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COMPROMISE AMENDMENTS A - H

Draft opinion
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Amendment A

EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, GUE, Greens

Compromise amendment replacing AM 1 (Amjad Bashir), AM 2 (Eva Kaili), AM 3 (Georgi Pirinski), AM 5 (Tania González Peñas, Neoklis Sylikiotis)

Draft opinion

Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the financial crisis *has undermined the positive effects of* cohesion policy and led to higher unemployment rates, increased poverty and social exclusion, *and less convergence than expected*

Amendment

A. whereas, *in certain Member States*, the financial crisis *has impacted upon* the cohesion policy and led to *even* higher unemployment rates, increased poverty, social exclusion and *increased divergence between regions of the EU*;

Or. en

Amendment B

EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, GUE

Compromise amendment replacing AM 10 (Georgi Pirinski), AM 11 (Eva Kaili)

Draft opinion

Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

B a. whereas regions which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps usually have higher unemployment rates, less economic growth and a lack of significant investment leading to a structural divergence in the Union; whereas in these regions employment rates are on average around 10 percentage points below the national target as compared to only 3 percentage points below in the more developed regions;

Or. en

Amendment C

EPP, S&D, GUE, Greens

Compromise amendment replacing AM 12 (Thomas Mann), AM 13 (Amjad Bashir), AM 14 (Monika Vana, Karima Delli), AM 15 (Eva Kaili), AM 16 (Georgi Pirinski)

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Recital C

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C. whereas the *Cohesion Fund and the Structural* Funds are still one of the EU's main investment instruments, with the potential to alleviate negative trends resulting from the economic crisis and to create jobs, if used efficiently;

Amendment

C. whereas the *European Structural and Investment* Funds are still one of the EU's main investment instruments, with the potential *to reduce disparities and structural imbalances between regions* and alleviate negative trends resulting from the economic crisis and to create *quality and sustainable* jobs *as well as sustainable growth, especially in the regions that need it most*, if used efficiently; and *whereas the European Social Fund particularly is the main instrument for investing in human capital, promoting integration in the labour market and combatting poverty and social exclusion*;

Or. en

Amendment D

EPP, S&D, ALDE, ECR

Compromise amendment replacing AM 19 (Thomas Mann), AM 20 (Amjad Bashir), AM 21 (Georgi Pirinski)

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Paragraph 1

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1. Considers it regrettable that the job creation potential of EU funds is still insufficient, and notes that it should be further strengthened;

Amendment

1. Considers it regrettable that the job creation potential of EU funds is still insufficient, and notes that it should be further strengthened *through more efficient and results-based policy-making and implementation*; *expresses in this regard its concern about delays in the*

adoption and implementation of operational programs for the programming period 2014-2020 and urges the Commission and Member States to speed up the process; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ease the access to funding for all beneficiaries, especially SMEs that have recently generated 80% of new jobs in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment E
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens

Compromise amendment replacing AM 26 (Thomas Mann), AM 27 (Amjad Bashir), AM 30 (Milan Zver)

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Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Considers it regrettable that the unemployment rate among young people *is* still too high; calls on the Member States to make the best and promptest possible use of the money available under the Youth Employment Initiative, especially the EUR 1 billion in pre-financing once it has been released;

Amendment

2. Considers it regrettable that the unemployment rate among young people *remains* still too high, *especially in Member States mostly hit by the economic crisis*; calls on the Member States to make the best and promptest possible use of the money available under the Youth Employment Initiative, especially the EUR 1 billion in pre-financing once it has been released *in order to facilitate access to employment for young people; encourages Member States to use available EU funds to complement and enhance national programmes aimed at boosting cohesion, regional competitiveness, employment and fostering an entrepreneurial spirit, particularly amongst young people; in this respect calls also on European higher education institutions to put more effort in adapting their programs to the needs of the labour market and society in general and developing individual guidance*

programmes and counselling, which can help fighting the youth unemployment on a large scale;

Or. en

Amendment F
EPP, S&D, ALDE

Compromise amendment replacing AM 36 (Thomas Mann), AM 37 (Amjad Bashir), AM 39 (Danuta Jazłowiecka), AM 41 (Georgi Pirinski)

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Emphasises that, on account of changes in production patterns, the role of the European Social Fund and investment in adapting workers' skills have grown significantly; calls on the Member States and the Commission to ensure that available resources are used as effectively and efficiently as possible with a view to ensuring workers' employability;

Amendment

3. Emphasises that, on account of changes in production patterns ***and population ageing***, the role of the European Social Fund (***ESF***) and investment in adapting workers' skills have grown significantly; ***strongly believes that in this respect the ESF should be complementary to national approaches in the Member States***; calls on the Member States and the Commission to ensure that available resources are used as effectively and efficiently as possible with a view to ensuring workers' employability, ***social inclusion and gender equality***; ***at the same time underlines that training programmes financed under ESF should be addressed also to entrepreneurs and staff at managerial level in order to ensure sustainable development of companies, especially SMEs that generate the majority of job places in the EU***;

Or. en

Amendment G
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens, GUE

Compromise amendment replacing AM 40 (Anne Sander), AM 42 (Anne Sander)

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3 a. calls, in particular, on the Member States and the Commission to continue to work to improve and extend the EURES platform as an effective tool to facilitate worker mobility in Europe, and in particular cross-border mobility, by improving workers' knowledge of the EU labour market, informing them of job opportunities and helping them with formalities; encourages Member States to develop and support EURES networks, also due to the fact that cross-border workers are the first to be hit by adaptation problems and difficulties in securing recognition of professional qualifications; notes that by bringing together public employment services, the social partners, local and regional authorities as well as other private stakeholders, these networks facilitate and support cross-border mobility;

Or. en

Amendment H
EPP, S&D, ALDE

Compromise amendment replacing AM 46 (Anne Sander), AM 53 (Amjad Bashir)

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Stresses that *it is high time for* the EU to invest in businesses and support business creation; welcomes, therefore, the intention to set up the new European Fund for Strategic Investments as a complementary tool with the potential to generate 1.3 million additional jobs within three years.

4. Stresses that the EU *should* invest in businesses and support business creation *with a particular focus on SMEs and micro-enterprises which represent 99% of all businesses in the Union and have recently generated 80% of new jobs, by facilitating access to finance, reducing bureaucratic burden, simplifying*

legislation within the REFIT programme, providing hospitable environment and the right regulatory framework also for start-ups; underlines that such measures should not lead to an undermining of labour and social rights in the EU;

welcomes, therefore, the intention to set up the new European Fund for Strategic Investments as a complementary tool *to the Cohesion Policy* with the potential to generate 1.3 million additional jobs within three years.

Or. en