reforms needed* to guarantee the

*have focused solely on* population ageing, *without taking into account* the importance of *the employment rate, especially in pay-as-you-go systems*; recalls that guaranteeing decent pensions above a minimum level is an effective way to fight poverty and social exclusion;

sustainability of pensions *systems; taking into account the* population ageing; *notes* the importance of *linking retirement age to life expectancy*; recalls that guaranteeing decent pensions above a minimum level is an effective way to fight poverty and social exclusion;

Or. en

### **Amendment 230**

**Danuta Jazłowiecka, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 26**

##### *Draft opinion*

26. Regrets the fact that the Commission recommendations on pensions were made without taking into account Parliament's position on the Green and White Papers on pensions; is concerned that reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pensions have focused solely on population ageing, without taking into account the importance of the employment rate, especially in pay-as-you-go systems; recalls that guaranteeing *decent* pensions above a minimum level is an effective way to fight poverty and social exclusion;

##### *Amendment*

26. Regrets the fact that the Commission recommendations on pensions were made without taking into account Parliament's position on the Green and White Papers on pensions; is concerned that reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pensions have focused solely on population ageing, without taking into account the importance of the employment rate, especially in pay-as-you-go systems; recalls that guaranteeing pensions above a minimum level is an effective way to fight poverty and social exclusion;

Or. en

### **Amendment 231**

**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 26**

##### *Draft opinion*

26. Regrets the fact that the Commission recommendations on pensions were made

##### *Amendment*

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without taking into account Parliament's position on the Green and White Papers on pensions; is concerned that reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pensions have focused solely on population ageing, without taking into account the importance of the *employment rate*, especially in pay-as-you-go systems; recalls that guaranteeing decent pensions above a minimum level is an effective way to fight poverty and social exclusion;

without taking into account Parliament's position on the Green and White Papers on pensions; is concerned that reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pensions have focused solely on population ageing, without taking into account the importance of the *contributions from the employed population*, especially in pay-as-you-go systems *and of possibilities of second and third pillar pensions systems for optimising pension pay outcome*; recalls that guaranteeing decent pensions above a minimum level is an effective way to fight poverty and social exclusion;

Or. en

**Amendment 232**  
**Jana Žitňanská**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Draft opinion*

26. *Regrets* the fact that the Commission recommendations on pensions were made without taking into account Parliament's position on the Green and White Papers on pensions; *is concerned that reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pensions have focused solely on population ageing, without taking into account the importance of the employment rate, especially in pay-as-you-go systems; recalls that guaranteeing decent pensions above a minimum level is an effective way to fight poverty and social exclusion;*

*Amendment*

26. *Notes* the fact that the Commission recommendations on pensions were made without taking *fully* into account Parliament's position on the Green and White Papers on pensions;

Or. en

**Amendment 233**  
**Javi López**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 27**

*Draft opinion*

27. Considers it regrettable that very few CSRs tackle the issue of in-work poverty; points out that new forms of poverty affecting the middle and working classes are emerging in some cases, with difficulties in paying mortgages and high energy prices creating energy poverty and giving rise to an increasing number of evictions and foreclosures; is concerned by evidence that levels of homelessness and housing exclusion are increasing; recalls that this represents a violation of fundamental rights; recommends that the Member States and their local authorities introduce neutral housing policies favouring social and affordable housing, tackle the issue of housing vacancy and implement effective prevention policies aimed at reducing the number of evictions;

*Amendment*

27. Considers it regrettable that very few CSRs tackle the issue of in-work poverty ***or homelessness***; points out that new forms of poverty affecting the middle and working classes are emerging in some cases, with difficulties in paying mortgages and high energy prices creating energy poverty and giving rise to an increasing number of evictions and foreclosures; is concerned by evidence that levels of homelessness and housing exclusion are increasing; recalls that this represents a violation of fundamental rights; recommends that the Member States and their local authorities introduce ***integrated strategies to confront homelessness***, neutral housing policies favouring social and affordable housing, tackle the issue of housing vacancy and implement effective prevention policies aimed at reducing the number of evictions;

Or. en

**Amendment 234**

**Jean Lambert**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 27**

*Draft opinion*

27. Considers it regrettable that very few CSRs tackle the issue of in-work poverty; points out that new forms of poverty affecting the middle and working classes are emerging in some cases, with difficulties in paying mortgages and high energy prices creating energy poverty and giving rise to an increasing number of

*Amendment*

27. Considers it regrettable that very few CSRs tackle the issue of in-work poverty; ***calls on the Commission to explicitly address in-work poverty and poverty among people with limited or no link to labour market in the AGS 2015***; points out that new forms of poverty affecting the middle and working classes are emerging

evictions and foreclosures; is concerned by evidence that levels of homelessness and housing exclusion are increasing; recalls that this represents a violation of fundamental rights; recommends that the Member States and their local authorities introduce neutral housing policies favouring social and affordable housing, tackle the issue of housing vacancy and implement effective prevention policies aimed at reducing the number of evictions;

in some cases, with difficulties in paying mortgages and high energy prices creating energy poverty and giving rise to an increasing number of evictions and foreclosures; is concerned by evidence that levels of homelessness and housing exclusion are increasing; recalls that this represents a violation of fundamental rights; recommends that the Member States and their local authorities introduce neutral housing policies favouring social and affordable housing, tackle the issue of housing vacancy and implement effective prevention policies aimed at reducing the number of evictions;

Or. en

**Amendment 235**  
**Jutta Steinruck**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 27**

*Draft opinion*

27. Considers it regrettable that very few CSRs tackle the issue of in-work poverty; points out that new forms of poverty affecting the middle and working classes are emerging in some cases, with difficulties in paying mortgages and high energy prices creating energy poverty and giving rise to an increasing number of evictions and foreclosures; is concerned by evidence that levels of homelessness and housing exclusion are increasing; recalls that this represents a violation of fundamental rights; recommends that the Member States and their local authorities introduce neutral housing policies favouring social and affordable housing, tackle the issue of housing vacancy and implement effective prevention policies aimed at reducing the number of evictions;

*Amendment*

27. Considers it regrettable that very few CSRs tackle the issue of in-work poverty; points out that new forms of poverty affecting the middle and working classes are emerging in some cases, with difficulties in paying mortgages and high energy prices creating energy poverty and giving rise to an increasing number of evictions and foreclosures; is concerned by evidence that levels of homelessness and housing exclusion are increasing; recalls that this represents a violation of fundamental rights; recommends that the Member States and their local authorities introduce neutral housing policies favouring social and affordable housing, tackle the issue of housing vacancy and implement effective prevention policies aimed at reducing the number of evictions;  
***calls therefore for an integrated strategy***

*with poverty targets encompassing all sorts of poverty;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 236**

**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 27**

##### *Draft opinion*

27. Considers it regrettable that very few CSRs tackle the issue of in-work poverty; points out that new forms of poverty affecting the middle and working classes are emerging in some cases, with difficulties in paying mortgages and high energy prices creating energy poverty and giving rise to an increasing number of evictions and foreclosures; is concerned by evidence that levels of homelessness and housing exclusion are increasing; recalls that this represents a violation of fundamental rights; recommends that the Member States and their local authorities **introduce** neutral housing policies favouring **social and** affordable housing, **tackle the issue of housing vacancy and implement effective prevention policies aimed at reducing the number of evictions;**

##### *Amendment*

27. Considers it regrettable that very few CSRs tackle the issue of in-work poverty; points out that new forms of poverty affecting the middle and working classes are emerging in some cases, with difficulties in paying mortgages and high energy prices creating energy poverty and giving rise to an increasing number of evictions and foreclosures; is concerned by evidence that levels of homelessness and housing exclusion are increasing; recalls that this represents a violation of fundamental rights; recommends that the Member States and their local authorities **have in place** neutral housing policies favouring affordable housing;

Or. en

### **Amendment 237**

**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 27 a (new)**



*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***27 a. Ask the European Commission to develop a strategy that would support Member States to tackle homelessness through integrated policies and appropriate social investment;***

Or. en

**Amendment 238**  
**Jana Žitňanská**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 28 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***28 a. Notes the Commission's support for active inclusion strategies; believes however, that such strategies must include measures to integrate people with disabilities and reduced work capacities into the labour market; encourages the Member States to consider the added value of incentivising employers to employ those furthest from the labour market by developing a well balanced mix of responsibilities and support networks involving all relevant actors in the development of Member States labour market policies;***

Or. en

**Amendment 239**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 29**

*Draft opinion*

29. Calls on the Commission to support the effective use of EU funds to reduce poverty through partnership approaches involving civil society; calls on the Member States, especially those with the highest rates of unemployment and poverty, to **use** 25 % of their cohesion funding for programmes related to the European Social Fund; **also requests, in view of the high poverty rates, an evaluation as to whether the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived is sufficiently well-funded;**

*Amendment*

29. Calls on the Commission to support the effective **and efficient** use of EU funds to reduce poverty through partnership approaches involving civil society; calls on the Member States, especially those with the highest rates of unemployment and poverty, to **consider using** 25 % of their cohesion funding for programmes related to the European Social Fund;

Or. en

**Amendment 240**

**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 29**

*Draft opinion*

29. Calls on the Commission to support the effective use of EU funds to reduce poverty through partnership approaches involving civil society; calls on the Member States, especially those with the highest rates of unemployment and poverty, to use 25 % of their cohesion funding for programmes related to the European Social Fund; also requests, in view of the high poverty rates, an evaluation as to whether the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived is sufficiently well-funded;

*Amendment*

29. Calls on the Commission to support the effective use of EU funds to reduce poverty through partnership approaches involving civil society; calls on the Member States, especially those with the highest rates of unemployment and poverty, to use 25 % of their cohesion funding for programmes related to the European Social Fund; also requests, in view of the high poverty rates, an evaluation as to whether the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived is sufficiently well-funded, **and if it is not, considering the possibility for an increment during the mid-term review of the multiannual financial framework;**

Or. en

## Amendment 241

Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 29

##### *Draft opinion*

29. Calls on the Commission to support the effective use of EU funds to reduce poverty through partnership approaches involving civil society; calls on the Member States, especially those with the highest rates of unemployment and poverty, to use 25 % of their cohesion funding for programmes related to the European Social Fund; also *requests*, in view of the high poverty rates, *an evaluation as to whether* the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived *is sufficiently well-funded*;

##### *Amendment*

29. Calls on the Commission to support the effective use of EU funds to reduce poverty through partnership approaches involving civil society; calls on the Member States, especially those with the highest rates of unemployment and poverty, to use 25 % of their cohesion funding for programmes related to the European Social Fund; also *insists*, in view of the high poverty rates, *that Member States make efficient use of* the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived *where it is implemented*;

Or. en

## Amendment 242

Jean Lambert

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 29 a (new)

##### *Draft opinion*

##### *Amendment*

*29 a. Agrees with the Commission that Member States must confront homelessness through comprehensive strategies based on prevention, housing-led approaches and reviewing regulations and practices on eviction and stopping criminalisation of homeless people; calls for improvement with regard to transnational exchange of best practices and mutual learning and acknowledges the role of PROGRESS in this context;*

Or. en

**Amendment 243**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 31**

*Draft opinion*

31. Notes the Commission recommendation to reform healthcare systems so that they deliver on their objectives of providing universal access to high-quality care in a cost-effective manner, and to secure their financial sustainability; *calls for the goals of meeting social needs, providing a social safety net and achieving financial sustainability to be put on an equal footing, and for sufficient resources to be allocated for social protection and health systems;*

*Amendment*

31. Notes the Commission recommendation to reform healthcare systems so that they deliver on their objectives of providing universal access to high-quality care in a cost-effective manner, and to secure their financial sustainability;

Or. en

**Amendment 244**  
**Inês Cristina Zuber, Patrick Le Hyaric**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 31**

*Draft opinion*

31. Notes the Commission recommendation to reform healthcare systems so that they deliver on their objectives of providing universal access to high-quality care in a cost-effective manner, and to secure their financial sustainability; calls for the goals of meeting social needs, providing a social safety net and achieving financial sustainability to be put on an equal footing, and for sufficient resources to be allocated for social protection and health systems;

*Amendment*

31. Notes the Commission recommendation to reform healthcare systems so that they deliver on their objectives of providing **public and** universal access to high-quality care in a cost-effective manner, and to secure their financial sustainability; calls for the goals of meeting social needs, providing a social safety net and achieving financial sustainability to be put on an equal footing, and for sufficient resources to be allocated for social protection and health systems;

**Amendment 245**

**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 31**

*Draft opinion*

31. Notes the Commission recommendation to reform healthcare systems so that they deliver on their objectives of providing universal access to high-quality care in a cost-effective manner, and to secure their financial sustainability; calls for the goals of meeting *social needs, providing a social safety net* and achieving financial sustainability to be put on an equal footing, and for sufficient resources to be allocated for social protection and health systems;

*Amendment*

31. Notes the Commission recommendation to reform healthcare systems so that they deliver on their objectives of providing universal access to high-quality care in a cost-effective manner, and to secure their financial sustainability; calls for the goals of meeting *inclusion, access and quality provisions* and achieving financial sustainability to be put on an equal footing, and for sufficient resources to be allocated for social protection and health systems;

**Amendment 246**

**Guillaume Balas, Edouard Martin**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 31 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***31 a. Regrets the insufficient democratic legitimacy of the European Semester procedure resulting from the exclusion of the European and national Parliaments in the whole process; considers it therefore a matter of democratic urgency to submit the Annual Growth Survey to the codecision procedure;***

**Amendment 247**

**Jean Lambert**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Title 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2 a. Democratic legitimacy**

Or. en

**Amendment 248**

**Jean Lambert**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 32**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

32. Reiterates its call for increased and structured involvement of civil society and trade union stakeholders so as to safeguard the legitimacy and improve the effectiveness of the European Semester process; looks forward, in this connection, to the **Commission's** planned involvement of the social partners in the context of the Social Dialogue Committee prior to the adoption of the 2015 Annual Growth Survey;

32. Reiterates its call for increased and structured involvement of civil society and trade union stakeholders **at EU as well as national level**, so as to safeguard the legitimacy and improve the effectiveness of the European Semester process **by developing concrete guidelines and monitoring mechanism**; looks forward, in this connection, to the **Commission's** planned involvement of the social partners in the context of the Social Dialogue Committee prior to the adoption of the 2015 Annual Growth Survey **and the improvement of the involvement of civil society at EU level as well as expansion of national pilot projects for involvement of civil society at national level**;

Or. en

**Amendment 249**  
**Jutta Steinruck**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 32**

*Draft opinion*

32. Reiterates its call for increased and structured involvement of civil society and trade union stakeholders so as to safeguard the legitimacy and improve the effectiveness of the European Semester process; looks forward, in this connection, to the Commission's planned involvement of the social partners in the context of the Social Dialogue Committee prior to the adoption of the 2015 Annual Growth Survey;

*Amendment*

32. Reiterates its call for increased and structured involvement of civil society and trade union stakeholders **at national and EU level**, so as to safeguard the legitimacy and improve the effectiveness of the European Semester process; looks forward, in this connection, to the Commission's planned involvement of the social partners in the context of the Social Dialogue Committee prior to the adoption of the 2015 Annual Growth Survey;

Or. en

**Amendment 250**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Philippe De Backer, Ulla Tørnæs**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 32**

*Draft opinion*

32. Reiterates its call for increased and structured involvement of civil society **and trade union** stakeholders so as to safeguard the legitimacy and improve the effectiveness of the European Semester process; looks forward, in this connection, to the Commission's planned involvement of the social partners in the context of the Social Dialogue Committee prior to the adoption of the 2015 Annual Growth Survey;

*Amendment*

32. Reiterates its call for increased and structured involvement of civil society stakeholders so as to safeguard the legitimacy and improve the effectiveness of the European Semester process; looks forward, in this connection, to the Commission's planned involvement of the social partners in the context of the Social Dialogue Committee prior to the adoption of the 2015 Annual Growth Survey;

Or. en

**Amendment 251**  
**Anthea McIntyre**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 33**

*Draft opinion*

33. *Criticises the fact* that not all the Member States have involved both their national parliament and their national social partners in the drafting of their NRPs.

*Amendment*

33. *Notes* that not all the Member States have involved both their national parliament and their national social partners in the drafting of their NRPs.

Or. en

**Amendment 252**  
**Jean Lambert**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 33**

*Draft opinion*

33. Criticises the fact that not all the Member States have involved both their national parliament and their national social partners in the drafting of their NRPs.

*Amendment*

33. Criticises the fact that not all the Member States have involved both their national parliament and their national social partners *and civil society* in the drafting of their NRPs, *calls on the Member States to include a detailed overview in their NRP explaining who was involved in what manner; calls on the Commission to take stock of the different national practices of parliamentary procedures and stakeholder involvement in the European Semester;*

Or. en

**Amendment 253**  
**Guillaume Balas, Edouard Martin**



**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 33**

*Draft opinion*

33. Criticises the fact that not all the Member States have involved both their national parliament and their national social partners in the drafting of their NRPs.

*Amendment*

33. Criticises the fact that not all the Member States have involved both their national parliament and their national social partners in the drafting of their NRPs, *considers that national Parliaments should be given the possibility to amend and adopt NRPs established by their governments in order to improve the democratic legitimacy and national ownership of the European Semester procedure;*

Or. en

**Amendment 254**

**Jean Lambert**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 33 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*33 a. Expresses its concern about the fact that no recommendations have been made on the Europe 2020 objectives to those Member States with a financial assistance programme; calls on the Commission to assess the impact of the economic adjustment programme on progress towards the Europe 2020 headline targets and to propose modifications designed to bring the adjustment programme into line with the Europe 2020 objectives;*

Or. en

**Amendment 255**

**Jean Lambert**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 33 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***33 b. Calls on the Commission and Council to enter into an inter-institutional agreement with Parliament in order to give Parliament a full role in the drafting and approval of the Annual Growth Survey and the Economic Policy and Employment Guidelines;***

Or. en