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Amendment 1
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Citation 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. having regard to European Parliament resolution of 5 February 2013 on improving access to finance for SMEs (2012/2134(INI))

Or. en

Amendment 2
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas the recession in the eurozone came to an end, numerically speaking, in the second quarter of 2013, but whereas annual growth in the eurozone will remain **negative** this year and unemployment **and inequality** are at a **record** high; whereas growth needs to be further enhanced for this to be considered a long-lived recovery, and in order to generate the necessary momentum to relieve the EU of its socioeconomic challenges;

A. whereas the recession in the eurozone came to an end, numerically speaking, in the second quarter of 2013, but whereas annual growth in the eurozone will remain **fragile** this year and unemployment **is still** at a **very high level**; whereas **sustainable** growth needs to be further enhanced for this to be considered a long-lived recovery, and in order to generate the necessary momentum to relieve the EU of its socioeconomic challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the recession in the eurozone came to an end, numerically speaking, in the second quarter of 2013, but whereas annual growth in the eurozone will remain negative this year and unemployment **and inequality are** at a record high; whereas growth needs to be further enhanced for this to be considered a long-lived recovery, and in order to generate the necessary momentum to relieve the EU of its socioeconomic challenges;

Amendment

A. whereas the recession in the eurozone came to an end, numerically speaking, in the second quarter of 2013, but whereas annual growth in the eurozone will remain negative this year and unemployment **is** at record high in **eurozone history**; whereas growth needs to be further enhanced for this to be considered a long-lived recovery, and in order to generate the necessary momentum to relieve the EU of its socioeconomic challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

A. whereas the recession in the eurozone came to an end, numerically speaking, in the second quarter of 2013, but whereas annual growth in the eurozone will remain negative this year and unemployment and inequality are at a record high; whereas growth needs to be **significantly** enhanced for this to be considered a long-lived recovery, and in order to generate the necessary momentum to relieve the EU of its socioeconomic challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A a. whereas it should be recalled that, in 2007, at the start of the crisis, the countries which now experience the severest difficulties, had accumulated excessive current account deficits and had severe problems with their competitiveness

Or. en

Amendment 6

Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas unemployment in the EU has reached the alarming figure of 26.6 million¹ whereas long-term unemployment has risen in most Member States and reached an all-time high in the EU as a whole; whereas the decline in employment has been more pronounced in those countries which ***are undertaking*** more substantial fiscal consolidation;

Amendment

B. whereas unemployment in the EU has reached the alarming figure of 26.6 million² whereas long-term unemployment has risen in most Member States and reached an all-time high in the EU as a whole; whereas the decline in employment has been more pronounced in those countries which ***were in such bad situation that they had to undertake*** more substantial fiscal consolidation;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

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¹ *EU Employment and Social Situation: Quarterly Review*, October 2013.

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Or. en

Amendment 8
Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas unemployment in the EU has reached the alarming figure of 26.6 million whereas long-term unemployment has risen in most Member States and reached an all time high in the EU as a whole; whereas the decline in employment has been more pronounced in *those* countries which are undertaking more substantial fiscal consolidation;

Amendment

B. whereas unemployment in the EU has reached the alarming figure of 26.6 million whereas long-term unemployment has risen in most Member States and reached an all time high in the EU as a whole; whereas the decline in employment has been more pronounced in *some* countries which are undertaking more substantial fiscal consolidation;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas youth unemployment rates have reached unprecedented levels, averaging 23 % for the EU as a whole, and whereas in some Member States the unemployment rate among young people aged 16 to 25 is higher than 50 %; whereas the labour market situation is particularly

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critical for young people, regardless of their level of education, ***who often end up either unemployed or with precarious employment contracts or unpaid traineeships;***

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Or. en

Amendment 10
Evelyn Regner

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas youth unemployment rates have reached unprecedented levels, averaging 23 % for the EU as a whole, and whereas in some Member States the unemployment rate among young people aged 16 to 25 is higher than 50 %; whereas the labour market situation is particularly critical for young people, regardless of their level of education, who often end up either unemployed or with precarious employment contracts or unpaid traineeships;

Amendment

C. whereas youth unemployment rates have reached unprecedented levels, averaging 23 % for the EU as a whole, and whereas in some Member States the unemployment rate among young people aged 16 to 25 is higher than 50 %; whereas the labour market situation is particularly critical for young people, regardless of their level of education, who often end up either unemployed or with precarious employment contracts or unpaid traineeships; ***whereas in 2011 the economic loss due to the disengagement of young people from the labour market was estimated at EUR 153 billion in the Member States, corresponding to 1,2 % of EU GDP¹;***

Or. en

Amendment 11
Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

¹ Eurofound (2012), 'NEETs – Young people not in employment, education or training: Characteristics, costs and policy responses in Europe'. Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg.

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 12
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recital Ca (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas the rigidity of labour market regulation in several Member States lacks the flexibility to effectively absorb shocks such as the current crisis; whereas current labour market legislation disproportionately protects insiders and adversely affects the inclusion of young people into the workforce;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas ***long-term unemployment is on***

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the rise, resulting in structural unemployment; whereas labour market segmentation has continued to increase, average household incomes are declining in many Member States and indicators point to a trend of higher levels and deeper forms of poverty and social exclusion, including in-work poverty;

more long lasting recession in the economic history of the last 100 years, but a catastrophe has been avoided, and the effects of the crisis distributed to many years, even decades, and these effects include that long-term unemployment is still on the rise, possibly resulting in structural unemployment; whereas labour market segmentation has continued to increase, average household incomes are declining in many Member States and indicators point to a trend of *somewhat* higher levels and deeper forms of poverty and social exclusion, including in-work poverty *for some years ahead*;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the high – and, in some cases, growing – tax wedge, *especially for low-wage- and second-income-earners*, remains an issue in a considerable number of Member States *and is increasing inequality*; whereas the International Monetary Fund (IMF) recently pointed out that there is *scope to tax better and more progressively in order to enhance the legitimacy of the consolidation effort while doing more to promote growth and bring in additional revenue along the way*; *whereas there is* a need to shift the tax burden away from labour towards other forms of sustainable tax;

Amendment

E. whereas the high – and, in some cases, growing – tax wedge, remains an issue in a considerable number of Member States; whereas the International Monetary Fund (IMF) recently pointed out that there is a need to shift the tax burden away from labour towards other forms of sustainable tax;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the high – and, in some cases, growing – tax wedge, especially for low-wage- and second-income-earners, remains an issue in a considerable number of Member States and is increasing inequality; whereas the International Monetary Fund (IMF) recently pointed out that there is scope to tax better and more progressively in order to enhance the legitimacy of the consolidation effort while doing more to promote growth and bring in additional revenue along the way; whereas there is a need to shift the tax burden away from labour towards other forms of sustainable tax

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 16

Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas the effects of the crisis and of the excessive fiscal consolidation policies pursued in recent years have resulted in an unprecedented and growing divergence in output and employment between core and periphery countries; whereas the core-periphery gap in unemployment rates reached 10 percentage points in 2012, compared with only 3.5 percentage points in 2000; whereas that divergence is forecast to peak this year;

Amendment

F. whereas the core-periphery gap in unemployment rates reached 10 percentage points in 2012, compared with only 3.5 percentage points in 2000; whereas that divergence is forecast to peak this year;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas the effects of the crisis **and of the excessive fiscal consolidation policies pursued in recent years** have resulted in an unprecedented and growing divergence in output and employment between core and periphery countries; whereas the core-periphery gap in unemployment rates reached 10 percentage points in 2012, compared with only 3.5 percentage points in 2000; whereas that divergence is forecast to peak this year;

Amendment

F. whereas the effects of the crisis have resulted in an unprecedented and growing divergence in output and employment between core and periphery countries; whereas the core-periphery gap in unemployment rates reached 10 percentage points in 2012, compared with only 3.5 percentage points in 2000; whereas that divergence is forecast to peak this year;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas the effects of the crisis **and of the excessive fiscal consolidation policies pursued in recent years** have resulted in an unprecedented and growing divergence in output and employment between core and periphery countries; whereas the core-periphery gap in unemployment rates reached 10 percentage points in 2012, compared with only 3.5 percentage points in 2000; whereas that divergence is forecast to peak this year;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 19
Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F a. whereas it is necessary to pursue with a growth friendly and differentiated fiscal consolidation to guarantee the sustainability of the welfare state and public finances in the long term;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution
Recital F b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F b. whereas economic improvements should thus be taken as an encouragement to pursue efforts with determination but, lowering the rhythm to focus on growing and employment, in order to keep up the reform programs to improve competitiveness and secure a lasting recovery;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas the effects of the crisis and of the ***excessive*** fiscal consolidation policies pursued in recent years have resulted in an unprecedented and growing divergence in output and employment between core and periphery countries; whereas the core-periphery gap in unemployment rates

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periphery gap in unemployment rates reached 10 percentage points in 2012, compared with only 3.5 percentage points in 2000; whereas that divergence is forecast to peak this year;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Rectial G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas systematic errors in the Commission's economic forecasts for growth and unemployment in recent years demonstrate the need for a change of diagnosis and strategy with a view to ending the crisis; whereas the pace of fiscal consolidation has slowed, yet the deflationary impact of certain structural reforms, mostly focusing on external demand, are having the same severe effects on internal demand, with stagnant investment and growth and weak job creation;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 23
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas systematic errors in the Commission's economic forecasts for growth and unemployment in recent years demonstrate the need for a change of

G. whereas the pace of fiscal consolidation has slowed, yet the deflationary impact of certain necessary structural reforms, mostly focusing on external demand, are *still*

diagnosis and strategy with a view to ending the crisis; whereas the pace of fiscal consolidation has slowed, yet the deflationary impact of certain structural reforms, mostly focusing on external demand, are having the same *severe* effects on internal demand, with stagnant investment and growth and weak job creation;

having the same effects on internal demand, with stagnant investment and growth and weak job creation;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas systematic errors in the Commission's economic forecasts for growth and unemployment in recent years demonstrate the need for *a change of diagnosis and strategy with a view to ending the crisis*; whereas the pace of fiscal consolidation has slowed, yet the deflationary impact of certain structural reforms, mostly focusing on external demand, are having the same severe effects on internal demand, with stagnant investment and growth and weak job creation;

Amendment

G. whereas systematic errors in the Commission's economic forecasts for growth and unemployment in recent years demonstrate the need for *an improved model of forecasting*; whereas the pace of fiscal consolidation has slowed, yet the deflationary impact of certain structural reforms, mostly focusing on external demand, are having the same severe effects on internal demand, with stagnant investment and growth and weak job creation;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. **whereas systematic errors in the Commission's economic forecasts for growth and unemployment in recent years demonstrate the need for a change of diagnosis and strategy with a view to ending the crisis;** whereas the pace of fiscal consolidation has slowed, yet **the deflationary impact of certain structural reforms, mostly focusing on external demand, are having the same severe effects on internal demand,** with stagnant investment and growth and weak job creation

Amendment

G. whereas the pace of fiscal consolidation has slowed, yet **there are clear signs that warns about the risk of deflation that combined with the current** stagnant investment and growth and weak job creation **can be very harmful for the European economy and needs to be addressed;**

Or. en

Amendment 26
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas **systematic errors in the Commission's economic forecasts for growth and unemployment** in recent years demonstrate the need for a change of diagnosis and strategy with a view to ending the crisis; whereas the pace of fiscal consolidation has slowed, yet the deflationary impact of certain structural reforms, mostly focusing on external demand, are having the same severe effects on internal demand, with stagnant investment and growth and weak job creation;

Amendment

G. whereas **the political options of the Commission** in recent years demonstrate the need for a change of diagnosis and strategy with a view to ending the crisis; whereas the pace of fiscal consolidation has slowed, yet the deflationary impact of certain structural reforms, mostly focusing on external demand, are having the same severe effects on internal demand, with stagnant investment and growth and weak job create on;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G a. whereas the acceleration of the pressure posed by demographic developments on national budgets and pension systems now that the first cohorts of the “baby boom generation” retire;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Recital G b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G b. whereas life expectancy is continuing to rise: for men from 76.7 years (2010) to 78.6 years (2020), for women from 82.5 years (2010) to 84 years (2020);

Or. en

Amendment 29
Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution
Recital G c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G c. taking into account the life-expectancy coefficient with a view to the sustainability of pension systems

Or. en

Amendment 30
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas certain macroeconomic imbalances, for instance in the area of external competitiveness, have improved, although internal imbalances between Member States have been exacerbated; ***whereas evidence shows that a one-size-fits-all policy that relies on external demand and squeezes internal demand is not possible for all eurozone members at the same time; whereas this is heightening the (underestimated) negative impact of simultaneous austerity programmes, thereby depressing internal demand and resulting in over-reliance on demand from third economies, at a time when there are signs of a weakening outlook for emerging economies;***

Amendment

H. whereas certain macroeconomic imbalances, for instance in the area of external competitiveness, have improved, although internal imbalances between Member States have been exacerbated;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas certain macroeconomic imbalances, for instance in the area of external competitiveness, have improved, ***although internal imbalances between Member States have been exacerbated;*** whereas evidence shows that a one-size-fits-all policy that relies on external demand and squeezes internal demand is not possible for all eurozone members at the same time; ***whereas this is heightening the (underestimated) negative impact of simultaneous austerity programmes, thereby depressing internal demand and***

Amendment

H. whereas certain macroeconomic imbalances, for instance in the area of external competitiveness, have improved; whereas evidence shows that a one-size-fits-all policy that relies on external demand and squeezes internal demand is not possible for all eurozone members at the same time;

resulting in over-reliance on demand from third economies, at a time when there are signs of a weakening outlook for emerging economies;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas certain macroeconomic imbalances, for instance in the area of external competitiveness, have improved, although internal imbalances between Member States have been exacerbated; whereas evidence shows that a one-size-fits-all policy that relies on external demand and squeezes internal demand is not possible for all eurozone members at the same time; whereas this is heightening the (underestimated) negative impact of simultaneous austerity programmes, thereby depressing internal demand and resulting in over-reliance on demand from third economies, at a time when there are signs of a weakening outlook for emerging economies;

Amendment

H. whereas certain macroeconomic imbalances, for instance in the area of external competitiveness, have improved, although internal imbalances between Member States have been exacerbated; *whereas a strengthened exchange rate of the Euro vis-a-vis the dollar and sterling since 2007 has created further difficulties for struggling Eurozone members in their efforts to increase exports;* whereas evidence shows that a one-size-fits-all policy that relies on external demand and squeezes internal demand is not possible for all eurozone members at the same time; whereas this is heightening the (underestimated) negative impact of simultaneous austerity programmes, thereby depressing internal demand and resulting in over-reliance on demand from third economies, at a time when there are signs of a weakening outlook for emerging economies;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas certain macroeconomic imbalances, for instance in the area of external competitiveness, have improved, although internal imbalances between Member States have been exacerbated; whereas evidence shows that a one-size-fits-all policy ***that relies on external demand and squeezes internal demand is not possible for all eurozone members at the same time; whereas this is heightening the (underestimated) negative impact of simultaneous austerity programmes, thereby depressing internal demand and resulting in over-reliance on demand from third economies, at a time when there are signs of a weakening outlook for emerging economies;***

Amendment

H. whereas certain macroeconomic imbalances, for instance in the area of external competitiveness, have improved, although internal imbalances between Member States have been exacerbated; whereas evidence shows that a one-size-fits-all policy ***whereas it is necessary to continue with structural reforms to enhance competitiveness to foster growth and job creation;***

Or. en

Amendment 34
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H a. whereas the competitiveness gap within the euro area is reflected in the divergences of sovereign interest rates;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recital H b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H b. whereas high sovereign interest rates in certain euro area Member States are due to a perceived lack of credibility of their capacity to conduct structural reforms;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recital H c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H c. whereas the euro area has failed to use the overall reduction of sovereign interest rates in the first ten years of the euro to close the competitiveness gap, which amongst others has been reflected in persistently large current account deficits and rapidly increasing unit labour costs;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Rectial H d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H d. whereas current adjustment in certain countries would be politically, economically and socially less difficult if the positive economic climate in the first ten years of the euro had been used to adjust;

Amendment 38
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recital I

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I. whereas the focus on speed and intensity in pursuing structural reforms has been asymmetrical among Member States, being much more demanding for periphery countries than for core countries, a situation which is liable to exacerbate imbalances in growth creation in the EU;

deleted

Amendment 39
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I. whereas the focus on speed and intensity in pursuing structural reforms has been *asymmetrical* among Member States, being *much* more demanding *for periphery countries than for core countries, a situation which is liable to exacerbate imbalances in growth creation in the EU;*

I. whereas the focus on speed and intensity in pursuing structural reforms has been *different* among Member States *depending on their situation*, being more demanding *in countries with biggest problems, but all Member States have had to adjust their public finances;*

Amendment 40
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas the focus on speed and intensity in pursuing structural reforms has been asymmetrical among Member States, being much more demanding for periphery countries than for core countries, ***a situation which is liable to exacerbate imbalances in growth creation in the EU;***

Amendment

I. whereas the focus on speed and intensity in pursuing structural reforms has been asymmetrical among Member States, being much more demanding for periphery countries than for core countries, ***whereas all Member States should share the same impetus and undertake the necessary structural reforms;***

Or. en

Amendment 41
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas the greatest challenge facing the eurozone at the moment is the growing socioeconomic divergences between Member States; whereas the severe unemployment and social problems currently faced may spill over to other Member States through internal trade, with the erosion of human capital resulting in a deterioration in long-term international competitiveness, a situation that may lead to a deterioration in the economic fundamentals of the EU as a whole; whereas it is in the interest of all Member States to ensure that employment and social challenges are addressed in a timely and effective manner;

Amendment

J. whereas it is in the interest of all Member States to ensure that employment and social challenges are addressed in a timely and effective manner;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution

Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas ***the greatest challenge facing the eurozone*** at the moment is the growing socioeconomic divergences between Member States; whereas the severe unemployment and social problems ***currently faced*** may spill over to other Member States through internal trade, with the erosion of human capital resulting in a deterioration in long-term international competitiveness, ***a situation that may lead to a deterioration in the economic fundamentals of the EU as a whole***; whereas it is in the interest of all Member States to ensure that employment and social challenges are addressed in a timely and effective manner;

Amendment

J. whereas ***all Member States need to improve their performance and competitiveness and a great challenge facing the eurozone*** at the moment is the growing socioeconomic divergences between Member States; whereas the unemployment and social problems may spill over to other Member States through internal trade, with the erosion of human capital resulting in a deterioration in long-term international competitiveness; whereas it is in the interest of all Member States to ensure that employment and social challenges are addressed in a timely and effective manner;

Or. en

Amendment 43 **Inês Cristina Zuber**

Motion for a resolution

Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas SMEs constitute the backbone of the EU economy but remain worryingly over-indebted and continue to face the highest credit costs and the contraction of credit availability; whereas smaller businesses in the periphery countries are paying between 4 and 6 percentage points more for bank lending than their counterparts in central Europe, putting them at a significant disadvantage and thus hampering the region's prospects for balanced economic growth and job creation;

Amendment

L. whereas SMEs constitute the backbone of the EU economy but remain worryingly over-indebted and continue to face the highest credit costs and the contraction of credit availability; whereas smaller businesses in the periphery countries are paying between 4 and 6 percentage points more for bank lending than their counterparts in central Europe, putting them at a significant disadvantage and thus hampering the region's prospects for balanced economic growth and job creation; ***whereas thousands of SMEs everyday due to the constrains of the internal market and due to the reduction***

of the families income;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Recital M a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

M a. whereas support for entrepreneurs should be a priority for Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution

Recital N

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

N. whereas a coherent policy mix combining macroeconomic policies, structural policies, sound labour market institutions, unsegmented labour markets, ***coordination of collective bargaining and well-resourced welfare systems (which serve as automatic stabilisers)*** is essential ***in absorbing cyclical shocks;***

N. whereas a coherent policy mix combining macroeconomic policies, structural policies, sound labour market institutions, unsegmented labour markets, ***whereas a system based on rapid reintegration into the labour market and flanking measures based on flexsecurity is important in absorbing cyclical shocks*** is essential;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas a coherent policy mix combining macroeconomic policies, structural policies, sound labour market institutions, unsegmented labour markets, coordination of collective bargaining and well-resourced welfare systems (which serve as automatic stabilisers) is essential in absorbing cyclical shocks;

Amendment

N. whereas a coherent policy mix combining macroeconomic policies, structural policies, sound labour market institutions, unsegmented **and flexible** labour markets, coordination of collective bargaining and well-resourced welfare systems (which serve as automatic stabilisers) is essential in absorbing cyclical shocks;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas a coherent policy mix combining macroeconomic policies, structural policies, **sound labour market institutions, unsegmented labour markets, coordination of collective bargaining** and well-resourced welfare systems (which serve as automatic stabilisers) is essential in absorbing cyclical shocks;

Amendment

N. whereas a coherent policy mix combining macroeconomic policies, structural policies, **well-functioning labour markets** and well-resourced **and efficient** welfare systems (which serve as automatic stabilisers) is essential in absorbing cyclical shocks;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution

Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas a coherent policy mix combining macroeconomic policies, structural policies, sound labour market institutions, unsegmented labour markets, coordination of collective bargaining and well-resourced welfare systems (**which serve as automatic stabilisers**) is essential in absorbing cyclical shocks;

Amendment

N. whereas a coherent policy mix combining macroeconomic policies, structural policies, sound labour market institutions, unsegmented labour markets, coordination of collective bargaining and well-resourced welfare systems is essential in absorbing cyclical shocks;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas since 2010 there has been a growing divergence in the capacity of national fiscal stabilisers to counteract the economic crisis and its employment and social consequences, with this capacity having practically disappeared in those countries hit hardest by the crisis; whereas household incomes, and thus domestic demand, have consequently been less well protected than before, further aggravating the recession; whereas Parliament's Committee on Employment and Social Affairs held a public hearing on 9 July 2013 on 'The social dimension of the EMU – European unemployment benefit scheme', which ***identified*** the need for automatic stabilisers at the eurozone level;

Amendment

O. whereas Parliament's Committee on Employment and Social Affairs held a public hearing on 9 July 2013 on 'The social dimension of the EMU – European unemployment benefit scheme', which ***discussed*** the need for automatic stabilisers at the eurozone level;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 51
Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution

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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs held a public hearing on 9 July 2013 on ‘The social dimension of the EMU – European unemployment benefit scheme’, *which identified the need for automatic stabilisers at the eurozone level;*

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Or. en

Amendment 52
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas since 2010 there has been *a growing divergence in the capacity of national fiscal* stabilisers to counteract the economic crisis and its employment and social consequences, with this capacity having practically disappeared in those countries hit hardest by the crisis; whereas household incomes, and thus domestic demand, have consequently been less well protected than before, further aggravating the recession; whereas Parliament’s Committee on Employment and Social Affairs held a public hearing on 9 July 2013 on ‘The social dimension of the EMU – European unemployment benefit scheme’, which identified the need for automatic stabilisers at the Eurozone level;

Amendment

O. whereas since 2010 there has been *an attack against social, economic and labour rights* stabilisers to counteract the economic crisis and its employment and social consequences, with this capacity having practically disappeared in those countries hit hardest by the crisis; whereas household incomes, and thus domestic demand, have consequently been less well protected than before, further aggravating the recession; whereas Parliament’s Committee on Employment and Social Affairs held a public hearing on 9 July 2013 on ‘The social dimension of the EMU – European unemployment benefit scheme’, which identified the need for automatic stabilisers at the Eurozone level;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Alejandro Cercas, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Motion for a resolution
Recital P

Motion for a resolution

P. whereas poverty levels have been increasing at alarming rates since 2007, such that 24.2 % of the EU population is currently at risk of poverty or social exclusion; whereas social protection expenditure has decreased in nearly all the Member States, and whereas the Social Protection Committee (SPC) is warning that increasing numbers of people are at risk of income poverty, child poverty, severe material deprivation and social exclusion because of the impact of fiscal consolidation measures;

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Or. en

Amendment 54
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Recital P

Motion for a resolution

P. whereas poverty levels have been increasing ***at alarming rates*** since 2007, such that 24.2 % of the EU population is currently at risk of poverty or social exclusion; whereas social protection expenditure has decreased in nearly all the Member States, and whereas the Social Protection Committee (SPC) is warning that increasing numbers of people are at risk of income poverty, child poverty, severe material deprivation and social exclusion because ***of the impact of fiscal consolidation measures***;

Amendment

P. whereas poverty levels have been increasing since 2007, such that 24.2 % of the EU population is currently at risk of poverty or social exclusion; whereas social protection expenditure has decreased in nearly all the Member States, and whereas the Social Protection Committee (SPC) is warning that increasing numbers of people are at risk of income poverty, child poverty, severe material deprivation and social exclusion;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution

Recital P a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

P a. whereas the Single Market is the EU's key engine for growth and jobs through economies of scale and greater competition but Member States show complacency in implementing internal market legislation, particularly the services directive;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution

Recital Q

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Q. whereas, despite the urgency of the situation, the EU is failing to achieve almost all of the Europe 2020 targets, and whereas progress in the Member States in delivering on the Europe 2020 objectives has been disappointing; whereas the commitments made in the 2013 national reform programmes ***and the corresponding recommendations*** are insufficient to meet most of the EU-level targets;

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Or. en

Amendment 57

Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution

Recital Q

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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whereas progress in the Member States in delivering on the Europe 2020 objectives has been disappointing; whereas the commitments made in the 2013 national reform programmes are insufficient to meet most of the EU-level targets;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Recital Q

Motion for a resolution

Q. whereas, despite the urgency of the situation, the EU is failing to achieve almost all of the Europe 2020 targets, and whereas progress in the Member States in delivering on the Europe 2020 objectives has been disappointing; whereas the commitments made in the 2013 national reform programmes *are insufficient to meet most of the EU-level targets*;

Amendment

Q. whereas, despite the urgency of the situation, the EU is failing to achieve almost all of the Europe 2020 targets, and whereas progress in the Member States in delivering on the Europe 2020 objectives has been disappointing; whereas the commitments made in the 2013 national reform programmes *were in the wrong political direction to achieve social progress and growth*;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Recital R

Motion for a resolution

R. whereas it is essential to foster democratic accountability, ownership and legitimacy of all actors involved in the European Semester; whereas the appropriate involvement of Parliament is a crucial part of this process; whereas national parliaments are the representatives and guarantors of the rights acquired and delegated by citizens; whereas *the*

Amendment

R. whereas it is essential to foster democratic accountability, ownership and legitimacy of all actors involved in the European Semester; whereas the appropriate involvement of Parliament is a crucial part of this process; whereas national parliaments are the representatives and guarantors of the rights acquired and delegated by citizens; whereas *changes of*

introduction of the European Semester should fully respect the prerogatives of national parliaments;

existing macroeconomic policies are necessary, (i.e. discontinue the fiscal pact, European Semester, economic governance, stop the privatisation and liberalisation processes, etc) to give priority to the creation of quality work with rights, with better wages, less poverty and more social inclusion and progress;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution
Recital R a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

R a. whereas arrangements are lacking to ensure that the European Council respects the position of the European Parliament before it yearly adopts the priorities proposed by the Commission in the Annual Growth Survey;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-1 a. Expresses its deep concerns of the limited role of the European Parliament in the formulation of economic priorities in the European Semester; deplores that little progress has been made by the Commission and Council to strengthen democratic scrutiny of the economic policy guidance;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-1 b. Calls on the Commission and the Council to enter into an Interinstitutional Agreement with Parliament in order to give Parliament a full role in the drafting and approval of the Annual Growth Survey and the Economic Policy and Employment Guidelines.

Or. en

Amendment 63
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Welcomes the fact that this year, for the first time, the draft Joint Employment Report annexed to the Annual Growth Survey (AGS) includes a scoreboard for employment and social policies, which will help to strengthen the monitoring of employment and social developments as part of macroeconomic surveillance within the European Semester; ***considers that this represents an acknowledgment of the need to reinforce the social dimension of the Economic and Monetary Union, which is not only desirable, but also necessary in order to address the crisis and prevent serious socioeconomic divergences in the eurozone, thereby enhancing its sustainability;***

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Or. en

Amendment 64
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 65
Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Underlines that the social and economic priorities as agreed within the framework of the EU2020 strategy are deeply interconnected. Economic sustainability and macroeconomic balance cannot be achieved - in the medium as well as in the long run - without the enhancement and the safeguard of the social dimension of the EMU. Social and economic aspects of the Union are two sides of the same coin and both play a key role in the development of

the EU.

Or. en

Amendment 66
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Considers it regrettable, however, that these indicators have not been made binding, unlike the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure scoreboard; asks the Commission to remedy this situation, which does not reflect the need to put macroeconomic and social aspects on an equal footing as part of the European Semester process; considers this situation particularly worrying in the light of the growing social and employment imbalances in the EU; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 67
Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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particularly worrying in the light of the growing social and employment imbalances in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

2. Considers it **understandable** that these indicators have not been made binding, unlike the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure scoreboard;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Sergio Gutierrez Prieto, Alejandro Cercas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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levels, a decent work index, and a European living wage index, in order to allow proper assessment of the social situation in the EU;

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Or. en

Amendment 70

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Considers it regrettable that the employment and social indicators proposed by the Commission are insufficient to cover the Member States' employment and social situations comprehensively; calls for the scoreboard to include additional indicators, in particular child poverty levels, a decent work index, and a European living wage index, in order to allow proper assessment of the social situation in the EU;

Amendment

3. Considers it regrettable that the employment and social indicators proposed by the Commission are insufficient to cover the Member States' employment and social situations comprehensively; calls for the scoreboard to include additional indicators, in particular child poverty levels, **in-work poverty levels**, a decent work index and a European living wage index, in order to allow proper assessment of the social situation in the EU. ***The indicators should after consultation of the Parliament be reviewed on a regular basis and where identified, extended with other relevant social indicators;***

Or. en

Amendment 71

Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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employment and social situations comprehensively ***and*** allow proper assessment of the social situation in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 73
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

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Or. en

Amendment 74
Evelyn Regner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

3. Considers it regrettable that the employment and social indicators proposed by the Commission are insufficient to cover the Member States' employment and social situations comprehensively; calls for the scoreboard to include additional indicators, in particular child poverty levels, ***employment rate without mini-jobs***, a decent work index and a European living wage index, in order to allow proper assessment of the social situation in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Commission to use the social scoreboard not only as an

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analytical tool, but also as a basis for developing concrete indications for the Member States as to how they can fight or prevent unemployment, reduce social inequality, promote active inclusion and prevent social dumping, which would then feed into the design and implementation of the 2014 country-specific recommendations (CSRs) within the European Semester process;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to use the social scoreboard not only as an analytical tool, but also as a basis for developing concrete indications for the Member States as to how they can fight or prevent unemployment, reduce social inequality, ***poverty and social exclusion***, promote active inclusion and prevent social dumping, which would then feed into the design and implementation of the 2014 country-specific recommendations (CSRs) within the European Semester process; ***Calls on the Commission to develop a system that triggers preventative and corrective actions once the indicators in the social scoreboard reach thresholds to be defined in agreement with the European Parliament;***

Or. en

Amendment 77

Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Commission to use the social scoreboard not only as an analytical tool, but also as a basis for developing concrete indications for the Member States as to how they can fight or prevent unemployment, reduce social inequality, promote active inclusion and prevent social dumping, which would then feed into the design and implementation of the 2014 country-specific recommendations (CSRs) within the European Semester process;

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Or. en

Amendment 78
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the Council to define concrete benchmarks for employment and social indicators, in the form of an EU social protection floor, in order to trigger timely activation measures at EU level;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 79
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Calls on the Council to define concrete benchmarks for employment and social indicators, in the form of an EU social protection floor, in order to trigger timely activation measures at EU level;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 80

Verónica Lope Fontagné

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Calls on the Council to define concrete benchmarks for employment and social indicators, ***in the form of an EU social protection floor***, in order to trigger timely ***activation*** measures at EU level;

5. Calls on the Council to define concrete benchmarks for employment and social indicators, in order to trigger timely ***support*** measures at EU level

Or. en

Amendment 81

Verónica Lope Fontagné

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Meetings of Eurogroup employment and social affairs ministers

deleted

6. Highlights the importance of the Eurogroup employment and social affairs ministers meeting prior to Euro Summits, so as to ensure that social and employment concerns are addressed more fully in the discussions and decisions of the eurozone authorities and with a view

to contributing to the meetings of heads of state and government of the eurozone;

Or. en

Amendment 82

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Highlights the importance of *the Eurogroup employment and social affairs ministers meeting prior to Euro Summits*, so as to ensure that social and employment concerns are addressed more fully in the discussions and decisions of the eurozone authorities and with a view to contributing to the meetings of heads of state and government of the eurozone ;

Amendment

6. Highlights the importance of *a coherent position between EPSCO and ECOFIN Councils; calls on the Council to consider joint meetings* so as to ensure that social and employment concerns are addressed more fully in the discussions and decisions of the eurozone authorities and with a view to contributing to the meetings of heads of state and government of the eurozone ;

Or. en

Amendment 83

Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Warns that until now the new Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure has been invoked mainly to urge countries to improve their competitiveness, *thereby contributing to deflationary pressures in southern Europe, without requiring the same emphasis on creating inflationary pressures, via wage increases, in those countries with the necessary room for manoeuvre to do so; warns that using the same tools to seek growth via the external*

Amendment

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sector for all eurozone countries reduces the expected net results by growing external demand at the expense of internal demand;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

7. **Notes** that until now the new Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure has been invoked mainly to urge countries to improve their competitiveness, **notes also the wage increases in those countries with the room for manoeuvre to do so;**

Or. en

Amendment 85
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

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with negative imbalances to address them, mainly by improving their competitiveness, without requiring the same emphasis on Member States with positive imbalances;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Warns that until now the new Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure has been invoked *mainly* to urge countries to improve their competitiveness, thereby contributing to deflationary pressures in southern Europe, *without requiring the same emphasis on creating inflationary pressures, via wage increases, in those countries with the necessary room for manoeuvre to do so; warns that using the same tools to seek growth via the external sector for all eurozone countries reduces the expected net results by growing external demand at the expense of internal demand;*

Amendment

7. Warns that until now the new Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure has been invoked to urge countries to improve their competitiveness (*via decreasing the wages and incomes*), thereby contributing to deflationary pressures in southern Europe; *emphasizes that a policy of economic growth is always associated with the increase in salary and pensions and the creation of jobs;*

Or. en

Amendment 87
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Calls on the Commission to step up enforcement of the implementation of internal market legislation; urges Member States to fully implement internal market legislation, particularly the Services Directive;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to have a more ambitious focus on re-stimulating internal demand, which ***remains stalled and*** will be key to creating sustainable jobs and productivity and avoiding deflationary risks;

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Or. en

Amendment 89
Evelyn Regner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 90
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 91

Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 92

Joanna Skrzydlewska

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that in the medium to long term the EU's competitiveness can be boosted primarily through productivity-enhancing investments in education, R&D ***and*** continuous innovation; considers that these are the drivers that would make the EU a preferred destination for global

Amendment

10. Stresses that in the medium to long term the EU's competitiveness can be boosted primarily through productivity-enhancing investments in education, R&D, continuous innovation, ***further digitalisation and cloud services***; considers that these are the drivers that

enterprises, an exporter of high-value-added products and services and a provider of high-quality jobs;

would make the EU a preferred destination for global enterprises, an exporter of high-value-added products and services and a provider of high-quality jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that *in the medium to long term* the EU's competitiveness *can* be boosted primarily through productivity-enhancing investments in education, R&D and continuous innovation; considers that these are the drivers that would make the EU a preferred destination for global enterprises, an exporter of high-value-added products and services and a provider of high-quality jobs;

Amendment

10. Stresses that the EU's competitiveness *will* be boosted primarily through productivity-enhancing investments in education, R&D and continuous innovation; considers that these are the drivers that would make the EU a preferred destination for global enterprises, an exporter of high-value-added products and services and a provider of high-quality jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Joanna Skrzydlewska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Is concerned that more than 20 Member States have reduced education expenditure in relative terms (as a percentage of GDP), thereby jeopardising their growth *and jobs potential and* their competitiveness; points out that reducing such investment will increase the EU's structural weakness, given *the mismatch*

Amendment

11. Is concerned that more than 20 Member States have reduced education expenditure in relative terms (as a percentage of GDP), thereby jeopardising their growth and their competitiveness *also because mismatch between labour needs and actual qualifications of workforce* ; points out that reducing such investment

between the growing need for high skilled workers and the fact that in many Member States a high proportion of the workforce is currently low-skilled;

will increase the EU's structural weakness, given the growing need for high skilled workers and the fact that in many Member States a high proportion of the workforce is currently low-skilled;

Or. en

Amendment 95

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Is concerned that more than 20 Member States have reduced education expenditure in relative terms (as a percentage of GDP), thereby jeopardising their growth and jobs potential and their competitiveness; points out that reducing such investment will increase the EU's structural weakness, given the mismatch between the growing need for high-skilled workers and the fact that in many Member States a high proportion of the workforce is currently low-skilled;

Amendment

11. Is concerned that more than 20 Member States have reduced education expenditure in relative terms (as a percentage of GDP), thereby jeopardising their growth and jobs potential and their competitiveness; points out that reducing such investment will increase the EU's structural weakness, given the mismatch between the growing need for high-skilled workers and the fact that in many Member States a high proportion of the workforce is currently low-skilled; ***Warns that according to Eurostat, almost half of all children whose parents had a low education level were at risk of poverty in the EU27 in 2011, compared with 22% of children residing with parents who had a medium education level and 7% of children with parents with a higher education level. with the largest differences found by Eurostat in Romania (78% of children in a low education level household compared with 2% in a high education level household), the Czech Republic (76% and 5%), Slovakia (77% and 7%), Bulgaria (71% and 2%) and Hungary (68% and 3%).***

Or. en

Amendment 96
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Welcomes the fact that in the AGS 2014 the Commission calls on the Member States to protect or promote longer-term investment in education, research and innovation, energy and climate action; ***considers this insufficient, however, to allow Member States with already-constrained budgets to accomplish that goal; calls on the Commission to explore and promote the necessary reforms to exclude productive investments, for instance in education, and research and development, from the deficit targets established under EU rules so as to ring-fence them, given their potential to generate growth and jobs;***

Amendment

12. Welcomes the fact that in the AGS 2014 the Commission calls on the Member States to protect or promote longer-term investment in education, research and innovation, energy and climate action;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Welcomes the fact that in the AGS 2014 the Commission calls on the Member States to protect or promote longer-term investment in education, research and innovation, energy and climate action; ***considers this insufficient, however, to allow Member States with already-constrained budgets to accomplish that goal; calls on the Commission to explore***

Amendment

12. Welcomes the fact that in the AGS 2014 the Commission calls on the Member States to protect or promote longer-term investment in education, research and innovation, energy and climate action;

and promote the necessary reforms to exclude productive investments, for instance in education, and research and development, from the deficit targets established under EU rules so as to ring-fence them, given their potential to generate growth and jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

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Or. en

Amendment 99
Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

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12. Welcomes the fact that in the AGS 2014 the Commission calls on the Member States to protect or promote longer-term investment in education, research and innovation, energy and climate action; considers this insufficient, however, to allow Member States with already-constrained budgets to accomplish that goal; ***calls on the Commission to explore and promote the necessary reforms to exclude productive investments, for instance in education, and research and development, from the deficit targets established under EU rules so as to ring-fence them, given their potential to generate growth and job;***

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12. Welcomes the fact that in the AGS 2014 the Commission calls on the Member States to protect or promote longer-term investment in education, research and innovation, energy and climate action; considers this insufficient, however, to allow Member States with already-constrained budgets to accomplish that goal;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls for stronger support from the European Investment Bank and for the release of EU funds to support urgent investment plans; notes that project bonds already provide a mechanism for supporting investment, ***but regards the eurozone's weak growth and job creation rate as evidence that it should be more ambitious with a view to developing the necessary public and coordinated investments;***

Amendment

13. Calls for stronger support from the European Investment Bank; notes that project bonds may provide a mechanism for supporting investment;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 102
Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Call on Member States to make full use of COSME and Horizon 2020 in order to help SME's financing and foster their competitiveness and helping their sustainability not only in the short term, but also in the long term;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Points out that, at a time of severe fiscal constraint and reduced lending capacity in the private sector, the ***Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund, thanks to their financial scale and the objectives pursued***, represent an essential ***lever*** at the Member States' disposal for stimulating the economy and helping to deliver on the Europe 2020 growth and employment objectives; ***stresses, in this connection, that in view of the key role played by cohesion policy in the development of national programmes within the framework of the European Semester, this policy should be a prime focus of the AGS 2014;***

Amendment

14. Points out that, at a time of severe fiscal constraint and reduced lending capacity in the private sector, the ***European funds***, represent an essential ***leverage*** at the Member States' disposal for stimulating the economy and helping to deliver on the Europe 2020 growth and employment objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Considers that ***cohesion policy*** is essential in helping to reduce internal competitive disparities and structural imbalances; ***calls on the Commission, as a matter of urgency, to reprogramme unspent structural funding in favour of youth employment programmes and SMEs; calls on the Commission to find special solutions for those countries with very high unemployment rates which will be forced to return EU funds on account of co-financing problems; asks the Commission, to this end, to explore the possibility of excluding Member States' participation in the co-financing of EU funds or programmes (under heading 1***

Amendment

15. Considers that ***European funding*** is essential in helping to reduce internal competitive disparities and structural imbalances;

(‘Sustainable growth’) of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)) from the calculation of their structural deficit as defined in the two-pack;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Considers that cohesion policy is essential in helping to reduce internal competitive disparities and structural imbalances; calls on the Commission, as a matter of urgency, to reprogramme unspent structural funding in favour of youth employment programmes and SMEs; calls on the Commission to find special solutions for those countries with very high unemployment rates which will be forced to return EU funds on account of co-financing problems; ***asks the Commission, to this end, to explore the possibility of excluding Member States’ participation in the co-financing of EU funds or programmes (under heading 1 (‘Sustainable growth’) of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)) from the calculation of their structural deficit as defined in the two-pack;***

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15. Considers that cohesion policy is essential in helping to reduce internal competitive disparities and structural imbalances; calls on the Commission, as a matter of urgency, to reprogramme unspent structural funding in favour of youth employment programmes and SMEs; calls on the Commission to find special solutions for those countries with very high unemployment rates which will be forced to return EU funds on account of co-financing problems;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

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Or. en

Amendment 107

Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Considers that cohesion policy is essential in helping to reduce internal competitive disparities and structural imbalances; calls on the Commission, as a matter of urgency, to reprogramme unspent structural funding in favour of youth employment programmes and SMEs; calls on the Commission to find special solutions for those countries with very high unemployment rates which will be forced to return EU funds on account of co-financing problems; ***asks the***

Amendment

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Commission, to this end, to explore the possibility of excluding Member States' participation in the co-financing of EU funds or programmes (under heading 1 ('Sustainable growth') of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)) from the calculation of their structural deficit as defined in the two-pack;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Considers that cohesion policy is essential in helping to reduce internal competitive disparities and structural imbalances; calls on the Commission, *as a matter of urgency, to reprogramme unspent structural funding in favour of youth employment programmes and SMEs*; calls on the Commission to find special solutions for those countries with very high unemployment rates which will be forced to return EU funds on account of co-financing problems; asks the Commission, to this end, to explore the possibility of excluding Member States' participation in the co-financing of EU funds or programmes (under heading 1 ('Sustainable growth') of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)) from the calculation of their structural deficit as defined in the two-pack;

Amendment

15. Considers that cohesion policy is essential in helping to reduce internal competitive disparities and structural imbalances; calls on the Commission to *ensure in the setting up of the Operational programs that Member States target their structural funds towards job creation and combatting youth employment*; calls on the Commission to find special solutions for those countries with very high unemployment rates which will be forced to return EU funds on account of co-financing problems; asks the Commission, to this end, to explore the possibility of excluding Member States' participation in the co-financing of EU funds or programmes (under heading 1 ('Sustainable growth') of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)) from the calculation of their structural deficit as defined in the two-pack;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Commission to apply the frontloading principle to all funds for the 2014-2020 period for those Member States which have the highest levels of unemployment and are going through processes of deep fiscal consolidation, especially as regards programmes to boost economic growth, employment and strategic investment;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 110
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Commission to apply the frontloading principle to all funds for the 2014-2020 period for those Member States which have the highest levels of unemployment and are going through processes of deep fiscal consolidation, especially as regards programmes to boost economic growth, employment and strategic investment;

Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission apply the frontloading principle ***to those funds essential for crisis recovery such as the European Social Fund for the 2014-2020 period while monitoring carefully for undesired effects of frontloading such as the risk of automatic de-committment and the impact on the payment profiles*** for those Member States which have the highest levels of unemployment and are going through processes of deep fiscal consolidation, especially as regards programmes to boost economic growth, employment and strategic investment;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Considers that at least 25 % of national cohesion funds should be used for specific programmes under the European Social Fund in those Member States with the highest levels of unemployment and poverty;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 112
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Is concerned that the Commission's strategy of restoring EU competitiveness through an excessive adjustment of unit labour costs via salary reductions has sharply eroded the purchasing power of many EU workers, lowered household incomes and depressed internal demand, further fuelling unemployment and social exclusion, particularly in those countries hit hardest by the crisis; points out that a transversal policy for restoring competitiveness must also contemplate strategies focusing on other production costs, price developments and profit margins;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 113
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. ***Is concerned that the Commission's strategy of restoring EU competitiveness through an excessive adjustment of unit labour costs via salary reductions has sharply eroded the purchasing power of many EU workers, lowered household incomes and depressed internal demand, further fuelling unemployment and social exclusion, particularly in those countries hit hardest by the crisis; points out that a transversal policy for restoring competitiveness must also contemplate strategies focusing on other production costs, price developments and profit margins;***

Amendment

18. ***Points out that a transversal policy for restoring competitiveness must also contemplate strategies focusing on all production costs, salaries, cost of energy and raw materials, price developments and profit margins;***

Or. en

Amendment 114
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. ***Is concerned that the Commission's strategy of restoring EU competitiveness through an excessive adjustment of unit labour costs via salary reductions has sharply eroded the purchasing power of many EU workers, lowered household incomes and depressed internal demand, further fuelling unemployment and social exclusion, particularly in those countries hit hardest by the crisis; points out that a transversal policy for restoring competitiveness must also contemplate***

Amendment

18. ***Calls for labour markets more adaptive and dynamic, able to adjust to disruptions in the economic situation without causing redundancies; Recalls that the lack of internal flexibility in many labour markets caused massive redundancies that sharply eroded the purchasing power of many EU workers, lowered household incomes and depressed internal demand, further fuelling unemployment and social exclusion, particularly in those countries hit hardest***

strategies focusing on other production costs, price developments and profit margins;

by the crisis; points out that a transversal policy for restoring competitiveness must also contemplate strategies focusing on other production costs, price developments and profit margins;

Or. en

Amendment 115
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. ***Is concerned that*** the Commission's strategy of restoring EU competitiveness through ***an excessive*** adjustment of unit labour costs via salary reductions has sharply eroded the purchasing power of many EU workers, lowered household incomes and depressed internal demand, further fuelling unemployment and social exclusion, particularly in those countries hit hardest by the crisis; points out that a transversal policy for restoring competitiveness must ***also*** contemplate strategies focusing on other production costs, price developments ***and*** profit margins;

Amendment

18. ***Rejects*** the Commission's strategy of restoring EU competitiveness through ***a reduction*** adjustment of unit labour costs via salary reductions has sharply eroded the purchasing power of many EU workers, lowered household incomes and depressed internal demand, further fuelling unemployment and social exclusion, particularly in those countries hit hardest by the crisis; points out that a transversal policy for restoring competitiveness must contemplate strategies focusing on other production costs, price developments, profit margins, ***qualification and professional training***;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Welcomes the Commission's recommendations to core countries with

Amendment

19. Welcomes the Commission's recommendations to core countries with

the necessary room for manoeuvre to pursue expansionary policies via wage increases; ***calls on the Commission to make ambitious recommendations which will help to lower the excessive deflationary pressures on southern Europe and to avoid the risk of exacerbating imbalances in growth and job creation in the eurozone;***

the necessary room for manoeuvre to pursue expansionary policies via wage increases;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Welcomes the Commission's recommendations ***to core countries with the necessary room for manoeuvre to pursue expansionary policies via wage increases; calls on the Commission to make ambitious recommendations which will help to lower the excessive deflationary pressures on southern Europe and to avoid the risk of exacerbating imbalances in growth and job creation in the eurozone;***

Amendment

19. Welcomes the Commission's recommendations ***firstly to further reform in order to ensure that wage developments are in line with productivity and thus support both competitiveness and aggregate demand, secondly to remedy labour market segmentation, notably by modernising employment protection legislation, and thirdly to support job creation in fast-growing sectors and lastly to facilitate labour mobility;***

Or. en

Amendment 118
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Calls on the Council to revise its conclusions of 8 November 2011 that

unlike current account deficits, large and sustained current account surpluses should not trigger corrective action by the Excessive Imbalance Procedure; calls for a symmetric and socially just correction of imbalances in the eurozone;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes that the Commission, in its 2014 draft Joint Employment Report 2014, points out that unit labour cost reductions and wage moderation have fed into price developments only slowly and incompletely, in part because of simultaneous hikes in indirect taxes and administered prices *owing to fiscal consolidation*;

Amendment

20. Notes that the Commission, in its 2014 draft Joint Employment Report 2014, points out that unit labour cost reductions and wage moderation have fed into price developments only slowly and incompletely, in part because of simultaneous hikes in indirect taxes and administered prices;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes that the Commission, in its 2014 draft Joint Employment Report 2014, points out that unit labour cost reductions and wage moderation have fed into price developments *only slowly and incompletely*, in part because of simultaneous hikes in indirect taxes and

Amendment

20. Notes that the Commission, in its 2014 draft Joint Employment Report 2014, points out that unit labour cost reductions and wage moderation have fed into price developments, in part because of simultaneous hikes in indirect taxes and administered prices owing to fiscal

administered prices owing to fiscal consolidation;

consolidation;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Notes that decent wages are important not only for social cohesion and fairness in society, but also for maintaining a strong economy; ***calls on the Commission to propose measures that tackle inequality and guarantee decent pay***; calls on the Member States to combat in-work poverty by pursuing labour market policies aimed at ensuring a living wage for those in work;

Amendment

21. Notes that decent wages are important not only for social cohesion and fairness in society, but also for maintaining a strong economy; calls on the Member States to combat in-work poverty by pursuing labour market policies aimed at ensuring a living wage for those in work;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Notes that decent wages are important not only for social cohesion and fairness in society, but also for maintaining a strong economy; ***calls on the Commission to propose measures that tackle inequality and guarantee decent pay***; calls on the Member States to combat in-work poverty by pursuing labour market policies aimed at ensuring a living wage for those in work;

Amendment

21. Notes that decent wages are important not only for social cohesion and fairness in society, but also for maintaining a strong economy; calls on the Member States to combat in-work poverty by pursuing labour market policies aimed at ensuring a living wage for those in work;

Or. en

Amendment 123
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Notes that decent wages are important not only for social cohesion and fairness in society, but also for maintaining a strong economy; calls on the Commission to propose measures that tackle inequality and guarantee decent pay; calls on the Member States to combat in-work poverty by pursuing labour market policies aimed at ensuring a living wage for those in work;

Amendment

21. Notes that decent wages are important not only for social cohesion and fairness in society, but also for maintaining a strong economy; calls on the Commission **and Member States** to propose measures that tackle inequality and guarantee decent pay; calls on the Member States to combat in-work poverty by pursuing labour market policies aimed at ensuring a living wage for those in work;

Or. en

Amendment 124
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Notes that decent wages are important not only for social cohesion and fairness in society, but also for maintaining a strong economy; calls on the Commission to propose measures that tackle inequality and guarantee decent pay; calls on the Member States to combat in-work poverty by pursuing labour market policies aimed at ensuring a living wage for those in work;

Amendment

21. Notes that decent wages **and jobs with rights** are important not only for social cohesion and fairness in society, but also for maintaining **and encourage** a strong economy; calls on the Commission to propose measures that tackle inequality and guarantee decent pay; calls on the Member States to combat in work poverty by pursuing labour market policies aimed at ensuring a living wage for those in work, **and don't reduce the wages and pensions and social protection subsidies**;

Or. en

Amendment 125
Joanna Skrzydlewska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Notes that women are driving job growth in Europe so more needs to be done to make full use of the productive potential of the women workforce through better implementation of gender equality policies and more effective use of EU funding for this purpose.

Or. en

Amendment 126
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Calls on the Commission to explore the possibility of reducing pressure on wages through minimum-wage schemes, which can be different in each country so as to reflect median wage ratios and differing levels of productivity; points out that such a measure may make it possible to reduce deflation risks and inequality and to limit nominal imbalances in competitiveness and current accounts;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 127
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Calls on the **Commission** to explore the possibility of reducing pressure on wages through minimum-wage schemes, **which can be different in each country so as to reflect median wage ratios and differing levels of productivity**; points out that such a measure may make it possible to reduce deflation risks and inequality and to limit nominal imbalances in competitiveness and current accounts;

Amendment

22. Calls on the **Member States** to explore the possibility of reducing pressure on wages through minimum-wage schemes, points out that such a measure may make it possible to reduce deflation risks and inequality and to limit nominal imbalances in competitiveness and current accounts;

Or. en

Amendment 128
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Calls on the Commission to explore the possibility of reducing pressure on wages through minimum-wage schemes, which can be different in each country so as to reflect median wage ratios and differing levels of productivity; points out that such a measure may make it possible to reduce deflation risks and inequality and to limit nominal imbalances in competitiveness and current accounts;

Amendment

22. Calls on the Commission to explore the possibility of reducing pressure on wages through minimum-wage schemes **in those countries where exist**, which can be different in each country so as to reflect median wage ratios and differing levels of productivity; points out that such a measure may make it possible to reduce deflation risks and inequality and to limit nominal imbalances in competitiveness and current accounts;

Or. en

Amendment 129
Evelyn Regner

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Calls on the Commission to explore the possibility of reducing pressure on wages through minimum-wage schemes, which can be different in each country so as to reflect median wage ratios and differing levels of productivity; points out that such **a measure** may make it possible to reduce deflation risks and inequality and to limit nominal imbalances in competitiveness and current accounts;

Amendment

22. Calls on the Commission to explore the possibility of reducing pressure on wages through minimum-wage schemes, which can be different in each country so as to reflect median wage ratios and differing levels of productivity, **and/or through strengthening collective bargaining and in this course the role of social partners at all relevant levels**; points out that such **measures** may make it possible to reduce deflation risks and inequality and to limit nominal imbalances in competitiveness and current accounts;

Or. en

Amendment 130 Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses that job quality is essential in a knowledge-intensive economy in order to promote high labour productivity and rapid innovation by means of a skilled, adaptable, committed workforce with decent health and safety standards, a sense of security and reasonable working hours; **considers that this is not given sufficient emphasis in the AGS 2014, and calls on the Commission to remedy the situation in the 2014 CSRs; believes that policy guidance should focus in particular on workers' access to a core set of labour rights, as enshrined in the Treaties and without prejudice to the Member States' legislation**;

Amendment

23. Stresses that job quality is essential in a knowledge-intensive economy in order to promote high labour productivity and rapid innovation by means of a skilled, adaptable, committed workforce with decent health and safety standards, a sense of security and reasonable working hours;

Or. en

Amendment 131
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Stresses that excessive fiscal consolidation has led to an excessive focus on public debt deleveraging, which has hampered private-sector debt reduction; notes that, while the AGS emphasises the risks of high public debt, the IMF has already warned that the main drag on European growth and job creation is in fact private debt (household and corporate);

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 132
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Stresses that excessive fiscal consolidation has led to an excessive focus on public debt deleveraging, which has hampered private-sector debt reduction; notes that, while the AGS emphasises the risks of high public debt, the IMF has already warned that the main drag on European growth and job creation is in fact private debt (household and corporate);

Amendment

24. Notes that, while the AGS emphasises the risks of high public debt, the IMF has already warned that the main drag on European growth and job creation is in fact private debt (household and corporate);

Or. en

Amendment 133
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. ***Stresses that a sustainable exit from the crisis requires effective measures to address the debt overhang, the domestic liquidity shortage and the investment slump***; recalls that private debt sustainability is a precondition for investment, growth and job creation; calls on the Commission to introduce measures allowing orderly debt restructuring, particularly for households and SMEs;

Amendment

25. recalls that private debt sustainability is a precondition for investment, growth and job creation; calls on the Commission to introduce measures allowing orderly debt restructuring, particularly for households and SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 134
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Stresses that a sustainable exit from the crisis requires effective measures to address the debt overhang, the domestic liquidity shortage and the investment slump; recalls that private debt sustainability is a precondition for investment, growth and job creation; ***calls on the Commission to introduce measures allowing orderly debt restructuring, particularly for households and SMEs***;

Amendment

25. Stresses that a sustainable exit from the crisis requires effective measures to address the debt overhang, the domestic liquidity shortage and the investment slump; recalls that private debt sustainability is a precondition for investment, growth and job creation;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25 a. Taken into consideration the fact that excessive private debt in cases of households is a major issue in countries severely hit by the crisis endangering core social values, exposing a great number of people to poverty and homelessness and social exclusion while influencing negatively the functioning of the banking sector, urges Member States to create a financially and socially efficient framework to govern cases of household excessive debts so as to guarantee the sustainable function of the banking sector while preserving social cohesion.

Or. en

Amendment 136
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Warns that SMEs face the highest credit costs and an ever-growing contraction of credit availability; stresses that this is not only hampering growth and job creation in the EU, given SMEs' considerable potential to create new jobs, but is also exacerbating imbalances in the eurozone, since there has been a worrying accentuation of differences in the cost of bank lending between core and periphery countries; welcomes the fact that the importance of access to finance for SMEs has been recognised, and urges the Member States to make access to finance for SMEs an absolute priority in their

26. Warns that SMEs face the highest credit costs and an ever-growing contraction of credit availability; stresses that this is not only hampering growth and job creation in the EU, given SMEs' considerable potential to create new jobs, but is also exacerbating imbalances in the eurozone, since there has been a worrying accentuation of differences in the cost of bank lending between core and periphery countries; ***stresses that the rapid completion of a full-fledged European banking union is a prerequisite to remedy this***; welcomes the fact that the importance of access to finance for SMEs has been

national growth plans; urges the Member States to provide easy access to the EU funds earmarked for that purpose;

recognised, and urges the Member States to make access to finance for SMEs an absolute priority in their national growth plans; urges the Member States to provide easy access to the EU funds earmarked for that purpose;

Or. en

Amendment 137

Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Warns that SMEs face the highest credit costs and ***an ever-growing*** contraction of credit availability; stresses that this is not only hampering growth and job creation in the EU, given SMEs' considerable potential to create new jobs, but is also exacerbating imbalances in the eurozone, since there has been a worrying accentuation of differences in the cost of bank lending between ***core and periphery countries***; welcomes the fact that the importance of access to finance for SMEs has been recognised, and urges the Member States to make access to finance for SMEs an absolute priority in their national growth plans; urges the Member States to provide easy access to the EU funds earmarked for that purpose;

Amendment

26. Warns that SMEs face the highest credit costs and a contraction of credit availability; stresses that this is not only hampering growth and job creation in the EU, given SMEs' considerable potential to create new jobs, but is also exacerbating imbalances in the eurozone, since there has been a worrying accentuation of differences in the cost of bank lending between ***Member States***; welcomes the fact that the importance of access to finance for SMEs has been recognised, and urges the Member States to make access to finance for SMEs an absolute priority in their national growth plans; urges the Member States to provide easy access to the EU funds earmarked for that purpose;

Or. en

Amendment 138

Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. ***Calls on the Commission to engage with the Member States in the creation of recyclable***-loan vehicles, funded by a combination of official and private resources and/or supported by guarantees issued by European institutions, such as the European Investment Bank, ***in order to*** help restore liquidity to households and SMEs ***as a matter of urgency***;

Amendment

27. ***Welcomes the different*** loan vehicles, funded by a combination of official and private resources and/or supported by guarantees issued by European institutions, such as the European Investment Bank ***which help to*** restore liquidity to households and SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 139

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Calls on the Commission to engage with the Member States in the creation of recyclable loan vehicles, funded by a combination of official and private resources and/or supported by guarantees issued by European institutions, such as the European Investment Bank, in order to help restore liquidity to households and SMEs as a matter of urgency;

Amendment

27. Calls on the Commission to engage with the Member States in the ***promotion of crowd funding, peer-to-peer lending and the*** creation of recyclable-loan vehicles funded by a combination of official and private resources and/or supported by guarantees issued by European institutions, such as the European Investment Bank, in order to help restore liquidity to households and SMEs as a matter of urgency;

Or. en

Amendment 140

Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28. Calls for the strengthening of alternative sources of financing for the private sector, such as strong cooperative or public development banks, which can promote the channelling of liquidity to the real economy and adequate project and development financing;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 141

Verónica Lope Fontagné

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29. Calls on the **Commission to make mandatory the presentation of** national general and youth employment plans in the 2014 **CSRs**; considers it regrettable that, despite Parliament's repeated requests, a significant number of Member States did not present such plans in 2013;

29. Calls on the **Member States to present** national general and youth employment plans in the 2014 **National Reform Programmes**; considers it regrettable that, despite Parliament's repeated requests, a significant number of Member States did not present such plans in 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 142

Verónica Lope Fontagné

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30. **Considers it regrettable** that the Council failed to take account of Parliament's call for a focus on job quality in its guidance for 2013; calls on the

30. **Regrets** that the Council failed to take account of Parliament's call for a focus on job quality in its guidance for 2013; calls on the Commission to include job quality,

Commission to include job quality, training, access to lifelong learning, core workers' rights, and support for labour market mobility and self-employment through increased security for workers in the CSRs based on the AGS 2014;

training, *dual learning schemes* access to lifelong learning, core workers' rights, and support for labour market mobility and self-employment through increased security for workers in the CSRs based on the AGS 2014;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Considers it regrettable that the Council failed to take account of Parliament's call for a focus on job quality in its guidance for 2013; ***calls on the Commission to include job quality, training, access to lifelong learning, core workers' rights, and support for labour market mobility and self-employment through increased security for workers in the CSRs based on the AGS 2014;***

Amendment

30. Considers it regrettable that the Council failed to take account of Parliament's call for a focus on job quality in its guidance for 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Stresses that labour market reforms should focus on increasing labour productivity and efficiency in order to boost the EU's economic competitiveness and allow sustainable growth and job creation, ***while strictly respecting both the***

Amendment

31. Stresses that labour market reforms should focus on increasing labour productivity and efficiency in order to boost the EU's economic competitiveness and allow sustainable growth and job creation; believes that labour market

letter and the spirit of the European social acquis and its principles; believes that labour market reforms should be implemented in such a way as to promote job quality;

reforms should be implemented in such a way as to promote job quality;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Stresses that labour market reforms should focus on increasing labour productivity and efficiency in order to boost the EU's economic competitiveness and allow sustainable growth and job creation, while strictly respecting both the letter and the spirit of the European social *acquis* and its principles; believes that labour market reforms should be implemented in such a way as to promote job quality;

Amendment

31. Stresses that labour market reforms should focus on increasing labour productivity and efficiency in order to boost the EU's economic competitiveness and allow sustainable growth and job creation, while strictly respecting both the letter and the spirit of the European social *acquis* and its principles; believes that labour market reforms should be implemented in such a way as to promote ***internal flexibility and*** job quality;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Believes that structural labour market reforms should ***introduce internal flexibility in order to maintain employment in times of economic disruption, and should ensure job quality,***

Amendment

32. Believes that structural labour market reforms should combat labour market segmentation, anticipate economic restructuring and ensure access to lifelong

security in employment transitions, the provision of unemployment benefit schemes that are based on activation requirements and linked to reintegration policies which maintain work incentives while ensuring a decent income, and the establishment of contractual arrangements which combat labour market segmentation, anticipate economic restructuring and ensure access to lifelong learning;

learning;

Or. en

Amendment 147
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Believes that structural labour market reforms should introduce internal flexibility in order to maintain employment in times of economic disruption, and should ensure job quality, security in employment transitions, the provision of unemployment benefit schemes that are based on activation requirements and linked to reintegration policies which maintain work incentives while ensuring a decent income, and the establishment of contractual arrangements which combat labour market segmentation, anticipate economic restructuring and ensure access to lifelong learning;

Amendment

32. Believes that structural labour market reforms should introduce internal flexibility in order to maintain employment in times of economic disruption, and should ensure job quality, security in employment transitions, the provision of unemployment benefit schemes that are based on activation requirements and linked to reintegration policies which maintain work incentives while ensuring a decent income, and the establishment of contractual arrangements which combat labour market segmentation, anticipate economic restructuring and ensure access to lifelong learning; ***believes that only a balance of flexicurity can assure a competitive labour market;***

Or. en

Amendment 148
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Believes that structural labour market reforms should ***introduce internal flexibility in order to maintain employment in times of economic disruption***, and should ensure job quality, security in employment ***transitions***, the provision of unemployment benefit schemes that are based on activation requirements and linked to reintegration policies which maintain work incentives while ensuring a decent income, ***and*** the establishment of contractual arrangements which combat labour market segmentation, ***anticipate economic restructuring and*** ensure access to lifelong learning;

Amendment

32. Believes that structural labour market reforms should ***create jobs with social rights and quality***, and should ensure job quality, security in employment transitions, the provision of unemployment benefit schemes that are based on activation requirements and linked to reintegration policies which maintain work incentives while ensuring a decent income, and the establishment of contractual arrangements which combat labour market segmentation, anticipate economic restructuring and ensure access to lifelong learning; ***and social security (health, maternity, etc.)***;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Is concerned that the easing of conditions allowing firms to opt out of higher-level collective bargaining agreements and to review sectoral wage agreements implies the exclusion of a large number of workers from their right to collective bargaining;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 150

Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Is concerned that the easing of conditions allowing firms to opt out of higher-level collective bargaining agreements and to review sectoral wage agreements implies the exclusion of a large number of workers from their right to collective bargaining;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 151

Evelyn Regner

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Stresses the importance of active labour policies in the current context; is deeply concerned that several Member States, despite rising unemployment rates, have reduced budget allocations to finance active labour policies; calls on the Member States to increase the coverage and effectiveness of active labour market policies, in close cooperation with the social partners;

Amendment

34. Stresses the importance of active, ***comprehensive and inclusive*** labour policies in the current context; is deeply concerned that several Member States, despite rising unemployment rates, have reduced budget allocations to finance active, ***comprehensive and inclusive*** labour policies; calls on the Member States to increase the coverage and effectiveness of active labour market policies, in close cooperation with the social partners;

Or. en

Amendment 152

Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Calls on the Commission to design tailor-made policies to support job creation for the long-term unemployed, senior unemployed people, women and other priority groups hit especially hard by the crisis, *such as immigrants and people with disabilities*;

Amendment

35. Calls on the Commission to design tailor-made policies to support job creation for the long-term unemployed, senior unemployed people, women and other priority groups hit especially hard by the crisis *in close collaboration with the private sector*;

Or. en

Amendment 153
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Calls on the *Commission* to design tailor-made policies to support job creation for the long-term unemployed, senior unemployed people, women and other priority groups hit especially hard by the crisis, such as immigrants and people with disabilities;

Amendment

35. Calls on the *Member States* to design tailor-made policies to support job creation for the long-term unemployed, senior unemployed people, women and other priority groups hit especially hard by the crisis, such as immigrants and people with disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 154
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35 a. Calls on Member States to present job plans with specific job creation measures, including in particular for the

sectors identified by the Commission as having high potential in particular in the health and social care sectors (white jobs), low-carbon, resource-efficient economy ("green jobs") and ICT sector;

Or. en

Amendment 155
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35 a. Stresses the importance of Erasmus+ and the significant contribution the European Programme for Education, Training, Youth, Sport and Languages can make to improve the labour market situation, especially that of young people;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35 b. Stresses the importance of the enhanced cooperation between Public Employment Services (PES) in order to develop and implement european wide evidence-based benchlearning systems and to implement european labour market initiatives;

Or. en

Amendment 157
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Is deeply concerned that, once again, youth unemployment rates are continuing to rise; notes that the situation of unemployed young people is particularly worrying; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to take urgent action in this connection; calls **for a European Pact for Youth Employment** to implement long-agreed measures, and for new resources and measures to be committed with a view to tackling youth unemployment and reducing the number of young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs), taking into account the qualitative aspect of decent work that fully respects core labour standards;

Amendment

36. Is deeply concerned that, once again, youth unemployment rates are continuing to rise; notes that the situation of unemployed young people is particularly worrying; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to take urgent action in this connection; calls **upon the Member states** to implement long-agreed measures, and for new resources and measures to be committed with a view to tackling youth unemployment and reducing the number of young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs), taking into account the qualitative aspect of decent work that fully respects core labour standards;

Or. en

Amendment 158
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Is deeply concerned that, once again, youth unemployment rates are continuing to rise; notes that the situation of unemployed young people is particularly worrying; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to take urgent action in this connection; calls for a European Pact for Youth Employment to

Amendment

36. Is deeply concerned that, once again, youth unemployment rates are continuing to rise; notes that the situation of unemployed young people is particularly worrying; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to take urgent action in this connection; calls for a European Pact for Youth Employment to

implement long-agreed measures, **and for new resources and measures to be committed** with a view to tackling youth unemployment and reducing the number of young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs), taking into account the qualitative aspect of decent work that fully respects core labour standards;

implement long-agreed **or new** measures with a view to tackling youth unemployment and reducing the number of young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs), taking into account the qualitative aspect of decent work that fully respects core labour standards;

Or. en

Amendment 159
Joanna Skrzydlewska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Is deeply concerned that, once again, youth unemployment rates are **continuing to rise**; notes that the situation of unemployed young people is particularly worrying; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to take urgent action in **this connection**; calls for a European Pact for Youth Employment to implement long-agreed measures, and for new resources and measures to be committed with a view to tackling youth unemployment and reducing the number of young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs), taking into account the qualitative aspect of decent work that fully respects core labour standards;

Amendment

36. Is deeply concerned that, once again, youth unemployment rates are **still very high**; notes that the situation of unemployed young people is particularly worrying; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to take urgent action **to engage young people into labour market**; calls for a European Pact for Youth Employment to implement long agreed measures, and for new resources and measures to be committed with a view to tackling youth unemployment and reducing the number of young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs), taking into account the qualitative aspect of decent work that fully respects core labour standards;

Or. en

Amendment 160
Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Welcomes the adoption of the Youth Guarantee by the Council and the earmarking of EUR 6 billion for the Youth Employment Initiative under the next MFF; calls on the Member States to implement youth guarantee schemes as a matter of urgency, and to use the available resources efficiently, concentrating on those in the most difficult situations;

Amendment

37. Welcomes the adoption of the Youth Guarantee by the Council and the earmarking of EUR 6 billion for the Youth Employment Initiative under the next MFF; calls on the Member States to implement youth guarantee schemes as a matter of urgency, and to use the available resources efficiently, concentrating on those in the most difficult situations; ***however is concerned that governments have not made available the financing necessary for this to happen;***

Or. en

Amendment 161

Joanna Skrzydlewska

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Welcomes the adoption of the Youth Guarantee by the Council and the earmarking of EUR 6 billion for the Youth Employment Initiative under the next MFF; calls on the Member States to implement youth guarantee schemes as a matter of urgency, and to use the available resources efficiently, concentrating on those in the most difficult situations;

Amendment

37. Welcomes the adoption of the Youth Guarantee by the Council and the earmarking of EUR 6 billion for the Youth Employment Initiative under the next MFF; calls on the Member States to implement youth guarantee schemes as a matter of urgency, and to use the available resources efficiently, concentrating on those in the most difficult situations; ***calls on Member States to introduce an adequate system of monitoring an efficiency of implemented measures and engaged financial resources;***

Or. en

Amendment 162
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Welcomes the adoption of the Youth Guarantee by the Council and the earmarking of EUR 6 billion for the Youth Employment Initiative under the next MFF; calls on the Member States to implement youth guarantee schemes as a matter of urgency, and to use the available resources efficiently, concentrating on those in the most difficult situations;

Amendment

37. Welcomes the adoption of the Youth Guarantee by the Council and the earmarking of EUR 6 billion for the Youth Employment Initiative under the next MFF; calls on the Member States to implement youth guarantee schemes as a matter of urgency, and to use the available resources efficiently, concentrating on those in the most difficult situations;
Maintains that the EU Youth Employment Initiative must serve to ensure that jobs are preserved in beneficiary companies, that the initiative itself is not turned into a new form of precarious working arrangement, and that work placements, once completed, will be converted into open-ended contracts;

Or. en

Amendment 163
Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Notes with satisfaction that these funds can be used during the first two years of the next financial framework; recalls, however, that this amount is insufficient to combat youth unemployment in a lasting manner and should form an initial tranche with which to combat youth unemployment; emphasises that the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has calculated that EUR 21 billion is

Amendment

38. Notes with satisfaction that these funds can be used during the first two years of the next financial framework; recalls, however, that this amount is ***wholly*** insufficient to combat youth unemployment in a lasting manner and should form an initial tranche with which to combat youth unemployment; emphasises that the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has calculated that

needed to implement an effective programme to combat youth unemployment in the eurozone alone; calls on the Commission to make the Youth Guarantee a priority and to increase the available budget in the promised mid-term review of the MFF;

EUR 21 billion is needed to implement an effective programme to combat youth unemployment in the eurozone alone; calls on the Commission to make the Youth Guarantee a priority and to increase the available budget in the promised mid-term review of the MFF;

Or. en

Amendment 164
Evelyn Regner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Notes with satisfaction that these funds can be used during the first two years of the next financial framework; recalls, however, that this amount is insufficient to combat youth unemployment in a lasting manner and should form an initial tranche with which to combat youth unemployment; emphasises that the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has calculated that EUR 21 billion is needed to implement an effective programme to combat youth unemployment in the eurozone alone; calls on the Commission to make the Youth Guarantee a priority and to increase the available budget in the promised mid-term review of the MFF;

Amendment

38. Notes with satisfaction that these funds can be used during the first two years of the next financial framework; recalls, however, that this amount is insufficient to combat youth unemployment in a lasting manner and should form an initial tranche with which to combat youth unemployment; emphasises that the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has calculated that EUR 21 billion is needed to implement an effective programme to combat youth unemployment in the eurozone alone ***compared to an economic loss due to the disengagement of young people from the labour market at an estimated amount of EUR 153 billion in the Member States in 2011, corresponding to 1,2 % of EU GDP***; calls on the Commission to make the Youth Guarantee a priority and to increase the available budget in the promised mid-term review of the MFF;

Or. en

Amendment 165
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39. Calls on the Commission and the Council to ensure that Member States subject to the excessive deficit procedure also have the fiscal space to make use of these measures, in particular by temporarily exempting Member States' co-financing of measures to combat youth unemployment from the calculation of excessive deficits;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 166
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39. Calls on the Commission and the Council to ensure that Member States subject to the excessive deficit procedure also have the fiscal space to make use of these measures, *in particular by temporarily exempting Member States' co-financing of measures to combat youth unemployment from the calculation of excessive deficits;*

39. Calls on the Commission and the Council to ensure that Member States subject to the excessive deficit procedure also have the fiscal space to make use of these measures;

Or. en

Amendment 167
Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Calls on the Commission and the Council to ensure that Member States subject to the excessive deficit procedure also have the fiscal space to make use of these measures, ***in particular by temporarily exempting Member States' co-financing of measures to combat youth unemployment from the calculation of excessive deficits;***

Amendment

39. Calls on the Commission and the Council to ensure that Member States subject to the excessive deficit procedure also have the fiscal space to make use of these measures;

Or. en

Amendment 168 Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. Calls on the Commission to propose a quality framework for traineeships, comprising, inter alia, criteria for proper remuneration, learning outcomes, working conditions and health and safety standards; calls on the Commission, the Member States and the European social partners to implement the Alliance for Apprenticeships in an ambitious manner;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 169 Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. Calls on the Commission to propose a quality framework for traineeships, comprising, inter alia, criteria for proper remuneration, learning outcomes, working conditions and health and safety standards; calls on the Commission, the Member States and the European social partners to implement the Alliance for Apprenticeships in an ambitious manner;

Amendment

40. ***Welcomes the proposal of the European Commission for a framework*** for traineeships, comprising, inter alia, criteria for proper remuneration, learning outcomes, working conditions and health and safety standards; ***regrets the lack of call for adequate payment and fair remuneration.*** Calls on the Commission, the Member States and the European social partners to implement the Alliance for Apprenticeships in an ambitious manner;

Or. en

Amendment 170

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. Calls on the Commission to propose a quality framework for traineeships, comprising, inter alia, criteria for proper ***remuneration***, learning outcomes, ***working conditions and health and safety standards***; calls on the Commission, the Member States and the European social partners to implement the Alliance for Apprenticeships in an ambitious manner;

Amendment

40. Calls on the Commission to propose a quality framework for traineeships, comprising, inter alia, criteria for proper ***working conditions*** and learning outcomes; calls on the Commission, the Member States and the European social partners to implement the Alliance for Apprenticeships in an ambitious manner;

Or. en

Amendment 171

Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 40 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40 a. Calls on Member States to boost support for enterprises through tax incentives, subsidies for the fixed costs of employment, and through the possibility to access funding for on-site training, which will support enterprises to provide high quality employment and training offers, and will represent an investment in young people's potential in an effective and targeted way;

Or. en

Amendment 172
Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

41. Believes that given the number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, there is an urgent need to develop appropriate measures ***with a view to amending EU legislation in*** order to guarantee the portability of pension rights and the continuation of employment benefits for at least three months while the recipient is looking for work in another Member State;

Amendment

41. Believes that given the number of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for other Member States in search of employment opportunities, there is an urgent need to develop appropriate measures. ***In*** order to guarantee the portability of pension rights and the continuation of employment benefits for at least three months while the recipient is looking for work in another Member State, ***EU legislation is currently being amended. an agreement has been reached between the Council and the Parliament on the cross-border portability of supplementary pensions rights;***

Or. en

Amendment 173
Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

41 a. Stresses the importance of Dual education system as practised in some Member States; believes that dual education can be implemented in many more Member States, under consideration of national characteristics;

Or. en

Amendment 174
Evelyn Regner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42. Welcomes the Commission's intention to build on the European Job Mobility Portal (EURES) by intensifying and broadening its activities and, in particular, by promoting youth mobility; calls for a specific strategy to be drafted to this end, in conjunction with the Member States; also observes, however, that mobility must remain voluntary and must not limit efforts to create jobs and training places on the spot;

42. Welcomes the Commission's intention to build on the European Job Mobility Portal (EURES) by intensifying and broadening its activities and, in particular, by promoting youth mobility; calls for a specific strategy to be drafted to this end, in conjunction with the Member States; also observes, however, that mobility must remain voluntary and must not limit efforts to create jobs and training places on the spot ***in order not to increase the problem of 'Brain Drain', which has already occurred in the Member States most hit by the crisis;***

Or. en

Amendment 175
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

42. Welcomes the Commission's intention to build on the European Job Mobility Portal (EURES) by intensifying and broadening its activities and, in particular, by promoting youth mobility; calls for a specific strategy to be drafted to this end, in conjunction with the Member States; also observes, however, that mobility must remain voluntary and must not limit efforts to create jobs and training places on the spot;

Amendment

42. Welcomes the Commission's intention to build on the European Job Mobility Portal (EURES) by intensifying and broadening its activities and, in particular, by promoting youth mobility; calls for a specific strategy to be drafted to this end, in conjunction with the Member States; also observes, however, that mobility must remain voluntary and must not limit efforts to create jobs and training places on the spot; ***stresses that the priority should develop policies that don't oblige the workers to emigrate if they don't want to;***

Or. en

Amendment 176

Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

43. Notes that single market legislation is generally a topic for the EU-28, but, given that the need for integration is much more significant in the euro area, calls on the Commission to explore the possibility for EMU members to engage in enhanced cooperation with a view to adopting legislation that fosters intra-EMU labour mobility more quickly and efficiently (e.g. relating to the portability of supplementary pension rights or the adoption of a cooperation agreement between EMU national employment agencies);

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 177

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 43 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43 a. Calls on the European Council to add as a new key priority area of the Annual Growth Survey the shift of the tax burden away from labour to pollution and the fight against tax evasion and tax fraud;

Or. en

Amendment 178

Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

44. Notes that income inequality is growing across and within the Member States, particularly in the south of the EU and on its periphery; further notes that in many countries the crisis has intensified the long-term trends of wage polarisation and labour market segmentation, which, together with less redistributive tax and benefit systems, have fuelled rising inequality;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 179

Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

44. Notes that income inequality is growing across and within the Member States, particularly in the south of the EU and on its periphery; further notes that in many countries the crisis has intensified the long-term trends of wage polarisation and labour market segmentation, ***which, together with less redistributive tax and benefit systems, have fuelled rising inequality;***

Amendment

44. Notes that income inequality is growing across and within the Member States, particularly in the south of the EU and on its periphery; further notes that in many countries the crisis has intensified the long-term trends of wage polarisation and labour market segmentation;

Or. en

Amendment 180

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

45. Stresses that the high – and, in some cases, growing – tax wedge, ***especially for low-wage- and second-income-earners,*** remains an issue in a considerable number of Member States; notes, however, that only a few countries have taken steps to address this problem, not least on account of the limited fiscal margin;

Amendment

45. Stresses that the high – and, in some cases, growing – tax wedge, remains an issue in a considerable number of Member States; notes, however, that only a few countries have taken steps to address this problem, not least on account of the limited fiscal margin;

Or. en

Amendment 181

Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

45. Stresses that the high – and, in some cases, growing – tax wedge, ***especially for***

Amendment

45. Stresses that the high – and, in some cases, growing – tax wedge, remains an

low-wage- and second-income-earners, remains an issue in a considerable number of Member States; notes, however, that only a few countries have taken steps to address this problem, not least on account of the limited fiscal margin;

issue in a considerable number of Member States; notes, however, that only a few countries have taken steps to address this problem, not least on account of the limited fiscal margin;

Or. en

Amendment 182
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. *Is concerned that in the AGS 2014 the Commission supports further increases in indirect taxes, which are generally less progressive than direct taxes*; calls on the Commission to take note of the IMF's October 2013 tax report, which points out that there is scope to tax better *and more progressively* in order to enhance the legitimacy of the consolidation effort while doing more to promote growth and bring in additional revenue along the way;

Amendment

46. Calls on the Commission to take note of the IMF's October 2013 tax report, which points out that there is scope to tax better in order to enhance the legitimacy of the consolidation effort while doing more to promote growth and bring in additional revenue along the way;

Or. en

Amendment 183
Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. *Is concerned* that in the AGS 2014 the Commission supports *further increases in indirect taxes, which are generally less progressive than direct taxes*; calls on the Commission to take note of the IMF's

Amendment

46. *Notes* that in the AGS 2014 the Commission *supports that tax systems should be redesigned by broadening tax bases, and shifting the tax burden away from labour on to tax bases linked to*

October 2013 tax report, which points out that there is scope to tax better and more progressively in order to enhance the legitimacy of the consolidation effort while doing more to promote growth and bring in additional revenue along the way;

consumption, property and pollution; calls on the Commission to take note of the IMF's October 2013 tax report, which points out that there is scope to tax better and more progressively in order to enhance the legitimacy of the consolidation effort while doing more to promote growth and bring in additional revenue along the way;

Or. en

Amendment 184

Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 47

Motion for a resolution

47. Supports the Commission's call to shift the tax burden away from labour and suggests shifting it towards other forms of sustainable tax ***such as a harmonised corporate tax, the financial transaction tax (FTT) and carbon taxes***;

Amendment

47. Supports the Commission's call to shift the tax burden away from labour and suggests shifting it towards other forms of sustainable tax;

Or. en

Amendment 185

Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 47

Motion for a resolution

47. Supports the Commission's call to shift the tax burden away from labour and suggests shifting it towards other forms of sustainable tax such as ***a harmonised corporate tax***, the financial transaction tax (FTT) and carbon taxes;

Amendment

47. Supports the Commission's call to shift the tax burden away from labour and suggests shifting it towards other forms of sustainable tax such as ***a harmonised corporate tax***, the financial transaction tax (FTT) and carbon taxes;

Or. en

Amendment 186
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47

Motion for a resolution

47. Supports the Commission's call to shift the tax burden away from labour *and suggests shifting it towards other forms of sustainable tax such as a harmonised corporate tax, the financial transaction tax (FTT) and carbon taxes;*

Amendment

47. Supports the Commission's call to shift the tax burden away from labour;

Or. en

Amendment 187
Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47

Motion for a resolution

47. Supports the Commission's call to shift the tax burden away from labour and suggests shifting it towards other forms of sustainable tax *such as a harmonised corporate tax, the financial transaction tax (FTT) and carbon taxes;*

Amendment

47. Supports the Commission's call to shift the tax burden away from labour and suggests shifting it towards other forms of sustainable tax

Or. en

Amendment 188
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49

Motion for a resolution

49. Notes the importance of reducing taxation on labour, especially through well-targeted temporary reductions in social security contributions or job subsidy schemes for new recruits, especially low-paid and low-skilled workers, the long-term unemployed and other vulnerable groups, while ensuring the long-range sustainability of public pension systems;

Amendment

49. Notes the importance of reducing taxation on labour, especially through well-targeted temporary reductions in social security contributions or job subsidy schemes for new recruits, especially **young people**, low-paid and low-skilled workers, the long-term unemployed and other vulnerable groups, while ensuring the long-range sustainability of public pension systems;

Or. en

Amendment 189
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49

Motion for a resolution

49. Notes the importance of reducing taxation on labour, ***especially through well-targeted temporary reductions in social security contributions or job subsidy schemes for new recruits, especially low-paid and low-skilled workers, the long-term unemployed and other vulnerable groups***, while ensuring the long-range sustainability of public pension systems;

Amendment

49. Notes the importance of reducing taxation on labour, while ensuring the long-range sustainability of public pension systems;

Or. en

Amendment 190
Evelyn Regner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 50

Motion for a resolution

50. Stresses the importance of taking effective steps to fight undeclared work, false self-employment **and** tax fraud, particularly in the current context of fiscal consolidation, in order to protect workers and revenues and maintain public confidence in the fairness and effectiveness of tax systems;

Amendment

50. Stresses the importance of taking effective steps to fight undeclared work, false self-employment, tax fraud **and tax evasion**, particularly in the current context of fiscal consolidation, in order to protect workers and revenues and maintain public confidence in the fairness and effectiveness of tax systems;

Or. en

Amendment 191
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 51

Motion for a resolution

51. Is concerned about the increase in poverty among all age groups **since the 2013 European Semester cycle**; notes that poverty and social exclusion among 18- to 64-year-olds has increased significantly in two thirds of the Member States in recent years, mainly because of rising levels of jobless or low-work-intensity households and in-work poverty; notes that the risk of poverty and social exclusion in 2012 was much higher (48.8 %) for third-country nationals (aged 18 to 64) than for EU nationals

Amendment

51. Is concerned about the increase in poverty among all age groups; notes that poverty and social exclusion among 18- to 64-year-olds has increased significantly in two thirds of the Member States in recent years, mainly because of rising levels of jobless or low-work-intensity households and in-work poverty; notes that the risk of poverty and social exclusion in 2012 was much higher (48.8 %) for third-country nationals (aged 18 to 64) than for EU nationals

Or. en

Amendment 192
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 51

Motion for a resolution

51. Is concerned about the increase in poverty among all age groups since the 2013 European Semester cycle; notes that poverty and social exclusion among 18- to 64-year-olds has increased significantly in two thirds of the Member States in recent years, mainly because of rising levels of jobless or low-work-intensity households and in-work poverty; notes that the risk of poverty and social exclusion in 2012 was much higher (48.8 %) for third-country nationals (aged 18 to 64) than for EU nationals;

Amendment

51. Is concerned about the increase in poverty among all age groups since the 2013 European Semester cycle; notes that poverty and social exclusion among 18- to 64-year-olds has increased significantly in two thirds of the Member States in recent years, mainly because of rising levels of jobless or low-work-intensity households and in-work poverty; notes that the risk of poverty and social exclusion in 2012 was much higher (48.8 %) for third-country nationals (aged 18 to 64) than for EU nationals; ***calls on the Commission and Member States to take urgent action to deliver on the EU 2020 goal on poverty and social exclusion; Urges Commission and Member States to take immediate action to fight child poverty given that in 2011, 27% of children aged less than 18 were at risk of poverty or social exclusion. Calls on the Commission to issue recommendations, especially to the Member States where the highest shares of those aged less than 18 were at risk of poverty or social exclusion, Bulgaria (52%), Romania (49%), Latvia (44%), Hungary (40%) and Ireland (38% in 2010):***

Or. en

Amendment 193

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 51

Motion for a resolution

51. Is concerned about the increase in poverty among all age groups ***since the 2013 European Semester cycle***; notes that poverty and social exclusion among 18- to

Amendment

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64-year-olds has increased significantly in two thirds of the Member States in recent years, mainly because of rising levels of jobless or low-work-intensity households and in-work poverty; notes that the risk of poverty and social exclusion in 2012 was much higher (48.8 %) for third-country nationals (aged 18 to 64) than for EU nationals;

two thirds of the Member States in recent years, mainly because of rising levels of jobless or low-work-intensity households and in-work poverty; notes that the risk of poverty and social exclusion in 2012 was much higher (48.8 %) for third-country nationals (aged 18 to 64) than for EU nationals;

Or. en

Amendment 194

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

52. Welcomes the recognition in the AGS 2014 of the need to tackle the social consequences of the crisis and ensure the financial sustainability of social protection; calls on Member States to reinforce safety nets, ensure the effectiveness of welfare systems and invest in preventive measures; urges the Commission to take account of the impact of the economic adjustment programmes on progress towards the Europe 2020 headline targets in those Member States experiencing financial difficulties and to agree on modifications aimed at bringing the adjustment programmes into line with the Europe 2020 objectives;

Amendment

52. Welcomes the recognition in the AGS 2014 of the need to tackle the social consequences of the crisis and ensure the financial sustainability of social protection; ***regrets however that again no concrete and adequate proposals or recommendations were formulated to address this;*** calls on Member States to reinforce safety nets, ensure the effectiveness of welfare systems and invest in preventive measures; urges the Commission to take account of the impact of the economic adjustment programmes ***and of macro-economic policy reforms*** on progress towards the Europe 2020 headline targets ***in particular*** in those Member States experiencing financial difficulties and to agree on modifications aimed at bringing the adjustment programmes into line with the Europe 2020 objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 195
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

52. Welcomes the recognition in the AGS 2014 of the need to tackle the social consequences of the crisis and ensure the financial sustainability of social protection; calls on Member States to reinforce safety nets, ensure the effectiveness of welfare systems and invest in preventive measures; ***urges the Commission to take account of the impact of the economic adjustment programmes on progress towards the Europe 2020 headline targets in those Member States experiencing financial difficulties and to agree on modifications aimed at bringing the adjustment programmes into line with the Europe 2020 objectives;***

Amendment

52. Welcomes the recognition in the AGS 2014 of the need to tackle the social consequences of the crisis and ensure the financial sustainability of social protection; calls on Member States to reinforce safety nets, ensure the effectiveness of welfare systems and invest in preventive measures;

Or. en

Amendment 196
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

52. Welcomes the recognition in the AGS 2014 of the need to tackle the social consequences of the crisis and ensure the financial sustainability of social protection; calls on Member States to reinforce safety nets, ensure the effectiveness of welfare systems and invest in preventive measures; ***urges the Commission to take account of the impact of the economic adjustment programmes on progress towards the Europe 2020 headline targets in those***

Amendment

52. Welcomes the recognition in the AGS 2014 of the need to tackle the social consequences of the crisis and ensure the financial sustainability of social protection; calls on Member States to reinforce safety nets, ensure the effectiveness of welfare systems and invest in preventive measures; ***urges the Commission to put an end in the economic adjustment programmes;***

Member States experiencing financial difficulties and to agree on modifications aimed at bringing the adjustment programmes into line with the Europe 2020 objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 197

Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 52 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

52 a. Welcomes the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived which will help the most affected by poverty in their basic needed; ask on Member States to use funds properly and address them to most deprived;

Or. en

Amendment 198

Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 53

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

53. Takes note of the CSR proposal for many Member States regarding pension reforms; ***considers it regrettable that the Commission's recommendations were made without reference to Parliament's recommendations in the Green and White Papers on pensions***; stresses that pension reforms require national political and social cohesion and must be negotiated with the social partners to be successful;

53. Takes note of the CSR proposal for many Member States regarding pension reforms; stresses that pension reforms require national political and social cohesion and must be negotiated with the social partners to be successful;

Amendment 199
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 53

Motion for a resolution

53. Takes note of the CSR proposal for many Member States regarding pension reforms; considers it regrettable that the Commission's recommendations were made without reference to Parliament's recommendations in the Green and White Papers on pensions; stresses that pension reforms require national political and social cohesion ***and must be negotiated with the social partners to be successful;***

Amendment

53. Takes note of the CSR proposal for many Member States regarding pension reforms; considers it regrettable that the Commission's recommendations were made without reference to Parliament's recommendations in the Green and White Papers on pensions; stresses that pension reforms require national political and social cohesion;

Amendment 200
Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 53

Motion for a resolution

53. Takes note of the CSR proposal for many Member States regarding pension reforms; ***considers it regrettable*** that the Commission's recommendations were made without reference to Parliament's recommendations in the Green and White Papers on pensions; stresses that pension reforms require national political and social cohesion and must be negotiated with the social partners to be successful;

Amendment

53. Takes note of the CSR proposal for many Member States regarding pension reforms; ***deplores the fact*** that the Commission's recommendations were made without reference to Parliament's recommendations in the Green and White Papers on pensions; stresses that pension reforms require national political and social cohesion and must be negotiated with the social partners to be successful;

Amendment 201
Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 53 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***53 a. Stresses that the necessary
undergoing reforms of the pension
systems in Member States should be
designed, conceived and adopted in the
direction of ensuring their sustainability
while at the same time not jeopardising
the adequacy of pensions, fully in line
with the economic and social priorities of
the EU2020 strategy;***

Or. en

Amendment 202
Verónica Lope Fontagné, Ria Oomen-Ruijten, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 53 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***53 a. Welcomes the Commission's note in
the 2014 Annual Growth Survey pointing
out that in many countries, pension
reforms should be completed by linking
statutory retirement age to life expectancy
more systematically;***

Or. en

Amendment 203
Philippe De Backer, Phil Bennion

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

54. Stresses the need to carry out the necessary reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pension systems; **believes** that it **is possible** to raise the actual retirement age **without raising the mandatory retirement age, by reducing the number of people leaving the labour market early**; believes that in order to raise effective retirement ages successfully, pension reforms need to be accompanied by policies that limit access to early retirement schemes and other early exit pathways, develop employment opportunities for older workers, guarantee access to life-long learning, introduce tax benefit policies offering incentives to stay in work longer, and support active healthy ageing;

Amendment

54. Stresses the need to carry out the necessary reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pension systems; **notes** that it **might be necessary** to raise **the mandatory retirement age in order to raise** the actual retirement age **believes that** the number of people leaving the labour market early **should be diminished in order to raise the actual retirement age successfully**; believes that in order to raise effective retirement ages successfully, pension reforms need to be accompanied by policies that limit access to early retirement schemes and other early exit pathways, develop employment opportunities for older workers, guarantee access to life-long learning, introduce tax benefit policies offering incentives to stay in work longer, and support active healthy ageing;

Or. en

Amendment 204

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

54. Stresses the need to carry out the necessary reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pension systems; **believes that it is possible to raise the actual retirement age without raising the mandatory retirement age, by reducing the number of people leaving the labour market early**; believes that in order to raise effective retirement ages successfully, pension reforms need to be accompanied by policies that limit access to early retirement schemes and other early exit

Amendment

54. Stresses the need to carry out the necessary reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pension systems; believes that in order to raise effective retirement ages successfully **and reducing the number of people leaving the labour market early**, pension reforms need to be accompanied by policies that limit access to early retirement schemes and other early exit pathways, develop employment opportunities for older workers, guarantee access to life-long learning, introduce tax

pathways, develop employment opportunities for older workers, guarantee access to life-long learning, introduce tax benefit policies offering incentives to stay in work longer, and support active healthy ageing;

benefit policies offering incentives to stay in work longer, and support active healthy ageing;

Or. en

Amendment 205
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

54. Stresses the need to *carry out* the necessary reforms to guarantee the sustainability of pension systems; *believes that it is possible to raise the actual retirement age without raising the mandatory retirement age, by reducing the number of people leaving the labour market early; believes that in order to raise effective retirement ages successfully, pension reforms need to be accompanied by policies that limit access to early retirement schemes and other early exit pathways, develop employment opportunities for older workers, guarantee access to life-long learning, introduce tax benefit policies offering incentives to stay in work longer, and support active healthy ageing;*

Amendment

54. Stresses the need to *undertake* the necessary reforms *in order* to guarantee the sustainability of pension systems *ensuring public social security systems aiming fair reforms allowing to live with dignity;*

Or. en

Amendment 206
Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

54 a. Believes that in order to guarantee the well-functioning and sustainability of pension system, Member States should adequate the retirement age life expectancy;

Or. en

Amendment 207
Evelyn Regner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

54 a. Stresses that the sustainability of pension schemes relies much more on the dependency ratio than on the mandatory retirement age; calls therefore on Member States to launch activating labour market policies;

Or. en

Amendment 208
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 56

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

56. Notes that social protection and social policy, in particular unemployment benefits, minimum income support and progressive taxation, initially helped to reduce the depth of the recession and stabilised labour markets and consumption; stresses, however, that the capacity of these crucial economic and social stabilisers has

56. Notes that social protection and social policy, in particular unemployment benefits, minimum income support and progressive taxation, initially helped to reduce the depth of the recession and stabilised labour markets and consumption; stresses, however, that the capacity of these crucial economic and social stabilisers has

been reduced *to its absolute minimum owing to austerity measures* in those Member States in which such stabilisers are most needed; notes that household incomes and domestic demand have consequently been less well protected, *which has aggravated the recession in the countries concerned*;

been reduced in those Member States in which such stabilisers are most needed; notes that household incomes and domestic demand have consequently been less well protected;

Or. en

Amendment 209
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 56

Motion for a resolution

56. Notes that social protection and social policy, in particular unemployment benefits, minimum income support and progressive taxation, initially helped to reduce the depth of the recession and stabilised labour markets and consumption; *stresses, however, that the capacity of these crucial economic and social stabilisers has been reduced to its absolute minimum owing to austerity measures in those Member States in which such stabilisers are most needed; notes that household incomes and domestic demand have consequently been less well protected, which has aggravated the recession in the countries concerned*;

Amendment

56. Notes that social protection and social policy, in particular unemployment benefits, minimum income support and progressive taxation, initially helped to reduce the depth of the recession and stabilised labour markets and consumption;

Or. en

Amendment 210
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 56

Motion for a resolution

56. Notes that social protection and social policy, in particular unemployment benefits, minimum income support and progressive taxation, *initially* helped to reduce *the depth of the recession and stabilised labour markets and consumption; stresses, however, that the capacity of these crucial economic and social stabilisers has been reduced to its absolute minimum owing to austerity measures in those Member States in which such stabilisers are most needed; notes that household incomes and domestic demand have consequently been less well protected, which has aggravated the recession in the countries concerned;*

Amendment

56. Notes that social protection and social policy, in particular unemployment benefits, minimum income support and progressive taxation helped to reduce *the social effects of the crisis;*

Or. en

Amendment 211

Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 56 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment 212

Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 57

Amendment

56 a. Believes, that an introduced Bonus-Malus Systems creates a WIN-WIN-Situation for all parties involved;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution

57. Stresses that social policies and social standards have been widely used as adjustment factors by those EMU members experiencing negative economic shocks; ***notes that such internal devaluations have had drastic social consequences for national welfare states and their citizens, resulting in a social emergency in many Member States;***

Amendment

57. Stresses that social policies and social standards have been widely used as adjustment factors by those EMU members experiencing negative economic shocks;

Or. en

Amendment 213

Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 57

Motion for a resolution

57. Stresses that social policies and social standards have been widely used as adjustment factors by those EMU members experiencing negative economic shocks; notes that such internal devaluations have had drastic social consequences for national welfare states and their citizens, ***resulting in a social emergency in many Member States;***

Amendment

57. Stresses that social policies and social standards have been widely used as adjustment factors by those EMU members experiencing negative economic shocks; notes that such internal devaluations have had unwanted social consequences for national welfare states and their citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 214

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 57

Motion for a resolution

57. Stresses that social ***policies and social***

Amendment

57. Stresses that social policies ***have been***

standards have been widely used as adjustment factors by those EMU members experiencing negative economic shocks; *notes that such internal devaluations have had drastic social consequences for national welfare states and their citizens, resulting in a social emergency in many Member States;*

affected by the fiscal consolidation requirements by those EMU members experiencing negative economic shocks; *Calls on the Member States to improve the adequacy and effectiveness of social protection systems, and to make sure that these continue to act as buffers against poverty and social exclusion;*

Or. en

Amendment 215

Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 58

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

58. Considers it regrettable that the AGS 2014 does not mention European social stabilisers; stresses the importance of this type of mechanism in a context of constrained breathing space for national budgets in the EMU; recalls the importance of such stabilisers in dealing with asymmetrical shocks, in avoiding excessive depletion of national welfare states and thus in strengthening the sustainability of the EMU as a whole; reiterates its call on the Commission to produce a Green Paper on automatic stabilisers in the eurozone;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 216

Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 58

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

58. Considers it regrettable that the AGS 2014 does not mention European social stabilisers; stresses the importance of this type of mechanism in a context of constrained breathing space for national budgets in the EMU; recalls the importance of such stabilisers in dealing with asymmetrical shocks, in avoiding excessive depletion of national welfare states and thus in strengthening the sustainability of the EMU as a whole; reiterates its call on the Commission to produce a Green Paper on automatic stabilisers in the eurozone;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 217
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 59

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

59. Invites the December 2013 European Council to define concrete steps forward in terms of building a genuine social and employment pillar as part of the EMU on the basis of the Community method and to elaborate further on the modalities of introducing a European unemployment benefit scheme as an automatic stabiliser for the eurozone;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 218
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 59

Motion for a resolution

59. Invites the December 2013 European Council to define concrete steps forward in terms of building a genuine social and employment pillar as part of the EMU on the basis of the Community method ***and to elaborate further on the modalities of introducing a European unemployment benefit scheme as an automatic stabiliser for the eurozone;***

Amendment

59. Invites the December 2013 European Council to define concrete steps forward in terms of building a genuine social and employment pillar as part of the EMU on the basis of the Community method;

Or. en

Amendment 219

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 59

Motion for a resolution

59. Invites ***the December 2013 European Council to define concrete steps forward in terms of building a genuine social and employment pillar as part of the EMU on the basis of the Community method*** and to elaborate further on the modalities of introducing a European unemployment benefit scheme as an automatic stabiliser for the eurozone;

Amendment

59. Invites ***the Commission to evaluate the possibilities to develop the social dimension of*** the EMU and to elaborate further on the modalities of introducing a European unemployment benefit scheme as an automatic stabiliser for the eurozone;

Or. en

Amendment 220

Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 59 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

59 a. Stresses the European Commission to face the importance of carers - both to care provision as well as to the economy and society as a whole - their interests are rarely considered in policies that impact on them in a consistent and across-the board manner;

Or. en

Amendment 221

Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 59 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

59 b. Believes, that EU funding could contribute to capacity building of carers in relation to provision of support (e.g. emotional support, exchanges, and information) and advocacy. It could also support exchange of information, research and networking; legislative measures could be explored - while respecting national competence and principle of solidarity - e.g. a Directive on carers leave;

Or. en

Amendment 222

Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 59 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

59 c. Underlines the upcoming needs for

qualified carers due to demographic changes and the need to safeguard training and education for future carers to prevent a collapse of the entire care and social security system; also considers important to give a maximum of support to carers (especially informal carers) whose contribution need to be recognised;

Or. en

Amendment 223

Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 59 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

59 d. Stresses the importance of hospice and palliative services within longterm-care; points out, that due to the multi-professional composition, flexibility, and cooperation with other professional sectors, carers and users of Mobile palliative Teams have the potential to bridge crucial gaps in longterm-care systems;

Or. en

Amendment 224

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 59 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

59 a. Calls on the Member States to commit to annex the results of consultations with civil society organisations and social partners to their National Reform Programmes and

Stability and Convergence Programmes, including an explanation how their input has been taken up in these Programmes; Calls on the Commission to coordinate this yearly exercise;

Or. en

Amendment 225
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

60. Stresses that all labour market reforms should be based on reinforced coordination of social dialogue at EU level;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 226
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

60. Stresses that all *labour market reforms* should be based on reinforced coordination of social dialogue at EU level;

60. Stresses that all *EU policy guidance in the field of social affairs and employment* should be based on reinforced coordination of social dialogue at EU level; *calls on the Commission and social partners to use outcomes of the macroeconomic dialogue and tripartite social summits as direct input for the AGS, JER and preparation of CSRs; Calls on the Commission to cease any pressure on Member States to decentralise collective bargaining;*

Or. en

Amendment 227
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60

Motion for a resolution

60. Stresses that all labour market reforms should be based on reinforced coordination of social dialogue *at EU level*;

Amendment

60. Stresses that all labour market reforms should be based on reinforced coordination of social dialogue;

Or. en

Amendment 228
Evelyn Regner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60

Motion for a resolution

60. Stresses that all labour market reforms should be based on reinforced coordination of social dialogue at EU level;

Amendment

60. Stresses that all labour market reforms should be based on reinforced coordination of social dialogue at EU level *as well on national and, where appropriate, on regional and local level*;

Or. en

Amendment 229
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61

Motion for a resolution

61. **Stresses** that the Troika has confirmed that high-quality participation by the social partners and strong social dialogue, including at national level, are essential for

Amendment

61. **Recalls that good governance of the EMU and its impacts can only be effective if all stakeholders, including social partners and civil society, are involved**;

the success of any reforms, and that in reforms of the EMU in particular, the role of the social partners in the new economic governance process, especially the European Semester, should be reinforced; welcomes the Commission's proposal to involve the social partners more fully in the European Semester process, inter alia in the framework of the Social Dialogue Committee prior to the annual adoption of the AGS;

stresses that the Troika has confirmed that high-quality participation by the social partners and strong social dialogue, including at national level, are essential for the success of any reforms, and that in reforms of the EMU in particular, the role of the social partners in the new economic governance process, especially the European Semester, should be reinforced; welcomes the Commission's proposal to involve the social partners more fully in the European Semester process, inter alia in the framework of the Social Dialogue Committee prior to the annual adoption of the AGS; ***invites the Commission and Member States to ensure the democratic principle of civil dialogue, enshrined in article 11 TEU, through the meaningful and structured involvement of relevant civil society organisations in economic governance and in particular the European Semester process;***

Or. en

Amendment 230
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61

Motion for a resolution

61. Stresses that ***the Troika has confirmed that high-quality participation by the social partners and strong social dialogue, including at national level, are essential for the success of any reforms, and that in reforms of the EMU in particular, the role of the social partners in the new economic governance process, especially the European Semester, should be reinforced; welcomes the Commission's proposal to involve the social partners more fully in the European Semester process, inter alia in the framework of the Social Dialogue***

Amendment

61. Stresses that ***programs Troika withdraw the political sovereignty and attack the national democratic institutions and sovereign bodies;***

Committee prior to the annual adoption of the AGS;

Or. en

Amendment 231
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution
Recommendation -1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Recommendation -1: on the key priority areas of the European Semester

The European Parliament calls on the European Council to revise key five priority areas for the European Semester 2014, by adding as a new key priority area fairer tax systems where the tax burden is shifted away from labour to pollution and tax evasion and tax fraud are combatted;

Or. en

Amendment 232
Sari Essayah

Motion for a resolution
Annex to the motion for resolution

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 233
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recommendation 1

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Recommendation 1: on Social Indicators

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The European Parliament considers that the yearly policy guidance to be adopted by the European Council on the basis of the AGS should aim to:

The Commission should make the social indicators binding in order to put them in the necessary equal footing with the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure scoreboard.

The Commission should include supplementary indicators in the scoreboard, in particular child poverty levels, a decent work index and a European living wage index, in order to allow for proper assessment of the social situation in Europe;

The Commission should use the social scoreboard not only as an analytical tool but also as a basis to develop concrete indications for Member States on how to fight or prevent unemployment, reduce social inequalities and promote active inclusion and prevent social dumping, which would then feed into the design and implementation of the Country Specific Recommendations 2014 ;

The Council should define concrete benchmarks for the employment and social indicators in the form of a EU social protection floor in order to trigger timely activation measures at EU level;

Or. en

Amendment 234

Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 1 - Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

The Commission should make the social indicators binding in order to put them in the necessary equal footing with the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure scoreboard.

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Or. en

Amendment 235

Alejandro Cercas, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 1 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Invites the Commission to report on the social impact assessment undertaken for the Country Specific Recommendations

Or. en

Amendment 236

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 1 – paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

The ***Council*** should ***define*** concrete benchmarks for the employment and social indicators ***in the form of a EU social protection floor*** in order to trigger timely ***activation*** measures at EU level;

The ***Commission*** should ***propose*** concrete benchmarks for the employment and social indicators in order to trigger timely ***support*** measures at EU level;

Or. en

Amendment 237

Philippe De Backer

**Motion for a resolution
Recommendation 2**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**Recommendation 2: Eurogroup at the
employment and social affairs ministers
level**

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The European Parliament considers that the yearly policy guidance to be adopted by the European Council on the basis of the AGS should aim to:

The Eurogroup should meet at the level of the Employment and Social Affairs Ministers prior to Euro summits, in order to better integrate social and employment concerns in the discussions and decisions of the euro area authorities, and to give their contribution to the meetings of the Heads of State and Government of the euro area;

Or. en

**Amendment 238
Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution
Recommendation 2**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***Eurogroup at the employment and social
affairs ministers level***

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The Eurogroup should meet at the level of the Employment and Social Affairs Ministers prior to Euro summits, in order to better integrate social and employment concerns in the discussions and decisions of the euro area authorities, and to give their contribution to the meetings of the Heads of State and Government of the euro area;

Amendment 239
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recommendation 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Recommendation 3: A Pact to Increase Investments and Productivity in the EU

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The European Parliament considers that the yearly policy guidance to be adopted by the European Council on the basis of the AGS should aim to:

The Commission should focus in a more ambitious manner on re-stimulating internal demand which remains stalled and which will be key to create sustainable jobs and productivity as well as to avoid deflationary risks;

The Commission and the Council should urgently put in place an ambitious investment coordinated plan and step financing, in order to sustain growth and quality jobs in the short term, as well as to enhance potential in the medium term in accordance with the objectives defined in the Europe 2020 Strategy and in the Compact for Growth and Jobs agreed upon in June 2012

Member States should protect and promote investments in education, research and innovation. Calls on the Commission to explore and promote the necessary reforms to exclude these productive investments from deficit targets established in the EU rules in order to ring fence them, given their potential to generate growth and jobs;

The commitments set in the National Reform Programmes 2014 must be sufficient to meet the Europe 2020

objectives.

Member States should earmark more effectively the use of their national budgets to the achievement of Europe 2020 Strategy's objectives.

Europeans Funds

The European Parliament considers that the yearly policy guidance to be adopted by the European Council on the basis of the AGS should aim to:

In view of the key role played by cohesion policy in the development of national programmes within the framework of the European Semester, this policy should be a prime focus of the AGS 2014; The Commission should guarantee that a sufficient level of EU funds is devoted to the achievement of the Europe 2020 objectives;

The Commission should urgently reprogramme the unspent Structural Funds in favour of youth employment programs and SMEs. Calls on the Commission to find special solutions to those countries with very high rates of unemployment, that, due to co-financing problems, will be forced to return the European funds. In this sense asks the Commission to explore the possibility of excluding Member States participation in cofinancing of EU funds or programs, within the heading 1 'sustainable growth' of the Multiannual Financial Framework, from the calculation of the structural deficit as defined in the two-pack;

The Commission should apply frontloading principle to all the funds for the period 2014-2020 for those Member States with the highest levels of unemployment and which are going through deep processes of fiscal consolidation, especially for the programmes to boost economic growth, employment and strategic investments;

At least 25% of national cohesion funds

should be used to specific programmes from the European Social Fund in those Member States with the highest levels of unemployment and poverty.

Or. en

Amendment 240
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Recommendation 3 – Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

The Commission should focus in a more ambitious manner on re-stimulating internal demand which remains stalled and which will be key to create sustainable jobs and productivity as well as to avoid deflationary risks;

Amendment

Emphasizes that, to emerge stronger from the economic crisis, be more competitive and convergent, have higher levels of growth and ensure our systems of welfare in the long term, Europe should promote quality public services, making full use of your workforce potential work to ensure workers' rights, promote collective bargaining and public social security and universal;

Or. en

Amendment 241
Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution
Recommendation 3 – Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Member States should protect and promote investments in education, research and innovation. ***Calls on the Commission to explore and promote the necessary reforms to exclude these productive investments from deficit targets established in the EU rules in order to ring fence them, given their potential to***

Amendment

Member States should protect and promote investments in education, research and innovation;

generate growth and jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 242
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Recommendation 3 – Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

The commitments set in the National Reform Programmes 2014 must be sufficient to meet the Europe 2020 objectives.

Member States should earmark more effectively the use of their national budgets to the achievement of Europe 2020 Strategy's objectives.

Amendment

Recommends that Member States, particularly the economic periphery countries, to develop policies that ensure the effective protection of production and national apparatus production, replacing imports with domestic production, effective measures to reduce costs of production factors: energy, transport, communications, credit, etc., seize sovereign control of national resources, the development of the internal market as a component of economic growth; effective support to micro, small and medium enterprises, diversification of economic, trade and cooperation relations with other countries beyond the EU.

A policy which implements the end of privatization and recovery of public control of strategic sectors of the national economy, including nationalization of banking placing it at the service of workers and people effective support to micro, small and medium enterprises, diversification of economic, trade and cooperation relations with other countries beyond the EU.

Or. en

Amendment 243
Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution
Recommendation 3 – Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

The Commission should ***urgently reprogramme the unspent Structural Funds in favour of youth employment programs and SMEs.*** Calls on the Commission to find special solutions to those countries with very high rates of unemployment, that, due to co-financing problems, will be forced to return the European funds. In this sense asks the Commission to explore the possibility of excluding Member States participation in cofinancing of EU funds or programs, within the heading 1 ‘sustainable growth’ of the Multiannual Financial Framework, from the calculation of the structural deficit as defined in the two-pack;

Amendment

The Commission should ***ensure in the setting up of the Operational programs that Member States target their structural funds towards job creation and combatting youth employment.*** Calls on the Commission to find special solutions to those countries with very high rates of unemployment, that, due to co-financing problems, will be forced to return the European funds. In this sense asks the Commission to explore the possibility of excluding Member States participation in cofinancing of EU funds or programs, within the heading 1 ‘sustainable growth’ of the Multiannual Financial Framework, from the calculation of the structural deficit as defined in the two-pack;

Or. en

Amendment 244
Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution
Recommendation 3 – Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

The Commission should urgently reprogramme the unspent Structural Funds in favour of youth employment programs and SMEs. Calls on the Commission to find special solutions to those countries with very high rates of unemployment that, due to co-financing problems, will be forced to return the European funds. ***In this sense asks the Commission to explore the possibility of excluding Member States participation in cofinancing of EU funds or programs, within the heading 1***

Amendment

The Commission should urgently reprogramme the unspent Structural Funds in favour of youth employment programs and SMEs. Calls on the Commission to find special solutions to those countries with very high rates of unemployment, that, due to co-financing problems, will be forced to return the European funds;

‘sustainable growth’ of the Multiannual Financial Framework, from the calculation of the structural deficit as defined in the two-pack;

Or. en

Amendment 245

Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Greens-EFA

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 3 – Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

The Commission should apply frontloading principle to all the funds for the period 2014-2020 for those Member States with the highest levels of unemployment and which are going through deep processes of fiscal consolidation, especially for the programmes to boost economic growth, employment and strategic investments;

Amendment

The Commission should apply frontloading principle *to those funds essential for crisis recovery such as the European Social Fund for the 2014-2020 period while monitoring carefully for undesired effects of frontloading such as the risk of automatic de-committment and the impact on the payment profiles* for those Member States with the highest levels of unemployment and which are going through deep processes of fiscal consolidation, especially for the programmes to boost economic growth, employment and strategic investments;

Or. en

Amendment 246

Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 4

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 4: Quality Jobs and Decent Salaries to increase productivity

The European Parliament considers that the yearly policy guidance to be adopted

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Amendment

by the European Council on the basis of the AGS should aim to:

Unit Labour Costs, production costs and profit margins

The European Commission should take note that recovering European competitiveness on the basis of an excessive adjustment of unit labour costs via salary reductions have caused sharp erosions in the purchasing power of many EU workers, declined household incomes, depressed internal demand, and hence refuelled unemployment and social exclusion, particularly in those countries most hardly hit by the crisis; Asks the Commission to re-dress this situation.

A transversal policy to regain competitiveness must also contemplate strategies over other production costs, price developments and profit margins;

The Commission should pursue a more balanced exit to the crisis and put ambition on the recommendations to core countries with margin of manoeuvre to pursue expansionary policies via wage increases which will help lower the excessive deflationary pressures on Southern Europe and will help to avoid the risks of exacerbating imbalances in growth and job creation in the Eurozone;

The Commission should take note that the current strategy of improving external competitiveness, contributing to deflationary pressures for all Eurozone countries at the same time minimises the foreseen net results in terms of growing external demand at the expense of internal demand;

Salaries and Decent pay

The Commission should propose measures that tackle inequalities and guarantee decent pay. Calls on Member States to combat in-work poverty by pursuing labour-market policies which aim at ensuring living wages for those in

work ,which is not only important for social cohesion and fairness in society, it is also important for maintaining a strong economy.

The Commission should explore reducing pressure on wages through minimum-wage schemes allowing them to be different in each country in regards to its median wage ratio and reflecting different levels of productivity, which could allow reducing deflation risks, reduce inequalities, limit nominal competitiveness and current account imbalances;

Job Quality

Recommends to put more emphasis in the Commission's CSR 2014 on job quality which is essential in a knowledge intensive economy to promote high labour productivity and rapid innovation based on a skilled, adaptable, committed workforce, with decent health and safety standards, a sense of security and reasonable working time. Policy guidance should focus in particular in relation to workers' access to a core set of labour rights, as enshrined in the Treaties, and without prejudice to the Member States' legislation;

Combat the existence and proliferation of precarious job conditions and false self-employment and to ensure that people with temporary or part-time contracts or who are self-employed have adequate social protection and access to training;

Ensure the effective enforcement of the Directive establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation;

Or. en

Amendment 247

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Recommendation 4 – Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

The European Commission should take note that recovering European competitiveness on the basis of an excessive adjustment of unit labour costs via salary reductions have caused sharp erosions in the purchasing power of many EU workers, declined household incomes, depressed internal demand, and hence refuelled unemployment and social exclusion, particularly in those countries most hardly hit by the crisis; Asks the Commission to re-dress this situation.

Amendment

Calls for labour markets more adaptive and dynamic, able to adjust to disruptions in the economic situation without causing redundancies; Recalls that the lack of internal flexibility in many labour markets caused massive redundancies that have caused sharp erosions in the purchasing power of many EU workers, declined household incomes, depressed internal demand, and hence refuelled unemployment and social exclusion, particularly in those countries most hardly hit by the crisis; Asks the Commission **and the Members States** to re-dress this situation.

Or. en

Amendment 248
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Recommendation 4 – Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

The Commission should pursue a more balanced exit to the crisis and put ambition on the recommendations to core countries with margin of manoeuvre to pursue expansionary policies *via wage increases* which will help lower the excessive deflationary pressures on Southern Europe and will help to avoid the risks of exacerbating imbalances in growth and job creation in the Eurozone;

Amendment

The Commission should pursue a more balanced exit to the crisis and put ambition on the recommendations to core countries with margin of manoeuvre to pursue expansionary policies which will help lower the excessive deflationary pressures on Southern Europe and will help to avoid the risks of exacerbating imbalances in growth and job creation in the Eurozone;

Or. en

Amendment 249

Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 4 – Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

The Commission should take note that the current strategy of improving external competitiveness, contributing to deflationary pressures for all Eurozone countries at the same time minimises the foreseen net results in terms of growing external demand at the expense of internal demand;

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Or. en

Amendment 250

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 4 – Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

The Commission should explore reducing pressure on wages through minimum-wage schemes allowing them to be different in each country in regards to its median wage ratio and reflecting different levels of productivity, which could allow reducing deflation risks, reduce inequalities, limit nominal competitiveness and current account imbalances;

Amendment

The Commission should explore reducing pressure on wages through minimum-wage schemes *in those countries where exist* allowing them to be different in each country in regards to its median wage ratio and reflecting different levels of productivity, which could allow reducing deflation risks, reduce inequalities, limit nominal competitiveness and current account imbalances;

Or. en

Amendment 251

Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 4 – Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Recommends putting more emphasis in the Commission’s CSR 2014 on job quality which is essential in a knowledge intensive economy to promote high labour productivity and rapid innovation based on a skilled, adaptable, committed workforce, with decent health and safety standards, a sense of security and reasonable working time. Policy guidance should focus in particular in relation to workers’ access to a core set of labour rights, as enshrined in the Treaties, and without prejudice to the Member States’ legislation;

Amendment

Underlines that measures to enhance security by phasing out precarious employment and those atypical contractual arrangements related to such insecure forms of employment should be strongly launched by Member States,, with a view to restrict and reduce atypical forms of employment, whose misuse should be punished. Member States must therefore introduce a combination of secure and reliable employment contracts, active and integrative labour market policies, effective lifelong learning, high quality social security systems to secure professional transitions accompanied by clear rights for the unemployed to be entitled to adequate benefits and tailor made measures to find quality employment or training and upgrading of their skills and competencies if needed;

Or. en

Amendment 252 Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recommendation 5

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 5: Re-focusing on private debt reduction one of the major drags for European growth and job creation

The European Parliament considers that the yearly policy guidance to be adopted by the European Council on the basis of the AGS should aim to:

The Commission should note that private deleveraging is being hampered by

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excessive focus on public debt reductions and calls for a most balanced approach to avoid a major drag for European growth and job;

Member States and the Commission should create measures that allow an orderly debt restructuring particularly for households and SME's in order to allow for private debt sustainability which is a precondition for investment, growth and job creation;

Urges the Commission and the Member States to make access to finance for SMEs an absolute priority in their national growth plans; urges the Member States to provide easy access to the European Funds dedicated to that end ;

The Commission should engage with Member states in the creation of recyclable-loan vehicles, funded by a combination of official and private resources and/or supported with guarantees issued by European institutions such as the European investment bank to help to urgently restore liquidity to households and SME's;

Calls for the strengthening of alternative sources of financing to the private sector such as strong cooperative or public development banks which can promote the channelling of liquidity to the real economy and adequate project and development financing;

Or. en

Amendment 253

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 5 - Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

The Commission should note that private deleveraging *is being hampered by excessive focus on* public debt reductions and calls for a most balanced approach to avoid a major drag for European growth and job;

Amendment

The Commission should note that private deleveraging *should be paid the same attention that* public debt reductions and calls for a most balanced approach to avoid a major drag for European growth and job;

Or. en

Amendment 254
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recommendation 6

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 6: Reforms to enhance quality labour participation

The European Parliament considers that the yearly policy guidance to be adopted by the European Council on the basis of the AGS should aim to:

National general and youth employment plans

The Commission should make mandatory the presentation of national general, and youth employment plans in the CSR 2014;

The Commission should include job quality, training and access to lifelong learning, core workers' rights, and support for labour market mobility, and self-employment by increasing security for workers in the country specific recommendations of the AGS 2014;

Labour Market Reforms and Active Labour Policies

Reforms in the labour market should focus in increasing labour productivity and efficiency in order to improve EU

Amendment

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economic competitiveness and enable sustainable growth and job creation while strictly respecting both the letter and the spirit of the European Social Acquis and its principles; Reforms in labour markets should be implemented in such a way as to promote job quality;

Structural labour market reforms should introduce internal flexibility to maintain employment in times of economic disruption, and ensure job quality, security in employment transitions, unemployment benefit schemes based on activation requirements and linked with reintegration policies that maintain work incentives while ensuring decent income, contractual arrangements to combat labour market segmentation, anticipate economic restructuring, and ensure access to lifelong learning;

Member States should avoid the establishment of conditions for firms to opt out of higher-level collective bargaining agreements and to review of sectoral wage agreements which imply an exclusion of a large number of workers from their right to collective bargaining

Member States should increase the coverage and effectiveness of active labour market policies, in close cooperation with social partners;

Tackling skills mismatches

Better monitoring of skills needs in specific sectors and/or regions and remedy swiftly these skills mismatches.

Commission and Member States should cooperate in the elaboration of the EU Skills Panorama in order to provide a comprehensive view of EU skills needs.

Foster cooperation and synergies between the education-training sector and enterprises to anticipate skills' needs and adapt education and training systems to the needs of the labour market with the objective to provide the workforce with

necessary skills and facilitate the transition from education and training to work;

Promote the access to lifelong learning for all age groups, not only through formal learning but also through the development of non-formal and informal learning.

Establish a validation system of non-formal and informal learning by 2015 linked to the European Qualification Framework;

Youth unemployment

Calls for a European Pact for Youth Employment to put into effect the long-agreed measures and for new resources and measures to be committed to tackling youth unemployment, reducing the number of young people not in employment, education or training (NEET) taking into account the qualitative aspect of decent work fully respecting core labour standards;

Member States should urgently implement Youth Guarantee Schemes; and use available resources in an efficient way concentrating activities on those in the most difficult situation.

The Commission and the Member States should step up financing of the Youth guarantee in accordance to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) that has calculated that EUR 21 billion only in the Eurozone is needed in order to carry out an effective programme to combat youth unemployment. Calls on the Commission that the Youth Guarantee be a priority to expand the available budget in the promised mid-term review of the MFF;

The Commission and Council should consider that also Member States in the excessive deficit procedure have the fiscal space to make use of these measures, in particular by temporarily exempting the

Member States' co-financing of measures to combat youth unemployment from the calculation of the excessive deficit;

The Commission should propose a quality framework for traineeships comprising, inter alia, the criteria for properly remuneration, learning outcomes, working conditions and safety and health standards; calls on the Commission, Member States and the European social partners to implement the Alliance for Apprenticeships in an ambitious manner;

Seniors and Long term unemployed

Member States should develop employment opportunities for older workers, guarantee access to life-long learning, introduce tax benefit policies giving incentives to stay longer at work, and support active healthy ageing;

Long-term unemployed should be supported by job creation and integrated active inclusion approaches, including positive activation incentives such as personalised guidance and welfare-to-work programmes, adequate benefit systems and access to quality services in order to support them in reconnecting with the labour market and accessing quality jobs;

Women

The Commission should put more emphasis on significantly increasing women's participation in the labour market which is key to achieving the Europe 2020 headline target for the employment rate; Calls for measures such as affordable care and child care, adequate maternity, paternity and parental leave schemes and flexibility in working hours and place of work;

Member States should respect and foster gender equality as part of their national policies and National Reform Programmes (NRPs);

Other priority groups

Member States should include in their National Reform Programmes key measures on employment and social inclusion adopted by the European Strategy for people with disabilities. Calls on the European Commission that these measures are part of its recommendations by country in 2014.

Calls for the inclusion of minorities mainstreaming in the priorities of the Annual Growth Survey 2014 who's participation in the labour market is key to achieving the Europe 2020 headline target for the employment rate; Calls on the Commission and the Member States to address the low level of labour market participation of people belonging to minorities (e.g. Roma.)

Or. en

Amendment 255

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 6 – Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

National general and youth employment plans

The *Commission* should **make mandatory the presentation of** national general, and youth employment plans in the *CSR* 2014;

Amendment

National general and youth employment plans

The *Member States* should **present** national general, and youth employment plans in the 2014 *National Reform Programmes*;

Or. en

Amendment 256

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 6 – Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Member States should avoid the establishment of conditions for firms to opt out of higher-level collective bargaining agreements and to review of sectoral wage agreements which imply an exclusion of a large number of workers from their right to collective bargaining

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Or. en

Amendment 257

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 6 – Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Foster cooperation and synergies between the education-training sector and enterprises to anticipate skills' needs and adapt education and training systems to the needs of the labour market with the objective to provide the workforce with necessary skills and facilitate the transition from education and training to work;

Amendment

Foster cooperation and synergies between the education-training sector and enterprises to anticipate skills' needs and adapt education and training systems to the needs of the labour market with the objective to provide the workforce with necessary skills and facilitate the transition from education and training to work; ***in this context, dual learning schemes, should play a key role;***

Or. en

Amendment 258

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 6 – Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

The Commission and the Member States

Amendment

Calls on the Commission that the Youth

should step up financing of the Youth guarantee in accordance to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) that has calculated that EUR 21 billion only in the Eurozone is needed in order to carry out an effective programme to combat youth unemployment. Calls on the Commission that the Youth Guarantee be a priority to expand the available budget in the promised mid-term review of the MFF;

Guarantee be a priority to expand the available budget in the promised mid-term review of the MFF;

Or. en

Amendment 259
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Recommendation 6 – Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

The Commission should propose a quality framework for traineeships comprising, inter alia, the criteria for *properly remuneration*, learning outcomes, working *conditions and safety and health standards*; calls on the Commission, Member States and the European social partners to implement the Alliance for Apprenticeships in an ambitious manner;

Amendment

The Commission should propose a quality framework for traineeships comprising, inter alia, the criteria for, learning outcomes, *and proper* working ;calls on the Commission, Member States and the European social partners to implement the Alliance for Apprenticeships in an ambitious manner;

Or. en

Amendment 260
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recommendation 7

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 7: Enhancing voluntary labour mobility

Amendment

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The European Parliament considers that the yearly policy guidance to be adopted by the European Council on the basis of the AGS should aim to:

The Commission should develop appropriate measures to revise the European law to guarantee the portability of pension rights and guaranteeing for a period of at least three months continuation of employment benefits while searching work in another Member States given the numbers of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for others within the EU in search of employment opportunities;

Build on the European Job Mobility Portal (EURES) by intensifying and broadening its activities and, in particular, by promoting youth mobility; calls for a specific strategy to be drafted for it, together with the Member States putting emphasis on the fact that mobility must remain voluntary and that efforts to create jobs and training places on the spot must not be limited by it;

The Commission should explore the possibility for EMU member states to engage in enhanced cooperation's in order to adopt legislation fostering intra-EMU labour mobility more quickly and more efficiently (e.g. on the portability of supplementary pension rights²⁴, or the adoption of a cooperation agreement between EMU national employment agencies).

Or. en

Amendment 261

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 7 – Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

The Commission should develop appropriate measures **to revise the *European law*** to guarantee the portability of pension rights and guaranteeing for a period of at least three months continuation of employment benefits while searching work in another Member States given the numbers of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for others within the EU in search of employment opportunities;

Amendment

The Commission should develop appropriate measures to guarantee the portability of pension rights and guaranteeing for a period of at least three months continuation of employment benefits while searching work in another Member States given the numbers of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for others within the EU in search of employment opportunities;

Or. en

Amendment 262

Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 7 – Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

The Commission should explore the possibility for EMU member states to engage in enhanced cooperation's in order to adopt legislation fostering intra-EMU labour mobility more quickly and more efficiently (e.g. on the portability of supplementary pension rights²⁴, or the adoption of a cooperation agreement between EMU national employment agencies).

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Or. en

Amendment 263

Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 8

Recommendation 8: Towards fairer taxation systems *deleted*

The European Parliament considers that the yearly policy guidance to be adopted by the European Council on the basis of the AGS should aim to:

Member States should reform taxes to lower the pressure on low wage and second income earners which according to the Commission remains high and exhibits an increasing trend;

The Commission should take note of the IMF October 2013 tax report that points out the existent scope to tax better and more progressively in order to increase the legitimacy of the consolidation effort while doing more to promote growth and bring some additional revenues along the way;

Member states should shift the tax burden away from labour towards other forms of sustainable taxes such as a harmonised corporate tax, the Financial Transaction Tax (FTT) and taxes on carbon;

Member States should adopt measures favourable to job creation such as labour tax reforms that provide employment incentives, support voluntary self-employment and promote business in strategic sectors;

Taxation on labour, especially well targeted temporary reductions in social security contributions or job subsidy schemes for new recruits, especially on low paid and low skilled workers, long-term unemployed and other vulnerable groups, should be reduced ,while ensuring sustainability of public pension systems in the long run;

To fight undeclared work, false self-employment and tax fraud, particularly in the current context of fiscal consolidation,

in order to protect workers, revenues and ensure public confidence in the fairness and effectiveness of tax systems; Transform informal and undeclared work into regular employment amongst others by increasing the capacity of labour inspections.

Or. en

Amendment 264
Inês Cristina Zuber

Motion for a resolution
Recommendation 8 – Paragraph – 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

It is important to adopt policies regarding the tax plan that puts an end with the outrageous favouritism of banks, financial speculation, of major domestic and foreign economic groups;

Or. en

Amendment 265
Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution
Recommendation 8 – Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Member states should shift the tax burden away from labour towards other forms of sustainable taxes *such as a harmonised corporate tax, the Financial Transaction Tax (FTT) and taxes on carbon;*

Member states should shift the tax burden away from labour towards other forms of sustainable taxes;

Or. en

Amendment 266

Verónica Lope Fontagné, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 8 – Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Taxation on labour, especially well targeted temporary reductions in social security contributions or job subsidy schemes for new recruits, especially on low paid and low skilled workers, long-term unemployed and other vulnerable groups, should be reduced ,while ensuring sustainability of public pension systems in the long run;

Amendment

Taxation on labour, especially well targeted temporary reductions in social security contributions or job subsidy schemes for new recruits, especially ***on young people*** low paid and low skilled workers, long-term unemployed and other vulnerable groups, should be reduced ,while ensuring sustainability of public pension systems in the long run;

Or. en

Amendment 267

Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 9

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 9: Poverty and Social Exclusion must be reduced

The European Parliament considers that the yearly policy guidance to be adopted by the European Council on the basis of the AGS should aim to:

Member States should reinforce the safety nets and ensure the effectiveness of the welfare systems as well as invest in preventive measures;

Urges the Commission to take account of the impact of the economic adjustment programmes on progress towards the Europe 2020 headline targets in those Member States experiencing financial difficulties and to agree modifications aimed at bringing the adjustment

Amendment

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programmes into line with the Europe 2020 objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 268
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recommendation 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Recommendation 10: Sustainable Pensions

deleted

The European Parliament considers that the yearly policy guidance to be adopted by the European Council on the basis of the AGS should aim to:

The Commission and Member States should take on the Parliament's recommendations in the green and white papers on pensions;

Pension reforms require national political and social cohesion and can only be successful when negotiated with the social partners;

In order to guarantee the sustainability of pension systems: it is possible to raise the actual retirement age without raising the mandatory retirement age by reducing the number of people leaving the labour market early; believes that to successfully raise effective retirement ages, reforms in pension systems need to be accompanied by policies that limit the access to early retirement schemes and other early exit pathways, develop employment opportunities for older workers, guarantee access to life-long learning, introduce tax benefit policies giving incentives to stay longer at work, and support active healthy ageing;

Amendment 269

Verónica Lope Fontagné, Ria Oomen-Ruijten, Csaba Óry

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 10 – Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

In order to guarantee the sustainability of pension systems: ***it is possible to raise the actual retirement age without raising the mandatory retirement age by reducing the number of people leaving the labor market early***; believes that to successfully raise effective retirement ages, reforms in pension systems need to be accompanied by policies that limit the access to early retirement schemes and other early exit pathways, develop employment opportunities for older workers, guarantee access to life-long learning, introduce tax benefit policies giving incentives to stay longer at work, and support active healthy ageing

Amendment

In order to guarantee the sustainability of pension systems: believes that to successfully raise effective retirement ages ***and reducing the number of people leaving the labor market early***, reforms in pension systems need to be accompanied by policies that limit the access to early retirement schemes and other early exit pathways, develop employment opportunities for older workers, guarantee access to life-long learning, introduce tax benefit policies giving incentives to stay longer at work, and support active healthy ageing

Amendment 270

Verónica Lope Fontagné, Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 10 – Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Notes the uneven progress and level of ambition across Member States in formulating and implementing structural reforms aimed at raising employment, phasing out early retirement schemes and evaluating, at Member state level and together with social partners, the need to

put both the statutory and effective retirement age on a sustainable footing with increases in life expectancy;

Or. en

Amendment 271
Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution
Recommendation 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Recommendation 11: European social stabilizers

deleted

The European Parliament considers that the yearly policy guidance to be adopted by the European Council on the basis of the AGS should aim to:

Social policies and social standards must not be used as factors of adjustment by the EMU member states experiencing negative economic shocks;

The Commission should produce a Green Paper on Automatic stabilizers in the Eurozone in order to help deal with asymmetric shocks, avoid excessive depletion of national welfare states and hence strengthen the EMU's sustainability as a whole;

Invites the European Council in December to define concrete steps forward in terms of building a genuine social and employment pillar as part of the EMU on the basis of the community method and to further elaborate on the modalities of introducing a European unemployment benefit scheme as an automatic stabilizer for the Eurozone

Or. en

Amendment 272

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 11 – Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Invites *the European Council in December to define concrete steps forward in terms of building a genuine social and employment pillar as part of the EMU on the basis of the community method* and to further elaborate on the modalities of introducing a European unemployment benefit scheme as an automatic stabilizer for the Eurozone

Amendment

Invites *the Commission to evaluate the possibilities to develop the social dimension* of the EMU and to further elaborate on the modalities of introducing a European unemployment benefit scheme as an automatic stabilizer for the Eurozone

Or. en

Amendment 273

Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 12

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 12: Democratic legitimacy and social dialogue needs to be strengthened

The European Parliament considers that the yearly policy guidance to be adopted by the European Council on the basis of the AGS should aim to:

All labour market reforms should be based on reinforced the coordination of the Social Dialogue at EU level;

Guarantee and reinforce high quality participation of social partners and strong social dialogue, also at national level, is essential for the success of any reforms and in particular in reforms of the EMU, the role of the social partners in the new Economic Governance, in particular in

Amendment

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the European Semester

Implement the Commission's proposal for stronger involvement of social partners in the European Semester process inter alia in the framework of the Social Dialogue Committee prior to the yearly adoption of the AGS;

The European Council and Member States should ensure that national and regional parliaments, social partners, public authorities and civil society are closely involved in the implementation and monitoring of policy guidance under the Europe 2020 Strategy and economic governance process, in order to ensure ownership;

The European Council and the Commission should to integrate the monitoring and evaluation of employment, social and education goals of the Europe 2020 Strategy more effectively in the European Semester 2014;

Or. en

Amendment 274

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Recommendation 12 – Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

All labour market reforms should be based on reinforced the coordination of the Social Dialogue *at EU level*;

Amendment

All labour market reforms should be based on reinforced the coordination of the Social Dialogue;

Or. en