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## **AMENDMENTS 57 - 127**

**Draft report**  
**Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou**  
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on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council  
on the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion (2010)

Proposal for a decision  
(COM(2007)0797 – C6-0469/2007 – 2007/0278(COD))



**Amendment 57**  
**Kyriacos Triantaphyllides**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 4 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(4a) There is a need for support to be provided for less-favoured regions, for areas with permanent structural disadvantages, for extremely remote regions, for island Member States and for areas that have been affected by recent deindustrialisation or industrial conversion, in order to enable necessary social and economic cohesion to take place;***

Or. en

**Amendment 58**  
**Kyriacos Triantaphyllides**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 59**  
**Evangelia Tzampazi**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) Despite these achievements, significant parts of the population in all Member States are still suffering from deprivation and limited access to basic services or feel excluded from their societies, and 78 million people live at risk of poverty.

*Amendment*

(6) Despite these achievements, significant parts of the population in all Member States are still suffering from deprivation and limited access to basic services or feel excluded from their societies, and 78 million people live at risk of poverty. ***In addition, 500 000 disabled people continue to live in institutions.***

Or. el

**Amendment 60**  
**Gabriela Crețu**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) In addition, ***there are signs that the issue of deep poverty is becoming more important and the number of people suffering from absolute poverty is increasing, not least because of growing wealth inequalities*** across the Union.

*Amendment*

(7) In addition, ***wealth inequalities, severe poverty and gender-specific effects of poverty are matters of growing concern*** across the Union.

Or. en

*Justification*

*Severe poverty has a different impact on women and men, and specific and gender sensitive solutions must be found in this respect.*

**Amendment 61**  
**Evangelia Tzampazi**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 9**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(9) Poverty and social exclusion take complex and multi-dimensional forms. They relate to income and living standards, access to good quality health services and other services, and educational and work opportunities.

*Amendment*

(9) Poverty and social exclusion take complex and multi-dimensional forms. They relate to income and living standards, ***access to employment, quality and security of employment***, access to good quality health services, ***social welfare and child care, housing services*** and other services, and educational and work opportunities.

Or. el

**Amendment 62**  
**Kyriacos Triantaphyllides**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 9**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(9) ***Poverty and social exclusion take*** complex and multi-dimensional forms. They relate to income and living standards, access to good quality health services and other services, and educational and work opportunities.

*Amendment*

(9) ***The problem of poverty and social exclusion is based on broad,*** complex and multi-dimensional forms. They relate to income and living standards, access to good quality health services and other services, and educational and work opportunities. ***There is therefore a need, at all levels, for a transparent coordination and cooperation system.***

Or. en

**Amendment 63**  
**Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 9**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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*Amendment*

(9) Poverty and social exclusion take complex and multi-dimensional forms. They relate to income and living standards, access to good quality health services and other services **including sustainable social protection systems, the reconciliation of family and professional life**, educational and work opportunities **as well as active citizenship**.

Or. en

*Justification*

*The prevention and eradication of poverty require good quality and financially sustainable social protection systems as well as possibilities for the conciliation of family and professional life. Conciliation enables better integration in the labour market and therefore helps prevent poverty and social exclusion*

**Amendment 64**  
**Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 9 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(9a) Social exclusion affects individuals' well-being and prevents people from expressing themselves and participating in society. Community and Member State actions and policies should therefore focus particularly on social exclusion.**

Or. en

### *Justification*

*The Commission proposal assimilates social exclusion and poverty and the purpose of the amendment is to differentiate these two phenomena in order to be able to tackle them with different policies and actions in appropriate situations.*

#### **Amendment 65**

**Gabriela Crețu**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

##### **Recital 10**

###### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(10) The Social Agenda 2005-2010, which complements and supports the Lisbon Strategy, has a key role in promoting the social dimension of economic growth. One of the priorities of the Social Agenda is the promotion of equal opportunities for all as a vector for a more *cohesive* society.

###### *Amendment*

(10) The Social Agenda 2005-2010, which complements and supports the Lisbon Strategy, has a key role in promoting the social dimension of economic growth ***and the active participation of citizens in society and the labour market***. One of the priorities of the Social Agenda is the promotion of equal opportunities for all as a vector for ***social and intergenerational solidarity and the creation of a poverty-free and a more inclusive*** society.

Or. en

### *Justification*

*The Social Agenda should aim at a complete eradication of poverty, in order to create an equal and inclusive society for all citizens.*

#### **Amendment 66**

**Elizabeth Lynne**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

##### **Recital 11**

###### *Text proposed by the Commission*

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risk faced by some particular groups, including children, *lone* parents, *the elderly*, migrants and ethnic minorities, *disabled people*, *the* homeless, prisoners, women and children who are victims of violence, and severe substance abusers.

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Or. en

#### *Justification*

*Many people are at risk of poverty and social exclusion.*

#### **Amendment 67** **Kathy Sinnott**

#### **Proposal for a decision** **Recital 11**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(11) In their National Action Plans for Social Inclusion, several countries highlight the high poverty and/or exclusion risk faced by some particular groups, including children, lone parents, the elderly, migrants and ethnic minorities, disabled people, the homeless, prisoners, women and children who are victims of violence, and severe substance abusers.

##### *Amendment*

(11) In their National Action Plans for Social Inclusion, several countries highlight the high poverty and/or exclusion risk faced by some particular groups, including children, lone parents, the elderly, migrants and ethnic minorities, disabled people *and their carers*, the homeless, prisoners, women and children who are victims of violence, and severe substance abusers.

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*People, who wish to care for their relatives or friends, are often unable to work and are therefore at greater risk of facing poverty.*



**Amendment 68**  
**Gabriela Crețu**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 11**

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*Amendment*

(11) In their National Action Plans for Social Inclusion, several countries highlight the high poverty and/or exclusion risk faced by some particular groups, including children, *early school leavers*, *single* parents, *large and single breadwinner families*, *young people*, the elderly, migrants and ethnic minorities, people *with disabilities*, the homeless, *the unemployed, in particular the long-term unemployed*, prisoners, women and children who are victims of violence, and severe substance abusers.

Or. en

*Justification*

*Single-breadwinner families are extremely vulnerable and their situation should be addressed, too.*

**Amendment 69**  
**Evangelia Tzampazi**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 11**

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abusers. *National policies and support measures aimed at the most vulnerable groups can play a significant role in combating poverty and social exclusion.*

Or. el

**Amendment 70**  
**Kyriacos Triantaphyllides**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 11 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(11a) There is a need to give full priority to solving the problems of unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, for which purpose current economic and financial policies (in particular the Stability and Growth Pact, the Lisbon Strategy, the internal market and competition policy) must be revised and priority must be given to achieving a high rate of employment and creating long-term, high-quality jobs with employment rights, to investment and to high-quality public services which will foster social inclusion, particularly in the fields of education, public health, childcare, care for dependants, public transport and social services.*

Or. en

**Amendment 71**  
**Kyriacos Triantaphyllides**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 12**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(12) *If* employment significantly reduces

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Or. en

**Amendment 72**  
**Gabriela Crețu**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 12**

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Or. en

*Justification*

*In-work poverty is not directly linked to pensions; instead, there is a strong connection between in-work poverty and earnings inequalities, especially gender inequalities.*

**Amendment 73**  
**Kyriacos Triantaphyllides**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 12 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(12a) Inequalities have steadily increased both among countries and among regions, communities and population groups, highlighting that current policies have not brought about genuine convergence.***

Or. en

**Amendment 74**  
**Kyriacos Triantaphyllides**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 12 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(12b) Priority should be given in Community policies to the creation of jobs with employment rights, in particular in order to benefit population groups that are most exposed to unemployment such as young people, among whom the unemployment rate in several Member States persistently exceeds 20 %.***

Or. en

**Amendment 75**  
**Evangelia Tzampazi**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 13**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(13) The lack of basic competences and qualifications is also a major barrier to inclusion in society. There is a growing danger of new cleavages in society emerging, between those who have access to lifelong learning to enhance their employability and adaptability, and to facilitate their personal development and active citizenship, and those who remain excluded. Those without adequate skills will find it more difficult to enter the labour market and find a quality job, are more likely to spend long periods out of work and, if they do work, are more likely to find themselves in low-paid jobs.

*Amendment*

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Or. el

**Amendment 76**  
**Evangelia Tzampazi**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 14**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(14) The availability and the ability to use information and communication technology (ICT) is increasingly becoming a prerequisite for inclusion. A ministerial declaration approved in June 2006 in Riga calls for an information society for all.

*Amendment*

(14) The availability and the ability to use information and communication technology (ICT) is increasingly becoming a prerequisite for inclusion. A ministerial declaration approved in June 2006 in Riga calls for an information society for all, ***together with electronic accessibility for the disabled***.

Or. el

**Amendment 77**  
**Evangelia Tzampazi**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 15**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(15) Key to the successful impact of Community action to fight poverty and social exclusion is the extent to which it enjoys broad popular support. The European Year should act as a catalyst in raising awareness and in building momentum. It should help to focus political attention and mobilise everyone concerned in order to drive forward the Open Method of Coordination on Social Protection and Social Inclusion.

*Amendment*

(15) Key to the successful impact of Community action to fight poverty and social exclusion is the extent to which it enjoys broad popular support ***and genuine political support for the desire for change.*** The European Year should act as a catalyst in raising awareness and in building momentum. It should help to focus political attention and mobilise everyone concerned in order to drive forward the Open Method of Coordination on Social Protection and Social Inclusion.

Or. el

**Amendment 78**  
**Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 15**

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*Amendment*

(15) Key to the successful impact of Community action to fight poverty and social exclusion is the extent to which it enjoys broad popular support. The European Year should act as a catalyst in raising awareness, in building momentum ***and in exchanging best practices between the Member States, local and regional authorities and international organisations involved in the fight against poverty.*** It should help to focus political attention ***in the long-term*** and mobilise everyone concerned in order to drive

forward ***and strengthen*** the Open Method of Coordination on Social Protection and Social Inclusion ***as well as promote further actions and initiatives at European and national level in this field. In this regard, particular attention should be paid to the implementation at national level of Community legislation, in particular on equal opportunities, non-discrimination and gender equality.***

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*The campaign to address the issue of poverty and social exclusion should be seen as a long-term effort and the action taken during the Year should have a permanent impact.*

**Amendment 79**  
**Kyriacos Triantaphyllides**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 19 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(19a) Stresses the need for support to be provided for manufacturing, micro-businesses, small and medium-sized enterprises, small agricultural businesses, family farms and the social economy, in view of the important role that they play in creating jobs and well-being.***

Or. en

**Amendment 80**  
**Kathy Sinnott**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

a) Recognition — Recognising the right of people in a situation of poverty and social exclusion to live in dignity and to play a full part in society. The European Year shall help in acknowledging the situation of people experiencing poverty and promoting their effective access to social, economic and cultural rights as well as to resources and *services* and shall help in combating stereotypes and stigmatisation;

*Amendment*

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Or. en

*Justification*

*People who are not rewarded financially for their work, such as carers need to be offered the financial aid to prevent them from living in poverty and to ensure their work is recognised as a social responsibility.*

**Amendment 81**  
**Íñigo Méndez de Vigo**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

a) **Recognition** — **Recognising** the right of people in a situation of poverty and social exclusion to live in dignity and to play a full part in society. The European Year shall help in **acknowledging** the situation of people experiencing poverty and promoting their effective access to social, economic and cultural rights as well as to resources and services and shall help in

*Amendment*

a) **Rights** — **As part of respect for fundamental rights, recognising** the right of people in a situation of poverty and social exclusion to live in dignity and to play a full part in society. The European Year shall help in **improving knowledge of** the situation of people experiencing poverty, **by giving particular attention to vulnerable groups** and promoting their effective access to social, economic and



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cultural rights as well as to resources and services and shall help in combating stereotypes and stigmatisation;

Or. fr

#### *Justification*

*Poverty is a violation of fundamental rights and an unacceptable assault on human dignity (Resolution of 4 October 2001, PE doc. B5-0616, 0627, 0635, 0644 and 0654/2001). 'Wherever men and women are condemned to live in poverty, human rights are violated. To come together to ensure that these rights are respected is our solemn duty' – Joseph Wresinski, Founder of the international movement ATD Fourth World.*

### **Amendment 82**

**Petru Filip**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

#### **Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point a**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

a) **Recognition** — *Recognising* the right of people in a situation of poverty and social exclusion to live in dignity and to play a full part in society. The European Year shall help in **acknowledging the situation** of people experiencing poverty and promoting their effective access to social, economic and cultural rights as well as to resources and services and shall help in combating stereotypes and stigmatisation;

##### *Amendment*

(a) **Recognition of rights** — *Confirming* the right of people in a situation of poverty and social exclusion to live in dignity and to play a full part in society. The European Year shall help in **raising public awareness via the provision of accurate information** on the situation of people experiencing poverty and promoting their effective access to social, economic and cultural rights as well as to resources and services and shall help in combating stereotypes and stigmatisation;

Or. ro

#### *Justification*

*In its communication to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions (Brussels, 17 October 2007), the Commission considers the modernisation of the social protection system with a view to consolidating social justice and economic cohesion, promoting the active inclusion of those most excluded from the labour market. According to this document, the basic elements of the recommendation of 1992 on income support set out in sections A-C(3) are still fully relevant*

*to the strategy as proposed. Of particular importance here is the recognition of the fundamental right to sufficient resources and social assistance in order to live a life compatible with human dignity.*

*The objective of the European Year, as embodied symbolically in the expression 'recognition of rights', needs to be defined in terms stressing the promotion and affirmation of the rights of those experiencing problems arising from poverty. Such measures should increase public awareness and involvement in fighting social marginalisation.*

## **Amendment 83**

**Petru Filip**

### **Proposal for a decision**

#### **Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

b) **Ownership** — **Increasing public ownership of** social inclusion policies and actions, emphasising everyone's responsibility in tackling poverty and marginalisation. The European Year shall foster awareness, participation and engagement, and create new opportunities for ordinary citizens to contribute.

*Amendment*

**(b) Involvement and awareness** — **encouraging public participation in** social inclusion policies and actions, emphasising everyone's responsibility in tackling poverty and **social** marginalisation. The European Year shall foster **greater participation and involvement**, awareness, participation and engagement, and create new opportunities for ordinary citizens to contribute.

Or. ro

*Justification*

*The aim is to define more clearly the objective of increasing the quality of public participation, via the promotion and implementation of innovative practices implying the consultation of the citizens with a view to developing community-oriented policies at local level for fighting poverty.*

**Amendment 84**  
**Richard Falbr**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

b) **Ownership** — Increasing public ownership of social inclusion policies and actions, emphasising *everyone's* responsibility in **tackling poverty and marginalisation**. The European Year **shall foster awareness, participation and engagement, and create new opportunities for ordinary citizens to contribute**.

*Amendment*

b) **Shared responsibility and partnership** — Increasing public ownership of social inclusion policies and actions **and opposing further privatisation of public services**, emphasising **both collective and individual** responsibility in **the fight against poverty and social exclusion**. The European Year **will promote the involvement of all public and private actors, inter alia through pro-active partnerships**.

Or. en

*Justification*

*Believes that action needs to be taken to safeguard key public services across the EU which are being undermined by privatisation and commercial profit rather than ensuring public interest and quality of people's lives.*

**Amendment 85**  
**Patrizia Toia**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

b) **Ownership** — Increasing public ownership of social inclusion policies and actions, emphasising everyone's responsibility in tackling poverty and marginalisation. The European Year shall foster awareness, participation and engagement, and create new opportunities for ordinary citizens to contribute.

*Amendment*

b) **Ownership** — Increasing public ownership of social inclusion policies and actions, emphasising everyone's responsibility in tackling poverty and marginalisation **and the importance of encouraging and supporting voluntary service even in this area**. The European Year shall foster awareness, participation and engagement, and create new opportunities for ordinary citizens to

contribute.

Or. it

*Justification*

*It is essential to encourage voluntary service in an area as sensitive as that of the fight against poverty and social exclusion.*

**Amendment 86**

**Kyriacos Triantaphyllides**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 2 - paragraph 1 - point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

c) Cohesion — Promoting a more cohesive society by raising public awareness of the benefits for all of a society where poverty is eradicated and no-one is condemned to live in the margins. The European Year shall foster a society that sustains and develops quality of life, social well-being and equal opportunities for all regardless of their background, ensuring sustainable development and solidarity between and within generations and policy coherence with EU action worldwide.

*Amendment*

c) Cohesion — Promoting a more cohesive society by raising public awareness of the benefits for all of a society where poverty is eradicated and no-one is condemned to live in the margins. The European Year shall foster a society that sustains and develops quality of life, ***the well-being of children***, social well-being and equal opportunities for all regardless of their background, ensuring sustainable development and solidarity between and within generations and policy coherence with EU action worldwide.

Or. en

**Amendment 87**

**Evangelia Tzampazi**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 2 - paragraph 1 - point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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Or. el

## Amendment 88 Gabriela Crețu

### Proposal for a decision Article 2 - paragraph 1 - point c

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

c) Cohesion — Promoting a more cohesive society by raising public awareness of the benefits for all of a society where poverty is eradicated and no-one **is condemned to live in** the margins. The European Year **shall** foster a society that sustains and develops quality of life, social well-being and equal opportunities for all regardless of their background, ensuring sustainable development and solidarity between and within generations and policy coherence with EU action worldwide.

#### *Amendment*

c) Cohesion — Promoting a more cohesive **and inclusive** society by raising public awareness of the benefits for all of a society where poverty is eradicated and no-one **lives on** the margins. The European Year **will** foster a society that sustains and develops quality of life, **quality of skills and employment**, social well-being and equal opportunities for all regardless of their background **and gender**, ensuring sustainable development and solidarity between and within generations and policy coherence with EU action worldwide.

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*Cohesion and inclusions are strongly interconnected features of the society we all aim to create.*

**Amendment 89**  
**Sepp Kusstatscher**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

d) Commitment — Reiterating the strong political commitment of the EU to the **fight against** poverty and social exclusion and promoting this commitment **at all levels of governance**. Building upon the achievements and **possible shortcomings** of the Open Method of Coordination on Social Protection and Social Inclusion, the European Year **shall** strengthen the political commitment to the prevention of and fight against poverty and social exclusion and **give impetus** to further **development of the European Union's** action in this field.

*Amendment*

d) Commitment **and practical implementation** — Reiterating the strong political commitment of the EU to the **elimination of** poverty and social exclusion and promoting this commitment **and the appropriate implementation, for which the public authorities shall be mainly responsible**. Building upon the achievements and **potential** of the Open Method of Coordination on Social Protection and Social Inclusion, the European Year **will** strengthen the political commitment to the prevention of and fight against poverty and social exclusion and further the **Member States' action** in this field.

Or. de

*Justification*

*While paragraph 2(b) is more focused on joint responsibility, paragraph 2(d) should deal more with the role of the state. Fighting poverty must be done mainly by political influence, not by over-emphasising individual opportunities for action.*

**Amendment 90**  
**Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

d) Commitment — Reiterating the strong political commitment of the EU to **the fight against** poverty and social exclusion and

*Amendment*

d) Commitment **and action** — Reiterating the strong political commitment of the EU **and the Member States** to **eradicate**

promoting this commitment at all levels of governance. Building upon the achievements and *possible shortcomings* of the Open Method of Coordination on Social Protection and Social Inclusion, the European Year *shall* strengthen the political commitment to the prevention of and fight against poverty and social exclusion and give impetus to *further development of* the European Union's action in this field.

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Or. en

### *Justification*

*Both the EU and the Member States shall commit to the fight against poverty and social exclusion and have ambitious objectives which can be translated into new initiatives both at national and European level.*

## **Amendment 91** **Evangelia Tzampazi**

### **Proposal for a decision** **Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d**

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(d) **Commitment** — Reiterating the strong political commitment of the EU to the fight against poverty and social exclusion and promoting this commitment at all levels of governance. Building upon the achievements and possible shortcomings of the Open Method of Coordination on Social Protection and Social Inclusion, the European Year shall strengthen the political commitment to the prevention of and fight against poverty and social exclusion and give impetus to further development of the European Union's action in this field.

#### *Amendment*

(d) **Commitment** — Reiterating the strong political commitment of the EU to the fight against poverty and social exclusion and promoting this commitment at all levels of governance. Building upon the achievements and possible shortcomings of the Open Method of Coordination on Social Protection and Social Inclusion, the European Year shall strengthen the political commitment to the prevention of and fight against poverty and social exclusion, *cooperate with all Member States to focus political attention and mobilise all those concerned*, and give impetus to further development of the European Union's action in this field.

**Amendment 92**  
**Kyriacos Triantaphyllides**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

a) meetings and events;

a) meetings and events ***at European and National level;***

Or. en

**Amendment 93**  
**Gabriela Crețu**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a, b and c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

a) meetings and events;

a) meetings and events ***at European and national level;***

b) information, promotional and educational campaigns;

b) information, promotional and educational campaigns ***at European and national level;***

c) surveys and studies on a Community or nationwide scale.

c) surveys and studies ***based on gender-disaggregated data collection*** on a Community or nationwide scale, ***as well as the development of multi-dimensional comparable indicators.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*It is important that data collection for studies and surveys to be gender-disaggregated, in order to evaluate the differences between men and women and the different gender impact of poverty and social exclusion, as well as to address their problems more effectively.*



**Amendment 94**  
**Gabriela Crețu**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The European Year shall take into account the different *ways in which* women and men *experience poverty and social exclusion*.

*Amendment*

The European Year shall take into account the different *risks, dimensions and impact of poverty and social exclusion as experienced by* women and men.

Or. en

*Justification*

*The gender impact of poverty and social exclusion is very important if we want to find the right solutions, because men and women experience differently these realities.*

**Amendment 95**  
**Kyriacos Triantaphyllides**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The European Year shall take into account the different ways in which women and men experience poverty and social exclusion.

*Amendment*

The European Year shall take into account the different ways in which women and men experience poverty and social exclusion, *specifically in single parent families, which experience poverty more severely. Special attention should also be given to discrimination in employment.*

Or. en

**Amendment 96**  
**Petru Filip**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The European Year shall take into account the different ways in which women and men experience poverty and social exclusion

*Amendment*

***With a view to ensuring gender mainstreaming***, the European Year shall take into account the different ways in which women and men experience poverty and social exclusion.

Or. ro

*Justification*

*This is in line with the principles expressed in the Commission communication to Parliament and the Council on gender equality and the emancipation of women in the framework of development cooperation (Brussels, 8 March 2007).*

*Equal opportunities for both men and women need to be promoted at all stages of the determination and implementation of projects having implications for the Union's cohesion policy.*

**Amendment 97**  
**Evangelia Tzampazi**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 5 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. It shall conduct a regular exchange of views with stakeholders, particularly at European level, on the design, implementation, follow-up and assessment of the European Year.

*Amendment*

4. It shall conduct a regular exchange of views with stakeholders, particularly at European level, on the design, implementation, follow-up and assessment of the European Year. ***With this in view the Commission shall make the relevant information available to interested parties.***

Or. el

**Amendment 98**  
**Sepp Kusstatscher**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 5 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**(4) It shall conduct a regular exchange of views with stakeholders, particularly at European level, on the design, implementation, follow-up and assessment of the European Year.**

*Amendment*

**(4) For the purpose of carrying out its tasks, the Commission shall consult on a regular basis, and cooperate closely with, an advisory group at EU level, composed of a broad range of relevant stakeholders, including civil society organisations and organisations representing those who experience poverty and social exclusion, the social partners, and representatives of the European Parliament.**

**The advisory group at EU level shall be involved in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the European Year; it shall be regularly informed as to how far its opinions have been heeded. Its members shall be appointed by 31 December 2008 at the latest.**

Or. de

*Justification*

*Consultation of the advisory group at EU level ensures that the European perspective also takes account of the viewpoints of the relevant actors of civil society at EU level.*

**Amendment 99**  
**Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 6 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**3. For the purpose of carrying out its tasks, the National Implementing Body shall consult on a regular basis and cooperate**

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closely with *a National Advisory Group, composed of* a broad range of relevant stakeholders, including civil society organisations and organisations defending or representing the interests of those who experience poverty and social exclusion, national parliament representatives, social partners, and regional and local authorities.

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Or. en

**Amendment 100**  
**Sepp Kusstatscher**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 6 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) For the purpose of carrying out its tasks, the National Implementing Body shall ***consult on a regular basis and*** cooperate closely with a National Advisory Group, composed of a broad range of relevant stakeholders, including civil society organisations and organisations defending or representing the interests of those who experience poverty and social exclusion, national parliament representatives, social partners, and regional and local authorities.

*Amendment*

(3) For the purpose of carrying out its tasks, ***and in particular at the earliest possible stage in the preparation of the European Year,*** the National Implementing Body shall consult on a regular basis and cooperate closely with a National Advisory Group, ***which it may consult at any time; the Group shall be*** composed of a broad range of relevant stakeholders, including civil society organisations and organisations defending or representing the interests of those who experience poverty and social exclusion, national parliament representatives, social partners, and regional and local authorities.

***The Group shall enable groups of people who experience poverty and those representing their interests to participate. Its members shall be appointed by 31 December 2008 at the latest.***

*Justification*

*In the debate about poverty and social exclusion there is much talk about the opportunity for influence and access to various resources. The national advisory groups increase participation by those affected by poverty and social exclusion, or their representatives. To that extent the national advisory groups are already part of the solution since they provide the access and resources for people who often do not have those very things.*

**Amendment 101**  
**Sepp Kusstatscher**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 8 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) Actions at local, regional or national level may be co-financed from the general budget of the European Union up to a maximum of 50 % of the total eligible costs of the actions implemented in accordance with the procedure set out in part II of the Annex.

*Amendment*

(2) Actions at local, regional or national level may be co-financed from the general budget of the European Union up to a maximum of 50 % of the total eligible costs of the actions implemented in accordance with the procedure set out in part II of the Annex. ***The national implementing bodies shall provide opportunities for pre-financing and co-financing to facilitate the participation particularly of small and medium-sized non-governmental organisations.***

*Justification*

*In the European Social Fund and previous European Years it has turned out that mechanisms for pre- and co-financing are important to facilitate the participation of small and medium-sized non-governmental organisations.*

**Amendment 102**  
**Petru Filip**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. They shall ensure that the European Year fully complements **other** existing Community, national and regional initiatives and resources, where they can help to attain the objectives of the European Year.

*Amendment*

(2) They shall ensure that the European Year fully complements **the** existing Community, national and regional initiatives and resources, where they can help to attain the objectives of the European Year.

Or. ro

*Justification*

*The proposed wording is more inclusive, the aim being to avoid circumstances where certain Community, national or regional initiatives or resources have not been taken into account.*

**Amendment 103**  
**Sepp Kusstatscher**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 12 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) The financial **framework** for the implementation of the actions referred to in this Decision for the period 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2010 shall be **EUR 17 000 000**, of which EUR 6 500 000 shall be for the period until 31 December 2009.

*Amendment*

(1) The financial **endowment** for the implementation of the actions referred to in this Decision for the period 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2010 shall be **EUR 25 000 000**, of which EUR 6 500 000 shall be for the period until 31 December 2009.

Or. de

*Justification*

*With 27 Member States this budget is needed to ensure that national activities can be adequately supported at local level.*

**Amendment 104**  
**Sepp Kusstatscher**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 12 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(2a) When allocating appropriations the principles of gender budgeting shall be taken into account.***

Or. de

*Justification*

*Poverty is strongly characterised by gender-specific aspects. The principles of gender budgeting aim to ensure that funding takes account of these aspects. Thus funds could for instance be allocated explicitly to issues such as the poverty of women pensioners, or male truancy.*

**Amendment 105**  
**Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 13**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

For the purpose of the European Year, the Commission may cooperate with relevant international organisations, in particular the Council of Europe, the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations.

For the purpose of the European Year, the Commission may cooperate with relevant international organisations, in particular the Council of Europe, the International Labour Organisation, and the United Nations, ***as well as with other EU institutions and agencies.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*EU agencies can contribute to the success of the European Year according to their field of*

*expertise and therefore need to be involved.*

#### **Amendment 106**

**Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

#### **Annex – part I – paragraph 1**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

Organisation of meetings and events at Community level, intended to raise the awareness about issues related to the European Year and about poverty and social exclusion and to provide for a forum of exchange of ideas. They will gather relevant stakeholders and will be planned together with people experiencing poverty and civil society organisations representing them, to ***provide a good opportunity to address policy gaps and every day problems.***

##### *Amendment*

Organisation of meetings and events at Community level, intended to raise the awareness about issues related to the European Year and about poverty and social exclusion, ***as well as*** to provide for a forum of exchange of ideas. They will gather relevant stakeholders and will be planned together with people experiencing poverty and civil society organisations representing them, to ***help develop social empowerment measures and practices and address policy gaps as well as the multidimensional aspects of poverty such as access to employment, housing, social protection, health and social services.***

Or. en

##### *Justification*

*The objective of the Year is to create conditions that limit the proliferation of social inequalities among others by addressing the multidimensional aspects of poverty and possible policy gaps.*

#### **Amendment 107**

**Kathy Sinnott**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

#### **Annex – part I – paragraph 1**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

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awareness about issues related to the European Year and about poverty and social exclusion and to provide for a forum of exchange of ideas. They will gather relevant stakeholders and will be planned together with people experiencing poverty and civil society organisations representing them, to provide a good opportunity to address policy gaps and every day problem, **which include social upgrading and family support**.

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*Social upgrading must be included as education and training is one the elementary opportunities to prevent poverty and raise awareness on the issue . Furthermore family support is vital in preventing poverty amongst large and single-parent families and preventing poverty transmission.*

#### **Amendment 108** **Gabriela Crețu**

#### **Proposal for a decision** **Annex – part I – paragraph 2 – indent 1**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

- The organisation of various solidarity initiatives for poverty alleviation and social inclusion to give **ordinary** citizens the opportunity to contribute directly or through their organisations, even modestly and in whatever form. Media campaigns may support fundraising operations within the framework of the European Year;

##### *Amendment*

- The organisation of various solidarity initiatives for poverty alleviation and social inclusion to give **all** citizens the opportunity to contribute directly or through their organisations, even modestly and in whatever form. Media campaigns **at national and European level** may support fundraising operations within the framework of the European Year;

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*Media campaigns should be developed at both European and national level if they are to be effective.*

**Amendment 109**  
**Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Annex-part I – paragraph 2 – indent 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

- An information campaign at Community level with positioning at national level, based on both traditional and new communication channels and new technologies;

*Amendment*

- An information campaign at Community level with positioning at national **and local** level, based on both traditional and new communication channels and new technologies

Or. en

*Justification*

*The local level is important because local and regional authorities have a particular role to play in recognising and promoting effective access to social, economic and cultural services for people living in poverty or social exclusion. They have basic responsibility for carrying out policies designed to guarantee the integration of people who are excluded.*

**Amendment 110**  
**Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Annex-part I – paragraph 2 – indent 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

- Appropriate measures and initiatives for publicising the results and raising the **profile** of Community programmes, actions and initiatives contributing to the objectives of the European Year;

*Amendment*

- Appropriate measures and initiatives for **providing information**, publicising the results and raising the **visibility** of Community programmes, actions and initiatives contributing to the objectives of the European Year;

Or. en

### *Justification*

*The visibility of Community programmes and initiatives relating to the European Year should be enhanced.*

#### **Amendment 111**

**Gabriela Crețu**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

#### **Annex – part I – paragraph 2 – indent 6**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

- Appropriate initiatives by educational institutions to disseminate information on the European Year;

##### *Amendment*

- Appropriate initiatives by educational institutions, ***non-governmental organisations and charities, at national and European level***, to disseminate information on the European Year ***and on measures to fight poverty and social exclusion***;

Or. en

### *Justification*

*All initiatives should be developed at both European and national level for better coordination and effectiveness.*

#### **Amendment 112**

**Gabriela Crețu**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

#### **Annex – part I – paragraph 3 – indent 1**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

- Community-wide surveys and studies to assess and report on the preparation, effectiveness, impact ***and long-term monitoring*** of the European Year. To facilitate ***a new consensus around*** political solutions, one such survey will also ***include a series of questions to*** gauge public opinion on policy to prevent and

##### *Amendment*

- Community-wide surveys and studies, ***based on gender-disaggregated data collection***, to assess and report on the preparation, effectiveness ***and immediate and long-term*** impact of the European Year. To facilitate ***the identification of innovative*** political solutions, one such survey will also gauge public opinion on

combat poverty and social exclusion, including social protection systems, and on the potential role of the Union in the fight against poverty and exclusion. This will be conducted in 2009 so that its results can be presented at the Opening Conference of the European Year;

policy to prevent and combat poverty and social exclusion, including, *where appropriate*, social protection systems, and on the potential role of the Union in the fight against poverty and exclusion *both within the EU and worldwide*. This will be conducted in 2009 so that its results can be presented at the Opening Conference of the European Year;

Or. en

*Justification*

*Studies and surveys should be gender-disaggregated, if we want to address more effectively the problems women and men experience.*

**Amendment 113**  
**Íñigo Méndez de Vigo**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Annex – part I – paragraph 3 – indent 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**• Promotion of completion by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights of a study on attacks on fundamental rights that are the result of situations of serious poverty;**

Or. fr

*Justification*

*Millions of European citizens do not have proper access to fundamental rights because of the extreme poverty and social exclusion in which they are condemned to live. The EU's Agency for Fundamental Rights cannot ignore this situation. It should accordingly conduct a special study to report on this reality.*

**Amendment 114**  
**Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Annex-part II – paragraph 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

6. The Commission will evaluate and, if necessary, request modifications to the applications for Community funding submitted by the National Implementing Bodies.

*Amendment*

6. The Commission will evaluate ***compliance with the objectives referred to in Article 2*** and, if necessary, request modifications to the applications for Community funding submitted by the National Implementing Bodies.

Or. en

*Justification*

*The Commission should ensure that the applications for Community funding comply with the objectives of the Year as mentioned in article 2 of the proposal.*

**Amendment 115**  
**Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Annex-part IV – paragraph 2 – indent 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

• child poverty and the intergenerational transmission of poverty;

*Amendment*

• ***fighting*** child poverty and the intergenerational transmission of poverty ***as well as poverty within families granting special attention to large families, single parents and families caring for a dependent person;***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Specific attention should be given to the situation of vulnerable families.*

**Amendment 116**  
**Kathy Sinnott**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Annex-part IV – paragraph 2 – indent 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

- child poverty **and** the intergenerational transmission of poverty;

*Amendment*

- child poverty **including** the intergenerational transmission of poverty **as well as the poverty experienced by children in institutions**;

Or. en

*Justification*

*Attention needs to be focused on families vulnerable to poverty, but particularly children who live in institution as they do not have access to facilities such as proper education or job training.*

**Amendment 117**  
**Íñigo Méndez de Vigo**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Annex – part IV – paragraph 2 – indent 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

- child poverty **and** the intergenerational transmission of poverty;

*Amendment*

- **fighting** child poverty, the intergenerational transmission of poverty **and family poverty by devising appropriate policies, giving special attention to large and single-parent families**;

Or. fr

*Justification*

*There is a need to set up supportive policies that will enable parents to develop their skills so that they can take on their parental responsibilities.*

**Amendment 118**  
**Kathy Sinnott**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Annex-part IV – paragraph 2 – indent 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

- an inclusive labour market;

*Amendment*

- an inclusive labour market, ***with flexible and secure jobs***;

Or. en

*Justification*

*People who are at risk of poverty such as single-parents and carers need to be encouraged to work by being offered flexible jobs with proper working contacts.*

**Amendment 119**  
**Kyriacos Triantaphyllides**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Annex-part IV – paragraph 2 – indent 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

- ***an*** inclusive labour ***market***;

*Amendment*

- ***the promotion of*** inclusive labour ***markets, especially for single parent families, with higher wages and fiscal cutbacks***;

Or. en

**Amendment 120**  
**Patrizia Toia**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Annex – part IV – paragraph 2 – indent 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

- poverty and the ***gender*** dimension;

*Amendment*

- poverty and ***equality between men and women, with attention to the age***

dimension;

Or. it

*Justification*

*Clarification is needed, as the original wording lends itself to a wide range of possible interpretations, including gender identity. The aim is also to point out that policies adopted during the European Year of combating poverty should also provide special measures for women and the elderly, categories that are traditionally the most disadvantaged.*

**Amendment 121**

**Gabriela Crețu**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Annex – part IV – paragraph 2 – indent 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

• access to **basic** services, including decent accommodation;

*Amendment*

• **ensuring equal** access to **adequate resources and** services, including decent accommodation, **health and social protection**;

Or. en

*Justification*

*Ensuring equal access to resources and services is a pre-requisite of all actions at the European and national level.*

**Amendment 122**

**Sepp Kusstatscher**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Annex – part IV – paragraph 2 – indent 5 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

• **study of the question as to how far basic social security and basic income are useful instruments for reducing poverty**;



**Amendment 123**  
**Sepp Kusstatscher**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Annex – part IV – paragraph 2 – indent 5 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

- *examination of the question as to how far harmonising social standards and fiscal policy at EU level might be appropriate for reducing poverty;*

Or. de

**Amendment 124**  
**Sepp Kusstatscher**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Annex – part IV – paragraph 2 – indent 5 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

- *investigation of the impact of widely varying EU promotional measures on combating poverty and social exclusion;*

Or. de

**Amendment 125**  
**Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Annex-part IV – paragraph 2 – indent 6 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

- *promoting integrated active inclusion approaches and the self-management of private life;*

*Justification*

*The Year should help promote active inclusion as well as the self-management of private life and in particular sound financial management.*

**Amendment 126**

**Kathy Sinnott**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Annex-part IV – paragraph 2 – indent 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

- addressing the needs of disabled people and *other* vulnerable groups.

*Amendment*

- addressing the needs of disabled people and *those who care for them without compensation as well as of other* vulnerable groups.

*Justification*

*People who are not rewarded financially for their work, such as carers need their work to be recognised as a social responsibility and be compensated so that the risk of poverty amongst them can be decreased.*

**Amendment 127**

**Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Annex-part IV – paragraph 2 – indent 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

- addressing the needs of disabled people and other vulnerable groups.

*Amendment*

- addressing the needs of disabled *and dependent people and their families*, and other vulnerable groups *or people in vulnerable situations, in particular the homeless*.

*Justification*

*Dependent people and the families caring for them are at higher risk of poverty just as persons who face a difficult personal situation.*