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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

Sofia Ribeiro

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European Semester for economic policy coordination: implementation of 2016 priorities
(2016/2101(INI))

Amendment 1

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Maria Arena

Draft opinion

Recital - A (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-A. whereas, according to the European Commission^{1a}, economic growth remains relatively modest and the recovery remains uneven with some countries registering quarterly declines;

^{1a} Employment and Social developments in Europe, summer 2016, quarterly review (June 2016)

Or. en

Amendment 2

Sven Schulze

Draft opinion

Recital - A (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-A. whereas the main objective of the European Semester includes safeguarding national budgetary discipline and should thus ensure a more effective economy;

Or. de

Amendment 3

Iratxe García Pérez

on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Ernest Urtasun

Draft opinion
Recital - A (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-A. whereas, based on country reports^{1a}, the gender gap is still significant, remaining one of the main barriers for achieving gender equality and an unacceptable form of gender discrimination, and urgent efforts are needed to narrow the gap in the employment rate between men and women;

^{1a} COM(2016) 95 final/2

Or. en

Amendment 4
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Recital - A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-Aa. whereas, according to the European Commission, unemployment has continued to gradually decrease, but remains above 2008 levels with 21.2 million unemployed people in April 2016 with huge differences among Member States; whereas the increase in the employment rate in many Member states can be explained by a distribution of the working time through the increase of precarious work and the decrease of the labour force;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Jutta Steinruck, Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Recital - A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-Ab. whereas, since 2008, there are 4.2 million more Europeans ^{1a} at risk of poverty and social exclusion, being now more than 22 million (22.3%) in the EU; whereas the European Commission has stated that "most of the Member States are still facing the acute social legacy from the crisis"^{2a} hence this scenario leads to the non-compliance of the most important social objective of the EU2020 Strategy;

^{1a} Eurostat 2014. EC European Semester Thematic Fiche: Poverty and Social Exclusion (03.05.2016)

^{2a} COM (2016) 321 final 2016 European Semester: country specific recommendations 18.05.2016, page 3

Or. en

Amendment 6
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States; argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to reforms that will strengthen their economic recovery, making a commitment to investment, implementing structural reforms and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility;

deleted

Amendment 7

Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

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

1. *Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States; argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to reforms that will strengthen their economic recovery, making a commitment to investment, implementing structural reforms and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility;*

Amendment

1. *Argues that the Member States are the only stakeholders that are able to manage the crisis democratically and efficiently and that, accordingly, procedures such as the 'European Semester' and the Commission's continuous interference in the day-to-day affairs of the Member States should cease immediately;*

Or. it

Amendment 8

João Pimenta Lopes

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate *the differences that exist between* Member States; argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to *reforms that will strengthen their economic recovery, making a commitment to investment, implementing structural reforms and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility;*

Amendment

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) - *a form of unacceptable anti-democratic interference* - demonstrate *that the policies imposed on the* Member States *in the context of economic governance mechanisms are strangling investment and development capacities;* argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to *the implementation of urgent measures regarding the productive sectors that are vital to each economy and therefore play an essential role in the potential*

development of each country; calls for the creation of investment policies and policies to promote public projects and support micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, cooperatives and local government, and for Community funds to be reinforced and oriented in that direction; argues that these measures should promote an increase in the number of jobs, based on collective bargaining, labour protection, higher wages and action to combat precarious employment;

Or. pt

Amendment 9
Claude Rolin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States; argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to reforms that will strengthen their economic recovery, ***making a commitment to investment, implementing structural reforms and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility;***

Amendment

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States; argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to reforms that will strengthen their economic recovery, ***restore jobs and relaunch investment, implementing structural reforms and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility; considers that the social partners, employers and trade unions, need to be closely involved in the process of drafting and implementing structural reforms; reiterates that these reforms should enable the European Union and its Member States to meet the five targets of the Europe 2020 Strategy and insists on these reforms not weakening the protection afforded workers and SMEs;***

Or. fr

Amendment 10

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Jutta Steinruck, Maria Arena

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States; argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to reforms that will strengthen their economic recovery, ***making a commitment to investment***, implementing structural reforms and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility;

Amendment

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States; argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to reforms that will strengthen their economic recovery, ***create quality employment and boost social cohesion. Therefore, recalls that it is necessary to strongly increase public and private investment***, implementing ***socially responsible structural reforms which reduce economic and social inequalities*** and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility, ***making the best use of the existing flexibility margins so as to make it compatible with economic growth and quality employment***;

Or. en

Amendment 11

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin, Yana Toom

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

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Amendment

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reforms and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility;

structural reforms and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility; ***Request that major structural reforms advocated by CSRs should be accompanied by a social impact assessment regarding their medium-long term effects with the propose to better understand the impact on job creation and economic growth;***

Or. en

Amendment 12
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States; argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to reforms that will strengthen their economic recovery, making a commitment to investment, implementing structural reforms and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility;

Amendment

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States; argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to reforms that will strengthen their economic recovery, making a commitment to investment, implementing structural reforms and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility; ***social investments in human capital shall however constitute core complementary action, since human capital is one of the factors of growth and a motor of competitiveness and development;***

Or. en

Amendment 13
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States; argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to reforms that will strengthen their economic recovery, making a commitment to investment, implementing structural reforms and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility;

Amendment

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States ***and the difficulties in creating a one-size-fits all solution***; argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to reforms ***tailored to their own policy bottlenecks*** that will strengthen their economic recovery, ***competitiveness and job creation by*** making a commitment to investment, implementing structural reforms and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Jean Lambert

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States; argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to reforms that will strengthen their economic recovery, making a commitment to investment, implementing structural reforms and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility;

Amendment

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States ***and the need for upward social and economic convergence***; argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to reforms that will strengthen their ***social and*** economic recovery, making a commitment to investment, ***particularly social and environmental***, implementing ***socially responsible*** structural reforms and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States; argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to reforms that will strengthen their economic recovery, making a commitment to investment, *implementing structural reforms* and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility;

Amendment

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States; argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to reforms that will strengthen their economic recovery, making a commitment to investment, *providing for a proper sustainable pension and health system and for a social security system*, and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility;

Or. sl

Amendment 16
Marian Harkin, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States; argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to reforms that will strengthen their economic recovery, making a commitment to investment, implementing structural reforms and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility;

Amendment

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States *under the European Semester framework*; argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to reforms that will strengthen their economic recovery, making a commitment to *growth-friendly* investment, implementing *necessary* structural reforms and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Georgi Pirinski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States; ***argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to reforms that will strengthen their economic recovery, making a commitment to investment, implementing structural reforms and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility;***

Amendment

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States; ***however is deeply concerned that the whole European semester process is driven by the austerity paradigm thus failing to provide answers to existing and emerging social challenges;***

Or. en

Amendment 18
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States; argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to ***reforms that will strengthen their economic recovery, making a commitment to investment, implementing structural reforms and taking an approach based on fiscal and budgetary responsibility;***

Amendment

1. Notes that the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) demonstrate the differences that exist between Member States; argues that the Member States should continue to give priority to ***investments, excluding them from budgetary constraints in order to ensure economic recovery and the creation of new jobs;***

Or. it

Amendment 19
Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Points out that the EU-imposed austerity measures, strengthened in particular under the European Semester, are helping to exacerbate the social and economic crisis; highlights the fact that these measures have worsened working and social conditions throughout the EU, increasing rates of unemployment, poverty and inequality;

Or. it

Amendment 20
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Despite producing results in skills and knowledge, European Union's education and training systems do not perform internationally and present growing skill shortages, leaving European employers unable to locally fill in the job vacancies; underlines the need to further invest and develop education and training systems, providing the society with the tools and capacities to readapt to changing labour market demands;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin, Yana Toom

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Commission and the Council to provide stronger guidance on the implementation of the CSRs. Notes that the dialogue with Member States and other European institutions and social partners must continue to be intensified to enhance the ownership of CSRs in order to improve the unsatisfactory rate of reform implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Georgi Pirinski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Underlines that unemployment and in particular youth unemployment remain an overriding problem for European societies; insists that in the CSRs greater priority is given to overcoming structural imbalances on the labour market including long-term unemployment and mismatch of skills;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin, Yana Toom

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Calls for a stronger effort from the Commission and Members States to reduce poverty, social exclusion and

growing inequalities, for instance through Member States' exchange of best practices on the implementation of national minimum income schemes; Reiterates that tackling economic inequalities is fundamental to achieve long lasting economic growth and a socially sustainable rhythm of implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Georgi Pirinski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Notes that the number of poverty related CSRs has increased in comparison to 2015; stresses, however, that poverty and social exclusion remain the main concern of EU citizens and instead of declining, the number of people affected by poverty is constantly rising; is of the opinion that combating poverty and social exclusion and reducing inequalities should be a top priority reflected in CSRs;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Iratxe García Pérez
on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
Ernest Urtasun

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Reminds the invite of the European Council^{2a} to use the gender

equality annual reports in the context of the European Semester to enhance gender mainstreaming; reiterates the goal of coordinating economic and fiscal policies in the Member States can only be achieved if policies on equality are also coordinated;

^{2a} Council conclusions on Gender equality 337/16

Or. en

Amendment 26
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Calls for a completion of the European internal market as the most potential tool for growth and fight against unemployment in the EU, with a parallel control of law enforcement and respect for rules;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Recalls that the longer-term vision outlined in the Europe 2020 Strategy is a good first step, but these targets should be adapted to the reality and needs in different Member States, leaving sufficient political space for Member

States to find their own contextually adapted path to reform in close consultation with stakeholders while ensuring that the 2020 Strategy remains central to their objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Iratxe García Pérez

on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Ernest Urtasun

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Regrets the absence of gender mainstreaming in the Europe 2020 strategy, and calls on the Commission and the Council to introduce into the strategy a gender equality pillar and an overarching gender equality objective;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Maria Arena

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1d. Underlines that, according to the European Commission ^{1a}, 2052 labour market reforms have been undertaken in the EU between 2008 and 2013 without finding the correct balance between flexibility and security; recalls that there are many other pending structural reforms in areas such as fiscal policy, energy, industrial policy or the economic model which are much more necessary to

*gain competitiveness without
undermining social standards;*

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*[https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/labref/public
/result.cfm](https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/labref/public/result.cfm)*

Or. en

Amendment 30

Iratxe García Pérez

on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Ernest Urtasun

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1d. Reiterates its call for including a gender mainstreaming approach and policies targeted at equality between women and men throughout the European Semester process; calls on the Commission to continue to provide CSRs with regard to improved childcare services and long term care and with regard to flexible work arrangements that can have a positive impact on the labour market participation of women;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Jutta Steinruck, Maria Arena

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1e. Recalls that, as stated by Parliament, socially responsible reforms must be based on solidarity, integration,

social justice and a fair distribution of wealth, a model that ensures equality and social protection, protects vulnerable groups and improves living standards for all citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. *Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of the three new social indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for these to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed and making structural reforms more effective; calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced;*

Amendment

2. *Notes that the Commission has attempted to 'humanise' its 'structural reforms' by including three new social indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure: the activity rate, youth unemployment and long-term unemployment; notes that this attempt has turned out to be ineffective in combating the further destruction of the social rights of EU citizens;*

Or. it

Amendment 33

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Maria Arena

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of the three new headline *social* indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure;

Amendment

2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of the three new headline *employment* indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure *but*

reiterates the call for *these* to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed and making structural reforms more effective; calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced;

it is aware that those indicators don't have any legal repercussion or change the MIP objective; reiterates the call for *the inclusion of new social indicators such as quality employment, inequality or poverty and for all of them* to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed and making structural reforms more effective; calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced *as well as social impact assessments to be carried out on all economic policies and in the design of the CSRs*;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Iratxe García Pérez

on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Ernest Urtasun

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of the three new **headline** social indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for these to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed and making structural reforms more effective; calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced;

Amendment

2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of the three new social indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for these to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed and making structural reforms more effective; calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced; **reiterates its call on the Commission and Member States to use gender disaggregated data in European Semester monitoring process, and to define additional gender-specific indicators for example to monitor the gender employment gaps**;

Amendment 35**Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin, Yana Toom****Draft opinion****Paragraph 2***Draft opinion*

2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of the three new headline *social* indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for *these to be placed on an equal footing* with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed and making structural reforms more effective; calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced;

Amendment

2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of the three new headline *employment* indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for *a balanced equilibrium* with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed and making structural reforms more effective; calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced; *The social imbalance procedure must prevent a race to the bottom in terms of taxation and social standards, building on an effective use of the social and employment indicators in macroeconomic surveillance;*

Or. en

Amendment 36**Georges Bach****Draft opinion****Paragraph 2***Draft opinion*

2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of the three new social indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for these to be placed on an equal footing

Amendment

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with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed and making structural reforms more effective; calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced;

with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed and making structural reforms more effective; calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced; ***takes the view that placing employment and economic indicators on an equal footing go hand in hand with upgrading the role of the EPSCO Council in the European Semester;***

Or. de

Amendment 37

João Pimenta Lopes

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; ***welcomes the introduction of the three new headline social indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for these to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed and making structural reforms more effective; calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced;***

Amendment

2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact, ***through effective redistributive policies that will counter the worsening inequalities seen in recent years; reiterates the need for effective compensation mechanisms to deal with private debt and persistent and systemic macroeconomic imbalances in the EU; calls for the Stability and Growth Pact to be revoked as a brake on public investment, since it is clear that it has been the countries with fiscal margins of manoeuvre that have best withstood the crisis and the worsening social indicators, through increased public investment;***

Or. pt

Amendment 38

Jean Lambert

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
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2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of the three new headline social indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for these to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed and making structural reforms more effective; calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced;

Amendment

2. Believes that *sustainable* economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; ***Calls for ex-ante and ex-post social impact assessments to be carried out on all economic policies and in the design of the CSRs***; welcomes the introduction of the three new headline social indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for these to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed and making structural reforms more effective; calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced ***without delay***;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of the three new headline social indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for these to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed and making structural reforms more effective; calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances ***procedure to be introduced***;

Amendment

2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of the three new headline social indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for these to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed and making structural reforms more effective; calls, in this connection, for a ***deeper analysis of social imbalances in order to understand better a cause-effect link of policies and actions***;

Amendment 40
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of the three new headline social indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for these to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed **and making structural reforms more effective**; calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced;

Amendment

2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of the three new headline social indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for these to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed; calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced;

Or. el

Amendment 41
Sven Schulze

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Believes that economic growth **should** guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of **the** three new **social** indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for these to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that **internal imbalances** are better assessed and making structural reforms more effective; **calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced**;

Amendment

2. Believes that **only** economic growth **can** guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of three new **employment** indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for these to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that **imbalances within each Member State** are better assessed and making structural reforms more effective;

Amendment 42
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of the three new social indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for these to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed ***and making structural reforms more effective***; calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced;

Amendment

2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of the three new social indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for these to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed; calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced;

Or. it

Amendment 43
Markus Ferber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; ***welcomes the introduction of*** the three new ***headline social*** indicators in the macroeconomic ***imbalances procedure***; ***reiterates the call for these*** to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, ***thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed and making structural reforms more effective***; calls, in this connection, for a ***social imbalances procedure to be***

Amendment

2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; ***reiterates the call for*** the three new ***employment*** indicators in the macroeconomic ***scoreboard*** to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators ***in order to avoid a two class approach in its application thus allowing them to trigger in-depth analyses, thereby also contributing to a better assessment of Member State internal imbalances and making structural reforms more effective***;

introduced;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Thomas Mann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of the three new headline *social* indicators in the macroeconomic *imbalances procedure*; reiterates the call for these to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed and making structural reforms more effective; *calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced;*

Amendment

2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of the three new headline *employment* indicators in the macroeconomic *scoreboard*; reiterates the call for these to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators *in order to avoid a selective application and to allow triggering in-depth analyses*, thereby guaranteeing that *Member State* internal imbalances are better assessed and making structural reforms more effective;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Georgi Pirinski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of the three new headline social indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for these to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed and making structural reforms more *effective*;

Amendment

2. Believes that economic growth should guarantee a positive social impact; welcomes the introduction of the three new headline social indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for these to be placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators, thereby guaranteeing that internal imbalances are better assessed and making structural reforms more *socially*

calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced;

responsible; calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Believes that economic growth should **guarantee a positive social impact**; welcomes the introduction of the three new headline social indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for these to be **placed on an equal footing with existing economic indicators**, thereby **guaranteeing** that internal imbalances are better assessed and **making** structural reforms more effective; **calls, in this connection, for a social imbalances procedure to be introduced**;

Amendment

2. Believes that economic growth should **be conducive to social fairness**; welcomes the introduction of the three new headline social indicators in the macroeconomic imbalances procedure; reiterates the call for these **indicators** to be **duly taken into account in order to better capture the employment and social dimension of the adjustment processes**, thereby **ensuring** that internal imbalances are better assessed and structural reforms more effective;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Iratxe García Pérez

on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
Ernest Urtasun

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Notes that social protection, including pensions and services such as healthcare, child care and long-term care, are considered in the 2016 country specific recommendations^{3a} to be essential for balanced and inclusive growth and

can support to increase the employment rate and to reducing the gender gap; but reminds that the fiscal consolidation policies and structural reforms such as pensions systems and labour market reforms have disproportionately affected women and have increased gender inequalities in the EU;

3^a COM(2016) 321 final

Or. en

Amendment 48

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin, Yana Toom

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses that economic policies should adapt to social needs and should guarantee minimum social policies and basic services for its citizens; Highlights that a renewed process of upward economic and social convergence is needed, notably through investments in human capital and other social infrastructures, in order to tackle the economic and social disparities between Member States and within societies;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Argues that the balance between

the economic and social dimension of the European Union must also be reflected in the European institutions; calls on the Council, in this connection, to consider reforming its organisational structure so that the activities of the EPSCO Council are given the same profile and importance as those of the ECOFIN Council;

Or. pt

Amendment 50
João Pimenta Lopes
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Reiterates that the introduction of social indicators, the construction of new pillars to support policies or more human statements of intent do not alter the austerity-based, federalist and antidemocratic nature of the policies advocated as part of the European Semester;

Or. pt

Amendment 51
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Recognises that the Commission has initiated work on the establishment of a European Pillar of Social Rights which seeks to deliver a deeper and fairer EMU; highlights in this regard the five Presidents Report which recognises that

there are no one size fits all solution;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin, Yana Toom

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. The introduction of the 3 employment indicators shows that the European Employment Strategy, including Employment Guidelines, plays an important role in the EU economic governance process, but more efforts need to be made, notably through the introduction of social indicators, like the gini coefficient, palma index and persistent-at-risk-of-poverty rate;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Iratxe García Pérez

on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Ernest Urtasun

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Calls on the Member States to incorporate the gender dimension and the principle of equality between women and men in their National Reform Programmes and stability and convergence programmes through the setting of qualitative targets and measures that address persisting gender gaps;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Recognises that setting of wages is a Member State competence which must be respected in line with the principle of subsidiarity;

Or. en

Amendment 55
João Pimenta Lopes
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Calls for the creation of an emergency plan to support the economy of those countries that were under the Troika's intervention;

Or. pt

Amendment 56
Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin, Yana Toom

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Calls on the Commission to deliver the results of the consultation and to move forward with new effective steps on the establishment of a European Pillar of

Social Rights, which is fundamental to broader efforts to deliver a fairer Union;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Stresses that the provision and management of social security systems are a Member State competence which the Union coordinates but does not harmonise;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Iratxe García Pérez
on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
Ernest Urtasun

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Suggests involving the European Institute for Gender Equality more closely in the European Semester;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. *Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI) in Member States with a low level of participation;*

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 60

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. *Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI) in Member States with a low level of participation;*

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 61

Georgi Pirinski

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. *Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI) in Member States with a low level of participation;*

3. *Is concerned by the fact that the great majority of investments under the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) are concentrated in EU's top five economies; underlines that such concentration leads to divergences among Member States and regions; urges the Commission and the EIB to undertake specific measures including targeted technical assistance to promote projects in Member States with a low level of participation;*

Amendment 62

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Jutta Steinruck, Maria Arena

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI) in Member States with a low level of participation;

Amendment

3. ***Regrets the fact that, as stated by the Commission, investment has so far failed to emerge as a strong driver of the recovery; Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI), especially in Member States with a low level of participation; and considers that, as requested by Parliament, the projects should be focusing on quality and additionally, boosting the creation of quality employment and upward social convergence; reiterates its call on the importance of investments in human capital and other social investments, such as healthcare, childcare or affordable housing and on the need of the effective implementation of the Social Investment Package;***

Or. en

Amendment 63

João Pimenta Lopes

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls for ***a strong commitment to promoting*** the Juncker Plan (EFSI) ***in*** Member States ***with a low level of participation;***

Amendment

3. Calls for ***an assessment to be made of*** the Juncker Plan (EFSI); ***points out that this Plan will benefit the financial system and large multinationals, taking EUR 16 billion away from other EU programmes***

that could offer structural benefits for the Member States; points out, in this connection, that for the purposes of eligibility for EFSI funding, SMEs are lumped together with mid-cap companies with up to 3 000 employees, and this creates disparities when it comes to competing for funds that companies with fewer resources (which are those that create most jobs) find it impossible to overcome;

Or. pt

Amendment 64
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI) in Member States with a low level of participation;

Amendment

3. Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI) in Member States with a low level of participation;

considers it to be of great importance, in order to facilitate structural reforms and long-term growth, to concentrate a substantial part of the Juncker Plan investments on digital distribution programmes for small companies and general government; calls, therefore, for a greater focus on this goal in the next strategic expenditure guidelines of the Plan;

Or. it

Amendment 65
Anne Sander

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI) in Member States with a low level of participation;

Amendment

3. Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI) in Member States with a low level of participation, ***particularly with regard to SMEs as the Plan does not just represent a new source of finance for them but also provides them with technical assistance and advice; calls at the same time on the Commission to continue its efforts to improve the business environment and conditions for obtaining business finance;***

Or. fr

Amendment 66
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (*EFSI*) in Member States with a low level of participation;

Amendment

3. ***Applauds the success of the first year of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), which is playing a key role in leveraging investment and promoting growth and job creation;*** calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan in Member States with a low ***or zero*** level of participation ***in this instrument in the past year;***

Or. pt

Amendment 67
Jean Lambert
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI) in Member States with a low level of participation;

Amendment

3. Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI) in Member States with a low level of participation; ***Calls for an increase in social and environmental investments and support for the participation of social actors in the operation of the fund;***

Or. en

Amendment 68
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI) in Member States with a low level of participation;

Amendment

3. Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI) in Member States with a low level of participation; ***stresses in this regard the importance of ensuring that the rules governing the EFSI funded programmes are fully adhered to;***

Or. en

Amendment 69
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI) in Member States with a low level of participation;

Amendment

3. Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI) in Member States with a low level of participation ***with a parallel analysis of the obstacles encountered;***

Amendment 70

Claude Rolin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI) in Member States with a low level of participation;

Amendment

3. Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI) ***and use of the resources earmarked for it*** in Member States with a low level of participation;

Or. fr

Amendment 71

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin, Yana Toom

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI) in Member States ***with a low level of participation***;

Amendment

3. Calls for a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI) in Member States ***that are especially affected by severe unemployment***;

Or. en

Amendment 72

Notis Marias

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. ***Calls for*** a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan (EFSI) in

Amendment

3. ***Demands in particular*** a strong commitment to promoting the Juncker Plan

Member States with a low level of participation;

(EFSI) in Member States with a low level of participation;

Or. el

Amendment 73
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls *for* a strong commitment to promoting the ***Juncker Plan*** (EFSI) in Member States with a low level of participation;

Amendment

3. Calls ***on the Commission to make*** a strong commitment to promoting the EFSI in Member States with a low level of participation;

Or. sl

Amendment 74
Verónica Lope Fontagné, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to give social enterprises greater recognition and a higher profile; considers that this lack of recognition makes it harder for them to access funding; calls on the Commission to come forward with a legal framework for social enterprises through, for example, a European statute for cooperatives, associations, foundations and mutual societies;

Or. es

Amendment 75
Jean Lambert

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. *Notes the increase of CSR's on poverty from 6 to 11 in relation to the Europe 2020 poverty target, but underlines that nearly 1 in 4 people (122,3 millions) are still at risk of poverty and social exclusion in the EU, with wide variations across the EU and 12 Member States experiencing increases in income inequality (2008-2012). Calls for urgent action to address these inequalities, which cannot be done by only addressing the situation of those in greatest need but also requires measures to address the increasing concentration and levels of wealth of the most privileged; Stresses that the new proposal by the European Commission on the European Pillar of Social Rights should play an important role in addressing inequality;*

Or. en

Amendment 76
Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. *Notes that the establishment of the 'European Semester', as a result of the proposals put forward by the Commission in 2010, is the umpteenth attack on the national sovereignty of Member States; points out that with the introduction of the European Semester, the coordination of national economic policies – both fiscal and structural – actually becomes ex ante rather than ex post, by implementing a*

system of governance that is totally lacking in transparency, undemocratic and does not take account of the subsidiarity principle;

Or. it

Amendment 77
Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses that to date, the Juncker Plan (EFSI) has not achieved its intended results, as the projects it has financed concern exclusively major infrastructure, which does not create sustainable and lasting employment; highlights the fact, moreover, that there is a need for measures and investment for existing infrastructure that is currently obsolete, which needs to be secured and modernised;

Or. it

Amendment 78
Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin, Yana Toom

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the European Commission to closely monitor and control the investments under the Juncker Plan; A report should audit and measure the economic and employment impact of the investments in real terms;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on Member States to use their fiscal space to increase public investment in areas conducive to growth, such as infrastructure, education and research;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Firmly believes that urgent action is needed to ensure that Member States workforce has the necessary skills to keep pace with the fast-changing global labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Recognises the significant progress made by the Member States in implementing structural reforms, while

deleted

nevertheless taking the view that further progress is necessary:

Or. el

Amendment 82

Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Recognises the significant progress made by the Member States in implementing structural reforms, while nevertheless taking the view that further progress is necessary:

Amendment

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 83

João Pimenta Lopes

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Recognises the significant progress made by the Member States in implementing structural reforms, while nevertheless taking the view that further progress is necessary;

Amendment

4. Points out that the structural reforms and pro-cyclical fiscal retrenchment required in the European Semester are a major contributing factor to the social and economic crisis; stresses that the consequence of the austerity promoted by the EU institutions has been a general increase in levels of poverty (125 million in the EU-28), increasing inequality, lower wages, unemployment and precarious employment, attacks on workers' rights and the destruction and privatisation of public services, above all in the areas of health and education;

Amendment 84

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Jutta Steinruck, Maria Arena

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Recognises the *significant progress* made by the Member States in implementing structural reforms, *while nevertheless taking* the view that *further progress is necessary*:

Amendment

4. Recognises the *efforts* made by the Member States in implementing structural reforms *with the social costs being suffered by the citizens, however points out that institutions like the IMF or the European Court of Auditors have criticized the accelerated pace of implementation, the unequal treatment between Member States, the lack of quality control and deficiencies in their documentation; takes* the view that *future reforms should measure their social effects and serve to reach upward social convergence between and within Member States*;

Or. en

Amendment 85

Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Recognises the *significant progress made by the* Member States *in implementing* structural reforms, *while nevertheless taking the view* that further *progress* is necessary:

Amendment

4. Recognises the *unwillingness or inability of some* Member States *to implement* structural reforms, *believes* that further *action* is necessary *in those member states*;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Georgi Pirinski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Recognises *the significant* progress made by the Member States in implementing structural reforms, *while nevertheless taking the view that further progress is necessary*:

Amendment

4. Recognises *that the* progress made by the Member States in implementing structural reforms *has increased flexibility at the expense of security for workers; insists therefore on rebalancing the overall approach in implementing structural reforms focusing on the well-being of citizens*;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin, Yana Toom

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Recognises the significant progress made by the Member States in implementing structural reforms, while nevertheless taking the view that further progress is necessary:

Amendment

4. Recognises the significant progress made by the Member States in implementing structural reforms *to enhance productivity, foster job creation, raise competitiveness and improve the business environment*, while nevertheless taking the view that further progress is necessary, *especially from Member States with large current account surpluses, notably through the implementation of measures to channel excess savings towards the domestic economy and thereby boost domestic investment*;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Recognises the significant progress made by the Member States in implementing structural reforms, while nevertheless taking the view that further progress is necessary:

Amendment

4. Recognises the significant progress made by the Member States in implementing structural reforms, while nevertheless taking the view that further progress is necessary, *especially with regards to pension and health care systems overburdened by the demographic changes of the European population;*

Or. en

Amendment 89

Jean Lambert

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Recognises the significant progress made by the Member States in implementing structural reforms, while nevertheless taking the view that further progress is necessary:

Amendment

4. Recognises the significant progress made by the Member States in implementing structural reforms, while nevertheless taking the view that further progress is necessary, *i.e. shift in taxation to support a socially and environmentally sustainable economic development;*

Or. en

Amendment 90

Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Recognises the significant progress

Amendment

4. Recognises the significant progress

made by the Member States in implementing structural reforms, while nevertheless taking the view that further progress is necessary:

made by the Member States in implementing structural reforms, while nevertheless taking the view that further progress is necessary, *especially in relation to a greater quality of public spending and social investment;*

Or. it

Amendment 91
Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Recognises *the significant progress made by the Member States in* implementing structural reforms, *while nevertheless taking the view that further progress is necessary:*

Amendment

4. Recognises *that, in spite of the Member States' commitment to* implementing structural reforms, *the positive effects of these efforts have had no impact on unemployment, which continues to be unsustainably high;*

Or. it

Amendment 92
Sven Schulze

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Recognises the significant progress made by the Member States in implementing structural reforms, while nevertheless taking the view that further progress is necessary:

Amendment

4. Recognises the significant progress made by the Member States in implementing structural reforms, while nevertheless taking the view that further progress is necessary *and that we must not go back on what has been achieved:*

Or. de

Amendment 93
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Takes note of the fact that youth unemployment has decreased but points out that it is still at incredibly high levels with more than 4 million young persons (under 25) unemployed in the EU, of whom 2.885 million were in the euro area; regrets that more than 3 years after the launch of the Youth Employment Initiative, the results of the implementation of the Youth Guarantee are so uneven, and sometimes, inefficient; calls on the Commission to present in October a thorough analysis of its implementation so as to be the basis of the continuation of the programme with more fund allocation, a European framework to guarantee the quality of the job offers as well as the sustainability of the jobs created;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin, Yana Toom

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Highlighted the importance of private investment, but believes that public expenditure should be also promoted in an efficient and effective way; Member States should focus on sources of expenditure that will raise productivity capacity in the future and that will have strong positive spill-overs on the economy as a whole - especially

*through education and training
(academic, professional and vocational),
R&D and infrastructures (transport,
energy and communication);*

Or. en

Amendment 95
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Notes the importance of the structural reform support service and therefore calls for the necessary efforts to be made to swiftly convert it into a Union instrument, in the form of a structural reform support programme, enabling specialised technical support to be mobilised for the various areas in which reforms will be implemented;

Or. pt

Amendment 96
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Considers it vital to grant Member States broad leeway for investing in vocational training and education, starting with greater national co-financing margins to support the main EU projects in these areas;

Or. it

Amendment 97
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. *Notes that Member States should take on board the realities of the single market and the digital single market which will bring new opportunities and challenges, and that future reforms must be of benefit to workers, businesses and consumers alike;*

Or. en

Amendment 98
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. *Recalls that in many member States unemployment benefits are decreasing year after year, as a result of, among other factors, long term unemployment, therefore increasing the number of people under the poverty and social exclusion threshold; calls for the guaranteeing of adequate unemployment benefits for people to live with dignity or actions for the smooth integration of these people in the labour market;*

Or. en

Amendment 99
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Reiterates the importance of systematically monitoring transparency in the general government sector as a crucial criterion for increasing trust in Europe and as a way of promoting a virtuous circle of growth and investment;

Or. it

Amendment 100
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Regrets that the social economy has been overlooked by the Commission in its package of assessments/recommendations; points out that the sector encompasses 2 million businesses employing more than 14 million people and contributing to the achievement of the 2020 targets;

Or. pt

Amendment 101
Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin, Yana Toom

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Calls on Member States to reduce the tax wedge on labour, particularly for low earners, in a budgetary neutral way to foster job creation and to implement tax rules that foster incentives on entrepreneurship and employment

creation;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Strongly believes that a more business and employment friendly regulatory environment will encourage greater private investment, growth and job creation;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. Points out that the economic and social crisis began in 2008 and has not yet been overcome; firmly believes that this crisis cannot be considered a temporary shock; whereas Euro-zone member states cannot devalue their own currency and therefor stresses the need for greater labour market flexibility; outlines that member states unable to regain their competitiveness should be able to temporarily withdraw from the Euro-zone;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Jutta Steinruck, Maria Arena

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. Stresses the fact that the imbalances on pension systems are basically the consequence of unemployment, wage devaluation and labour precarisation; calls therefore for reforms which guarantee adequate financing for a strong first pension Pillar which ensures decent pensions, at the very least over the poverty threshold;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. Recalls once again that free movement of people is fundamental to enhance convergence and integration between European countries;

Or. en

Amendment 106

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Maria Arena

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4d. Welcomes the Commission statement that "The European Semester

now has a stronger focus on employment and social performance''^{1a} as well as the increase in the country specific recommendations on poverty, from 6 to 11 with regards to the previous cycle; nevertheless regrets the lack of global coherence to reach this goal taking into account the calls for cuts in public spending and the absence of promotion of social investment; calls for urgent action to ensure decent work with living wages, access to adequate minimum income and social protection (which already reduce poverty rate from 26.1% to 17.2%); and quality universal public services to help close the poverty and inequality gap that is also undermining inclusive growth and support for the EU. Such measures will also support the implementation of the new proposal by the European Commission on European Pillar of Social Rights;

^{1a} COM (2016) 321 final European Semester 2016: country specific recommendations 18.05.2016, page 5

Or. en

Amendment 107

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Jutta Steinruck, Maria Arena

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4e. Notes the increase of recommendations (to five member states) on minimum income regimes, however, taking into account that broad income inequalities are not only detrimental for social cohesion but also for sustainable economic growth (as both the IMF and the OECD have recently stated) calls on the Commission to deliver on the promise

of President Juncker in his inaugural address to provide an adequate income to all Europeans through a European framework of minimum income set at a level of at least 60% of the median income of Member States in order to cover basic living costs while respecting national practices and the subsidiarity principle;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4f. Notes the rapid increase in extreme poverty, such as homelessness in many EU Member States; calls for CSRs to be addressed to all member states on social inclusion strategies and to be issued in a consistent manner across the Member States; calls for greater emphasis on transnational exchanges of best practices and success stories to combat homelessness through the use of mutual learning, and acknowledge the role of the Employment and Social Innovation (EASI) program in this context;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4g. Is concerned about the increase in income inequalities linked partially to

inefficient labour market reforms; calls on the Commission and Member States to implement measures improving job quality in order to reduce labour market segmentation combined with measures raising minimum wages to a decent level and strengthening collective bargaining and workers position in wage-setting systems in order to reduce wage dispersion; warns about the fact that in recent decades, corporate management has been taking a greater share of the economic share while workers' wages have stagnated or have been reduced; considers that this excessive dispersion in wages increases inequalities and damages productivity and competitiveness of companies;

Or. en

Amendment 110

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Jutta Steinruck

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4h. *Is concerned about the fact that long-term unemployment is still high, with 10.5 million people in the EU and reminds that their integration in the labour market is crucial to guarantee the sustainability of social protection systems as well as for their self-confidence; therefore regrets the lack of action by the Member States when implementing the Council Recommendation on the integration of the long-term unemployed into the labour market; reiterates its call on the Commission to support efforts to create inclusive lifelong learning opportunities for workers and jobseekers at all ages and to take measures as soon as possible to improve access to EU funding and mobilise additional resources*

where possible;

Or. en

Amendment 111

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Maria Arena

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 i (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4i. Considers that, social protection, including pensions and services such as healthcare, child care and long-term care, remain essential for balanced and inclusive growth, to contribute to a longer working-life, to create employment and to reduce inequalities; therefore calls on the Commission and the Member States to boost policies which guarantee sufficiency, adequacy, efficiency as well as quality of social protection systems throughout all the life cycle of a person, guaranteeing a decent life, fighting inequalities and boosting inclusion with the aim to eradicate poverty, especially for those excluded from the labour market and the most vulnerable groups;

Or. en

Amendment 112

Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Regrets the fact that the Commission has disregarded Parliament's request to strengthen the application of Article 349 TFEU with a view to enhancing the outermost regions'

deleted

integration into the EU; notes that these regions have unemployment rates over 30%;

Or. it

Amendment 113
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Regrets the fact that the Commission has disregarded Parliament's request to strengthen the application of Article 349 TFEU with a view to enhancing the outermost regions' integration into the EU; notes that these regions have unemployment rates over 30%;

Amendment

5. Regrets the fact that, *in its package of recommendations*, the Commission has disregarded Parliament's request to strengthen the application of Article 349 TFEU, *in particular through the adoption of specific measures*, with a view to enhancing the outermost regions' integration into the EU; notes that these regions have *specific characteristics and constraints and* have unemployment rates over 30%; *stresses the need for differentiated measures and programmes to be implemented to reduce asymmetries in these regions and maximise social cohesion in the EU;*

Or. pt

Amendment 114
Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin, Yana Toom

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Regrets the fact that the Commission has disregarded Parliament's request to strengthen the application of Article 349 TFEU with a view to enhancing the outermost regions'

Amendment

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integration into the EU; notes that these regions have unemployment rates over 30%;

integration into the EU; notes that these regions have unemployment rates over 30%; ***Priority should be also given to economies and regions that still face high long-term and youth unemployment and that productivity growth remains slow affecting living standards and competitiveness;***

Or. en

Amendment 115
Anne Sander

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Regrets the fact that the Commission has disregarded Parliament's request to strengthen the application of Article 349 TFEU with a view to enhancing the outermost regions' integration into the EU; notes that these regions have unemployment rates over 30 %;

Amendment

5. Regrets the fact that the Commission has disregarded Parliament's request to strengthen the application of Article 349 TFEU with a view to enhancing the outermost regions' integration into the EU; notes that these regions have unemployment rates over 30 %; ***calls also on the Commission to pay particular attention to rural areas that are faced with a great many economic, environmental, demographic and social challenges;***

Or. fr

Amendment 116
Sven Schulze

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. ***Regrets the fact*** that the Commission has disregarded Parliament's request to strengthen the application of

Amendment

5. ***Points out*** that the Commission has disregarded Parliament's request to strengthen the application of Article 349

Article 349 TFEU with a view to enhancing the outermost regions' integration into the EU; notes that these regions have unemployment rates over 30 %;

TFEU with a view to enhancing the outermost regions' integration into the EU; notes that *many of* these regions have unemployment rates over 30%, *as do other regions of Europe*;

Or. de

Amendment 117
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. *Regrets* the fact that the Commission has disregarded Parliament's request to strengthen the application of Article 349 TFEU with a view to enhancing the outermost regions' integration into the EU; notes that these regions have unemployment rates over 30%;

Amendment

5. *Deplores* the fact that the Commission has disregarded Parliament's request to strengthen the application of Article 349 TFEU with a view to enhancing the outermost regions' integration into the EU; notes that these regions have unemployment rates over 30%;

Or. el

Amendment 118
Verónica Lope Fontagné, Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Francisco José Millán Mon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

5a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to show greater commitment to combating demographic challenges through implementation of the cohesion policy, as laid down in Article 174 TFEU, especially in those regions which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps; considers that with reference to the

Amendment

European Semester, the focus on demographic problems should be widened to take in other aspects that go beyond the impact of ageing on national budgets; is of the opinion that these points should be included in the country-specific recommendations as a sign of not just national but also regional and local awareness; reiterates that territorial cohesion needs to be strengthened through strategic investment in areas suffering from serious demographic problems, in order to increase competitiveness, improve the industrial fabric and territorial cohesion, and, ultimately, maintain population levels;

Or. es

Amendment 119
Georgi Pirinski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Stresses that the implementation of labour-market and social policy related CSRs depends on the availability of sufficient public funding; opposes any further budget cuts in these areas and is concerned by the significant reduction of payments for Cohesion Policy and the Youth Employment Initiative proposed in the draft EU budget for 2017;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Calls on the Member States for the establishment of a specific investment programme, for their subregions whose unemployment rates exceed 30 %; reiterates its call on the Commission to help those Member states in the design and the finance, within the MFF as agreed, of those investment programmes;*

Or. en

Amendment 121

Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Believes that the lowering of administrative burdens and compliance costs on businesses, especially SMEs, and repealing unnecessary legislation, while continuing to ensure high standards of consumer, employee, health and environmental protection is key to delivering growth and jobs;*

Or. en

Amendment 122

João Pimenta Lopes

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. *Calls for account to be taken of the challenges that have been emerging in the EU since 2015, which have required*

6. *Argues that solutions must be found on the basis of full respect for national sovereignty, equal rights and the*

serious adaptation efforts; calls on the Commission not to apply any sanctions to the Member States in 2016;

safeguarding of each Member State's specificities; rejects, accordingly, the application of any sanctions and use of blackmail against Member States;

Or. pt

Amendment 123
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls for account to be taken of the challenges that have been emerging in the EU since 2015, which have required serious adaptation efforts; calls on the Commission not to apply any sanctions to the Member States in 2016;

Amendment

6. Calls for account to be taken of the challenges that have been emerging in the EU since 2015, *such as the need to welcome refugees, fight terrorism and boost security, the ongoing economic crisis, the farming crisis and the identity crisis affecting the European Union itself*, which have required serious adaptation efforts *and careful consideration with regard to the application of sanctions to Member States with an excessive deficit; highlights the serious efforts made to adapt to these new circumstances*; calls on the Commission not to apply any sanctions to the Member States in 2016;

Or. pt

Amendment 124
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls for account to be taken of the challenges that have been emerging in the EU since 2015, which have required serious adaptation efforts; calls on the

Amendment

6. Calls for account to be taken of the challenges that have been emerging in the EU since 2015, which have required serious adaptation efforts; calls on the

Commission not to apply any sanctions to the Member States in 2016;

Commission ***and on the Council*** not to apply any sanctions to the Member States in 2016; ***deeply regrets the fact that macroeconomic conditionality implies a possible suspension of the application of the structural funds in the countries under sanction at the moment when they most need them;***

Or. en

Amendment 125

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls for account to be taken of the challenges that have been emerging in the EU since **2015**, which have required serious adaptation efforts; calls on the Commission ***not to apply any sanctions to the Member States in 2016;***

Amendment

6. Calls for account to be taken of the challenges that have been emerging in the EU since ***the beginning of the crisis***, which have required serious adaptation efforts; calls on the Commission to apply ***the rules of the Stability and Growth Pact (SGP) exactly the same way in every Member State, so as to prevent any sort of discrimination; Notes the flexibility already contained within the SGP;***

Or. en

Amendment 126

Ulrike Trebesius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls for account to be taken of the challenges that have been emerging in the EU since **2015**, which have required serious adaptation efforts; ***calls on the Commission not to apply any sanctions to***

Amendment

6. Calls for account to be taken of the challenges that have been emerging in the EU since **2008**, which have required serious adaptation efforts; ***believes that if any of the reforms outlined in the CSRs***

the Member States in 2016;

and the Five Presidents Report are to be implemented, all member states must be held to account including though the use of sanctions without exceptions;

Or. en

Amendment 127
Sven Schulze

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. *Calls for account to be taken of the challenges that have been emerging in the EU since 2015, which have required serious adaptation efforts; calls on the Commission not to apply any penalties to the Member States in 2016;*

Amendment

6. *Points out that the challenges that have been emerging since 2015 require serious adaptation efforts;*

Or. de

Amendment 128
Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. *Calls for account to be taken of the challenges that have been emerging in the EU since 2015, which have required serious adaptation efforts; calls on the Commission not to apply any penalties to the Member States in 2016;*

Amendment

6. *Calls for the problems afflicting EU citizens, requiring an urgent response, to be addressed immediately; these include the fight against unemployment and poverty and support for our businesses; calls on the Commission not to apply any penalties to the Member States in 2016;*

Or. it

Amendment 129
Thomas Mann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls for account to be taken of the challenges that have been emerging in the EU since 2015, which have required serious adaptation efforts; ***calls on the Commission not to apply any sanctions to the Member States in 2016;***

Amendment

6. Calls for account to be taken of the challenges that have been emerging in the EU since 2015, which have required serious adaptation efforts;

Or. en

Amendment 130
Markus Ferber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls for account to be taken of the challenges that have been emerging in the EU since 2015, which have required serious adaptation efforts; calls on the Commission ***not to apply any sanctions to the Member States in 2016;***

Amendment

6. Calls for account to be taken of the challenges that have been emerging in the EU since 2015, which have required serious adaptation efforts; calls on the Commission ***to consistently and coherently apply and enforce the rules of the Stability and Growth Pact;***

Or. en

Amendment 131
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls for account to be taken of the challenges that have been emerging in the

Amendment

6. Calls for account to be taken of the challenges that have been emerging in the

EU since 2015, which have required serious adaptation efforts; ***calls on the Commission not to apply any sanctions to the Member States in 2016;***

EU since 2015, which have required serious adaptation efforts, ***especially with regards to the migration crisis and terrorism (that hit certain regions more than others);***

Or. en

Amendment 132
Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Stresses that more EU transfers might be expected to generate greater additional growth, but in reality, it appears there may be decreasing returns from investment and investment-stimulating transfers; More funds do not necessarily mean more growth and better results; A point may be reached where returns begin to decline and additional funds do not lead to higher growth; Transfers to regions should therefore not exceed maximum desirable levels if inefficiency and misuse are to be avoided;

Or. en

Amendment 133
Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin, Yana Toom

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Calls on the Commission to help and to exchange best practices with Member States to improve administrative capacity at national, regional and local level which is a key challenge for re-

launching long-term investments and ensuring job creation and sustainable growth;

Or. en

Amendment 134

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin, Yana Toom

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6c. Stresses that Member States deficit levels may be increased due to the Member States need to co-finance projects financed by ESI funds; Having regard to budgetary restrictions, many deprived regions have less possibilities to benefit from ESIF. Asks the Commission to revise the requests of co-financing in areas with dramatic indebtedment or deficit;

Or. en

Amendment 135

Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Regrets that Parliament's position, after being adopted in plenary, will not have any possibility of influencing the CSRs under discussion; calls for an agenda in which Parliament's position is strengthened and can be taken into consideration before the Council takes a decision.

7. Condemns the repeated marginalisation of the role of this Parliament, the only European institution that is democratically elected by the citizens;

Or. it

Amendment 136

Jean Lambert

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Regrets that Parliament's position, after being adopted in plenary, will **not have any** possibility of influencing the CSRs under discussion; calls for an agenda in which Parliament's position is strengthened and can be taken into consideration before the Council takes a decision;

Amendment

7. Regrets that Parliament's position, after being adopted in plenary, will **have little** possibility of influencing the CSRs under discussion; calls for an agenda in which Parliament's position is strengthened and can be taken into consideration before the Council takes a decision. ***Calls for an enhanced democratic accountability mechanism at both EU and national levels, including an inter-institutional agreement with guidelines for cooperation;***

Or. en

Amendment 137

Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Regrets that Parliament's position, after being adopted in plenary, will not have any possibility of influencing the CSRs under discussion; calls for an agenda in which Parliament's position is strengthened and can be taken into consideration before the Council takes a decision;

Amendment

7. Regrets that Parliament's position, after being adopted in plenary, will not have any possibility of influencing ***and indeed modifying*** the CSRs under discussion; calls for ***a stronger democratic component in the European Semester procedure, in particular the creation of*** an agenda in which Parliament's position is strengthened and can be taken into consideration before the Council takes a decision;

Or. pt

Amendment 138

Claude Rolin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Regrets that Parliament's position, after being adopted in plenary, will not have any possibility of influencing the CSRs under discussion; calls for an agenda in which Parliament's position is strengthened and *can be* taken into consideration before the Council takes a decision.

Amendment

7. Regrets that Parliament's position, after being adopted in plenary, will not have any possibility of influencing the CSRs under discussion; calls for an agenda in which Parliament's position is strengthened and *is* taken into consideration before the Council takes a decision.

Or. fr

Amendment 139

João Pimenta Lopes

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Points out, in this context, that it is the very people who never questioned the fact that the Treaties were not put to a popular vote and the consequent lack of democratic legitimacy, or the failure to respect the outcome of the referendums that were held, who are now calling for the democratic legitimacy of the economic governance framework and the European Semester to be strengthened by involving the European Parliament, with the aim of deepening economic governance and EMU, and in short continuing and intensifying the policies of austerity, exploitation and impoverishment;

Or. pt

Amendment 140
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Regrets that stakeholder engagement in the European Semester at national and EU level is still insufficient, too low quality and inadequately monitored. Calls for the Commission and Council to give strong recommendations particularly on the involvement of civil society organizations in a quality structured dialogue, on a par with social partners, to ensure visibility, ownership and accountability to citizens which is essential for democratic engagement and societal understanding of the role of the Semester process;

Or. en

Amendment 141
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Highlights the obstacles and barriers, both physical and digital, which persons with disabilities still encounter today; hopes that the Disability Act launched by the Commission may be promptly implemented and will focus effectively on specific measures to promote inclusion and access;

Or. it

Amendment 142
Georgi Pirinski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Acknowledges the position of the European semester in the overall Enhanced Economic Governance; deems it necessary that the European Parliament adopts its position on the Annual Growth Surveys and National Parliaments are directly involved in the adoption of the CSRs;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Notes that the Juncker Plan will be unable to support the Greek economy as long as the Troika imposes a straitjacket on it.

Or. el

Amendment 144
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Stresses the importance of listening to the voices of social and democratic representatives, the majority of whom, over the past few years, have been calling for a review of the European

Semester procedure, to the benefit, in particular, of investments, the quality of social spending and extraordinary measures for employment and training;

Or. it

Amendment 145
João Pimenta Lopes
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Calls for the European Semester to be revoked and an intergovernmental conference convened with the aim of establishing an institutional basis for the reversibility of the treaties, the immediate suspension of the budget treaty and its repeal, and the repeal of the Lisbon Treaty;

Or. pt