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Meeting the antipoverty target in the light of increasing household costs
(2015/2223(INI))

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Amendment 1

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, in particular to Articles 1 and 34(3) thereof,

Or. fr

Amendment 2

Inês Cristina Zuber, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas, Paloma López Bermejo, Lynn Boylan

Motion for a resolution

Citation 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- Having regard to the Commission Communication of 3 March 2010 entitled 'Europe 2020: A strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth' (COM(2010)2020) and to its resolution of 16 June 2010 on that communication,

deleted

¹ JO C 236 E of 12.8.2011, p. 57.

Or. pt

Amendment 3

Inês Cristina Zuber, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas, Paloma López Bermejo,

Lynn Boylan

Motion for a resolution

Citation 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- Having regard to the Commission Communication of 19 March 2014 entitled ‘Taking stock of the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth’ (COM(2014)0130),

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 4

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Citation 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Communication from the Commission of 27 October 2015, entitled ‘Commission Work Programme 2016 – No time for business as usual’ (COM(2015)610),

Or. it

Amendment 5

Maria Arena, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution

Citation 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to Directive 2014/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on the comparability of fees related to payment accounts, payment account switching and access to payment accounts with basic

features,

Or. en

Amendment 6

Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution

Citation 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to its resolution of 15 July 2015 on the follow-up to the European Citizens' Initiative Right2Water^{1 a};

^{1 a} Text adopted, P8_TA(2015)0294

Or. en

Amendment 7

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Citation 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to its resolution of 20 October 2010 on the role of minimum income in combating poverty and promoting an inclusive society in Europe,^{1 a},

^{1 a} OJ C70E, 8.3.2012 p.8

Or. fr

Amendment 8

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Citation 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to its resolution of 27 November 2014 on the 25th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child^{1 a},

^{1 a} *Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0070*

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Maria Arena, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution
Citation 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to its resolution of 4 July 2012 with recommendations to the Commission on access to Basic Banking Services^{1 a},

^{1 a} *OJ C34E, 29.11.2013, p.74*

Or. en

Amendment 10
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Citation 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the United Nations General Assembly resolution of 28 July 2010 entitled ‘The human right to water and sanitation’^{1 a},

1 a

http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/64/292&Lang=F

Or. fr

Amendment 11

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the report of the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre (2012) 'Measuring Child Poverty: New league tables of child poverty in the world's rich countries'^{1 a},

^{1 a} http://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/pdf/rc10_fre.pdf

Or. fr

Amendment 12

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the report of the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre (2014) 'Children of the Recession: The impact of the economic crisis on child well-being in rich countries'^{1 a},

1 a

<https://www.unicef.fr/sites/default/files/us>

Or. fr

Amendment 13

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Citation 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 15 June 2011 on the 'European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion: a European framework for Social and Territorial Cohesion'^{1 a},

^{1 a} OJ C248, 25.8.2011, p.130

Or. fr

Amendment 14

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Citation 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the OECD report 'In It Together: Why Less Inequality Benefits All' of 21 May 2015^{1 a},

^{1 a} <http://www.oecd.org/social/in-it-together-why-less-inequality-benefits-all-9789264235120-en.htm>

Or. es

Amendment 15
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Citation 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 18 September 2013 on ‘For coordinated European measures to prevent and combat energy poverty’^{1 a},

^{1 a} *EESC 2013, TEN/516*

Or. fr

Amendment 16
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Citation 16 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 10 December 2013 on ‘European minimum income and poverty indicators’^{1 a},

^{1 a} *OJ C170, 05.06.2014, p.23*

Or. fr

Amendment 17
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Citation 16 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions of 31 March 2011 on the European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion^{1 a},

^{1 a} CdR 402/2010_ECOS_V_012

Or. fr

Amendment 18

Maria Arena, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution

Citation 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the studies entitled "The State of Lending: The Cumulative Costs of Predatory Practices " ^{1a} , June 2015 and "Le panier de la ménagère ... pauvre" ^{1b} , August 2008

^{1a} Center for responsible lending,
Durham,
<http://www.responsiblelending.org/state-of-lending/cumulative/> ,
http://www.uvcw.be/no_index/cpas/panier-etude-qualitative.pdf

^{1b} Ricardo Cherenti, Belgian Federation of public local social action center,
http://www.uvcw.be/no_index/cpas/panier-etude-quantitative.pdf

Or. en

Amendment 19

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Citation 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the opinion of the Social Protection Committee of 15 February 2011 entitled ‘The European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion: Flagship Initiative of the Europe 2020 Strategy’^{1 a},

^{1 a} Opinion of the Social Protection Committee addressed to the Council, Council of the European Union, 649/11, SOC 124, 15 February 2011.

Or. fr

Amendment 20

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Citation 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to its resolution of 11 June 2013 on Social housing in the European Union^{1 a}

^{1 a} Textes adoptés, P7_TA(2013)0246

Or. en

Amendment 21

Tamás Meszerics, Karima Delli
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to its resolution of 11 June 2013 on Social housing in the European Union^{1 a}

^{1 a} *Textes adoptés, P7_TA(2013)0246*

Or. en

Amendment 22

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas between **2008** and 2013, the number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion in the EU27 increased from 117 million to 121 million, ***of which the number of people severely materially deprived increased from 42 to 45 million, the number of people at risk of poverty after social transfers increased from 82 to 86 million; whereas this development runs counter to the EU target to reduce poverty by 20 million by 2020;***

Amendment

A. whereas between **2010** and 2013, the number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion in the EU28 increased from 117 million to 121 million; ***whereas in 2013 16.7% of the population of the European Union were at risk of poverty after social transfers, 9.6% were in a situation of serious material deprivation and 10.7% of households were considered to have low work intensity;***

(The objective of this amendment is to enable a comparison at EU28 level. The last section of the paragraph has been deleted, to be placed in a new recital.)

Or. fr

Amendment 23

Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas between 2008 and 2013, the number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion in the EU27 increased from 117 million to 121 million of which the number of people severely materially deprived increased from 42 to 45 million, the number of people at risk of poverty after social transfers increased from 82 to 86 million; whereas this development runs counter to the EU target to reduce poverty by 20 million by 2020;

Amendment

A. whereas between 2008 and 2013, the number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion in the EU27 increased from 117 million to 121 million of which the number of people severely materially deprived increased from 42 to 45 million, the number of people at risk of poverty after social transfers increased from 82 to 86 million; whereas this development runs counter to the EU target to reduce poverty by 20 million by 2020; ***whereas certain groups are more at risk of poverty than others such as children, women, people with disabilities, Roma communities, and older people;***

Or. en

Amendment 24
Michaela Šojdrová

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas according to the Eurostat methodology the at-risk-of-poverty threshold is set at 60 % of national median equivalised disposable income;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Theresa Griffin, Siôn Simon, Jude Kirton-Darling, Clare Moody, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas more than 50 million people are affected by energy poverty in Europe, which represents around 30% of households in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. having regard to the importance of the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) and of its continued existence at a time when the social crisis is affecting more and more Europeans;

Or. fr

Amendment 27
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the number of long-term unemployed exceeds 12 million, of whom 62 % have been out of work for more than two consecutive years; whereas the long-term unemployed are more likely to be affected by poverty and social exclusion;

Or. es

Amendment 28
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. having regard to Article 34(3) of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, which provides that in order to combat social exclusion and poverty, the Union recognises and respects the right to social and housing assistance so as to ensure a decent existence for all those who lack sufficient resources;

Or. fr

Amendment 29
Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Recital Aa (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the prices of essential goods and services, at certain times and in certain countries, have increased relatively rapidly, and, accordingly, family expenditure;

Or. es

Amendment 30
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the "chronic poor", often long-term unemployed, but sometimes

employed on low salaries and whereas single people living alone with children who are not in employment or who are working less hours on average than the primary earner are consistently identified as among the most vulnerable groups;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. considering that there are as yet no established indicators of absolute poverty;

Or. it

Amendment 32
Tamás Meszerics, Karima Delli
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital Aa (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas bad or inadequate housing greatly reduces chances to lead a normal life; whereas quality of housing (including appropriate insulation, etc.) of groups in vulnerable situations has decreased during the crisis, because of inability to fund maintenance;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A b. whereas bad or inadequate housing greatly reduces chances to lead a normal life; whereas living for extended period of time in low-quality housing can affect physical health;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A b. having regard to the strategic objective of the European Union that is defined in its Europe 2020 Strategy and which aims to reduce the number of people in or at risk of poverty and social exclusion by at least 20 million;

Or. fr

Amendment 35
Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A b. Whereas the increase in family expenditure, associated with the cost of accommodation, food, utilities (electricity, gas, water), transport, medical costs or costs associated with education, makes it difficult to achieve the objective of

*reducing poverty laid down in the Europe
2020 Strategy;*

Or. es

Amendment 36
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*A b. considering that one possible solution
is to reduce mortgage or rent payments
for families living in inadequate housing,
so that they can spend money on
refurbishing and improving their home
instead;*

Or. it

Amendment 37
Claude Rolin, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Recital A c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*A c. whereas the conjunction of the
financial and economic crisis, austerity
measures, rising housing prices and
falling households' revenues have
increased unemployment and social
exclusion within the EU, especially
among the most vulnerable groups of
people, thereby increasing the burden on
welfare services;*

Or. fr

Amendment 38
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Recital A c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A c. whereas quality of housing (including appropriate insulation, etc.) of groups in vulnerable situations has decreased during the crisis, because of inability to fund maintenance;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Recital A d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A d. whereas certain groups in society, such as one-parent families, the elderly, minorities, people with disabilities and young people, are among the most vulnerable to be at risk of poverty;

Or. fr

Amendment 40
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Recital A e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A e. whereas unemployment among young people, which is already higher than for other age groups, has exploded in the European Union since the crisis and is now running at over 20%, and

whereas it has now reached a critical level in all the Member States, putting young people at risk of falling into poverty from a very early age; having regard to the Concluding Observations of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child regarding the most recent periodic reports of certain European countries in relation to the increase in poverty and/or the level of risk of poverty for children as a consequence of the economic crisis; whereas this increase affects the rights to health, education and social protection;

Or. fr

Amendment 41

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Recital A f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A f. whereas poverty, which has been at a high level in the Member States over very many years, has an ever more significant effect on the economy, damages economic growth, increases public budget deficits and reduces European competitiveness;

Or. fr

Amendment 42

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas not having adequate heating *has* a negative impact on a person's health, in particular for children *and older*

B. whereas not having adequate *housing and* heating *have* a negative impact on a person's health, in particular for children,

persons;

older and weaker persons; whereas people are suffering from not being able to heat their houses both in the Northern and Southern Member States; whereas EU-SILC figures show that housing cost overburden (by tenure status) is higher for tenants housed in the private rented sector, which may be explained by low housing quality and high prices

Or. en

Amendment 43
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. Whereas *not having adequate heating* has a negative impact on a person's health, in particular for children and older persons;

Amendment

B. Whereas *the difficulty for families of meeting the cost of those essential goods and services* has a negative impact on a person's health, *education and social and employment inclusion*, in particular for children and older persons;

Or. es

Amendment 44
Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas not having adequate *heating* *has* a negative impact on a person's health, in particular for children and older persons;

Amendment

B. whereas not having adequate *living conditions can have* a negative impact on a person's health, in particular for children and older persons;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Inês Cristina Zuber, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas, Paloma López Bermejo, Lynn Boylan

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. Whereas not having adequate heating has a negative impact on a person's health, in particular for children and older persons;

Amendment

B. Whereas *one of the consequences of rising energy prices is that many families live in houses without heating and that* not having adequate heating has a negative impact on a person's health, in particular for children and older persons;

Or. pt

Amendment 46

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas not having adequate heating has a negative impact on a person's health, in particular for children and older persons;

Amendment

B. whereas not having adequate heating *and housing* has a negative impact on a person's health, in particular for children and older persons;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Theresa Griffin, Siôn Simon, Jude Kirton-Darling, Clare Moody, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas energy poverty is linked to general poverty and is the result of a

number of underlying conditions including high-energy prices, aggressive commercial and marketing techniques, issues concerning health and disability, a lack of access to tailored offers or online services, low incomes, the type of heating system in use in the household and the quality and energy performance of the housing stock;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Flavio Zanonato, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Brando Benifei, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas financially vulnerable groups, such as unemployed, students, single-parent families, low-income families, widowed, permanently ill, suffer particularly of high level on living costs;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas the wide gap between Member States in the provision of welfare and a minimum income means that in some Member States welfare reduces the risk of poverty by 60% and in others by only 15%; whereas the average impact of the provision of welfare on reducing the risk of poverty in the EU is 35%;

Amendment 50

Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Elena Gentile

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. considering that energy poverty can be defined as the inability of a household to support an adequate level of energy supply so as to guarantee basic levels of comfort and health, due to a combination of low income, high energy prices and low quality housing stock;

Or. it

Amendment 51

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas Eurofound's forthcoming report Housing in Europe will include a model estimating that due to existing levels of housing (dwelling) inadequacies (as per 2011 data), total cost of the medical expenditure is over EUR170 billion per annum to the economies of EU28; whereas if all the repair work was undertaken, there would be medical cost savings of some EUR8 billion in the first year, which will continue to accrue benefits in the future;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bb. whereas EU-SILC figures show that housing cost overburden (by tenure status) is higher for tenants housed in the private rented sector, which may be explained by low housing quality and high prices;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution

Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bb. whereas the UN has affirmed that the human right to water and sanitation entitles everyone to water for personal and domestic uses which is of good quality, safe, physically accessible, affordable, sufficient and acceptable; whereas a further UN recommendation has stated that 3% of household income should be seen as a maximum for water payments where payments apply; whereas the privatisation of water services has a negative impact on households living in, or at risk of, poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Elena Gentile

Motion for a resolution
Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bb. considering that energy poverty is becoming an increasingly widespread problem in Europe, and that the situation is likely to get worse in the next few years due to the forecast increases in energy prices, the corresponding increase in income inequality and in poverty in general, the lack of adequate heating systems and the general poor quality of housing insulation, in particular in Mediterranean countries;

Or. it

Amendment 55
Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution
Recital B c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bc. whereas there are 12 million more women than men living in poverty in the EU; whereas factors contributing to this inequality include the gender pay and pension gaps, the large proportion of women in precarious work, and the fact that women are often forced to be economically inactive due to the prohibitive cost of childcare;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Elena Gentile

Motion for a resolution
Recital B c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bc. considering that the Energy Union must provide an effective response to energy poverty, which affects more than 100 million Europeans, through strengthening the position of the most vulnerable consumers, improving energy efficiency for the most vulnerable and developing corrective measures to provide access to affordable energy for people in need;

Or. it

Amendment 57

Jane Collins

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas Directive 2012/27/EU calls on the Member States to develop programmes to raise awareness, and inform and advise individuals and households on energy efficiency;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 58

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. Whereas Directive 2012/27/EU calls on the Member States to develop programmes to raise awareness, and inform and advise individuals and households on energy efficiency;

C. Whereas the reduction of poverty and social exclusion is one of the specific objectives of the Union and of the Member States, and progress is made towards equality where all citizens have equal

access to opportunities and basic resources;

Or. es

Amendment 59

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. *whereas* Directive 2012/27/EU calls on the Member States to develop programmes to raise awareness, and inform and advise individuals and households on energy efficiency;

Amendment

C. *having regard to* Directive 2012/27/EU *of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on energy efficiency, which* calls on the Member States to develop programmes to raise awareness, and inform and advise individuals and households on energy efficiency;

Or. fr

Amendment 60

Maria Arena, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. *whereas for the 9 items of the Severe Material Deprivation indicator (to pay rent or utility bills, to keep home adequately warm, to face unexpected expenses, to eat meat, fish or a protein equivalent every second day, to take a week's holiday away from home, run a car, a washing machine, a colour TV, or a telephone), several studies suggests that market prices are finally higher for the households at risk of poverty;*

Or. en

Amendment 61
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. Considering the situation of poverty of a family as indivisible, the effect which the energy aspect has on poverty must be highlighted;

Or. es

Amendment 62
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. Whereas the renewal of the national building stock with the aim of improved efficiency of energy use will have a direct impact on the cost of energy, particularly for less well-off families, and will encourage the creation of employment;

Or. es

Amendment 63
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas 22,348,834 households (approximately 11% of the EU

population) spend more than 40 % of disposable income on housing ; whereas the European Semester has identified housing cost overburden as a 'social trend to watch'; and whereas 21,942,491 households (approximately 10.8% of the EU population) experience difficulty maintaining adequate household temperature, whereas the EU and the Member States should urgently identify, implement and maintain policy measures that enable households to meet housing costs, including housing allowances.

Or. en

Amendment 64

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. *whereas* energy market prices *are converging in Europe while purchasing power is not converging at the same rate;*

Amendment

D. having regard to *the increase in* energy market prices *for average-sized households in the EU-28 of 24% for electricity^{1a} and of 28% for gas^{1b} between 2010 and 2015;*

1a

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table.do?tab=table&init=1&language=fr&pcode=ten00117&plugin=1>

1b

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table.do?tab=table&init=1&plugin=1&pcode=ten00118&language=fr>

Or. fr

Amendment 65

Jane Collins

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D a. whereas EU energy policies, VAT and green taxes are making energy prices much higher and increasing household costs which leads to an increase in fuel poverty; Therefore energy policy should be completely repatriated back to Member States to ensure energy costs are kept as low as possible and also ensure that businesses remain competitive;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D a. whereas access to housing is a fundamental right that can be seen as a precondition to the exercise of, and to access to, other fundamental rights and to a life in conditions of human dignity; whereas guaranteeing access to assistance for decent and adequate housing is an international obligation incumbent on the Member States, to which the Union must have regard, given that the right of access to housing and to housing assistance is recognised in Article 34 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, Articles 30 and 31 of the revised European Social Charter adopted by the Council of Europe and Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human rights, as well as in many Member States' constitutions;

Or. fr

Amendment 67

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Brando Benifei, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D a. whereas the European Parliament in its resolution 'Towards a genuine Economic and Monetary Union' of 20 November 2012 (Thyssen report) called for a European Social Pact as the fifth pillar of the EMU in order to promote amongst others decent living wages with minimum incomes preventing in-work poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D a. whereas the distribution of population in different dwelling types shows a high diversity across Europe with 50% or more share of detached houses in most of the central and eastern European and Balkan countries and significantly larger portion of flats and semi-detached houses in other regions of Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Inês Cristina Zuber, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas, Paloma López Bermejo,

Lynn Boylan

Motion for a resolution

Recital Da (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D a. Whereas privatisation and deregulation of energy services have contributed to the rise in prices, which prevents growing numbers of the population from having access to these services;

Or. pt

Amendment 70

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D b. whereas housing represents the most significant expenditure item for European households; whereas the rise in prices associated with housing (land, property, rents, energy consumption) constitutes a source of instability and anxiety and must be regarded as an issue of major concern;

Or. fr

Amendment 71

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Motion for a resolution

Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D b. Housing deprivation and energy poverty are higher in countries with a lower share of social rental housing i.e.

Eastern and Mediterranean countries;

Or. en

Amendment 72

Tamás Meszerics, Karima Delli
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D b. whereas the social rental stock as a percentage of total housing stock indicates that Western and Northern countries have a higher share of public social housing compared to the EU average, while Mediterranean and Eastern countries maintain minimal (around 5%) social housing stock or lacking social housing sector completely; housing deprivation and energy poverty are higher in countries with a lower share of social rental housing i.e. Eastern and Mediterranean countries;

Or. en

Amendment 73

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Recital D c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D c. whereas there is a shortage of social housing facilities, and an increasing need of affordable housing, in certain EU Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 74
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital D c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D c. whereas Eurofound research argues that for many people with low incomes, 'utility arrears' are a principal type of debts which is sometimes overlooked;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Recital D d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D d. whereas social housing plays an essential role in achieving the objective from the Europe 2020 Strategy of reducing poverty, because it contributes to guaranteeing high levels of employment and of social inclusion and cohesion, promotes occupational mobility and enables poverty to be combated;

Or. fr

Amendment 76
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital D d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dd. whereas Eurofound report on

"Access to benefits: reducing non-take-up" clearly highlights the problem that social benefits and minimum income schemes do not always reach those who are entitled to it, so it's not enough to establish such systems, but take-up should be ensured by those who are entitled; whereas the savings realised in the longer term as a result of benefits reaching their target populations promptly, effectively and efficiently, must also be taken into account;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Recital D e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D e. whereas the crisis has had consequences for the conditions of access to housing for households, and for investment in social housing within the Union, whereas the public expenditure dedicated to investments in social housing has been greatly affected by this, and whereas this places an obligation on the Member States and the Union to act urgently so as to guarantee the right of access to decent and affordable housing;

Or. fr

Amendment 78
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Recital D f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D f. whereas poverty and social exclusion remain a key social determinant of the state of health and living conditions, including life expectancy, in particular in view of the impact of child poverty on the health and well-being of children, and whereas the gap in terms of health between rich and poor remains significant as far as affordable access to health services is concerned, income and wealth, and continues to widen in certain areas, and whereas the gap in terms of health between rich and poor remains significant, in particular as far as affordable access to health services is concerned, and continue to widen in certain areas;

Or. fr

Amendment 79

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Recital D g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D g. whereas the Social Protection Committee of the European Union, in its opinion of 20 May 2010, was concerned about the fact that the current economic and financial crisis could have negative effects on citizens' access to healthcare and on the health budgets of the Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 80

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Recital D h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D h. whereas the current economic and financial crisis may have a severe impact on the healthcare sector in several EU Member States, on both the supply and the demand sides;

Or. fr

Amendment 81
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Recital D i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D i. whereas the restrictions caused by the current economic and financial crisis could be seriously detrimental to the long-term financial and organisational viability of the healthcare systems of Member States and, therefore, impede equality of access to care on their territories;

Or. fr

Amendment 82
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Recital D j (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D j. whereas the combination of poverty and other forms of vulnerability, such as childhood or old age, disability or minority background, further increases the risks of health inequalities, and whereas, vice versa, ill health can lead to

poverty and/or social exclusion,

Or. fr

Amendment 83

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Recital D k (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D k. whereas, according to the latest figures from Eurostat, 21% of households in the EU-28 do not have Internet access and whereas 20% of 16 to 74 year-olds say that they have never used the Internet; whereas the Netherlands has the highest proportion of households which have Internet access (95%), while Bulgaria is at the bottom of the list, with 54% of households having Internet access;

Or. fr

Amendment 84

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Recital D l (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D l. whereas the Digital Single Market is one of the 10 priorities of the new Commission and whereas, in future, 90% of jobs will require some degree of IT skills; whereas, while 59% of European citizens have access to the 4G network, in rural areas this percentage does not exceed the 15% mark;

Or. fr

Amendment 85
Claude Rolin, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Recital D m (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D m. whereas a decent job remains the best way of staying clear of the risk of poverty and social exclusion, and whereas expertise in and access to information and communications technology are undeniable assets in the search for a job;

Or. fr

Amendment 86
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Recital D n (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D n. having regard to the Resolution of the United Nations General Assembly of 28 July 2010 on ‘the human right to water and sanitation’^{1 a} which recognises the right to safe and clean drinking water as a fundamental right essential to the full exercise of the right to life and of all human rights;

1 a

http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/64/292&Lang=F

Or. fr

Amendment 87
Jane Collins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt integrated frameworks to combat energy poverty by linking energy and poverty/social inclusion policies more closely;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 88
Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ***adopt integrated frameworks to combat energy poverty by linking energy and poverty/social inclusion policies more closely;***

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ***invest fully in the fight against poverty and social exclusion by adopting a global approach taking account of all sources of poverty and exclusion;***

Or. fr

Amendment 89
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt integrated frameworks to combat energy poverty by linking energy and poverty/social inclusion policies more closely;

Amendment

1. calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt integrated frameworks to combat energy poverty by linking energy and poverty/social inclusion policies more closely; ***hopes to see a deeper commitment from the European Parliament to tackling this issue,***

*particularly in the form of more dialogue
between the parliamentary committees
concerned, ENVI and EMPL;*

Or. it

Amendment 90

Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt integrated frameworks to combat energy poverty by linking energy and poverty/social inclusion policies more closely;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt integrated frameworks to combat energy poverty *on the basis of best and good practices* by linking energy and poverty/social inclusion policies more closely;

Or. hu

Amendment 91

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt integrated frameworks to combat *energy* poverty by linking energy and poverty/social inclusion policies more closely;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt integrated frameworks to combat *the various forms of* poverty by linking *economic, education, employment, energy and transport policy, among others, and social policy, particularly* poverty/social inclusion policies *with short-term effects* more closely;

Or. es

Amendment 92

Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Elena Gentile

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt integrated frameworks to combat energy poverty by linking energy and poverty/social inclusion policies more closely;

Amendment

1. calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt integrated frameworks to combat energy poverty by linking energy and poverty/social inclusion policies more closely; ***invites the Commission also to present a Communication on energy poverty in Europe, accompanied by an action plan to fight against it, which contains a definition and indicators of energy poverty;***

Or. it

Amendment 93

Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the ***Commission and the*** Member States to adopt integrated frameworks to combat energy poverty by linking energy and poverty/social inclusion policies more closely;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Member States to adopt integrated frameworks to combat energy poverty by linking energy and poverty/social inclusion policies more closely;

Or. en

Amendment 94

Ulla Tørnæs, Martina Dlabajová

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the ***Commission and the*** Member States to adopt integrated frameworks to combat energy poverty by linking energy and poverty/social inclusion policies more closely;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Member States to adopt integrated frameworks to combat energy poverty by linking energy and poverty/social inclusion policies more closely;

Or. en

Amendment 95

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. In many cases, the most important costs in this area are those of renting or buying housing. The social pillar should put forward decisive measures in relation to social housing and the treatment of homeless families.

Or. es

Amendment 96

Jane Collins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Calls on the Member States to sign up to a European winter heating disconnection moratorium so as to ensure that during a defined winter period no household can be cut off from energy or that those who are must be reconnected to energy needed for heating that meets World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing

deleted

temperature;

Or. en

Amendment 97

Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Member States to ***sign up to a European winter heating disconnection moratorium so as to ensure that during a defined winter period no household can be cut off from energy or that those who are must be reconnected to energy needed for heating that meets*** World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Member States to ***meet*** World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature;

Or. en

Amendment 98

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. ***Calls on the*** Member States to sign up to a European winter heating disconnection moratorium so as to ensure that during a defined winter period no household can be cut off from energy or that those who are must be reconnected to energy needed for heating that meets World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature;

Amendment

2. ***Encourages the*** Member States to sign up to a European winter heating disconnection moratorium so as to ensure that during a defined winter period no household can be cut off from energy or that those who are must be reconnected to energy needed for heating that meets World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature;

Or. fr

Amendment 99

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Member States to ***sign up to*** a European winter heating disconnection moratorium ***so as to ensure that during a defined winter period no household can be cut off from energy or that those who are must be reconnected to energy needed for heating that meets World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature;***

Amendment

2. Calls on the Member States to **evaluate the measures adopted to comply with the World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature, and in particular to move towards signing up to** a European winter heating disconnection moratorium so as to ***take account of the minimum conditions to be met by the client to opt into such a benefit and the scheduling of outstanding payments between client and supplier and the public contribution. Energy companies will not be responsible for social policies, which will always be set by governments;***

Or. es

Amendment 100

Ulla Tørnæs, Martina Dlabajová

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. ***Calls on*** the Member States to ***sign up to a European winter heating disconnection moratorium so as to ensure that during a defined winter period no household can be cut off from energy or that those who are must be reconnected to energy needed for heating that meets World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature;***

Amendment

2. ***Encourage*** the Member States to ***adopt policies that allow them to meet the*** World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature;

Amendment 101
Elena Gentile, Flavio Zanonato

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2.a. calls on the Member States to guarantee the quality and efficiency of primary care and other welfare services, given that inadequate social protection (provided in the form of benefits and service provision) increases the risk that those in poverty will require long-term support;

Or. it

Amendment 102
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 b. calls on the Commission and the Member States to create the conditions to guarantee all EU citizens basic social rights, such as the right to housing, and to contribute to ensuring that the universal concept of human dignity is reflected in every single moment of the life of every single person;

Or. it

Amendment 103
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 b. calls for the Commission and the Member States to establish in law that a primary residence is immune from seizure, in order to provide mandatory protection for EU citizens' right to housing;

Or. it

Amendment 104
Jane Collins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Invites the Commission to present, in the context of the announced social pillar, an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income in 2016;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 105
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Invites the Commission to present, in the context of the announced social pillar, an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income in 2016;

Deleted

Or. es

Amendment 106

Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Invites the Commission *to present in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar an EU framework directive on adequate* minimum income;

Amendment

3. Invites the Commission, *in the context of the European semester, to make recommendations to the Member States regarding the policies to be put in place and the reforms to be made in order to combat poverty and social exclusion effectively, in particular via the implementation on a national level, taking into account the specific features of each Member State, of a guaranteed* minimum income;

Or. fr

Amendment 107

Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Invites the Commission to *present*, in the context of the announced social pillar, *an EU framework directive on adequate* minimum income in 2016;

Amendment

3. Invites the Commission to *carry out*, in the context of the announced social pillar, *an up-to-date study taking account of the economic and social circumstances of each Member State and funding options, including the possibility of setting up a European fund specifically for this purpose; in view of the results of the study, the Commission will evaluate the manner and the means of introducing a temporary* minimum family income *in the EU Member States* in 2016, *respecting the characteristics of each of them*;

Or. es

Amendment 108
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Invites the Commission to ***present, in the context of the announced social pillar, an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income in 2016;***

Amendment

3. Invites the Commission to ***encourage Member States to introduce minimum wage schemes at national level as a way to fight against poverty;***

Or. en

Amendment 109
Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. ***Invites the Commission to present, in the context of the announced social pillar, an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income in 2016;***

Amendment

3. ***Encourages Member States to introduce an adequate minimum income in line with national practices and traditions;***

Or. en

Amendment 110
Inês Cristina Zuber, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas, Paloma López Bermejo, Lynn Boylan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Invites the Commission, ***in the context of the announced social pillar,*** to present an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income in 2016;

Amendment

3. Invites the Commission to present an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income in 2016;

Or. pt

Amendment 111

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Invites the Commission to present, in the context of the announced social pillar, an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income in 2016;

Amendment

3. Invites the Commission to present, in the context of the announced social pillar, an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income in 2016 ***in order to support social convergence across the EU;***

Or. en

Amendment 112

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Invites the Commission to present in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income;

Amendment

3. Encourages the Member States to introduce systems guaranteeing a minimum income equivalent to 60% of the national median income;

Or. fr

Amendment 113

Ulla Tørnæs, Martina Dlabajová

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Invites the Commission to present, in the context of the announced social pillar, an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income in 2016;

Amendment

3. Encourages the Member States to analyse the potential costs and benefits of introducing an adequate minimum income in line with national customs and

traditions;

Or. en

Amendment 114

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. invites the Commission to present in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income;

Amendment

3. invites the Commission to present in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income; ***which would enable every EU citizen to meet basic personal needs, such as food, clothing and housing, and guarantee them resources and social assistance sufficient to lead a life compatible with human dignity and thus to lift them out of poverty;***

Or. it

Amendment 115

Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Member States to ensure a more efficient and targeted use of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) by national, regional and local authorities in order to tackle energy poverty;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Member States to ensure a more efficient and targeted use of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) by national, regional and local authorities in order to tackle energy poverty, ***and the European Commission should allow greater flexibility in this field;***

Or. hu

Amendment 116

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Member States to ensure a more efficient and targeted use of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) by national, regional and local authorities in order to tackle energy poverty;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Member States to ensure a more efficient and targeted use of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) by national, regional and local authorities in order to tackle energy poverty, ***especially households living in inefficient housing stock and housing in bad condition;***

Or. en

Amendment 117

Agnes Jongerius, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Member States to ensure a more efficient and targeted use of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) by national, regional and local authorities in order to tackle energy poverty;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Member States to ensure a more efficient and targeted use of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) by national, regional and local authorities in order to tackle energy poverty ***and other increasing living costs, such as a lack of affordable (social) housing;***

Or. en

Amendment 118

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Member States to ensure a more efficient and targeted use of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) by national, regional and local authorities in order to tackle **energy** poverty;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Member States to ensure a more efficient and targeted use of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) by national, regional and local authorities in order to tackle poverty **and social exclusion within the Union**;

Or. es

Amendment 119
Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Member States to ensure a more efficient and targeted use of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) by national, regional and local authorities in order to tackle energy poverty;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Member States to ensure a more efficient and targeted use of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) by national, regional and local authorities in order to tackle energy poverty, **especially amongst poor households living in poor quality and inefficient housing stock**;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. calls on the Member States to ensure a more efficient and targeted use of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) by national, regional and local

Amendment

4. calls on the Member States to ensure a more efficient and targeted use of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) by national, regional and local

authorities in order to tackle energy poverty;

authorities in order to tackle energy poverty; *while it is desirable for these funds to be used to combat energy poverty, it is vital to constantly and carefully monitor the spending thereof, to ensure that the money is being used effectively;*

Or. it

Amendment 121

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Member States to ensure a more efficient and targeted use of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) by national, regional and local authorities in order to tackle energy poverty;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Member States to ensure a more efficient and targeted use of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) by national, regional and local authorities in order to tackle energy poverty *and housing deprivation especially amongst poor households;*

Or. en

Amendment 122

Theresa Griffin, Siôn Simon, Jude Kirton-Darling, Clare Moody, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to acknowledge that access to affordable energy is a basic social right and adopt a common definition on energy poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 123
Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Calls on the Member States to facilitate the access of anti-poverty associations to European financing from the FEAD without adding administrative burdens for these associations, which are often understaffed;

Or. fr

Amendment 124
Maria Arena, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Calls the Commission to carefully assess the variations of costs to access to the items of the Severe Material Deprivation in relation with the level of income, and to subsequently launch the necessary legislations to adapt these costs for the households at risk of poverty, as already done in the field of basic access to bank accounts;

Or. en

Amendment 125
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Flavio Zanonato, Theresa Griffin, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Calls on the Commission to clarify the problem of fuel poverty in the EU and support the Member States in developing planning;

Or. en

Amendment 126

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Invites the Commission and the Member States to renew their commitment to reducing poverty by dedicating a Summit to the reduction of poverty and access to decent living standards;

Or. fr

Amendment 127

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Calls on the Commission to map the problem of homelessness, as well as fuel poverty in the EU, and in particular winter deaths amongst people living in cold homes; and to support the Member States in developing solutions;

Or. en

Amendment 128

Agnes Jongerius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Calls for a revision of the Almunia Package, which is hampering social/non-profit housing for lower and middle income households in several Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 129

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 b. Wishes the Commission to launch a consultation on the possibility of an initiative concerning the adequate minimum income which prevents poverty and serves as a basis for people to live in dignity, as stipulated in the European Parliament resolution of 15 November 2011^{2 a};

^{2 a} The EP Resolution of 15 November 2011 on the European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion

Or. fr

Amendment 130

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

EU policies to **meet** the antipoverty target

Amendment

EU policies to **achieve** the antipoverty target

Or. fr

Amendment 131

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

5. Finds regrettable ***that the EU2020 target to reduce poverty in Europe by lifting 20 million people out of poverty appears even further out of reach than when it was set; reiterates that one of the target groups is people that face severe material deprivation; calls on the Commission and the Member States to renew their commitment to the poverty reduction target by:***

Amendment

5. Finds regrettable ***the increase in the number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion even though the Europe 2020 Strategy aims to reduce the number of people in or at risk of poverty and social exclusion by at least 20 million;***

(The last section is to be found in a new paragraph.)

Or. fr

Amendment 132

Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

5. Finds regrettable that the EU2020 target to reduce poverty in Europe by lifting 20 million people out of poverty appears even further out of reach than when it was set; reiterates that one of the target groups is people that face severe material

Amendment

5. Finds regrettable that the EU2020 target to reduce poverty in Europe by lifting 20 million people out of poverty appears even further out of reach than when it was set, ***as the poverty index has shown improvement only in some Member***

deprivation; calls on the Commission and the Member States to renew their commitment to the poverty reduction target by:

States; reiterates that one of the target groups is people that face severe material deprivation; calls on the Commission and the Member States to renew their commitment to the poverty reduction target by:

Or. hu

Amendment 133

Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

5. Finds regrettable that the EU2020 target to reduce poverty in Europe by lifting 20 million people out of poverty appears even further out of reach than when it was set; reiterates that one of the target groups is people that face severe material deprivation; calls on ***the Commission and the*** Member States to renew their commitment to the poverty reduction target by:

Amendment

5. Finds regrettable that the EU2020 target to reduce poverty in Europe by lifting 20 million people out of poverty appears even further out of reach than when it was set; reiterates that one of the target groups is people that face severe material deprivation; calls on Member States to renew their commitment to the poverty reduction target by:

Or. en

Amendment 134

Ulla Tørnæs, Martina Dlabajová

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

5. Finds regrettable that the EU2020 target to reduce poverty in Europe by lifting 20 million people out of poverty appears even further out of reach than when it was set; reiterates that one of the target groups is people that face severe material deprivation; calls on the ***Commission and***

Amendment

5. Finds regrettable that the EU2020 target to reduce poverty in Europe by lifting 20 million people out of poverty appears even further out of reach than when it was set; reiterates that one of the target groups is people that face severe material deprivation; calls on the Member States to

the Member States to renew their commitment to the poverty reduction target by:

renew their commitment to the poverty reduction target by:

Or. en

Amendment 135

Inês Cristina Zuber, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas, Paloma López Bermejo, Lynn Boylan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

5. ***Finds it regrettable*** that the EU2020 target to reduce poverty in Europe by lifting 20 million people out of poverty appears even further out of reach than when it was set; reiterates that one of the target groups is people that face severe material deprivation; calls on the Commission and the Member States ***to renew their commitment to the poverty reduction target*** by adopting the following measures:

Amendment

5. ***Points out that*** the EU2020 target to reduce poverty in Europe, lifting 20 million people out of poverty, appears even further out of reach than when it was set; reiterates that one of the target groups is people that face severe material deprivation; calls on the Commission and the Member States ***to support measures*** to reduce poverty by adopting the following measures:

Or. pt

Amendment 136

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

5. Finds regrettable that the EU2020 target to reduce poverty in Europe by lifting 20 million people out of poverty appears even further out of reach than when it was set; reiterates that one of the target groups is people that face severe material deprivation; calls on the Commission and

Amendment

5. Finds regrettable that the EU2020 target to reduce poverty in Europe by lifting ***at least*** 20 million people out of poverty appears even further out of reach than when it was set; reiterates that one of the target groups is people that face severe material deprivation; calls on the

the Member States to renew their commitment to the poverty reduction target by:

Commission and the Member States to renew their commitment to the poverty reduction target by:

Or. en

Amendment 137

Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

5. Finds ***regrettable*** that the EU2020 target to reduce poverty in Europe by lifting 20 million people out of poverty appears even further out of reach than when it was set; reiterates that one of the target groups is people that face severe material deprivation; calls on the Commission and the Member States to renew their commitment to the poverty reduction target by:

Amendment

5. Finds ***unacceptable*** that the EU2020 target to reduce poverty in Europe by lifting 20 million people out of poverty appears even further out of reach than when it was set; reiterates that one of the target groups is people that face severe material deprivation; calls on the Commission and the Member States to renew their commitment to the poverty reduction target by:

Or. en

Amendment 138

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution

- prioritising decent living standards and reducing poverty and devoting a summit to it;

Amendment

deleted

(This idea can be found in the key recommendations.)

Or. fr

Amendment 139
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution

- prioritising *decent living standards and reducing poverty and* devoting a summit to it;

Amendment

- prioritising *the lifting of families out of situations of poverty and extreme poverty and* devoting a summit to it;

Or. es

Amendment 140
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution

- prioritising decent living standards and reducing poverty and devoting a summit to it;

Amendment

- prioritising decent living standards and reducing poverty and *social exclusion and* devoting a summit to it;

Or. en

Amendment 141
Theresa Griffin, Siôn Simon, Jude Kirton-Darling, Clare Moody, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 – indent 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *adopting a common definition on energy poverty focussing on the inability of a household to support an adequate level of energy supply so as to guarantee basic levels of comfort and health, due to a combination of low income, high-energy prices and low quality housing stock;*

Amendment 142

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Flavio Zanonato, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- taking measures to address extreme forms of poverty that currently fall beyond the scope of the target, namely homelessness;

Or. en

Amendment 143

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- tackling in a more balanced way both income and expenditure of poor households;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 144

Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- tackling in a more balanced way both income and expenditure of poor households;

- tackling in a more balanced way both income and expenditure of poor households, *with regard to the changes in*

household expenses;

Or. hu

Amendment 145

Tamás Meszerics, Karima Delli
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- taking measures to address extreme forms of poverty that currently fall beyond the scope of the target, i.e. homelessness;

Or. en

Amendment 146

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ensuring that the Member States provide everyone with accessible adequate income support, including minimum income above the poverty threshold throughout the life cycle;

deleted

(This idea can be found in a new paragraph.)

Or. fr

Amendment 147

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 3

Motion for a resolution

- ***ensuring that*** the Member States ***provide everyone with*** accessible adequate income support, ***including minimum income above the poverty threshold throughout the life cycle***;

Amendment

- ***encouraging*** the Member States, ***in compliance with the principle of subsidiarity, to provide*** accessible adequate income support;

Or. es

Amendment 148

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 3

Motion for a resolution

- ensuring that the Member States provide everyone with accessible adequate income support, including minimum income above the poverty threshold ***throughout the life cycle***;

Amendment

- ensuring that the Member States provide everyone with accessible adequate income support, including minimum income above the poverty threshold ***for as long as the duly documented situation of poverty persists***;

Or. es

Amendment 149

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 3

Motion for a resolution

- ensuring that the Member States provide everyone with accessible adequate income support, including minimum income above the poverty threshold throughout the life cycle ;

Amendment

- ensuring that the Member States provide everyone with accessible adequate income support, including minimum income above the poverty threshold throughout the life cycle, ***especially addressing non-take up*** ;

Or. en

Amendment 150

Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 3

Motion for a resolution

- ensuring that the Member States provide everyone with accessible adequate income support, including minimum income above the poverty threshold throughout the life cycle;

Amendment

- ensuring that the Member States provide everyone with accessible adequate income support ***if it is necessary and justified based on the real material deprivation***, including minimum income above the poverty threshold throughout the life cycle;

Or. hu

Amendment 151

Elena Gentile, Flavio Zanonato

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ensuring that the Member States provide incentives in the form of bonuses for those with few or no professional qualifications who undertake basic professional training, in order to improve their chances on the job market and gradually lift themselves out of absolute poverty;

Or. it

Amendment 152

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ensuring that the Member States, in collaboration with the relevant local authorities, make unallocated social housing available to poor families, establishing an agreement by which the tenants carry out necessary refurbishments to the property instead of paying rent;

Or. it

Amendment 153

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- targeting household expenditure so that disproportionately higher costs such as energy spending can be reduced in a sustainable manner;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 154

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- targeting household expenditure so that disproportionately higher costs such as energy spending can be reduced in a sustainable manner;

- targeting household expenditure so that disproportionately higher costs such as **housing and** energy spending can be reduced in a sustainable manner;

Or. en

Amendment 155
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 – indent 4

Motion for a resolution

- targeting household expenditure so that disproportionately higher costs such as energy spending can be reduced in a sustainable manner;

Amendment

- targeting household expenditure so that disproportionately higher costs such as ***housing or*** energy spending can be reduced in a sustainable manner;

Or. es

Amendment 156
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 – indent 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ensuring a balance between supply and demand, since the productivity-pay gap is the principal cause of recession, unemployment and, consequently, increasing poverty;

Or. it

Amendment 157
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 – indent 5

Motion for a resolution

- ending any policies in other policy areas that may lead to increase poverty;

Amendment

Deleted

Or. es

Amendment 158

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 5

Motion for a resolution

- ending any policies in other policy areas that may lead to an increase in poverty;

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 159

Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 5

Motion for a resolution

- ending any policies in other policy areas that may lead to increase poverty;

Amendment

- ending any *irresponsible* policies in other policy areas *and consumption habits* that may lead to *the rapid* increase *of* poverty *and debt on the level of individuals and families and the stability and balance of public finances*;

Or. hu

Amendment 160

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 5

Motion for a resolution

- ending any policies in other policy areas that may lead to increase poverty;

Amendment

- Welcoming social factors as part of economic governance and implementing effective social impact assessment to prevent EU policies in other policy areas

that may lead to increase poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 161

Agnes Jongerius, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 5

Motion for a resolution

- ending any policies in other policy areas that may lead to increase poverty;

Amendment

- ending any policies in other policy areas that may lead to increase poverty; ***such as pro-cyclical austerity, persistent wage moderation, lack of investment and decreasing social and health expenditure;***

Or. en

Amendment 162

Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- reviewing indicators for individual Member States and proceeding to adjust said indicators in those Member States which, by their own account, are already meeting the objectives they have set themselves;

Or. de

Amendment 163

Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**- guaranteeing financial compensation
essential for the situation of poverty
where costs cannot be lowered in the short
term;**

Or. es

Amendment 164

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Agnes Jongerius, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**- taking note of the situation of people
suffering the effects of the economic crisis
and as a result of this end up with
extremely poverty and debt burden;
encouraging Member States to prepare
their legislation in a way that it prevents
the formulation of the housing bubble, for
example being able to change loan
conditions;**

Or. en

Amendment 165

Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**- taking measures to address extreme
forms of poverty that currently fall beyond
the scope of the target, namely
homelessness;**

Or. en

Amendment 166

Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- taking measures to address extreme forms of poverty that currently fall beyond the scope of the target, namely homelessness;

Or. en

Amendment 167

Theresa Griffin, Siôn Simon, Jude Kirton-Darling, Clare Moody, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- acknowledging the idea that access to affordable energy is a basic social right;

Or. en

Amendment 168

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – indent 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- highlighting the fact that Member States have several forms of social housing and these differences should be taken into regard;

Amendment 169
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Calls on the Commission to study the possibility of extending the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived beyond the programming period 2014-2020, together with better co-ordination with other European Funds, in particular the ESF, and active employment policies, to facilitate the entry of the most deprived into the employment market;

Or. es

Amendment 170
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 b. Calls on the Commission and on the Member States to introduce mechanisms for recognising skills acquired informally rather than formally

Or. es

Amendment 171
Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for a Council recommendation similar to the Youth Guarantee on tackling poverty in order to revive the poverty target;

Amendment

6. *(Does not affect the English version.)*

Or. hu

Amendment 172

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls *for a Council recommendation similar to the Youth Guarantee on tackling poverty in order to revive the poverty target*;

Amendment

6. Calls on *the Member States, in the context of increasing poverty, to intensify their efforts to come to the aid of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion*;

Or. fr

Amendment 173

Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for a Council recommendation similar to the Youth Guarantee on tackling poverty in order to **revive** the poverty target;

Amendment

6. Calls for a Council recommendation similar to the Youth Guarantee on tackling poverty in order to **reach** the poverty target;

Or. en

Amendment 174

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. stresses that initiatives such as the Youth Guarantee must be put into effect with a comprehensive understanding of the employment regions in which they are to be implemented; this means redefining the role of job centres, i.e. to assist users, to take account of all the specific circumstances of these users, to update skills and to focus attention on developing sectors through direct contact with businesses, in order to ascertain the competences that the latter require potential employees to possess

Or. it

Amendment 175
Jane Collins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to present a new social pillar; recalls that to deliver on Article 9 TFEU, such a pillar should be aimed at setting a European framework for a minimum income above the poverty level, continuing with a rights-based approach to social policy and improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 176
Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to **present a new social** pillar; recalls that to deliver on Article 9 TFEU, **such a pillar should be aimed at setting a European framework for a minimum income above the poverty level, continuing with a rights-based approach to social policy and improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation;**

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to **place social and employment issues at the centre of its work programme for 2016, in particular proposing the creation of a pillar of social rights in the context of EMU;** recalls **the importance of the application of Article 9 TFEU, according to which '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';**

Or. fr

Amendment 177
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to **present a new** social pillar; recalls that to deliver on Article 9 TFEU, such a pillar should be aimed at **setting a European framework for a minimum income above the poverty level, continuing with a rights-based approach to social policy and improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation;**

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to **work on a** social pillar; recalls that to deliver on Article 9 TFEU, such a pillar should be aimed at **improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation, modernising existing legislation as well as presenting new legislative measures if needed in order to improve effectiveness of social and employment policies;**

Or. en

Amendment 178

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to present a new social pillar; recalls that to deliver on Article 9 *TFEU*, such a pillar should ***be aimed at setting a European framework for a minimum income above the poverty level, continuing with a rights-based approach to social policy and improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation;***

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to present a new social pillar ***in the context of economic and monetary union;*** recalls that to deliver on Article 9 ***of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,*** such a pillar ***should take into account the 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; considers that this new social pillar must enable the fulfilment of the Commission's intention to give the Union a social triple A score;***

Or. fr

Amendment 179

Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to present a new social pillar; ***recalls that to deliver on Article 9 TFEU, such a pillar should be aimed at setting a European framework for a minimum income above the poverty level, continuing with a rights-based approach to social policy and improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation;***

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to present a new social pillar ***improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation;*** ***Recalls the need to deliver on Article 9 TFEU;***

Or. en

Amendment 180

Ulla Tørnæs, Martina Dlabajová

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. **Welcomes** the Commission's intention to present a new social pillar; ***recalls that to deliver on Article 9 TFEU, such a pillar should be aimed at setting a European framework for a minimum income above the poverty level, continuing with a rights-based approach to social policy and improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation;***

Amendment

7. **Notes** the Commission's intention to present a new social pillar ***improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation, underlines in this regard the principle of subsidiarity;***

Or. en

Amendment 181

Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to present a new social pillar; recalls that to deliver on Article 9 TFEU, such a pillar ***should be aimed at*** setting a European framework for a ***minimum*** income above the poverty level, continuing with a rights-based approach to social policy and improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation;

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to present a new social pillar; recalls that to deliver on Article 9 TFEU, such a pillar ***may lead to*** setting a European framework for a ***temporary*** minimum ***family*** income above the poverty level, continuing with a rights-based approach to social policy and improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation; ***the establishment of this European framework will require a prior up-to-date study taking account of the economic and social circumstances of each Member State, examining the possibility of setting up a specific European fund, and, where appropriate,***

supporting its implementation;

Or. es

Amendment 182

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to present a new social pillar; recalls that to deliver on Article 9 TFEU, such a pillar should be aimed at ***setting a European framework for a minimum income above the poverty level***, continuing with a rights-based approach to social policy and improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation;

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to present a new social pillar; recalls that to deliver on Article 9 TFEU, such a pillar should be aimed at continuing with a rights-based approach to social policy and improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation;

Or. es

Amendment 183

Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to present a new social pillar; recalls that to deliver on Article 9 TFEU, such a pillar should be aimed at setting a European framework for a minimum income above the poverty level, continuing with a rights-based approach to social policy and improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation;

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to present a new social pillar; recalls that to deliver on Article 9 TFEU, such a pillar should be aimed at setting a European framework for a minimum income above the poverty level, continuing with a rights-based approach to social policy and improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation ***while ensuring sustainable and balanced public finances;***

Amendment 184

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to present a new social pillar; recalls that to deliver on Article 9 TFEU, such a pillar should be aimed at setting a European framework for a minimum income above the poverty level, continuing with a rights-based approach to social policy and improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation;

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to present a new social pillar; recalls that to deliver on Article 9 TFEU, such a pillar should be aimed at setting a European framework for a minimum income above the poverty level, continuing with a rights-based approach to social policy and improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation *whilst respecting the competence of Member States to regulate in social affairs*;

Or. en

Amendment 185

Inês Cristina Zuber, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas, Paloma López Bermejo, Lynn Boylan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. **Welcomes** the Commission's intention to present a new social pillar; recalls that to deliver on Article 9 TFEU, such a pillar should be aimed at setting a European framework for a minimum income above the poverty level, continuing with a rights-based approach to social policy and improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation;

Amendment

7. **Highlights** the Commission's intention to present a new social pillar; recalls that to deliver on Article 9 TFEU, such a pillar should be aimed at setting a European framework for a minimum income above the poverty level, continuing with a rights-based approach to social policy and improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation;

Amendment 186
Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to present a new social pillar; recalls that to deliver on Article 9 TFEU, such a pillar should be aimed at setting a European framework for a minimum income above the poverty level, ***continuing*** with a ***rights-based approach*** to social policy and improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation;

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to present a new social pillar; recalls that to deliver on Article 9 TFEU, such a pillar should be aimed at setting a European framework for a minimum income above the poverty level, ***following*** with a ***way according to the law*** to social policy and improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation

Or. en

Amendment 187
Jane Collins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the Commission's intention to aim for a social triple A score for the Union; finds regrettable that this is currently out of reach owing to increasing inequality, high poverty and social exclusion and less and less availability of quality and affordable social, health and care services; recalls that a social triple A must be based on Article 9 TFEU aimed at 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'; recalls that

Amendment

deleted

achieving a social triple A as a benchmark requires assessing both policies that hinder and work towards achieving the benchmark; finds regrettable that so far the latter has not been addressed at Union level;

Or. en

Amendment 188

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Welcomes the Commission's intention to aim for a social triple A score for the Union; finds regrettable that this is currently out of reach owing to increasing inequality, high poverty and social exclusion and less and less availability of quality and affordable social, health and care services; recalls that a social triple A must be based on Article 9 TFEU aimed at 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'; recalls that achieving a social triple A as a benchmark requires assessing both policies that hinder and work towards achieving the benchmark; finds regrettable that so far the latter has not been addressed at Union level;

deleted

(The ideas contained in this paragraph can be found in other paragraphs.)

Or. fr

Amendment 189

Danuta Jazłowiecka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the Commission's intention to aim for a social triple A score for the Union; ***finds regrettable that this is currently out of reach owing to increasing inequality, high poverty and social exclusion and less and less availability of quality and affordable social, health and care services***; recalls that a social triple A must be based on Article 9 TFEU aimed at 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'; recalls that ***achieving a social triple A as a benchmark requires assessing both policies that hinder and work towards achieving the benchmark; finds regrettable that so far the latter has not been addressed at Union level;***

Amendment

8. Welcomes the Commission's intention to aim for a social triple A score for the Union; ***considers it to be a challenge taking into account cases of*** increasing inequality, high poverty and social exclusion; recalls that a social triple A must be based on Article 9 TFEU aimed at 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'; recalls that ***a sustainable growth in Europe is key in order to deliver on this commitment;***

Or. en

Amendment 190
Ulla Tørnæs, Martina Dlabajová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. ***Welcomes*** the Commission's intention to aim for a social triple A score for the Union; ***finds regrettable that this is currently out of reach owing to increasing inequality, high poverty and social exclusion and less and less availability of quality and affordable social, health and care services***; recalls that ***a social triple A must be based on Article 9 TFEU aimed at a 'high level of employment, the guarantee of adequate social protection,***

Amendment

8. ***Notes*** the Commission's intention to aim for a social triple A score for the Union; recalls that achieving a social triple A as a benchmark requires assessing both policies that hinder and work towards achieving the benchmark;

the fight against social exclusion and a high level of education, training and protection of human health’; recalls that achieving a social triple A as a benchmark requires assessing both policies that hinder and work towards achieving the benchmark; finds regrettable that so far the latter has not been addressed at Union level;

Or. en

Amendment 191
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the Commission’s intention to aim for a social triple A score for the Union; finds regrettable that this is currently out of reach owing to increasing inequality, high poverty and social exclusion and less and less availability of quality and affordable social, health and care services; recalls that a social triple A must be based on Article 9 TFEU aimed at 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’; recalls that achieving a social triple A as a benchmark requires assessing both policies that hinder and work towards achieving the benchmark; ***finds regrettable that so far the latter has not been addressed at Union level;***

Amendment

8. Welcomes the Commission’s intention to aim for a social triple A score for the Union; finds regrettable that this is currently out of reach owing to increasing inequality, high poverty and social exclusion and less and less availability of quality and affordable social, health and care services; recalls that a social triple A must be based on Article 9 TFEU aimed at 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’; recalls that achieving a social triple A as a benchmark requires assessing both policies that hinder and work towards achieving the benchmark;

Or. es

Amendment 192
Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the Commission's intention to aim for a social triple A score for the Union; finds regrettable that this is currently out of reach owing to increasing inequality, high poverty and social exclusion and less and less availability of quality and affordable social, health and care services; recalls that a social triple A must be based on Article 9 TFEU aimed at 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'; recalls that achieving a social triple A as a benchmark requires assessing both policies that hinder and work towards achieving the benchmark; finds regrettable that so far the latter has not been addressed at Union level;

Amendment

8. Welcomes the Commission's intention to aim for a social triple A score for the Union; finds regrettable that this is currently out of reach owing to increasing inequality, high poverty and social exclusion and less and less availability of quality and affordable social, health and care services; recalls that a social triple A must be based on Article 9 TFEU aimed at 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' ***with ensuring public finances that lead to a sustainable, balanced and responsible management;*** recalls that achieving a social triple A as a benchmark requires assessing both policies that hinder and work towards achieving the benchmark; finds regrettable that so far the latter has not been addressed at Union level;

Or. hu

Amendment 193
Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the Commission's intention to aim for a social triple A score for the Union; finds regrettable that this is currently out of reach owing to increasing inequality, high poverty and social exclusion and less and less availability of quality and affordable social, health and care services; recalls that a social triple A ***must*** be based on Article 9 TFEU aimed at

Amendment

8. Welcomes the Commission's intention to aim for a social triple A score for the Union; finds regrettable that this is currently out of reach owing to increasing inequality, high poverty and social exclusion and less and less availability of quality and affordable social, health and care services; recalls that a social triple A ***should*** be based on Article 9 TFEU aimed

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’; recalls that achieving a social triple A as a benchmark requires assessing both policies that hinder and work towards achieving the benchmark; ***finds regrettable that so far the latter has not been addressed at Union level;***

at 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’; recalls that achieving a social triple A as a benchmark requires assessing both policies that hinder and work towards achieving the benchmark;

Or. en

Amendment 194

Inês Cristina Zuber, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas, Paloma López Bermejo, Lynn Boylan

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

8. ***Welcomes*** the Commission’s intention to aim for a social triple A score for the Union; finds regrettable that this is currently out of reach owing to increasing inequality, high poverty and social exclusion and less and less availability of quality and affordable social, health and care services; recalls that a social triple A must be based on Article 9 TFEU aimed at 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’; recalls that achieving a social triple A as a benchmark requires assessing both policies that hinder and work towards achieving the benchmark; finds regrettable that so far the latter has not been addressed at Union level;

Amendment

8. ***Highlights*** the Commission’s intention to aim for a social triple A score for the Union; finds regrettable that this is currently out of reach owing to increasing inequality, high poverty and social exclusion and less and less availability of quality and affordable social, health and care services; recalls that a social triple A must be based on Article 9 TFEU aimed at 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’; recalls that achieving a social triple A as a benchmark requires assessing both policies that hinder and work towards achieving the benchmark; finds regrettable that so far the latter has not been addressed at Union level;

Or. pt

Amendment 195

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the Commission's intention to aim for a social triple A score for the Union; finds regrettable that this is currently out of reach owing to increasing inequality, high poverty and social exclusion and less and less availability of quality and affordable social, health and care services; recalls that a social triple A must be based on Article 9 TFEU aimed at 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'; recalls that achieving a social triple A as a benchmark requires assessing both policies that hinder and work towards achieving the benchmark; finds regrettable that so far the latter has not been addressed at Union level;

Amendment

8. Welcomes the Commission's intention to aim for a social triple A score for the Union; finds regrettable that this is currently out of reach owing to increasing inequality, high poverty and social exclusion and less and less availability of quality and affordable social, health and care services **and social protection**; recalls that a social triple A must be based on Article 9 TFEU aimed at 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'; recalls that achieving a social triple A as a benchmark requires assessing both policies that hinder and work towards achieving the benchmark; finds regrettable that so far the latter has not been addressed at Union level;

Or. en

Amendment 196

Jane Collins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop, adopt and implement an EU framework to reduce poverty and social exclusion in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy, consisting of concrete measures and actions, including energy poverty;

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 197

Ulla Tørnæs, Martina Dlabajová

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop, adopt and implement an EU framework to reduce poverty and social exclusion in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy, consisting of concrete measures and actions, including energy poverty;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 198

Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop, adopt and implement an EU framework to reduce poverty and social exclusion in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy, consisting of concrete measures and actions, including energy poverty;

Amendment

9. calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop, adopt and implement an EU framework to reduce poverty and social exclusion in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy, consisting of concrete measures and actions, including energy poverty; ***considers that, in terms of the priorities for the reduction of poverty within the Europe 2020 Strategy, energy poverty should not be dealt with separately.***

Or. it

Amendment 199
Jérôme Lavrilleux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop, adopt and implement an EU framework to reduce poverty and social exclusion in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy, consisting of concrete measures and actions, including energy poverty;

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop, adopt and implement an EU framework to reduce poverty and social exclusion in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy, consisting of concrete measures and actions, including energy poverty, *so as to enable convergence between social policy and energy policy*;

Or. fr

Amendment 200
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop, adopt and implement an EU framework to reduce poverty and social exclusion in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy, consisting of concrete measures and actions, *including energy poverty*;

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop, adopt and implement an EU framework to reduce poverty and social exclusion in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy, consisting of concrete measures and actions;

Or. fr

Amendment 201
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop, adopt and implement an EU framework to reduce poverty and social exclusion in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy, consisting of concrete measures and actions, ***including energy poverty***;

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop, adopt and implement an EU framework to reduce poverty and social exclusion in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy, consisting of concrete measures and actions;

Or. it

Amendment 202

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop, adopt and implement an EU framework to reduce poverty and social exclusion in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy, consisting of concrete measures and actions, including energy poverty;

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop, adopt and implement an EU framework to reduce poverty and social exclusion in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy, consisting of concrete measures and actions, including ***housing exclusion, homelessness and energy poverty***;

Or. en

Amendment 203

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop, adopt and implement an EU framework to reduce poverty and social exclusion in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy, consisting of

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop, adopt and implement an EU framework to reduce poverty and social exclusion in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy, consisting of

concrete measures and actions, including energy poverty;

concrete measures and actions, including energy poverty, ***housing exclusion and homelessness***;

Or. en

Amendment 204

Tamás Meszerics, Karima Delli
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop, adopt and implement an EU framework to reduce poverty and social exclusion in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy, consisting of concrete measures and actions, including energy poverty;

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop, adopt and implement an EU framework to reduce poverty and social exclusion in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy, consisting of concrete measures and actions, including ***housing exclusion and*** energy poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 205

Inês Cristina Zuber, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas, Lynn Boylan

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop, adopt and implement an EU framework to reduce poverty and social exclusion, ***in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy***, consisting of concrete measures and actions, including energy poverty;

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop, adopt and implement an EU framework to reduce poverty and social exclusion consisting of concrete measures and actions, including energy poverty;

Or. pt

Amendment 206
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Recalls that employment is the principal means of escaping poverty and social exclusion and urges that active employment policies be strengthened with the aim of returning the unemployed, and, in particular, the long-term unemployed, to the employment market

Or. es

Amendment 207
Inês Cristina Zuber, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas, Paloma López Bermejo, Lynn Boylan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 A. Calls on the Commission to bear in mind the proposals contained in the Opinion published by the European Economic and Social Committee, ‘For coordinated European measures to prevent and combat energy poverty’, and to encourage the urgent adoption of a European energy security and solidarity commitment and, within this framework, the setting-up of a European Poverty Observatory and a European fund with the specific aim of eradicating energy poverty

Or. pt

Amendment 208
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Flavio Zanonato, Theresa Griffin, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto,

Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to provide information and help to people at risk of poverty and social exclusion to make educated choices regarding their energy consumption and support non-governmental actors working towards this goal;

Or. en

Amendment 209

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Flavio Zanonato, Theresa Griffin, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 b. Calls on the Member States to oblige energy providers to include information in their energy bills to households regarding measures to reduce energy consumption and to increase energy efficiency with the aim to reduce energy poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 210

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 b. Considers that poverty and social exclusion have an intergenerational

component and, accordingly, stresses the need to provide children from households below the poverty threshold with access to education and advocates policies aimed at preventing early school leaving;

Or. es

Amendment 211

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 c. Recalls the European Economic and Social Committee's opinion entitled 'For coordinated European measures to prevent and combat energy poverty' and supports in this context the idea of a European energy security and solidarity commitment as well as the setting up of a European poverty observatory and a European fund with the specific aim of eradicating energy poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 212

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 c. Calls on the European Commission and the Member States to create spaces for reflection and dialogue with those who are experiencing poverty, to ensure that they are able to contribute to the evaluation of policies which affect them;

Or. es

Amendment 213

Jane Collins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers; ***invites the Commission to present in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income;***

Amendment

10. Stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers;

Or. en

Amendment 214

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers; ***invites the Commission to present in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income;***

Amendment

10. Stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers;

Or. es

Amendment 215

Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that *a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity*; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers; invites the Commission to *present* in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar *an EU framework directive on adequate* minimum income;

Amendment

10. Stresses that *although providing employment is the best way of escaping a situation of poverty, it is important to be able to have a minimum family income sufficient to help families to meet the basic costs of maintaining the home in the short-term*; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers; invites the Commission to *carry out* in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar *an up-to-date study taking account of the economic and social circumstances of each Member State, examining the possibility of setting up a European fund specifically for this purpose, and supporting, where applicable, the implementation of a minimum family income in each of them*;

Or. es

Amendment 216
Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers; Invites the Commission *to present in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar an EU framework directive on adequate* minimum income;

Amendment

10. Stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers; invites the Commission, *in the context of the European semester, to make recommendations to the Member States regarding the policies to be put in place and the reforms to be made in order to combat poverty and social exclusion effectively, in particular via the*

establishment on a national level, taking into account the specific features of each Member State, of a guaranteed minimum income;

Or. fr

Amendment 217
Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were *at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers*; *invites the Commission to present in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income*;

Amendment

10. Stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity *and that a job is still the best way out of poverty*; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were *at risk of poverty after social transfers and that in-work poverty remains unacceptably high*;

Or. en

Amendment 218
Ulla Tørnæs, Martina Dlabajová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that a *decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity*; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty *after social transfers*; *invites the Commission to present in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income*;

Amendment

10. Stresses that a *job is the best way out of poverty*; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty *and that work in poverty remains a challenge*;

Amendment 219**Aldo Patriciello****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 10***Motion for a resolution*

10. stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers; invites the Commission to present in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income;

Amendment

10. stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers; invites the Commission to present in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income; ***also invites the Commission to promote the publication of statistical data concerning poverty that has been updated to 2015, to ensure that the measures taken are as effective as possible.***

Or. it

Amendment 220**Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Georgi Pirinski****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 10***Motion for a resolution*

10. Stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers; invites the Commission to present in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income;

Amendment

10. Stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers; invites the Commission to present in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income ***to promote social convergence and level playing field;***

Amendment 221**Ádám Kósa****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 10***Motion for a resolution*

10. Stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers; invites the Commission to present in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income;

Amendment

10. Stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers; invites the Commission to present in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income ***and review the efficiency of the current statistical surveys and methods which are based on voluntary interviews and do not take into proper consideration the actual financial situation (e.g. a possible dwelling, amount of debts)***;

Or. hu

Amendment 222**Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 10***Motion for a resolution*

10. stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers; invites the Commission to present in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income;

Amendment

10. stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers, ***and that today, these people are more often than not also at risk of absolute poverty***; invites the Commission to present in 2016 in the context of the announced

social pillar an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income;

Or. it

Amendment 223

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers; invites the Commission to present in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income;

Amendment

10. Stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live your life in dignity; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers, ***meaning that their disposable income was below their national at-risk-of-poverty threshold***; invites the Commission to present in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income;

Or. en

Amendment 224

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Flavio Zanonato, Jutta Steinruck, Brando Benifei, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. calls on the Member States, to introduce, according to national practices, minimum income schemes to avoid pockets of social exclusion in order to ensure a minimum income to households and curb household poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 225

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Brando Benifei, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 b. Calls for a comprehensive strategy to fight poverty based on access to decent jobs leading to quality employment, services, and the activation of minimum income and social protection according to the subsidiarity principle;

Or. en

Amendment 226

Jane Collins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Recommends that an EU framework directive on minimum income should specify which criteria Member States' minimum income schemes would need to meet so as to lift people out of poverty; considers that such a framework would need to be rights-based, address the level of income, the non-discriminatory, efficient and easy access and the take-up, targeting especially those groups, who currently are excluded from or at risk of exclusion from minimum income schemes;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 227
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Recommends that an EU framework directive on minimum income should specify which criteria Member States' minimum income schemes would need to meet so as to lift people out of poverty; considers that such a framework would need to be rights-based, address the level of income, the non-discriminatory, efficient and easy access and the take-up, targeting especially those groups, who currently are excluded from or at risk of exclusion from minimum income schemes;

Amendment

Deleted

Or. es

Amendment 228
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Recommends that an EU framework directive on minimum income should specify which criteria Member States' minimum income schemes would need to meet so as to lift people out of poverty; considers that such a framework would need to be rights-based, address the level of income, the non-discriminatory, efficient and easy access and the take-up, targeting especially those groups, who currently are excluded from or at risk of exclusion from minimum income schemes;

Amendment

11. Recommends that the study which serves as the basis for defining the framework for the implementation of the minimum income should take account of the social and economic context of each Member State and affect the temporary nature of the instrument by examining funding options, including the possibility of creating a European fund specifically for this purpose; the aim of this minimum family income should be not only to lift people out of poverty but to equip them with a basis to stay out of it; considers that such a framework would need to be rights-based, address the level of income, the

non-discriminatory, efficient and easy access and the take-up, targeting especially those groups, who currently are excluded from or at risk of exclusion from minimum income schemes;

Or. es

Amendment 229

Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Recommends *that an EU framework directive on minimum income should specify which criteria Member States' minimum income schemes would need to meet* so as to lift people out of poverty; *considers that such a framework would need to be rights-based, address the level of income, the non-discriminatory, efficient and easy access and the take-up*, targeting especially those groups who currently are excluded from or at risk of exclusion from minimum income schemes;

Amendment

11. Recommends *that the Member States put in place, at a national level, a* minimum income so as to lift people out of poverty, and to target especially those groups who currently are excluded from or at risk of exclusion from minimum income schemes;

Or. fr

Amendment 230

Danuta Jazłowiecka

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. *Recommends that an EU framework directive on minimum income should specify which criteria Member States' minimum income schemes would need to meet so as to lift people out of poverty; considers that such a framework would*

Amendment

11. *Acknowledges that there are different systems in Member States with regards to minimum income schemes; underlines therefore that a strengthened dialogue between Member States and EU institutions is needed in this regard;*

need to be rights-based, address the level of income, the non-discriminatory, efficient and easy access and the take-up, targeting especially those groups, who currently are excluded from or at risk of exclusion from minimum income schemes;

Or. en

Amendment 231

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Recommends that an EU framework directive on minimum income should specify which criteria Member States' minimum income schemes would need to meet so as to lift people out of poverty; considers that such a framework would need to be rights-based, address the level of income, the non-discriminatory, efficient and easy access and the take-up, targeting especially those groups, who currently are excluded from or at risk of exclusion from minimum income schemes;

Amendment

11. Takes note of the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on 'European minimum income and poverty indicators', which argues that the European framework directive on an adequate minimum income should establish common standards and indicators, provide methods for the monitoring of its implementation and permit the participation of social partners, beneficiaries and other stakeholders in the establishment or reform of the national minimum income schemes;

Or. fr

Amendment 232

Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Recommends that an EU framework directive on minimum income should

Amendment

11. Recommends that *while elaborating* an *efficient, sustainable and enhancing* EU

specify which criteria Member States' minimum income schemes would need to meet so as to lift people out of poverty; considers that such a framework would need to be rights-based, address the level of income, the non-discriminatory, efficient and easy access and the take-up, targeting especially those groups, who currently are excluded from or at risk of exclusion from minimum income schemes;

framework directive on minimum income *it* should ***be specified*** which criteria Member States' minimum income schemes would need to meet so as to lift people out of poverty, ***considering the consumption habits of the given Member State and the energy consumption related costs***; considers that such a framework would need to be ***evidence- and*** rights-based ***and respect Member State competences***, address the level of income, ***income gaps***, the non-discriminatory, efficient and easy access and the ***energy*** take-up, targeting especially those groups, who currently are excluded from or at risk of exclusion from minimum income schemes;

Or. hu

Amendment 233 **Marian Harkin**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 11**

Motion for a resolution

11. Recommends that *an EU framework directive on minimum income should specify which criteria Member States' minimum income schemes would need to meet so as to lift people out of poverty; considers that such a framework would need to be rights-based, address the level of income, the non-discriminatory, efficient and easy access and the take-up, targeting especially those groups, who currently are excluded from or at risk of exclusion from minimum income schemes;*

Amendment

11. Recommends that *a minimum income scheme at Member State level, in line with national practices and traditions, would help to specify which criteria minimum income schemes would need to meet so as to lift people out of poverty;*

Or. en

Amendment 234 **Ulla Tørnæs, Martina Dlabajová**

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Recommends that ***an EU framework directive on minimum income should*** specify which criteria Member States' minimum income schemes would need to meet so as to lift people out of poverty; ***considers that such a framework would need to be rights-based, address the level of income, the non-discriminatory, efficient and easy access and the take-up, targeting especially those groups, who currently are excluded from or at risk of exclusion from minimum income schemes;***

Amendment

11. Recommends that ***a minimum income at Member State level could*** specify which criteria Member States' minimum income schemes would need to meet so as to lift people out of poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 235
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. recommends that an EU framework directive on minimum income should specify which criteria Member States' minimum income schemes would need to meet so as to lift people out of poverty; considers that such a framework would need to be rights-based, address the level of income, the non-discriminatory, efficient and easy access and the take-up, ***targeting especially those groups, who currently are excluded from or at risk of exclusion from minimum income schemes;***

Amendment

11. recommends that an EU framework directive on minimum income should specify which criteria Member States' minimum income schemes would need to meet so as to lift people out of poverty; considers that such a framework would need to be rights-based, address the level of income, the non-discriminatory, efficient and easy access and the take-up;

Or. it

Amendment 236
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Recommends that an EU framework directive on minimum income should specify which criteria Member States' minimum income schemes would need to meet so as to lift people out of poverty; considers that such a framework would need to be rights-based, address the level of income, the non-discriminatory, efficient and easy access and the take-up, targeting especially those groups, who currently are excluded from or at risk of exclusion from minimum income schemes;

Amendment

11. Recommends that an EU framework directive on minimum income should specify which criteria Member States' minimum income schemes would need to meet so as to lift people out of poverty; considers that such a framework would need to be rights-based, address the level of income, the non-discriminatory, efficient and easy access and the take-up, targeting especially those groups, who currently are excluded from or at risk of exclusion from minimum income schemes; ***points out that reference budgets reflecting household expenditure could be used to construct cash benefits and to test their adequacy; considers such an instrument to be of crucial value to revive the EU's social cohesion, reduce inequalities and achieve the Europe 2020 Poverty and Social Exclusion Target;***

Or. en

Amendment 237
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. recommends that an EU framework directive on minimum income should specify which criteria Member States' minimum income schemes would need to meet so as to lift people out of poverty; considers that such a framework would need to be rights-based, address the level

Amendment

11. recommends that an EU framework directive on minimum income should specify which criteria Member States' minimum income schemes would need to meet so as to lift people out of poverty; ***proposes in particular that the concept of a minimum income be defined in more***

of income, the non-discriminatory, efficient and easy access and the take-up, targeting especially those groups, who currently are excluded from or at risk of exclusion from minimum income schemes;

precise terms, taking account of new objectives and any updated data; considers that such a framework would need to be rights-based, address the level of income, the non-discriminatory, efficient and easy access and the take-up, targeting especially those groups, who currently are excluded from or at risk of exclusion from minimum income schemes;

Or. it

Amendment 238
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Recalls that, as the introduction and strengthening of these minimum income schemes must be based on the temporary nature of the instrument, such schemes must be accompanied by general policies and specific measures such as active policies aimed at assisting the unemployed to return to the employment market, or training and employment creation programmes; it is also essential to have an adequate housing policy, healthcare and quality public services;

Or. es

Amendment 239
Jane Collins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Stresses that minimum income schemes should prevent and lift

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households out of severe material deprivation and allow for an income above the poverty threshold; recalls that a minimum income is a key instrument for delivering on Article 9 TFEU guaranteeing adequate social protection as well as on the fundamental right to decent living conditions, participating in society and protection of human health;

Or. en

Amendment 240

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Stresses that minimum income schemes should *prevent and lift households out of severe material deprivation and allow for an income above the poverty threshold; recalls that a minimum income is a key instrument for delivering on Article 9 TFEU guaranteeing adequate social protection* as well as *on the fundamental right to decent living conditions, participating in society and protection of human health;*

Amendment

12. Stresses that minimum income schemes should *be accompanied, as advocated by the Economic and Social Committee in its opinion on the ‘European minimum income and poverty indicators’, by active labour-market policies aimed at helping people to find a decent job, by a reinforcement of the involvement of workers, unemployed people and all vulnerable social groups in life-long learning activities, as well as by an improvement in levels of professional qualifications and the acquisition of new skills which are able to accelerate integration into the employment market, to increase productivity and to help people to find a better job;*

Or. fr

Amendment 241

Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Stresses that minimum income schemes **should** prevent and lift households out of severe material deprivation and allow for an income above the poverty threshold; recalls that **a** minimum income **is a key instrument for delivering** on Article 9 TFEU **guaranteeing** adequate social protection as well as on the fundamental right to decent living conditions, **participating in society** and protection of human health;

Amendment

12. Stresses that minimum income schemes **at Member State level can** prevent and lift households out of severe material deprivation and allow for an income above the poverty threshold; recalls that minimum income **schemes which respect national practices and traditions are compatible with and will help to deliver** on Article 9 TFEU **taking into account** adequate social protection as well as on the fundamental right to decent living conditions, **the fight against social exclusion** and protection of human health;

Or. en

Amendment 242

Ulla Tørnæs, Martina Dlabajová

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. **Stresses that** minimum income schemes **should** prevent and lift households out of **severe material deprivation** and allow **for** an income above the poverty threshold; **recalls that a minimum income is a key instrument for delivering on Article 9 TFEU guaranteeing adequate social protection as well as on the fundamental right to decent living conditions, participating in society and protection of human health;**

Amendment

12. **Considers that Member States** minimum income schemes **can** prevent and lift households out of **poverty** and allow an income above the poverty threshold;

Or. en

Amendment 243

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Stresses that minimum income schemes should ***prevent and lift households out of*** severe material deprivation ***and allow for an income above the poverty threshold***; recalls that ***a minimum income is a key instrument for delivering on*** Article 9 TFEU guaranteeing adequate social protection as well as on the fundamental right to decent living conditions, participating in society and protection of human health;

Amendment

12. Stresses that ***where applicable***, minimum income schemes should ***observe the principle of subsidiarity and contribute to*** households ***not suffering from*** severe material deprivation ***or, where applicable, lifting them out of that situation***; recalls that Article 9 TFEU guaranteeing adequate social protection as well as on the fundamental right to decent living conditions, participating in society and protection of human health;

Or. es

Amendment 244
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Stresses that minimum income schemes should prevent and lift households out of severe material deprivation and allow for an income above the poverty threshold; recalls that a minimum income is a key instrument for delivering on Article 9 TFEU guaranteeing adequate social protection ***as well as on the fundamental right to decent living conditions***, participating in society and protection of human health;

Amendment

12. Stresses that minimum income schemes should prevent and lift households out of severe material deprivation and allow for an income above the poverty threshold; recalls that a minimum income is a key instrument for delivering on Article 9 TFEU guaranteeing adequate social protection, ***the reduction of social exclusion***, participating in society and protection of human health ***and greater equality of opportunity***;

Or. es

Amendment 245
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Stresses that minimum income schemes should prevent and lift households out of severe material deprivation and allow for an income above the poverty threshold; recalls that a minimum income *is* a key instrument for delivering on Article 9 TFEU guaranteeing adequate social protection as well as on the fundamental right to decent living conditions, participating in society and protection of human health;

Amendment

12. Stresses that minimum income schemes should prevent and lift households out of severe material deprivation and allow for an income above the poverty threshold; recalls that a minimum income ***schemes at national level are*** a key instrument for delivering on Article 9 TFEU guaranteeing adequate social protection as well as on the fundamental right to decent living conditions, participating in society and protection of human health;

Or. en

Amendment 246
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Stresses that minimum income schemes should prevent and lift households out of severe material deprivation and allow for an income above the poverty threshold; recalls that a minimum income *is* a key instrument for delivering on Article 9 TFEU guaranteeing adequate social protection as well as on the fundamental right to decent living conditions, participating in society and protection of human health;

Amendment

12. Stresses that minimum income schemes should prevent and lift households out of severe material deprivation and allow for an income above the poverty threshold; recalls that a minimum income *is* a key instrument for delivering on Article 9 TFEU guaranteeing adequate social protection as well as on the fundamental right to decent living conditions, participating in society and protection of human health. ***Yet, the issue is not only income, but also access to services. In several countries people with debt problems have been left without insurance coverage and unable to pay for healthcare services;***

Or. en

Amendment 247
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. calls for recognition of the importance of affordable rented accommodation as a means of facilitating access to housing for people on low income, and urges Member States to build a sufficient number of affordable homes. Affordable housing reduces people's housing expenditure and therefore also has a positive effect on energy poverty;

Or. fi

Amendment 248
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Underlines that poverty among older persons is a major problem in many Member States; calls therefore on EU countries to reform pension systems in order to guarantee an adequate level of pension incomes as well as sustainability and security of pension systems;

Or. en

Amendment 249
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Jutta Steinruck, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Calls upon Member States to take into account the fluctuations of living costs in their national support schemes for financially vulnerable groups such as unemployed, students, single-parent families, low-income families, widowed, permanently ill;

Or. en

Amendment 250

Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Calls on Member States to reassess their progress towards ending homelessness given that rising rental costs and decreasing social housing stock in some Member States have caused the homelessness rate to rise;

Or. en

Amendment 251

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Given that 22, 348,834 households (approximately 11% of the EU population) spend more than 40 % of disposable income on housing ; that the European Semester has identified housing cost overburden as a 'social trend to watch' ; and that 21,942,491

households (approximately 10.8% of the EU population) experience difficulty maintaining adequate household temperature, calls on the European Commission and the Member States to urgently identify, implement and maintain policy measures that enable households to meet housing costs, including housing allowances;

Or. en

Amendment 252

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Calls on Member States to ensure that dissemination of information is reaching the most vulnerable groups which are often left untouched by relying on client-based dissemination; recalls that dissemination of information is often restricted to people who are already receiving some sort of social support but that it is important to reach beyond them;

Or. en

Amendment 253

Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 b. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to urgently identify, implement and maintain policy measures that enable households to meet housing

costs, including provision of housing allowances, given that 22, 348,834 households (approximately 11% of the EU population) spend more than 40% of their disposable income on housing and 21,942,491 households (approximately 10.8% of the EU population) experience difficulty maintaining adequate household temperature;

Or. en

Amendment 254

Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 c. Notes that contributing factors to housing stress and the risk of homelessness include: a lack of social housing stock; uncontrolled rental costs; high mortgage interest rates; insufficient rental, housing and mortgage allowances; and a lack of restrictions on banks in repossessing homes of households in poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 255

Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 d. Stresses that while rent controls and higher housing allowances can lower housing costs for households at risk of poverty in the short term, these measures should also be accompanied by long-term

housing and community programmes to increase the housing stock for different socially disadvantaged target groups and middle income households;

Or. en

Amendment 256

Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Notes that low-income households and those in or at risk of poverty are more dependent on the provision of free, high-quality public services; stresses that the austerity measures implemented by many Member States since 2008 including funding cuts to, and privatisation of, public services has had a detrimental and disproportionate impact on low-income households and those in or at risk of poverty; urges Member States to act to halt and reverse these cuts and privatisations;

(Note: to be inserted after subheading 4)

Or. en

Amendment 257

Jane Collins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to address in a more balanced way both income and expenditure of poor households; points to shortcomings in addressing increasing

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household cost and considers the Commission's work on a reference budget a step in the right direction; stresses that lowering household expenditure for poor households will impact positively on the concerned households as well as on the - mainly local - economy and on social cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 258

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to address in a more balanced way both income and expenditure of poor households; points to shortcomings in addressing increasing household cost and considers the Commission's work on a reference budget a step in the right direction; stresses that lowering household expenditure for poor households will impact positively on the concerned households as well as on the - mainly local - economy and on social cohesion;

Amendment

13. Welcomes the Commission's work on a reference budget, **which is** a step in the right direction;

Or. fr

Amendment 259

Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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balanced way both income and expenditure of poor households; points to shortcomings in addressing increasing household cost and considers the Commission's work on a reference budget a step in the right direction; stresses that lowering household expenditure for poor households will impact positively on the concerned households as well as on the - mainly local - economy and on social cohesion;

balanced way both income and expenditure of poor households; points to shortcomings in addressing increasing household cost and considers the Commission's work on a reference budget a step in the right direction; stresses that lowering household expenditure for poor households will impact positively on the concerned households as well as on the - mainly local - economy and on social cohesion;
considers that respecting and applying the principle of non-discrimination would have a positive effect;

Or. it

Amendment 260
Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to address in a more balanced way both income and expenditure of poor households; points to shortcomings in addressing increasing household cost and considers the Commission's work on a reference budget a step in the right direction; stresses that lowering household expenditure for poor households will impact positively on the concerned households as well as on the - mainly local - economy and on social cohesion;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to address in a more balanced way ***and by applying the approach based on actual data*** both income and expenditure of poor households; points to shortcomings in addressing increasing household cost ***in most Member States*** and considers the Commission's work on a reference budget a step in the right direction; stresses that lowering household expenditure for poor households will impact positively on the concerned households as well as on the - mainly local - economy and on social cohesion, ***if tools that influence and enhance consumption are used in parallel;***

Or. hu

Amendment 261

Ulla Tørnæs, Martina Dlabajová

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the ***Commission and the*** Member States to address in a more balanced way both income and expenditure of poor households; points to shortcomings in addressing increasing household cost and considers the Commission's work on a reference budget a step in the right direction; stresses that lowering household expenditure for poor households will impact positively on the concerned households as well as on the - mainly local - economy and on social cohesion;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Member States to address in a more balanced way both income and expenditure of poor households; points to shortcomings in addressing increasing household cost and considers the Commission's work on a reference budget a step in the right direction; stresses that lowering household expenditure for poor households will impact positively on the concerned households as well as on the - mainly local - economy and on social cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 262

Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Expresses its concern that since 2008, due to the financial and economic crisis and the austerity policies which have increased poverty and the number of low-income households in Europe, an increasing number of people have been facing difficulties in paying their water bills and affordability is becoming a matter of growing concern; deplores the fact that in the EU-28 more than 1 million people still lack access to a safe and clean drinking water supply and nearly 2% of the population lacks access to sanitation, according to the World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), and therefore urges the Commission to act immediately;

Amendment 263

Tamás Meszerics, Karima Delli
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Recalls that housing cost are a large share of household expenditure; reminds the Commission, the Member States and local and regional authorities that spending on social and affordable housing is in keeping with fundamental rights, enables urgent social needs to be met and, as strategic social investment, helps in a sustainable way to provide local jobs that cannot be 'off-shored', to stabilise the economy by reducing the risk of property bubbles and household over-indebtedness; points out that acknowledging and implementing the right to housing affect the implementation of other fundamental rights, including political and social rights;

Or. en

Amendment 264

Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 b. Rejects water cut-offs and the enforced switching-off of the water supply of households unable to pay water bills as a violation of human rights, and calls on Member States to put an immediate end to these situations when they are due to

socioeconomic factors in low-income households; welcomes the fact that in some Member States 'water banks' or minimum water quotas are being used in an effort to help the most vulnerable with their utility costs, to guarantee water as an inalienable component of fundamental rights;

Or. en

Amendment 265

Tamás Meszerics, Karima Delli
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 b. Stresses that lowering the housing costs for the vulnerable cannot only be achieved with stricter rent controls or higher housing benefits but should be accompanied by long-term housing and community programmes to increase the housing stock for different socially disadvantaged target groups and middle income households;

Or. en

Amendment 266

Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 c. Notes that the gender pay gap in the EU is on average 16%, and stresses that the cumulative effect of lower earnings for women (including interruptions from work due to caring responsibilities) is a

*far wider gender pension gap of 39%,
which puts older women at a much
greater risk of poverty than older men;*

Or. en

Amendment 267

Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 d. Notes that lone parents, the majority of whom are women, are at a higher than average risk of poverty (34%); notes that a major contributing factor to this increased risk is the fact that due to childcare costs lone parents either face exclusion from employment or are in precarious, low-paid employment; urges Member States to act to legislate for a living wage that guarantees workers' basic needs can be met;

Or. en

Amendment 268

Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 e. Urges Member States to implement policies that can ensure quality and affordable childcare is available to all who require it, including through the provision of subsidised childcare and childcare allowances for lone parents and low-income households;

Or. en

Amendment 269

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recalls that poor households spend the largest share of their income on housing, *utilities and food; stresses that one dimension of household expenditure of poor households – the cost of energy and the related issue of energy poverty lacks an in-depth assessment at Union level; calls on the Commission to improve internal cooperation so as to better link the energy policy and the poverty policy;*

Amendment

14. Recalls that poor households spend the largest share of their income on housing, food *healthcare, transport, energy requirements, water, school expenses, etc.;*

(Certain items deleted here can be found in other paragraphs.)

Or. fr

Amendment 270

Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recalls that poor households spend the largest share of their income on housing, utilities and food; *stresses that one dimension of household expenditure of poor households – the cost of energy and the related issue of energy poverty lacks an in-depth assessment at Union level; calls on the Commission to improve internal cooperation so as to better link the energy policy and the poverty policy;*

Amendment

14. Recalls that poor households spend the largest share of their income on housing, utilities and food; *calls on the Commission to improve internal cooperation so as to better link its economic, employment, education, energy and transport policies, among others, and social policy, particularly the poverty policy;*

Or. es

Amendment 271

Jane Collins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recalls that poor households spend the largest share of their income on housing, utilities and food; stresses that one dimension of household expenditure of poor households – the cost of energy and the related issue of energy poverty lacks an in-depth assessment *at Union level*; ***calls on the Commission to improve internal cooperation so as to better link the energy policy and the poverty policy***;

Amendment

14. Recalls that poor households spend the largest share of their income on housing, utilities and food; stresses that one dimension of household expenditure of poor households – the cost of energy and the related issue of energy poverty lacks an in-depth assessment;

Or. en

Amendment 272

Ulla Tørnæs, Martina Dlabajová

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recalls that poor households spend the largest share of their income on ***housing, utilities and food***; ***stresses that one dimension of household expenditure of poor households – the cost of energy and the related issue of energy poverty lacks an in-depth assessment at Union level***; calls on the Commission to improve internal cooperation so as to better link the energy policy and the poverty policy;

Amendment

14. Recalls that poor households spend the largest share of their income on ***food, housing and utilities***; calls on the Commission to improve internal cooperation so as to better link the energy policy and the poverty policy;

Or. en

Amendment 273

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. recalls that poor households spend the largest share of their income on housing, utilities and food; stresses that one dimension of household expenditure of poor households – ***the cost of energy and the related issue of energy poverty*** lacks an in-depth assessment at Union level; calls on the Commission to improve internal cooperation so as to better link ***the energy policy*** and the poverty policy;

Amendment

14. recalls that poor households spend the largest share of their income on housing, utilities and food; stresses that one dimension of household expenditure of poor households lacks an in-depth assessment at Union level; calls on the Commission to improve internal cooperation so as to better link ***policies at all levels*** and the poverty policy;

Or. it

Amendment 274
Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recalls that poor households spend the largest share of their income on housing, utilities and food; stresses that one dimension of household expenditure of poor households – the cost of energy and the related issue of energy poverty lacks an in-depth assessment at Union level; calls on the Commission to improve internal cooperation so as to better link the energy policy and the poverty policy;

Amendment

14. Recalls that poor households spend the largest share of their income on housing, utilities and food; stresses that one dimension of household expenditure of poor households – the cost of energy and the related issue of energy poverty lacks an in-depth assessment at Union level; calls on the Commission to improve internal cooperation ***and the exchange of good practices*** so as to better link the energy policy and the poverty policy;

Or. hu

Amendment 275
Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Notes that 55 million EU citizens (9.6% of the population) are not able to afford a quality meal every second day (Eurostat 2014.) The inability to afford nutritious meals has a serious detrimental impact on the health and wellbeing of affected individuals and in turn erects obstacles in terms of employment, job-seeking and caring responsibilities; urges the Commission and Member States to enact policies that will end food poverty including the provision of subsidised food for those in poverty in the short term, and the provision of an adequate minimum income;

Or. en

Amendment 276

Tamás Meszerics, Karima Delli
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Recalls that, in combating child poverty, social housing policies play an important role through the eradication of family poverty and the prevention of the intergenerational transmission of socio-economical disadvantages; and that rising housing and energy costs are aggravating the risks of disease, poverty and social exclusion; notes the increase in several Member States in the number of evictions and properties seized by banks; urges that measures be taken in response to these challenges

Or. en

Amendment 277

Jane Collins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses that there is so far no definition of energy poverty at Union level and therefore it is very difficult to properly assess the seriousness, the causes and the consequences of energy poverty of poor households in the Union; calls on the Commission to develop with stakeholders a common definition of energy poverty which should aim at assessing at least the following elements: material scope, difficulty for a household to gain access to essential energy, affordability and share of total household cost, impact on basic household needs such as heating, cooling, cooking, lighting and transport;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 278

Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses that there is so far no definition of energy poverty at Union level and therefore it is very difficult to properly assess the seriousness, the causes and the consequences of **energy** poverty of poor households in the Union; calls on the Commission to **develop with stakeholders a common definition of energy poverty which should aim at assessing at least the following elements: material scope, difficulty for a household to gain access to essential energy, affordability and share**

Amendment

15. Stresses that there is so far no definition of **poverty or** energy poverty at Union level and therefore it is very difficult to properly assess the seriousness, the causes and the consequences of **this aspect of** poverty of poor households in the Union; calls on the Commission to **promote the adoption of a European Commitment on Energy Security and Solidarity and, within that framework, the creation of a European observatory and the obligation to specifically allocate part**

of total household cost, impact on basic household needs such as heating, cooling, cooking, lighting and transport;

of the previously suggested social aid fund to the eradication of energy poverty;

Or. es

Amendment 279

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses that there is so far no definition of energy poverty at Union level and therefore it is very difficult to properly assess the seriousness, the causes and the consequences of energy poverty of poor households in the Union; calls on the Commission to develop with stakeholders a common definition of energy poverty *which should aim at assessing at least the following elements: material scope, difficulty for a household to gain access to essential energy, affordability and share of total household cost, impact on basic household needs such as heating, cooling, cooking, lighting and transport;*

Amendment

15. Stresses that there is so far no definition of energy poverty at Union level and therefore it is very difficult to properly assess the seriousness, the causes and the consequences of energy poverty of poor households in the Union; calls on the Commission to develop with stakeholders a common definition of energy poverty;

Or. fr

Amendment 280

Ulla Tørnæs, Martina Dlabajová

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

15. Stresses that there is so far no definition of poverty at Union level and therefore it is very difficult to properly assess the seriousness, the causes and the consequences of energy poverty of poor

households in the Union; ***calls on the Commission to develop with stakeholders a common definition of energy poverty which should aim at assessing at least the following elements: material scope, difficulty for a household to gain access to essential energy, affordability and share of total household cost, impact on basic household needs such as heating, cooling, cooking, lighting and transport;***

households in the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 281

Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses that there is so far no definition of energy poverty at Union level and therefore it is very difficult to properly assess the seriousness, the causes and the consequences of energy poverty of poor households in the Union; calls on the Commission to develop with stakeholders a common definition of energy poverty which should aim at assessing at least the following elements: material scope, difficulty for a household to gain access to essential energy, affordability and share of total household cost, impact on basic household needs such as heating, cooling, cooking, lighting and transport;

Amendment

15. Stresses that there is so far no definition of energy poverty at Union level and therefore it is very difficult to properly assess the seriousness, the causes and the consequences of energy poverty of poor households in the Union; calls on the Commission to develop with stakeholders a common definition of energy poverty which should aim at assessing at least the following elements: material scope, difficulty for a household to gain access to essential energy, ***including the difficulty and costs of access to energy markets on individual and Member State level,*** affordability and share of total household cost, impact on basic household needs such as heating, cooling, cooking, lighting and transport;

Or. hu

Amendment 282

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Flavio Zanonato, Jutta Steinruck, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Calls the Commission to come up with a definition of vulnerable consumers; ask the Commission to gather impact assessments and collection of best practices of measures taken at national level to fight energy poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 283

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Flavio Zanonato, Theresa Griffin, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 b. Emphasises that energy must be made affordable to all citizens of the EU; considers that avoiding unnecessary consumption by undertaking efficiency improvements, stronger interconnections, higher market integration and sustainable energy investment, particularly in buildings, would enable many households to access on equal conditions a single, sustainable, competitive and secure energy market and escape energy poverty, which in 2012 affected one in four EU citizens; invites the Commission to present a communication on energy poverty in Europe, accompanied by an action plan to fight against it, which contains a definition and indicators of energy poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 284

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Brando Benifei, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 c. Underlines that already now there is a lost generation; therefore it is extremely important to prevent the threat for future where even more youth slip under the energy poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 285

Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Stresses that there is a lock-in effect as regards energy poverty, as poor households cannot afford the initial upfront investment needed to combat energy poverty;

Deleted

Or. es

Amendment 286

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Stresses that there is a lock-in effect as regards energy poverty, as poor households cannot afford the initial upfront investment needed to combat energy poverty;

16. Stresses that a significant proportion of people affected by energy poverty are at risk of poverty and social exclusion and, as a consequence, have few or no financial means which would allow them

to escape this type of poverty;

Or. fr

Amendment 287

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses that there is a lock-in effect as regards energy poverty, as poor households cannot afford the initial upfront investment needed to combat energy poverty;

Amendment

16. Stresses that there is a lock-in effect as regards energy poverty, as poor households cannot afford the initial upfront investment needed to combat energy poverty; ***points out that this creates a vicious circle of continuously spending a larger share of household income than needed on the utilities bill while the root of the problem - energy inefficiency or lack of energy - can't be tackled;***

Or. en

Amendment 288

Inês Cristina Zuber, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas, Paloma López Bermejo, Lynn Boylan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses that there is a lock-in effect as regards energy poverty, as poor households cannot afford ***the initial upfront investment needed to*** combat energy poverty;

Amendment

16. Stresses that there is a lock-in effect as regards energy poverty, as poor households cannot afford to combat energy poverty;

Or. pt

Amendment 289

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses that there is a lock-in effect as regards energy poverty, as poor households cannot afford the initial upfront investment needed to combat energy poverty;

Amendment

16. Stresses that there is a ***structural*** lock-in effect as regards energy poverty, as poor households cannot afford the initial upfront investment, ***such as insulation and energy efficiency appliances***, needed to combat energy poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 290

Nadine Morano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Recalls that the development of a European sector for the exploitation of coalbed methane, known as ‘coal gas’, would constitute a significant tool for lowering energy prices by enabling the production of autochthonous methane, of which Western Europe is a net importer. In Lorraine, the reserves of this gas which is trapped in the coal matrix of deposits that have not been exploited are said to amount to 350 billion cubic metres, i.e. enough to cover French consumption for approximately 9 years;

Or. fr

Amendment 291

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Recalls that Directive 2012/27/EU emphasised the need to renew the national building stock, including housing; therefore calls on the Member States to evaluate poor households with special attention in their national energy efficiency plans;

Or. es

Amendment 292

Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Calls on the Commission to map the problem of fuel poverty in the EU, and in particular winter deaths amongst people living in cold homes; and to support the Member States in developing effective solutions;

Or. en

Amendment 293

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Calls on the Member States and the EU to provide microcredits or loans free of interest or at low rates via e.g. the EIB to low-income households to support them

in the upfront investment in renewables or energy efficiency, such as insulation, solar energy and energy efficient appliances;

Or. en

Amendment 294
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 b. Urges the Member States to ensure that any investment made, either in new homes or in improving existing homes, is based on energy efficiency;

Or. es

Amendment 295
Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 b. Stresses that poor people living in poor quality and energy inefficient housing are particularly vulnerable to fuel poverty, that investment in this target group can leverage maximal social, health and energy impacts, and that specific measures are required to reach them;

Or. en

Amendment 296
Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 b. Calls on the Member States and regional authorities to provide targeted energy advice, and train energy advisors to work with poor households on how to save energy and how to use renewable energies;

Or. en

Amendment 297
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Targeting funding towards energy poverty
- a triple win situation

Targeting funding ***and policies*** towards
energy poverty - a ***winning*** situation ***for all***

Or. es

Amendment 298
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Targeting funding towards energy
poverty: ***a triple win situation***

Poverty and energy poverty

Or. fr

Amendment 299

Theresa Griffin, Siôn Simon, Jude Kirton-Darling, Clare Moody, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 c. Calls on the Commission, in combination with the collection of data, to collect best practice between local authorities, regions and Member States and to promote those practices in both a top-down and bottom-up approach;

(to be inserted after subheading 5)

Or. en

Amendment 300

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 c. Emphasises that there are a range of barriers to ensuring that the EU Structural and In-vestment Funds available for energy efficiency reach those living in the poorest quality and most energy inefficient housing, including limited household savings for those living in cold homes and the split incentive between landlords and tenants ; Calls therefore on the Com-mission, national, regional and local authorities, and the European Investment Bank to develop innovative funding mechanisms which overcome these barriers, working with stake-holders and building on existing good practice;

Or. en

Amendment 301

Jane Collins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Recalls that targeting Union funding towards reducing energy costs of poor households by investing in renewables or energy efficiency has multiple positive effects: at household level, it improves living conditions and the health of those concerned as well as decreasing household costs and therefore provides budgetary relief for poor families; at regional and local level, funding will provide for local investment; at Union level it helps to both decrease poverty, improve energy efficiency and decrease energy emissions;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 302

Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Recalls that *targeting* Union *funding* towards *reducing energy costs of* poor households *by investing in renewables or energy efficiency has multiple positive effects: at household level, it improves living conditions and the health of those concerned as well as decreasing household costs and therefore provides budgetary relief for poor families; at regional and local level, funding will provide for local investment; at Union level it helps to both decrease poverty,*

17. Recalls that targeting *certain policies* and Union funding towards *enabling* poor households *to be able to meet the cost of essential goods, including energy, will contribute to achieving the objective of reducing poverty laid down in the Europe 2020 Strategy;*

improve energy efficiency and decrease energy emissions;

Or. es

Amendment 303

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Recalls that targeting Union funding *towards* reducing energy costs of poor households by investing in renewables or energy efficiency has multiple positive effects: *at household level, it improves* living conditions and *the health of those concerned as well as decreasing* household costs and *therefore provides* budgetary *relief* for poor families; *at regional and local level, funding will provide for local investment; at Union level it helps to both decrease poverty, improve* energy efficiency and *decrease* energy emissions;

Amendment

17. Recalls that targeting Union funding *with a view to* reducing energy costs of poor households by investing in renewables or energy efficiency has multiple positive effects, *in particular the improvement of* living conditions and *of the health of the people concerned, the reduction of* household costs, *which provides* budgetary *relief* for poor families, *the reduction of the number of people who are close to poverty or social exclusion in Europe, the improvement of* energy efficiency and *the reduction of* greenhouse gas emissions;

Or. fr

Amendment 304

Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Recalls that targeting Union funding towards reducing energy costs of poor households by investing in renewables or energy efficiency has multiple positive effects: at household level, it improves living conditions and the health of those concerned as well as decreasing household

Amendment

17. Recalls that targeting *and making* Union funding *more flexible* towards reducing energy costs of poor households by investing in renewables or energy efficiency has multiple positive effects: at household level, it improves living conditions and the health of those

costs and therefore provides budgetary relief for poor families; at regional and local level, funding will provide for local investment; at Union level it helps to both decrease poverty, improve energy efficiency and decrease energy emissions;

concerned as well as decreasing household costs and therefore provides budgetary relief for poor families *and can increase other expenditures, e.g. the resources that can be spent on consumer durables or the expenses for domestic tourism*; at regional and local level, funding will provide for local investment; at Union level it helps to both decrease poverty, improve energy efficiency and decrease energy emissions;

Or. hu

Amendment 305

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Jutta Steinruck, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Recalls that targeting Union funding towards reducing energy costs of poor households by investing in renewables or energy efficiency has multiple positive effects: at household level, it improves living conditions and the health of those concerned as well as decreasing household costs and therefore provides budgetary relief for poor families; at regional and local level, funding will provide for local investment; at Union level it helps to **both** decrease poverty, improve energy efficiency **and** decrease energy emissions;

Amendment

17. Recalls that targeting Union funding towards reducing energy costs of poor households ***living in inefficient housing an poor quality*** by investing in renewables or energy efficiency has multiple positive effects: at household level, it improves living conditions and the health of those concerned as well as decreasing household costs and therefore provides budgetary relief for poor families; at regional and local level, funding will provide for local investment, ***which will create jobs***; at Union level it helps to decrease poverty, improve energy efficiency, decrease energy emissions ***and reduce unemployment; highlights the importance of targeting the Investment Fund towards such initiatives***;

Or. en

Amendment 306

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Recalls that targeting Union funding towards reducing energy costs of poor households by investing in renewables or energy efficiency has multiple positive effects: at household level, it improves living conditions and the health of those concerned as well as decreasing household costs and therefore provides budgetary relief for poor families; at regional and local level, funding will provide for local investment; at Union level it helps to both decrease poverty, improve energy efficiency and decrease energy emissions;

Amendment

17. Recalls that targeting Union funding towards reducing energy costs of poor households by investing in renewables or energy efficiency has multiple positive effects: at household level, it improves living conditions and the health of those concerned as well as decreasing household costs and therefore provides budgetary relief for poor families; at regional and local level, funding will provide for local investment; ***supporting the local labour market, the economy and progressing towards energy sustainability***; at Union level it helps to both decrease poverty, improve energy efficiency and decrease energy emissions ***thereby delivering towards the EU 2020 targets on climate change and energy sustainability and on fighting poverty and social exclusion***;

Or. en

Amendment 307

Theresa Griffin, Siôn Simon, Jude Kirton-Darling, Clare Moody, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. Emphasises that energy must be made affordable to all citizens of the EU; considers that avoiding unnecessary consumption, efficiency improvements and sustainable energy investment, particularly in buildings, would enable many households to escape energy poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 308
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. Insists on the importance of addressing poverty not just from a social or political, but also from an economic point of view, with effects in the medium term; the Commission must include in its priorities the need to tackle the dynamic of inequality which currently exists and seriously limits growth and has a very negative impact on cohesion and poverty;

Or. es

Amendment 309
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Jutta Steinruck, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to exploit the full potential of the European Funds with regard to tackling energy poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 310
Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. Emphasises that there are a range of barriers to ensuring that the EU Structural and Investment Funds available for energy efficiency reach those living in the poorest quality and most energy inefficient housing, including limited household savings for those living in cold homes and the split incentive between landlords and tenants; calls therefore on the Commission, national, regional and local authorities, and the European Investment Bank to develop innovative funding mechanisms that overcome these barriers, working with stakeholders and building on existing good practice;

Or. en

Amendment 311

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. stresses that, while such investments are necessary, measures are considered to support families who do not yet have a home;

Or. it

Amendment 312

Theresa Griffin, Siôn Simon, Jude Kirton-Darling, Clare Moody, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 b. Highlights that the problem is likely to worsen given unstable energy security and underlines that while fuel subsidies can provide a respite, this is a temporary solution and subsidies alone remain an unsustainable option for reducing energy poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 313

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Flavio Zanonato, Theresa Griffin, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 b. Considers that as part of any review of the retail energy markets, serious consideration should be given to further measures to protect consumers;

Or. en

Amendment 314

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 b. stresses also the need to monitor the use of funds and to simplify information and access to these resources;

Or. it

Amendment 315

Theresa Griffin, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Jude Kirton-Darling, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Clare Moody, Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 c. Highlights the inequality of energy poverty in that the pricing structure for customers means that the poorest people often pay more for their energy;

Or. en

Amendment 316

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 c. considers deplorable financial speculation concerning natural resources and energy sources, particularly those that are non-relocatable, such as hydroelectric power, for example, and, consequently, calls for the Commission and the Member States to take the necessary steps to reduce energy costs sustained by poor families, for example by using revenue obtained from the imposition of appropriate taxation;

Or. it

Amendment 317

Theresa Griffin, Siôn Simon, Jude Kirton-Darling, Clare Moody, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 d. Stresses the importance of data collection in order to drive evidence-based policy objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 318
Jane Collins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Welcomes the fact that targeting household costs relating to energy by supporting investment in energy efficiency and renewables is programmed into and therefore in principle possible under the ESI Funds 2014-2020;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 319
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Welcomes the fact that **targeting** household costs relating to energy by supporting investment in energy efficiency and renewables is programmed into and therefore in principle possible under the ESI Funds 2014-2020;

18. Welcomes the fact that **investment in energy efficiency and renewables may be eligible under the scope of the ESI Funds 2014-2020, given the importance that they may have in reducing households' energy costs;**

Or. fr

Amendment 320
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Stresses that stakeholders have identified two major obstacles in targeting energy poverty via the ESI Funds: firstly, relating to project size, where smaller beneficiaries are faced with funds intended for larger scale projects such as the Cohesion Fund; secondly, that operational programs do not make full use of the option to orient the ESI Funds towards energy poverty; *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 321
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. stresses that stakeholders have identified two major obstacles in targeting energy poverty via the ESI Funds: firstly, relating to project size, where smaller beneficiaries are faced with funds intended for larger scale projects such as the Cohesion Fund; secondly, that operational programs do not make full use of the option to orient the ESI Funds towards energy poverty; *deleted*

Or. it

Amendment 322
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Stresses that stakeholders have identified **two** major obstacles in targeting energy poverty via the ESI Funds: firstly, relating to project size, where smaller beneficiaries are faced with funds intended for larger scale projects such as the Cohesion Fund; secondly, that operational programs do not make full use of the option to orient the ESI Funds towards energy poverty;

Amendment

19. Stresses that stakeholders have identified **three** major obstacles in targeting energy poverty via the ESI Funds: firstly, relating to project size, where smaller beneficiaries are faced with funds intended for larger scale projects such as the Cohesion Fund; secondly, that operational programs do not make full use of the option to orient the ESI Funds towards energy poverty; **thirdly, there is a lack of information concerning these funds and the application requirements;**

Or. en

Amendment 323

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Recalls that targeting beneficiaries who work with or who are part of poor households requires certain pre-conditions, which are better met in the ESI Funds but less so in larger funds like the ERDF;

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 324

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. recalls that targeting beneficiaries who work with or who are part of poor households requires certain pre-conditions, which are better met in the ESI Funds but less so in larger funds like the ERDF;

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 325

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Calls **therefore** on the Member States and the Commission to ease the use of cross-financing mechanisms especially between ESF and ERDF as regards renewable or energy efficiency projects targeting energy-poor households; stresses the multiple benefits of multi-fund programs to tackle crosscutting issues such as relating to energy poverty;

21. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to ease the use of cross-financing mechanisms especially between ESF and ERDF as regards renewable or energy efficiency projects targeting energy-poor households; stresses the multiple benefits of multi-fund programs to tackle crosscutting issues such as relating to energy poverty;

Or. fr

Amendment 326

Theresa Griffin, Siôn Simon, Jude Kirton-Darling, Clare Moody, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Calls on the Commission to prioritise measures for the retrofitting of existing housing among the most vulnerable consumers; calls on the

Commission to work with local authority partners to set clear targets for the renovation of housing stock across the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 327
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Draws attention to the major effort required of the EU and the Member States to reduce energy costs in household budgets, the former by ensuring security of supply to protect against major price fluctuations in the energy market, and the latter by strengthening their policies in support of household energy efficiency;

Or. fr

Amendment 328
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Calls on the Commission to assess in its midterm review of the ESIF 2014-2020 the use of funds for energy poverty-related measures and make full use of the relevant ex-ante conditionalities relating to poverty, housing and energy efficiency; recalls that so far the European Social Fund (ESF) and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) have not been used to their full potential when

tackling energy poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 329

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 b. Stresses that the housing quality of low income households in rural regions tends to be very poor, be it for tenants or owners; recalls that this adds to the so-called lock-in effect of high utility cost with no room for investment in lowering energy cost; calls on the Commission and the Member States to improve targeting of LEADER and EAFRD towards tackling energy poverty in rural areas, by directing the Operational Programs and the funding towards especially generating diversified renewable energy within local networks that includes energy efficiency measures for buildings targeted at energy poor households;

Or. en

Amendment 330

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 c. Reminds that tenants have limited access to energy efficiency funding as they are not the property owners; recalls that tenants may have a lower incentive to

invest as they move out more easily and frequently than homeowners; welcomes the Commission Pilot project on "Fuel/Energy poverty - assessment of the impact of the crisis and review of existing and possible new measures in the Member States "which is meant to tackle this issue; based on the outcomes of this pilot project calls on the Commission to develop provisions to open EU funding for energy efficiency measures taken by tenants;

Or. en

Amendment 331
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 d. Reminds Member States that at least 20% of the total ESF resources in each Member State shall be allocated to the thematic objective "promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination" and that the European Fund for European Aid for the most deprived can also be used for social inclusion measures;

Or. en

Amendment 332
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 e. Stresses the immediate relief and the improved living conditions for the most deprived households when those households are provided with small-scale low cost renewable energy resources such as solar panels for houses not connected to the energy grid;

Or. en

Amendment 333

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Linking social aims and energy policy

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 334

Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Linking social aims and ***energy policy***

Linking social aims and ***other European policies***

Or. es

Amendment 335

Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes the fact that European energy policy legislation recognises social aims in energy efficiency policies; finds regrettable that the relevant provisions of Directive 2012/27/EU to target households affected by energy poverty and social housing (Article 7(7)) are not used to their full potential by the Member States; calls on the Commission in its review and impact assessment of the energy efficiency package to evaluate the implementation and use of Articles 7(7) and 5(7); calls also on the Commission based on this evaluation to consider strengthening Article (7), in particular paragraph 7 thereof, so that the Member States in their energy efficiency obligation schemes are ***obliged*** to include requirements containing social aims;

Amendment

22. Welcomes the fact that European energy policy legislation recognises social aims in energy efficiency policies; finds regrettable that the relevant provisions of Directive 2012/27/EU to target households affected by energy poverty and social housing (Article 7(7)) are not used to their full potential by the Member States; calls on the Commission in its review and impact assessment of the energy efficiency package to evaluate the implementation and use of Articles 7(7) and 5(7); calls also on the Commission based on this evaluation to consider strengthening Article (7), in particular paragraph 7 thereof, so that the Member States in their energy efficiency obligation schemes are ***encouraged*** to include requirements containing social aims;

Or. fr

Amendment 336

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes the fact that European energy policy legislation recognises social aims in energy efficiency policies; finds regrettable that the relevant provisions of Directive 2012/27/EU to target households affected by energy poverty and social housing (Article 7(7)) are not used to their full potential by the Member States; calls on the Commission in its review and impact assessment of the energy efficiency package to evaluate the implementation and use of Articles 7(7) and 5(7); calls also on the Commission based on this

Amendment

22. Welcomes the fact that European energy policy legislation recognises social aims in energy efficiency policies, ***notably in Directive 2012/27/EU on energy efficiency and Directive 2010/31/EU on the energy performance of buildings***; finds regrettable that the relevant provisions of Directive 2012/27/EU to target households affected by energy poverty and social housing (Article 7(7)) are not used to their full potential by the Member States; calls on the Commission in its review and impact assessment of the

evaluation to consider strengthening Article (7), in particular paragraph 7 thereof, so that the Member States in their energy efficiency obligation schemes are obliged to include requirements containing social aims;

energy efficiency package to evaluate the implementation and use of Articles 7(7) and 5(7); calls also on the Commission based on this evaluation to consider strengthening Article (7), in particular paragraph 7 thereof, so that the Member States in their energy efficiency obligation schemes are obliged to include requirements containing social aims;

Or. en

Amendment 337

Theresa Griffin, Siôn Simon, Jude Kirton-Darling, Clare Moody, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 a. Recalls that local authorities also have a role to play in promoting alternative financing instruments including co-operative models and in the promotion of collective buying agreements to enable consumers to combine their energy demands and therefore lead to cheaper energy prices; calls on the Commission and Member States to promote the role of local authorities in alleviating energy poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 338

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 a. recalls finally that energy policy alone will not effectively combat the issue

of household expenditure; recalls that only a policy implemented with cooperation between the various players involved will allow decisive action to be taken against poverty;

Or. it

Amendment 339

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 a. Calls on the Commission to assess in its energy and cost report the distributionary aspects as regards social aims and meeting the EU antipoverty target; calls on the Commission to ensure that the Member States must invest a minimum share of 30% of energy efficiency measures to be implemented as a priority in households affected by energy poverty or in social housing;

Or. en

Amendment 340

Jane Collins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Calls on the Member States not to exempt the energy intensive industries from taxes, but to use these revenues for measures that benefit low-income households, including targeted energy efficiency measures and financing of social security systems, which can in turn

deleted

*reduce the burden on labour costs;
considers that such an offsetting
mechanism could be an integral element
of a socially equitable tax shift as
proposed by the Commission in the
current employment guidelines;*

Or. en

Amendment 341
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*23. Calls on the Member States not to
exempt the energy intensive industries
from taxes, but to use these revenues for
measures that benefit low-income
households, including targeted energy
efficiency measures and financing of
social security systems, which can in turn
reduce the burden on labour costs;
considers that such an offsetting
mechanism could be an integral element
of a socially equitable tax shift as
proposed by the Commission in the
current employment guidelines;*

Deleted

Or. es

Amendment 342
Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*23. Calls on the Member States not to
exempt the energy intensive industries
from taxes, but to use these revenues for
measures that benefit low-income*

deleted

households, including targeted energy efficiency measures and financing of social security systems, which can in turn reduce the burden on labour costs, which can in turn reduce the burden on labour costs; considers that such an offsetting mechanism could be an integral element of a socially equitable tax shift as proposed by the Commission in the current employment guidelines;

Or. fr

Amendment 343

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Calls on the **Member States** *not to exempt the energy intensive industries from taxes, but to use these revenues for* measures that benefit low-income households, including targeted energy efficiency measures and financing of social security systems, which can in turn reduce the burden on labour costs; *considers that such an offsetting mechanism could be an integral element of a socially equitable tax shift as proposed by the Commission in the current employment guidelines;*

Amendment

23. Calls on the States *to put in place* measures that benefit low-income households, including targeted energy efficiency measures and financing of social security systems, which can in turn reduce the burden on labour costs;

Or. fr

Amendment 344

Danuta Jazlowiecka

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Calls on the Member States *not to*

Amendment

23. Calls on the Member States *to consider*

exempt the energy intensive industries from taxes, *but to use these revenues* for measures that benefit low-income households, including targeted energy efficiency measures and financing of social security systems, which can in turn reduce the burden on labour costs; *considers that such an offsetting mechanism could be an integral element of a socially equitable tax shift as proposed by the Commission in the current employment guidelines;*

using the revenues from taxes *put on energy intensive industries* for measures that benefit low-income households, including targeted energy efficiency measures and financing of social security systems, which can in turn reduce the burden on labour costs;

Or. en

Amendment 345

Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. ***Calls on*** the Member States ***not to exempt*** the energy intensive industries ***from taxes, but*** to use these revenues for measures that benefit low-income households, including targeted energy efficiency measures and ***financing of social security systems,*** which can in turn reduce the burden on labour costs; considers that such an offsetting mechanism could be an integral element of a socially equitable tax shift as proposed by the Commission in the current employment guidelines;

Amendment

23. ***Invites*** the Member States - ***while respecting the Member States' responsibility - to examine and, if necessary, to review the granting of exemption from tax and taking of measures when supporting the energy intensive industries and industries using developed technology, and*** to use these revenues for measures that benefit low-income households, including targeted energy efficiency measures and ***the reduction in expenditures*** which, ***in particular,*** can in turn reduce the burden ***of businesses and*** on labour costs; considers that such an offsetting mechanism - ***with respect for the Member States' responsibility -*** could be an integral element of a socially equitable ***and more competitive and enhancing*** tax shift;

Or. hu

Amendment 346

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Jutta Steinruck, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto,

Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Calls on the Member States *not to exempt the energy intensive industries from taxes, but to use these revenues for measures that benefit low-income households, including* targeted energy efficiency measures and financing of social security systems, which can in turn reduce the burden on labour costs; considers that such an offsetting mechanism could be an integral element of a socially equitable tax shift as proposed by the Commission in the current employment guidelines;

Amendment

23. Calls on the Member States *to make measures that benefit low-income households, including social tariffs for vulnerable* households targeted energy efficiency measures and financing of social security systems, which can in turn reduce the burden on labour costs; considers that such an offsetting mechanism could be an integral element of a socially equitable tax shift as proposed by the Commission in the current employment guidelines; *underlines that effective social policy should be the main tool to prevent energy poverty;*

Or. en

Amendment 347

Inês Cristina Zuber, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas, Paloma López Bermejo, Lynn Boylan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. Calls on Member States to develop energy policies which are at the service of economic development and populations, which reduce consumption and energy deficits, and which can be seen as a factor for inclusion and not as a constraint on the development of small and medium-sized enterprises and the well-being of peoples;

Or. pt

Amendment 348
Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. Calls on the Member States to use among others the Funds for capacity-building under the Structural Funds to organise seminars and programmes in schools and lifelong-learning infrastructures on energy efficiency/saving in the private sphere, including on how to save household and transport costs;

Or. en

Amendment 349
Jane Collins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Calls on the Member States to sign up to a European winter heating disconnection moratorium so as to ensure that during a defined winter period no household can be cut off from energy or that those who are must be reconnected to energy needed for heating that meets World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature; points out that such a moratorium aims to decrease excess winter mortality, supporting the most vulnerable groups, especially young children, the elderly and permanently sick and disabled people so as to protect their health and well-being;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 350

Ulla Tørnæs, Martina Dlabajová

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. ***Calls on*** the Member States to ***sign up to a European winter heating disconnection moratorium so as to ensure that during a defined winter period no household can be cut off from energy or that those who are must be reconnected to energy needed for heating that meets*** World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature; ***points out that such a moratorium aims to decrease excess winter mortality, supporting the most vulnerable groups, especially young children, the elderly and permanently sick and disabled people so as to protect their health and well-being;***

Amendment

24. ***Encourages*** the Member States to ***adopt policies that allow them to meet the*** World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature;

Or. en

Amendment 351

Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. ***Calls on*** the Member States to ***sign up to a European*** winter heating ***disconnection*** moratorium ***so as to ensure that during a defined*** winter period ***no household can be cut off from energy or that those who are must be reconnected to energy needed for heating that meets*** World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature; ***points out that such a moratorium aims to decrease excess winter mortality, supporting the most vulnerable***

Amendment

24. ***Calls on*** the Member States to ***evaluate the measures to adopt in order to comply with World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature, in particular, signing up to a*** winter heating disconnection moratorium; ***in particular, to evaluate the adoption of a winter heating disconnection moratorium, taking account of the minimum conditions to be met by the client in order to opt into such a benefit and the scheduling of outstanding payments***

groups, especially young children, the elderly and permanently sick and disabled people so as to protect their health and well-being;

between client and supplier and the public contribution. Energy companies will not be responsible for social policies, which will always be set by governments; points out that such a moratorium aims to decrease excess winter mortality, supporting the most vulnerable groups, especially young children, the elderly and permanently sick and disabled people so as to protect their health and well-being;

Or. es

Amendment 352

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. calls on the Member States to sign up to a European winter heating disconnection moratorium so as to ensure that during a defined winter period no household can be cut off from energy or that those who are must be reconnected to energy needed for heating that meets World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature; points out that such a moratorium aims to decrease excess winter mortality, supporting the most vulnerable groups, especially young children, the elderly and permanently sick and disabled people ***so as to*** protect their health and well-being;

Amendment

24. points out that a European winter heating disconnection moratorium aims to decrease excess winter mortality, supporting the most vulnerable groups, especially young children, the elderly and permanently sick and disabled people, ***thus enabling*** their health and well-being ***to be protected;***

(Certain items are referred to in other paragraphs.)

Or. fr

Amendment 353

Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Calls on the Member States to ***sign up to a European winter heating disconnection moratorium so as to ensure that during a defined winter period no household can be cut off from energy or that those who are must be reconnected to energy needed for heating that meets*** World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature; ***points out that such a moratorium aims to decrease excess winter mortality***, supporting the most vulnerable groups, especially young children, the elderly and permanently sick and disabled people so as to protect their health and well-being;

Amendment

24. Calls on the Member States to ***meet*** World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature; supporting the most vulnerable groups, especially young children, the elderly and permanently sick and disabled people so as to protect their health and well-being;

Or. en

Amendment 354

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Calls on the Member States to sign up to a European winter heating disconnection moratorium so as to ensure that during a defined winter period no household can be cut off from energy or that those who are must be reconnected to energy needed for heating that meets World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature; points out that such a moratorium aims to decrease excess winter mortality, supporting the most vulnerable groups, especially young children, the elderly and permanently sick and disabled people so as to protect their

Amendment

24. Calls on the Member States to sign up to a European winter heating ***and electricity*** disconnection moratorium so as to ensure that during a defined winter period no household can be cut off from energy or that those who are must be reconnected to energy needed for heating that meets World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature; points out that such a moratorium aims to decrease excess winter mortality, supporting the most vulnerable groups, especially young children, the elderly and permanently sick and disabled

health and well-being;

people so as to protect their health and well-being;

Or. en

Amendment 355

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 a. Stresses that, while such a moratorium is an important emergency tool to support the poorest in a crisis situation, it has to be complemented by an appropriate action plan to lift people out of poverty or social exclusion, including the provision of adequate income support throughout the life-cycle; points out that reference budgets reflecting household expenditure can be used to construct cash benefits and to test their adequacy;

Or. en

Amendment 356

Glenis Willmott, Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 a. Urges the Commission and Member States to take immediate action to tackle precarious work which prevents individuals from having a regular and secure income, therefore creating a barrier to successful budgeting and paying household bills;

Or. en

Amendment 357
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 a. reiterates that energy must be ‘clean’, economical and accessible to all, and for these reasons, the Commission and the Member States must increase investment in research into ‘clean’ energy.

Or. it

Amendment 358
Glenis Willmott, Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 b. Calls on the Commission and Member States to put measures in place to end the outrageous gender pay gap in the EU which currently stands at 16% and raises to 39% for pensions, and highlights the key importance of this measure for single female parents whose households costs may prove to be truly burdensome;

Or. en

Amendment 359
Siôn Simon, Glenis Willmott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 c. Highlights the importance of quality and accessible childcare in allowing parents to return to work and increase their incomes, stresses the importance of this for single parents in particular and calls on the Commission and Member States to put measures in place to improve childcare provisions immediately;

Or. en

Amendment 360

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Housing and poverty

(To be considered as a heading)

Or. fr

Amendment 361

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 b. Recommends to the Member States a proactive policy in relation to decent housing so as to ensure universal access to quality housing at an affordable cost or a preferential purchase price, since a lack of housing constitutes a serious affront to dignity, as well as a proactive energy policy strengthening the use of renewables and energy efficiency so as to combat energy poverty; calls, in the

context of housing, for more attention to be paid to migrants, who are often exploited and forced to live in sub-standard housing; recalls Protocol 26 annexed to the Treaty of Lisbon, which concerns social housing, and calls for its provisions to be respected, in particular as regards the Member States' freedom to organise social housing, including the question of financing; encourages the Member States to implement special housing programmes and opportunities for homeless people, with a view to guaranteeing the most basic living standards for the most vulnerable members of society;

Or. fr

Amendment 362

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 c Recommends that the Member States expand the supply of quality social housing in order to guarantee access for all, and in particular for the most disadvantaged, to decent, affordable housing; considers that it costs society and the community more to rehouse people who have been evicted from their accommodation than it does to keep them there; invites the Member States to apply to the European Fund for Strategic Investments for the purposes of their qualitative and quantitative improvement projects in relation to their social housing offering, in view of the added value on a European level and the socio-economic benefits that they represent; recommends the implementation of policies for preventing evictions;

Amendment 363

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 b. Calls on the Commission to develop an Observatory on Energy Poverty with the following duties: 1) assess and monitor the causes and consequences of energy poverty, 2) record the energy consumption of households, 3) provide reliable socio-economic indicators 4) ensure coordinated action plans are developed, and implemented with progress monitored;

Or. en

Amendment 364

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 c. Points out that the "split incentive" problem may hinder investment in energy efficiency in rented housing; considers that gross lease schemes, where the rent includes the cost of the utility bills, could be considered one effective tool to incentivise the landlord to decrease utility household costs through renewable and energy efficiency retrofits;

Or. en

Amendment 365
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 d. Highlights that effective consumer alliances can ensure that rental costs will not increase after successful energy efficiency investments and improvements;

Or. en

Amendment 366
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 e. Highlights that public support and facilitation of agreements between tenants and landlords associations can ensure that total housing costs will not increase after successful energy efficiency investments and improvements;

Or. en

Amendment 367
Tamás Meszerics, Karima Delli
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 f. Calls on the European Commission to prioritise energy efficiency investment in social rental housing through EFSI spending in the next three years;

Or. en

Amendment 368

Tamás Meszerics, Karima Delli
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24g. Calls on the Commission and the Council to acknowledge all EU citizens' universal right of access to energy as an essential commodity;

Or. en

Amendment 369

Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 h. Calls on the Commission to map the problem of fuel poverty in the EU, and in particular winter deaths amongst people living in cold homes; and to support the Member States in developing solutions; Calls on the Commission to ensure that Eurostat collects relevant data from Member States on the different forms of energy poverty (energy deprivation, severe energy poverty, constraining energy

poverty) and that Eurostat monitors regularly the development of SILC energy poverty indicators the framework of Energy Efficiency Directive Review;

Or. en

Amendment 370

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Poverty and access to healthcare

(To be considered as a heading)

Or. fr

Amendment 371

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 e. Recalls that equal access to high-quality universal healthcare is internationally recognised – especially within the EU – as a fundamental right;

Or. fr

Amendment 372

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 f. Recalls that access to healthcare is very often limited as a consequence of financial or regional constraints (for example in sparsely populated regions), especially in relation to routine care (such as dental or optical care) and preventative measures relating thereto;

Or. fr

Amendment 373

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 g. Stresses that the combination of poverty and other forms of vulnerability, such as childhood or old age, disability or minority background, further increases the risks of health inequalities, and that ill health can lead to poverty;

Or. fr

Amendment 374

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 h. Stresses the importance of health and care services for bridging gaps relating to capabilities, through promoting people's social integration and combating poverty and social exclusion;

Or. fr

Amendment 375

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 i. Welcomes the Commission's Communication entitled 'eHealth Action Plan 2012-2020: Innovative healthcare for the 21st century', which puts in place additional initiatives, in particular with a view to improving access to health services, reducing health costs and ensuring greater equality between European citizens;

Or. fr

Amendment 376

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 j (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 j. Calls on the Commission and Member States to press ahead with their efforts to tackle socio-economic inequalities, which would ultimately make it possible to reduce some of the inequalities relating to healthcare; also calls on the Commission and the Member States, on the basis of the universal values of human dignity, liberty, equality and solidarity, to focus their attention on the needs of vulnerable groups such as people living in poverty;

Or. fr

Amendment 377
Claude Rolin, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 k (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 k. Calls on the Member States to solve problems of inequality in access to healthcare that affect people's everyday lives, for example in the areas of dentistry and ophthalmology;

Or. fr

Amendment 378
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 l (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 l. Urges the Commission to do its utmost to encourage Member States to offer reimbursements to patients and to do everything necessary to reduce inequalities in access to medication for the treatment of those conditions or illnesses, such as post-menopausal osteoporosis and Alzheimer's Disease, which are not reimbursable in certain Member States, and to do so as a matter of urgency;

Or. fr

Amendment 379
Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***Information and communications
technology and poverty***

(To be considered as a heading)

Or. fr

Amendment 380

Claude Rolin, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 n (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 n. Deplores that the Digital Single Market Strategy for Europe published by the Commission does not take account of the need to ensure universal, equal and unrestricted access to new digital technologies, markets and telecommunications, in particular with regard to people at risk of poverty or social exclusion;

Or. fr

Amendment 381

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 o (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 o. Encourages the Member States and the Commission to put in place strategies aimed at reducing the digital divide and promoting equal access to new information and communications technologies, in particular for people at risk of poverty and social exclusion;

Amendment 382

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 p (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 p. Water and poverty

(To be considered as a heading)

Amendment 383

Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 q (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 q. Recalls that the General Assembly of the United Nations recognises the right to clean and high-quality drinking water and to sanitation facilities as a human right that is essential for full enjoyment of the right to life;

Amendment 384

Claude Rolin, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 r (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 r. Recognises, however, that in certain regions, especially rural and remote regions, access to drinking water is not

guaranteed;

Or. fr

Amendment 385
Claude Rolin, Georges Bach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 s (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 s. Encourages, therefore, the Member States to do everything possible to ensure that all of their people have access to drinking water as soon as possible;

Or. fr