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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Georgi Pirinski
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on preparation of the post-electoral revision of the MFF 2014-2020:
Parliament's input ahead of the Commission's proposal
(2015/2353(INI))

Amendment 1

Ulrike Trebesius, Amjad Bashir, Joachim Starbatty

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

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1. Emphasises that the post-electoral **revision** of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) must address the new **political** challenges facing the EU; underlines that **reallocation of funds for emergencies is not a sustainable solution**; **insists** that the existing **resource commitments** for achieving the Union's strategic objectives and greater economic, social and territorial cohesion be maintained;

Amendment

1. Emphasises that the post-electoral **review** of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) must address the new challenges facing the EU **in order to enable the Union and Member States to reassess their priorities**; underlines that **the flexibility mechanisms within the MFF enable the EU to mobilise the necessary funds to react to unforeseen events**; **believes** that the existing **resources in both commitments and payments** for achieving the Union's strategic objectives and greater economic, social and territorial cohesion **should** be maintained;

Or. en

Amendment 2

Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion

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1. Emphasises that the post-electoral revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) must **address the new political challenges facing the EU**; underlines that reallocation of funds for emergencies **is not a sustainable solution**; **insists that the existing resource commitments for achieving the Union's strategic objectives and greater economic, social and territorial cohesion be maintained**;

Amendment

1. Emphasises that the post-electoral revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) must **take note of the failure to use the funds received from the Member States to address at EU level the new economic and social crises**; underlines that reallocation of funds for emergencies **or requests for further EU budget increases to be met by the Member States are not acceptable solutions but yet another burden for our citizens**;

Or. it

Amendment 3
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Emphasises that the post-electoral revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) must address the new political challenges facing the EU; ***underlines that reallocation of funds for emergencies is not a sustainable solution;*** insists that the existing resource commitments for achieving the Union's strategic objectives and greater economic, social and territorial cohesion be maintained;

Amendment

1. Emphasises that the post-electoral revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) must address the new political challenges facing the EU; ***considers that substantial additional funding is needed at EU level to address humanitarian challenges, develop a new common European asylum system, promote integration and prevent discrimination, racism and xenophobia; believes that, in the light of the unprecedented migration crisis, current MFF ceilings for 2014-2020 have proved inadequate; notes that the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) is already virtually exhausted; recalls that extensive use has already been made of MFF flexibility mechanisms;***

Or. it

Amendment 4
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Emphasises that the post-electoral revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) must address the ***ongoing and*** new political challenges facing the EU, ***such as high levels of poverty, social exclusion and unemployment;*** ***underlines that***

commitments for achieving the Union's strategic objectives and greater economic, social and territorial cohesion be maintained;

reallocation of funds for emergencies is not a sustainable solution; insists that the existing resource commitments for achieving the Union's strategic objectives and greater economic, social and territorial cohesion be maintained; ***requests that the employment and social policy related ceilings of the MFF should be revised upwards and its flexibility expanded to be able to respond to unforeseen social circumstances;***

Or. en

Amendment 5

Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Elena Gentile, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

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1. Emphasises that the post-electoral revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) must address the new political challenges facing the EU; underlines that reallocation of funds for emergencies is not a sustainable solution; insists that the existing resource commitments for achieving the Union's strategic objectives and greater economic, social and territorial cohesion be maintained;

Amendment

1. Emphasises that the post-electoral revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) must address the new political challenges facing the EU; underlines that reallocation of funds for emergencies is not a sustainable solution; ***recalls that most of the challenges that the EU is facing, from social dumping to dislocation of refugees, have their roots in the inequalities between Member States and*** insists that the existing resource commitments for achieving the Union's strategic objectives and greater economic, social and territorial cohesion be maintained;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Claude Rolin, Georges Bach

Draft opinion

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Amendment

1. Emphasises that the post-electoral revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) ***is vital and*** must address the new political challenges facing the EU, ***as well as enabling the EU to meet its targets under its Europe 2020 strategy***; underlines that reallocation of funds for emergencies is not a sustainable solution; insists that the existing resource commitments for achieving the Union's strategic objectives and greater economic, social and territorial cohesion be maintained;

Or. fr

Amendment 7

Ulrike Trebesius, Amjad Bashir, Joachim Starbatty

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Acknowledges that the MFF ceilings form only one aspect of future budgeting and that efficient and effective spending is equally – if not more – important; recalls, furthermore, that all EU spending must be targeted at those regions and Member States that need it most, in line with the principle of equality and solidarity;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Monika Vana

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that the MFF and the EU budget should reflect all the EU 2020 goals, and not the other way round; underlines in this context, that the EU budget should be used in a way that improves labour market access and combats unemployment, poverty and social exclusion and promotes equality, including gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Krzysztof Hetman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Underlines that synergies and coordination between all five European Structural and Investment Funds, especially between ESF and ERDF, and other EU instruments have the potential to enhance their effectiveness, and shall be further developed;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Claude Rolin, Georges Bach, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Anne Sander, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Tom Vandenkendelaere

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Points to the need to provide the EU budget with a genuine own resources system, thereby lowering the proportion of

GNI-based national contributions to the budget;

Or. fr

Amendment 11
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses the importance for the achievement of EU strategic objectives of increasing public spending for education, training, research and development in all Member States, easing budgetary constraints in Europe to ensure effective tools for integration without removing employment opportunities and combating poverty and social exclusion;

Or. it

Amendment 12
Claude Rolin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Notes that the ceilings of the current MFF have been exceeded, jeopardising its viability for the second half of its cycle; calls on the Commission, therefore, to carry out a genuine mid-term revision of the MFF ceilings and of the provisions of the MFF Regulation, and to take proper account of the findings of the review in order to provide the EU with a viable budgetary framework enabling it to achieve its primary goals and bring its major projects to a successful conclusion;

Amendment 13

Ulrike Trebesius, Amjad Bashir, Joachim Starbatty

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Believes that the principle of European added value should represent the cornerstone of all future expenditures, which also must be guided by the principle of efficiency, effectiveness and value for money, while respecting the principle of subsidiarity as defined by Article 5 TEU;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Underlines that the employment rate in the EU currently stands at 69.2 %, which is well below the Europe 2020 target, and calls for increased public investment in job creation and skills;

2. Underlines that Europe has 22 million unemployed, of which approximately 4.5 million are young people under the age of 25, reflecting the failure of the Europe 2020 strategy;

Or. it

Amendment 15

Ulrike Trebesius, Amjad Bashir, Joachim Starbatty

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Underlines that the employment rate in the EU currently stands at 69.2 %, which is well below the Europe 2020 target, **and** calls for **increased public investment in job creation and skills**;

Amendment

2. **Reminds that the EU budget is an investment budget with a strong leverage effect and can represent a strong tool to increase strategic investments with European added value consistent with an approach aimed at creating growth and jobs**; Underlines that the employment rate in the EU currently stands at 69.2 %, which is well below the Europe 2020 target; calls for **a better use of existing funds by focussing spending on ‘smart growth’ allowing for a coherent and consistent long term strategic approach to the challenges faced by the Union**;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Claude Rolin, Romana Tomc

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Underlines that the employment rate in the EU currently stands at 69.2%, which is well below the Europe 2020 target, and calls for increased **public** investment in job creation and skills;

Amendment

2. Underlines that the employment rate in the EU currently stands at 69.2%, which is well below the Europe 2020 target, and calls for increased investment in job creation and skills, **as well as in infrastructure, not least through the EFSI; also maintains that the MFF revision should be used to find a way of fully offsetting the cuts by which the EFSI has been financed at the expense of the budgets of major EU programmes, including Horizon 2020 and the Connecting Europe Facility, bearing in mind the importance of those programmes for economic development and job creation in particular, without, however, undermining the EFSI, which has an essential part to play in revitalising investment in Europe**;

Amendment 17

Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Elena Gentile, Brando Benifei, Viliija Blinkevičiūtė, Siôn Simon, Javi López, Richard Howitt, Evelyn Regner

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2. Underlines that the employment rate in the EU currently stands at 69.2 %, which is well below the Europe 2020 target, and calls for increased public investment in job creation and skills;

Amendment

2. Underlines that the employment rate in the EU currently stands at 69.2 %, which is well below the Europe 2020 target, *that unemployment remains especially high among women, the young, the elderly and the disadvantaged groups and that more than 12 million people in Europe are long-term unemployed, representing 5% of the EU's active population; and in this context reminds recently passed Council Recommendation on the integration of the long-term unemployed into the labour market which has demonstrated again a need for strong Union policies and much more resources* and calls for increased public investment in job creation and skills;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Harald Vilimsky

Draft opinion**Paragraph 2***Draft opinion*

2. Underlines that the employment rate in the EU currently stands at 69.2 %, which is well below the Europe 2020 target, and calls for increased public investment in *job* creation and skills;

Amendment

2. Underlines that the employment rate in the EU currently stands at 69.2%, which is well below the Europe 2020 target, and calls for increased public investment in *the creation of adequate jobs or in existing vacancies, and in* skills;

Amendment 19
Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Underlines that the employment rate in the EU currently stands at 69.2%, which is well below the Europe 2020 target, and calls for increased public investment in job creation and skills;

Amendment

2. Underlines that the employment rate in the EU currently stands at 69.2%, which is well below the Europe 2020 target, and calls for increased **European** public investment in job creation and skills, **to be achieved by ring-fencing and strengthening the European Social Fund;**

Or. fr

Amendment 20
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Underlines that the employment rate in the EU currently stands at 69.2 %, which is well below the Europe 2020 target, and calls for increased public investment in job creation and skills;

Amendment

2. Underlines that the employment rate in the EU currently stands at 69.2 %, which is well below the Europe 2020 target, and calls for increased public investment in **quality and sustainable** job creation and skills, **including green jobs and jobs in the social economy and the social, health and care sector;**

Or. en

Amendment 21
Marian Harkin, Martina Dlabajová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Underlines that the employment rate in the EU currently stands at 69.2 %, which is well below the Europe 2020 target, and calls for increased public investment in job creation and skills;

Amendment

2. Underlines that the employment rate in the EU currently stands at 69.2 %, which is well below the Europe 2020 target, and calls for increased public ***and private*** investment in job creation and skills;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Underlines that the employment rate in the EU currently stands at 69.2 %, which is well below the Europe 2020 target, and calls for increased public investment in job creation and skills;

Amendment

2. Underlines that the employment rate in the EU currently stands at 69.2 %, which is well below the Europe 2020 target, and calls for increased public investment, ***free of budgetary constraints***, in job creation and skills;

Or. it

Amendment 23
Claude Rolin, Georges Bach, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Anne Sander, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Tom Vandenkendelaere, Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Maintains that investment in research and development is crucially important for the competitiveness of the European economy and for job creation; notes, however, that, according to the

most recent Eurostat figures, R & D investment accounted for just 2.03% of EU GDP, which is well below the Europe 2020 target; urges the Commission, therefore, to find a way of fully offsetting the cuts by which the EFSI has been financed at the expense of the Horizon 2020 budget;

Or. fr

Amendment 24
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls for a review/revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF), to be based on criteria including the prior assessment of the effectiveness of measures to combat unemployment, with funding for the less effective provisions being cut; considers that such an approach is particularly important in times of crisis, such as the present moment, which are marked by unacceptable imbalances;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Ulrike Trebesius, Amjad Bashir, Joachim Starbatty

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Notes that gaining the full support from citizens in the context of on-going budgetary constraints is extremely important in order to reaffirm and

achieve our social and employment commitments under the EU2020 strategy; believes that the challenge facing the EU will not be to spend more, but to spend more efficiently;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Insists on the *continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative and calls for the resources for this initiative to be provided until 2020;*

Amendment

3. Insists on *the need to support and promote the role of the Member States in drawing up truly effective projects that avoid waste and have a real impact on youth employment in Europe; stresses the importance of employment initiatives regarding not only supply but also demand; calls for encouragement to be given to all initiatives and projects seeking to align training and business needs more closely;*

Or. it

Amendment 27
Ulrike Trebesius, Amjad Bashir, Joachim Starbatty

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Insists on the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative *and calls for the resources for this initiative to be provided until 2020;*

Amendment

3. *Notes that the Youth Employment Initiative was introduced in the current programming period to foster employment in particular for young people with a budget of €6.4bn, and that co-legislators agreed to frontload the whole envelope for this programme for 2014 and 2015;*

Reminds the Commission of the joint statement as part of the 2016 Budget agreement in which the Commission committed to draw lessons from the results of the YEI evaluation; Insists on that any proposals for the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative must take the results of the evaluation fully into account in order to move towards performance based budgeting;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Martina Dlabajová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. ***Insists on the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative and calls for the resources for this initiative to be provided until 2020;***

Amendment

3. ***Notes that the entire envelope earmarked for the Youth Employment Initiative was frontloaded in 2014-2015 and that the figures available indicate full absorption to date; stresses the importance of continuing providing resources for the Youth Employment Initiative until 2020 if the assessment of the Court of Auditors in 2017 will demonstrate efficiency of the funds used and the achievement of the objectives of the programme;***

Or. en

Amendment 29
Claude Rolin, Georges Bach

Draft opinion
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Youth Employment Initiative and calls for the resources for this initiative to be provided until 2020;

Youth Employment Initiative, *whose performance should be analysed and the necessary corrections made with a view to improving its implementation*, and calls for the resources for this initiative to be provided until 2020; *points out that no financial commitment has been entered into regarding the Youth Employment Initiative in 2016, even though Parliament is calling for a figure of EUR 473 million*;

Or. fr

Amendment 30
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Insists on the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative and calls for the resources for *this initiative* to be provided until 2020;

Amendment

3. Insists on the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative and *the Erasmus+ programme and* calls for the resources for *these programmes* to be provided *at least* until 2020;

Or. sl

Amendment 31
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Insists on the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative and calls for the resources for this initiative to be provided until 2020;

Amendment

3. *Notes that the entire envelope earmarked for the Youth Employment Initiative was frontloaded in 2014-2015 and that the figures available indicate full absorption to date*; insists on the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative and calls for the resources for this

initiative to be provided until 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Jérôme Lavrilleux

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Insists on the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative and calls for the resources for this initiative to be provided until 2020;

Amendment

3. Insists on the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative and calls for the resources for this initiative to be provided *at least* until 2020;

Or. fr

Amendment 33
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Insists on the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative and calls for the resources for this initiative to be provided until 2020;

Amendment

3. Insists on the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative and calls for the resources for this initiative to be provided *at least* until 2020

Or. en

Amendment 34
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Insists on the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative and calls for the resources for this initiative to be provided until 2020;

Amendment

3a. Insists on the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative and calls for the resources for this initiative to be provided until 2020; ***stresses the need to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of these investments, given the limited results achieved by the programmes implemented to date;***

Or. it

Amendment 35

Claude Rolin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment 36

Marian Harkin, Martina Dlabajová

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment 37

Marian Harkin, Martina Dlabajová

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment 38

Marian Harkin, Martina Dlabajová

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

3a. Points out that combating youth unemployment is a top priority and points to the desirability of promoting apprenticeship, since Member States which favour that option give their young people direct and immediate access to employment; maintains that the necessary appropriations should be channelled for the purpose of encouraging mobility among apprentices, who should accordingly be entitled to benefit from Erasmus funding in the same way as students;

Or. fr

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Notes that the Court of Auditors' report on 'EU Youth Guarantee - Implementation in Member States', due to be completed at the beginning of 2017, will provide a clearer assessment of the programme's results; considers that, inter alia, analysis of the efficiency and the long-term results should be outlined in the report;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Marian Harkin, Martina Dlabajová

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Notes the persistently high levels of youth unemployment in many Member States; calls on Member States to make use of the possibility to include NEETs in EGF applications where relevant and to promote entrepreneurship among young people as a mechanism to encourage job creation;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Notes that new legislation on EURES and the European platform for tackling undeclared work will draw on

deleted

Employment and Social Innovation programme resources and insists that adequate funding for this programme be guaranteed in the EU budget;

Or. it

Amendment 39

Ulrike Trebesius, Amjad Bashir, Joachim Starbatty

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that new legislation on EURES and the European platform for tackling undeclared work will draw on Employment and Social Innovation programme resources and insists that *adequate* funding for this programme be *guaranteed* in the EU budget;

Amendment

4. Notes that new legislation on EURES and the European platform for tackling undeclared work will draw on Employment and Social Innovation programme resources and insists that *appropriate* funding for this programme be *ensured* in the EU budget;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Claude Rolin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that new legislation on EURES and the European platform for tackling undeclared work will draw on Employment and Social Innovation programme resources and insists that adequate funding for this programme be guaranteed in the EU budget;

Amendment

4. Notes that new legislation on EURES and the European platform for tackling undeclared work will draw on Employment and Social Innovation programme resources and insists that *a sufficient amount of* adequate funding for this programme be guaranteed in the EU budget, *without jeopardising the roles assigned to the Progress and microfinance and social entrepreneurship components under the EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation;*

Amendment 41

Monika Vana

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that new legislation on EURES and the European platform for tackling undeclared work will draw on Employment and Social Innovation programme resources and insists that adequate funding for this programme be guaranteed in the EU budget;

Amendment

4. Notes that new legislation on EURES and the European platform for tackling undeclared work will draw on Employment and Social Innovation programme resources and insists that adequate funding for this programme be guaranteed in the EU budget; ***calls for keeping the current allocation of 61% of the progress axis, namely for projects and support to Union-level networks that promote social inclusion and fight against poverty;***

Or. en

Amendment 42

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that new legislation on EURES and the European platform for tackling undeclared work will draw on Employment and Social Innovation programme resources and insists that adequate funding for this programme be guaranteed in the EU budget;

Amendment

4. Notes that new legislation on EURES and the European platform for tackling undeclared work will draw on Employment and Social Innovation programme resources and insists that adequate funding for this programme be guaranteed in the EU budget; ***notes, with regard to EURES initiatives to deal with unemployment, that it is necessary to ensure that labour mobility is organised on a voluntary basis and underpinned by***

appropriate social guarantees;

Or. it

Amendment 43

Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that the resources of the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived **are not sufficient to address the unprecedented flow of refugees and that competition for scarce funds may lead to social conflict; insists that the ESF share amount to 25 % of the total cohesion budget, that no reductions in the national envelopes for ESF measures be made and that sufficient cash flow be provided annually for payments from the EU budget;**

Amendment

5. Stresses that the resources of the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived **have been earmarked for measures to boost employment and provide material assistance to citizens of the EU Member States who are unemployed or poor; notes that the funds are insufficient to address the current unprecedented migration flow; stresses that this funding cannot be diverted from the original objectives or be extended to new beneficiary categories, but must be used more efficiently and effectively to tackle the problems of the 22 million jobless EU citizens;**

Or. it

Amendment 44

Ulrike Trebesius, Amjad Bashir, Joachim Starbatty

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that the resources of the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived **are not sufficient** to address the unprecedented flow of refugees and that **competition for scarce funds may lead to social conflict;**

Amendment

5. Stresses that the resources of the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived **could be used** to address the unprecedented flow of refugees and that **any increases in these budget lines must be matched by**

insists that the ESF share amount to 25 % of the total cohesion budget, that no reductions in the national envelopes for ESF measures be made and that sufficient cash flow be provided annually for payments from the EU budget;

identifying savings elsewhere in the EU budget for example, in lines that are not achieving their policy objectives or in budget lines that have been under implemented; insists that the ESF share amount to 25 % of the total cohesion budget, that no reductions in the national envelopes for ESF measures be made and that sufficient cash flow be provided annually for payments from the EU budget;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Claude Rolin, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that the resources of the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived are not sufficient to address the unprecedented flow of refugees *and that competition for scarce funds may lead to social conflict*; insists that the ESF share amount to 25% of the total cohesion budget, that no reductions in the national envelopes for ESF measures be made and that sufficient cash flow be provided annually for payments from the EU budget;

Amendment

5. Stresses that the resources of the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived are not sufficient to address the unprecedented flow of refugees; *calls on the Commission to increase social policy funding and in that way enhance cohesion policy in order to help refugees to integrate into society and enter the labour market while doing its best to achieve its goals of promoting employment and social inclusion*; insists that the ESF share amount to 25% of the total cohesion budget, that no reductions in the national envelopes for ESF measures be made and that sufficient cash flow be provided annually for payments from the EU budget;

Or. fr

Amendment 46

Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Elena Gentile, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Siôn Simon, Javi López, Richard Howitt, Evelyn Regner

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5. Stresses that the resources of the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived are not sufficient to address the unprecedented flow of refugees **and** that competition for scarce funds may lead to social conflict; insists that the ESF share amount to **25 %** of the total cohesion budget, that no reductions in the national envelopes for ESF measures be made and that sufficient cash flow be provided annually for payments from the EU budget;

Amendment

5. Stresses that the resources of the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived are not sufficient to address the ***rise of inequality and poverty, the worst consequences of the economic crisis and of austerity policies on the labour market concerning labour exclusion of young people and long-term unemployed, and the*** unprecedented flow of refugees; ***and is concerned*** that competition for scarce funds may lead to social conflict; insists that the ESF share amount to **30 %** of the total cohesion budget, that no reductions in the national envelopes for ESF measures be made and that sufficient cash flow be provided annually for payments from the EU budget;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion
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5. Stresses that the resources of the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived are not sufficient to address the unprecedented flow of refugees and that competition for scarce funds may lead to social conflict; ***insists that the ESF share amount to 25 % of the total*** cohesion budget, that no reductions in the national envelopes for ESF measures be made and that sufficient cash flow be provided annually for payments from the EU budget;

Amendment

5. Stresses that the resources of the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived are not sufficient to address the unprecedented flow of refugees and that competition for scarce funds may lead to social conflict; ***calls therefore on the Commission to increase the European Social Fund allocation to 25 % of the cohesion policy budget as part of the revision of the multiannual financial framework; insists*** that no reductions in the national envelopes for ESF measures be made and that

sufficient cash flow be provided annually for payments from the EU budget;

Or. it

Amendment 48
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that the resources of the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived are not sufficient to address the unprecedented flow of refugees and that competition for scarce funds *may lead to social conflict*; insists that the ESF share amount to 25 % of the total cohesion budget, that no reductions in the national envelopes for ESF measures be made and that sufficient cash flow be provided annually for payments from the EU budget;

Amendment

5. Stresses that the resources of the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived are not sufficient to address the unprecedented flow of refugees and that competition for scarce funds *must not interfere with the elements of the fund*; insists that the ESF share amount to 25 % of the total cohesion budget, that no reductions in the national envelopes for ESF measures be made and that sufficient cash flow be provided annually for payments from the EU budget;

Or. sl

Amendment 49
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that the resources of the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived are not sufficient to address the unprecedented flow of refugees and that competition for scarce funds may lead to social conflict; insists that the ESF share amount to 25 % of the total cohesion budget, that no

Amendment

5. Stresses that the resources of the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived are not sufficient to address the unprecedented flow of refugees and that competition for scarce funds may lead to social conflict; insists that the ESF share amount to 25 % of the total cohesion budget, that *the 20%*

reductions in the national envelopes for ESF measures be made and that sufficient cash flow be provided annually for payments from the EU budget;

earmarking for social inclusion is kept, that no reductions in the national envelopes for ESF measures be made and that sufficient cash flow be provided annually for payments from the EU budget

Or. en

Amendment 50
Harald Vilimsky

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that the resources of the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived are not sufficient to address the unprecedented flow of refugees and that competition for scarce funds may lead to social conflict; insists that the ESF share amount to 25 % of the total cohesion budget, that no reductions in the national envelopes for ESF measures be made and that sufficient cash flow be provided annually for payments from the EU budget;

Amendment

5. Stresses that the resources of the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived are not sufficient to address the unprecedented flow of refugees and that competition for scarce funds may lead to social conflict; ***therefore calls for a halt to the acceptance of refugees so that the available financial resources can be used to make the stay of the asylum seekers who are already living here a dignified one***; insists that the ESF share amount to 25 % of the total cohesion budget, that no reductions in the national envelopes for ESF measures be made and that sufficient cash flow be provided annually for payments from the EU budget;

Or. de

Amendment 51
Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. ***Emphasises that the policies for poverty reduction and social inclusion***

Amendment

deleted

among vulnerable groups have failed to produce the expected results and calls for increased financial aid to social services and the social economy;

Or. it

Amendment 52

Monika Vana

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. *Emphasises* that the *policies for poverty reduction and social inclusion among vulnerable groups have failed to produce the expected results and* calls for increased financial aid to social services and *the social economy;*

Amendment

6. *Points out* that the *Europe 2020 poverty target is far from being achieved, which highlights that policies in this field have failed, in particular for people in vulnerable situations;* calls for increased financial aid to social *policies measures, that promotes social investment, including in quality social* services and *social economy;* *calls on the Commission to thoroughly monitor that the share of the ESF earmarked to fighting poverty and social exclusion, is effectively used for this purpose;*

Or. en

Amendment 53

Ulrike Trebesius, Amjad Bashir, Joachim Starbatty

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Emphasises that the policies for poverty reduction and social inclusion among vulnerable groups have failed to produce the expected results and *calls for increased financial aid to social services*

Amendment

6. Emphasises that the policies for poverty reduction and social inclusion among vulnerable groups have failed to produce the expected results and *reminds the Commission of its commitment to*

and the social economy;

make concrete proposals for the establishment of a performance-based public budgeting model in which each budget line is accompanied by objectives and outputs to be measured by performance indicators;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Marian Harkin, Martina Dlabajová

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Emphasises that the policies for poverty reduction and social inclusion among vulnerable groups have failed to produce the expected results and calls for *increased financial aid to social services and the social economy;*

Amendment

6. Emphasises that the policies for poverty reduction and social inclusion among vulnerable groups have failed to produce the expected results and calls for *impact assessments and value for money analysis to find the reasons for this failure; calls on the Commission and Member States to promote and support the social economy and calls on Member States to ensure the provision of adequate social services;*

Or. en

Amendment 55

Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Elena Gentile, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Javi López, Siôn Simon

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Emphasises that the policies for poverty reduction and social inclusion among vulnerable groups have failed to produce the expected results *and calls for increased* financial aid to social services

Amendment

6. Emphasises that the policies for poverty reduction and social inclusion among vulnerable groups have failed to produce the expected results; *draws attention to the fact that 24,4 % of people*

and the social economy;

in the EU are at risk of poverty and social exclusion, and that their number has increased by five million after 2008; calls therefore to substantially increase the financial aid to social services and the social economy and further strengthen the commitment to act against poverty and social exclusion by introducing a compulsory minimum share of 25 % from ESF on Member State level for promotion of social inclusion;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Harald Vilimsky

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. *Emphasises* that the policies for poverty reduction and social inclusion among vulnerable groups have failed to produce the expected results and *calls for increased financial aid to social services and the social economy;*

Amendment

6. *Is critical of the fact* that the policies for poverty reduction and social inclusion among vulnerable groups have failed to produce the expected results and *notes in this context the need for funding to be used effectively;*

Or. de

Amendment 57
Claude Rolin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Emphasises that the policies for poverty reduction and social inclusion among vulnerable groups have failed to produce the expected results and calls for increased financial aid to social services and the social economy;

Amendment

6. Emphasises *that the EU is still far short of the Europe 2020 target of combating poverty and social exclusion and* that the policies for poverty reduction and social inclusion among vulnerable groups have failed to produce the expected

results and calls for increased financial aid to social services and the social economy;

Or. fr

Amendment 58

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Emphasises that the policies for poverty reduction and social inclusion among vulnerable groups have failed to produce the expected results and calls for increased financial aid to social services and the social economy;

Amendment

6. Emphasises that the policies for poverty reduction and social inclusion among vulnerable groups have failed to produce the expected results and calls for increased financial aid to social services and the social economy; ***points out that Member States should introduce, as a possible poverty reduction measure and in accordance with national practices, a minimum income proportionate to their specific social and economic circumstances;***

Or. it

Amendment 59

Ulrike Trebesius, Amjad Bashir, Joachim Starbatty

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Draws attention to the huge problem of ***child*** poverty in Europe, ***which is afflicting over 20 million children, and reiterates its call for the establishment of a Child Guarantee with dedicated special resources, together with programmes to assist parents in getting out of*** social exclusion and unemployment;

Amendment

7. Draws attention to the huge problem of poverty in Europe, ***strongly believes that EU funding, particularly that under Heading 1a and 1b should not be used to subsidise national approaches, but should be used to provide additional support to people facing*** social exclusion and unemployment ***in a way that complements and enhances national***

programmes according to the decision of the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 60

Marian Harkin, Martina Dlabajová

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Draws attention to the huge problem of child poverty in Europe, which is afflicting over 20 million children, ***and reiterates its call for the establishment of a Child Guarantee with dedicated special resources, together with*** programmes to assist parents in getting out of social exclusion and unemployment;

Amendment

7. Draws attention to the huge problem of child poverty in Europe, which is afflicting over 20 million children; ***notes that between 2008 and 2014 24 EU countries saw an increase in child poverty; emphasises the need for a strong focus on alleviating child poverty in all relevant ESF programmes and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived along with targeted interventions and*** programmes to assist parents in getting out of social exclusion and unemployment;

Or. en

Amendment 61

Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Elena Gentile, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Javi López

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Draws attention to the huge problem of child poverty in Europe, which is afflicting over 20 million children, ***and*** reiterates its call for the establishment of a Child Guarantee with dedicated special resources, together with programmes to assist parents in getting out of social exclusion and unemployment;

Amendment

7. Draws attention to the huge problem of child poverty in Europe, which is afflicting over 20 million children (***27,8 % in EU-28 and almost 50 % in certain Member States***), ***living in families that suffer daily from lack of income and basic services, such as food supplies, housing, education and healthcare;*** reiterates its

call *on the Commission and Member States* for the establishment of a *specific fund dedicated to the* Child Guarantee with dedicated special resources, together with programmes to assist parents in getting out of social exclusion and unemployment;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Draws attention to the huge problem of child poverty in Europe, which is afflicting over 20 million children, and reiterates its call for the establishment of a Child Guarantee with dedicated special resources, together with programmes to assist parents in getting out of social exclusion and unemployment;

Amendment

7. Draws attention to the huge problem of child poverty in Europe, which is afflicting over 20 million children, and reiterates its **strong** call for the establishment of a Child Guarantee with dedicated special resources, together with programmes to assist parents in getting out of social exclusion and unemployment;

Or. it

Amendment 63
Claude Rolin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Draws attention to the huge problem of child poverty in Europe, which is afflicting over 20 million children, and reiterates its call for the establishment of a Child Guarantee ***with dedicated special resources, together with programmes to assist*** parents ***in getting*** out of social exclusion and unemployment;

Amendment

7. Draws attention to the huge problem of child poverty in Europe, which is afflicting over 20 million children, and reiterates its call for the establishment of a Child Guarantee ***placing children at the centre of existing poverty alleviation policies and helping*** parents ***to get*** out of social exclusion and unemployment;

Amendment 64
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Draws attention to the huge problem of child poverty in Europe, which is afflicting over 20 million children, and reiterates its call for the establishment of a Child Guarantee with dedicated special resources, together with programmes to assist parents in getting out of social exclusion and unemployment;

Amendment

7. Draws attention to the huge problem of child poverty in Europe, which is afflicting over 20 million children, and reiterates its call for the establishment of a Child Guarantee with dedicated special resources, together with programmes to assist parents in getting out of social exclusion and unemployment; ***calls on the Commission to establish mechanisms for training and skills development in education and in work in order to increase the employability of EU citizens;***

Or. sl

Amendment 65
Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Elena Gentile, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Brando Benifei, Evelyn Regner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Takes the view that the maximum annual amount available for mobilisation through the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) should at least stay at EUR 150 million (2011 prices) as this instrument, despite underutilisation so far, has a huge potential for supporting workers affected by major economic structural changes;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Stresses the material and cultural poverty and the deterioration of major European suburbs; notes the need to increase funding for qualitative improvements so as to increase the economic, cultural and social integration of European citizens living in such areas, especially the more vulnerable sections of society;

Or. it

Amendment 67
Harald Vilimsky

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Considering that 13.1 % of EU 27 GDP has been spent on bank bailouts while the EU budget remains at less than 1 %, calls on Member States to ensure the provision of all resources necessary to successfully overcome the extreme challenges being faced by the EU at present. *deleted*

Or. de

Amendment 68
Ulrike Trebesius, Amjad Bashir, Joachim Starbatty

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. *Considering that 13.1 % of EU 27 GDP has been spent on bank bailouts while the EU budget remains at less than 1 %, calls on Member States to ensure the provision of all resources necessary to successfully overcome the extreme challenges being faced by the EU at present.* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 69

Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Considering that 13.1 % of EU 27 GDP has been spent on bank bailouts while the EU budget remains at less than 1 %, *calls on Member States to ensure the provision of all resources necessary to successfully overcome the extreme challenges being faced by the EU at present.*

8. **Points out** that 13.1 % of EU 27 GDP has been spent on bank bailouts while the EU budget remains at less than 1 %.

Or. it

Amendment 70

Monika Vana

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Considering that 13.1 % of EU 27 GDP has been spent on bank bailouts while the EU budget remains at less than 1 %, calls on Member States to ensure the

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provision of all resources necessary to successfully overcome the extreme challenges being faced by the EU at present.

provision of all resources necessary to successfully *implement its long-term strategic objectives and* overcome the extreme challenges being faced by the EU at present.

Or. en

Amendment 71

Claude Rolin, Georges Bach, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Anne Sander, Jérôme Lavrilleux, Tom Vandenkendelaere

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Maintains that the common agricultural policy (CAP) contributes significantly to growth and employment, especially in rural areas, and points out that one job in the agricultural sector generates seven jobs elsewhere; calls for the amounts entered under MFF heading 2 to remain unchanged, bearing in mind that the CAP is vitally important for employment; points out that the CAP not only helps to reduce farm income volatility, particularly in times of crisis, but also helps farmers, young people included, to set up in farming and develop their farms, making them profitable, prosperous, and a source of direct and indirect employment;

Or. fr

Amendment 72

Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Elena Gentile, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Siôn Simon, Richard Howitt

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 a (new)

8a. Notes the increased commitment of the EU budget to various financial engineering instruments including the European Fund for Strategic Investments; is concerned however about the access to funding of various key stakeholders in social policy areas such as NGOs, education and training institutions, social partners and social economy enterprises;

Or. en