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COMPROMISE AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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Implementation report on the EU Youth Strategy
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Amendment 1
João Pimenta Lopes

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 13

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas, according to Eurostat, **youth unemployment** stood at **18.7% in 2016**, even exceeding **40%** in some countries;

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A. whereas **youth unemployment has been gradually decreasing in recent years, although**, according to Eurostat, **it** stood at **16,1%% in January 2018**, even exceeding **34%** in some countries; **whereas, when compared with the figures from 2008 (15.6%), we can see that the rate has increased; whereas these figures prevent a one-size fits all solution, in order to realise young people's full potential; whereas there are worryingly high rates of youth unemployment in the outermost regions, with some of these regions registering rates of over 50%, as in the case of Mayotte;**

Or. en

Amendment 2
João Pimenta Lopes

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 1, 9

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

A a. whereas, as a consequence of disinvestment in social services and benefits, the economic and financial crisis, job precarity and the deregulation of the labour market, the percentage of young people living in situations of poverty and social exclusion has increased; whereas, 18,3 % of young

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people in EU28 aged 20 to 34 are neither in employment, nor in education or training (NEETs);

Or. en

Amendment 3
João Pimenta Lopes

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 28

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the overall lack of investment in young people's rights will contribute to the aggravation of phenomena such as declining populations, the lack of professional qualifications *or the dismantling* of social security systems;

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B. whereas the overall lack of investment in young *people and young* people's rights *will prevent young people from claiming, exercising and defending their rights, and* will contribute to the aggravation of phenomena such as declining populations, *early school leaving*, the lack of professional *and vocational* qualifications, *late entry into the labour market, lack of financial independence, the potential malfunctioning* of social security systems, *widespread job insecurity and social exclusion*;

Or. en

Amendment 4
João Pimenta Lopes

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 20, 22, 27, 31

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

B a. whereas in recent years the EU has launched a number of initiatives such

as the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) and the Youth Guarantee, in the framework of its Youth Strategy, with the objectives of creating more and equal opportunities for all young people in education and in the labour market and promoting young people's inclusion, empowerment and active participation in society;

Or. en

Amendment 5 **João Pimenta Lopes**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45

Draft opinion **Paragraph 1**

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that an inclusive youth policy *is inseparable from the defence and promotion of* decent work, grounded in collective labour agreements, with non-precarious labour relations, adequate salaries and wages, high-quality, *free*, universal public services, *and programmes facilitating political and cultural participation, parenthood, well-being and creativity;*

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1. Stresses that an inclusive youth policy *should defend and promote social programmes facilitating political and cultural participation; further believes that* decent *and regulated* work, grounded in collective labour agreements, with non-precarious labour relations, adequate salaries and wages, high-quality, universal public services *are important for young people's societal wellbeing; calls on the Commission and the Member States to promote fair working conditions and adequate social protection, including with regard to new forms of employment;*

Or. en

Amendment 6 **João Pimenta Lopes**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 48, 86, 92

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Urges the continuity of key programmes like Erasmus +, Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs and the Youth Employment Initiative; argues that these programmes should be adapted to the differing situations of young people from the EU so that everyone has the same opportunities; draws attention to the specific situations of young people from the outermost regions, which often stop them from making use of these programmes; recognises the importance of Erasmus+ Programme for improving the education, youth employability and providing young people with skills and competences for life, exploring further cross-border career opportunities; calls for increased funding for this programme in the scope of the next MFF;

Or. en

Amendment 7
João Pimenta Lopes

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 64, 67, 85, 116

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

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Amendment

1 b. Highlights the importance of the Commission evaluation of the implementation of the Youth Strategy in Member States to allow for increased checks and monitoring on the ground; urges the Commission to establish objectives for the EU Youth Strategy that can be qualitatively and quantitatively assessed, taking into account the specificities of each Member State or

region; Calls on the Commission to improve funding for programmes and actions preparing young people for the world of work;

Or. en

Amendment 8
João Pimenta Lopes

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 50, 53

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 c. Notes the findings of the interim evaluation of the EU Youth Strategy, highlighting that it has been successful in triggering concrete changes at the national and organisational levels, encouraged cross-sectoral cooperation, mutual learning and structured dialogue with young people, and gave an impulse to national youth agendas, strengthening or reorienting youth policy priorities in a number of Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 9
João Pimenta Lopes

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 44, 76, 107

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 d. Calls on the Member States to actively promote the principles of inclusivity in youth work, with particular emphasis towards the work integration of

young people with disabilities, making their participation a goal for the success of youth programmes; acknowledges the fact that current technological developments offer learners with disabilities new possibilities to acquire knowledge and skills in both a formal and non-formal way;

Or. en

Amendment 10
João Pimenta Lopes

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 62, 87, 90, 112, 114, 120, 124

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 e. Highlights the value of structured dialogue with young people and youth organisations (including national youth councils) as a means of establishing structures and processes for their active participation in the planning, implementation and assessment of the youth policies and programmes, the creation of a joint agenda, exchange best practices and improve knowledge based policy making; encourages the inclusion of vulnerable groups (e.g. NEETs, people from marginalised communities, migrants and refugees, young people with disabilities, early school leavers); stresses that consideration should be given to the creation of an EU hotline against the violation of the rights of young people, so that young people can report any negative experience of participation in YEI and YG measures to the Commission directly; underlines the importance of the Conference on the future EU Youth Strategy, held in 2017; calls on the Commission to replicate it with frequency in order to share good practices in the

implementation of youth programmes and to promote the communication between youth associations, employers, and national and local governments;

Or. en

Amendment 11
João Pimenta Lopes

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 61, 66

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 f. Urges the Commission to strengthen control and monitoring measures to make sure that European youth programmes do not have opposite effects to their intended ones and that they do not create precarious jobs; urges the Commission to pursue economic and employment policies with the aim of creating more and better jobs for young people; argues, as a result, that a proper EU Youth Strategy should be based not only on getting young people into work, but must support the creation of dignified and quality jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 12
João Pimenta Lopes

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 65, 89, 103, 117

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 g (new)

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1 g. Stresses that the Youth

Employment Initiative is the most visible EU programme supporting labour market inclusion of young people in Europe and insists on its continuation and widening of its scope, also by clarifying the objectives and transparency of the results, in the next programming period; welcomes the increase in funding for the Initiative, although recognises its resources are still insufficient to guarantee that all NEETs will find an apprenticeship, a traineeship or a place on a further education scheme; in this context, calls on the Member States to ensure that the available ESF funds do not replace public spending; calls therefore for an increase of the Youth Employment Initiative envelope for the next MFF, while ensuring quick and simplified deployment of funds and stable financing;

Or. en

Amendment 13 João Pimenta Lopes

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 68, 71, 73, 74, 78, 80, 84,

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

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2. Argues that *individuals'* transition into the labour market is facilitated by *a comprehensive* education system that *ensures* they acquire cross-cutting skills *that promote critical thinking, universality and multicultural dialogue, fostering employability* not through early specialisation, but *rather* by enabling the attainment of a wide variety of *qualifications*;

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2. *Emphasises that the labour market is constantly changing*; argues that *the* transition into the labour market is facilitated by *an* education *and training* system that *educates individuals comprehensively, supporting students in finding their own learning methods, ensuring that* they acquire cross-cutting skills *and competences including basic and non-cognitive skills, as well as key competences that are future oriented , in order to foster integration into the world of work and versatility in professional life*

not through early specialisation, but *also* by enabling the attainment of a wide variety of *skills*; *calls for a specific focus on promoting language skills and cross-border professional and vocational opportunities and mobility among young people*; *calls for greater coordination between public employment services, social partners and education providers, and for better recognition and validation of degrees and skills, including informal learning*;

Or. en

Amendment 14 **João Pimenta Lopes**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 93, 97, 100, 108, 113

Draft opinion **Paragraph 3**

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3. Calls on the Commission to *propose* an increase in the funding, powers and scope of programmes promoting the *employability* and social inclusion of young people, ensuring that these funds are not used to help create unpaid internships or precarious work or replace permanent jobs with temporary ones or internships.

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3. Calls on the Commission to *ensure, as part of the future Youth Strategy and the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework*, an increase in the funding, powers and scope of programmes promoting the *education, training, the creation of jobs* and social inclusion of young people, *including young people with disabilities*, ensuring that these funds are not used to help create unpaid internships or precarious work or replace permanent jobs with temporary ones or internships; *underlines the need to offer proper learning and training content and decent working conditions for traineeships and apprenticeships to ensure their crucial role in the transition from education to professional life; considers that in order to ensure the delivery of quality placements, besides specific guidance and supervision, the existence of an apprenticeship or a*

traineeship contract will delineate roles and responsibilities of all parties specifying the length, the learning objectives and tasks corresponding to clearly identified skills to be developed, the employment status, adequate compensation/remuneration including for overtime, social protection and security schemes under the applicable national law, applicable collective agreements, or both;

Or. en