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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

for the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

on the future for social services of general interest
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs calls on the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Given that social services of general interest make a major contribution to the achievement of the EU's goals as enshrined in the Treaties, particularly in terms of promoting economic, social and territorial cohesion, calls on the Commission to strengthen legal security in the field of social services of general interest, using a tailored approach which can easily be applied by organising public authorities and takes into account the specific ways in which social services are organised and their strongly local nature;
2. Calls on the Commission to adopt a communication establishing a methodology for organising local authorities setting out guidelines for applying European rules;
3. Calls on the Commission to consider the advisability of putting forward a *de minimis* regulation specific to social services of general interest, in order to focus EU checks on State aid on social services likely to have a significant impact on trade within the EU;
4. Calls on the Commission to exempt from the notification requirement subsidies granted under the terms of contracts concluded as a result of competitive tendering;
5. Calls on the Commission to clarify how the concepts of economic activity and effects on trade are to be applied to social services of general interest and the specific arrangements for applying the concept of the 'level of compensation needed (...) on the basis of an analysis of the costs which a typical undertaking, well run and adequately provided with means of transport (...) would have incurred' (CJUE, C-280/00, Altmark);
6. Stresses that where an official act of entrustment has been transparently drawn up and made public and includes parameters for calculating compensation based on coverage of the actual cost of providing social services of general interest, systematic monitoring of overcompensation should be replaced by intervention only following a substantiated complaint.