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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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Are tools in place to monitor the effectiveness of European Social Fund spending on older workers? (Court of Auditors Special Report 25/2012) (2013/2173(INI))

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Amendment 1
Elisabeth Schroedter

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas population ageing, ***incentives for early retirement***, the financial crisis and changes in production patterns require strong responses to enable older workers to remain active in the labour market;

Amendment

A. whereas population ageing, ***changing workplaces and working conditions***, the financial crisis and changes in production patterns require strong responses to enable older workers to remain active in the labour market ***by choice***;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas population ageing, incentives for early retirement, the financial crisis ***and*** changes in production patterns require strong responses to enable older workers to remain active in the labour market;

Amendment

A. whereas population ageing, incentives for early retirement, the financial crisis, changes in production patterns ***and demand for increasing competitiveness*** require strong responses to enable older workers to remain active in the labour market;

Or. pl

Amendment 3
Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas population ageing, incentives for early retirement, the financial crisis and changes in production patterns require strong responses to enable older workers to remain active in the labour market;

Amendment

A. Does not affect English text. Linguistic amendment to Dutch version.

Or. nl

Amendment 4
Heinz K. Becker
Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas population ageing, incentives for early retirement, the financial crisis and changes in production patterns require strong responses to enable older workers to remain active in the labour market;

Amendment

A. whereas population ageing, incentives – ***which still unfortunately exist*** – for early retirement, the financial crisis and changes in production patterns require strong responses to enable older workers to remain active in the labour market;

Or. de

Amendment 5
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas in 2012 the employment rate of people aged 55-64 was less than 50 % in the European Union;

Amendment

B. whereas in 2012 the employment rate of people aged 55-64 was less than 50 % in the European Union ***and in certain Member States it dropped as low as around 30%***;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas in 2012 the employment rate of people aged 55-64 was less than 50 % in the European Union;

Amendment

B. whereas in 2012 the employment rate of people aged 55-64 was less than 50 % in the European Union ***and this could be caused by a number of factors such as outdated skills and qualifications, employers' attitudes towards older workers, difficulties with reconciliation of professional and family life or poorer health;***

Or. en

Amendment 7
Emer Costello

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas in 2012 the employment rate of people aged 55-64 was less than 50 % in the European Union;

Amendment

B. whereas in 2012 the employment rate of people aged 55-64 was less than 50 % in the European Union - ***54.4% for men and 41.8% for women;***

Or. en

Amendment 8
Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas an older labour force and

longer working lives can make a positive contribution to recovery and future growth;

Or. nl

Amendment 9
Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas older people are indispensable with a view to passing on knowledge and experience to future generations;

Or. nl

Amendment 10
Elisabeth Schroedter

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

Amendment

C. whereas the European Social Fund (ESF) is a key financial instrument intended to help Member States achieve EU employment policy objectives, and reliable data are necessary to assess how effectively ESF resources are spent;

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Or. en

Amendment 11
Danuta Jazlowiecka

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas the European Social Fund (ESF) is a key financial instrument intended to help Member States achieve EU employment policy objectives, and reliable data are necessary to assess how effectively ESF resources are spent;

Amendment

C. whereas the European Social Fund (ESF), ***which during the programming period 2007- 2013 accounted for 8% of the EU total budget***, is a key financial instrument intended to help Member States achieve EU employment policy objectives, and reliable data are necessary to assess how effectively ESF resources are spent;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment 13
Heinz K. Becker
Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas maintaining the employability of older workers as well as keeping a high proportion of the population remaining in work until later age is crucial to address demographic challenges and reach the EU target of 75% of the 20-64-year-old population in employment by 2020;

Or. en

Amendment

Ca. whereas the lifelong learning measures promoted by the ESF are on the whole well suited to keeping people in employment (e.g. by employability

training or retraining);

Or. de

Amendment 14
Sari Essayah

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Regrets that no complete and reliable data are available to assess the effectiveness of ESF spending on older workers;

Amendment

1. Regrets that no complete and reliable data are available to assess the effectiveness of ESF spending on older workers; ***takes the view that the use of ESF appropriations must be transparent and that, when the annual financial statements are drawn up, this information must be available to citizens in an easily accessible manner on a public website, and must include the objectives of the funded programmes and the original amount budgeted, as well as indicators and the possibility of verifying, using easily accessible analytical tools, the achievement of the objectives and the distribution of the funds to their various purposes;***

Or. fi

Amendment 15
Emer Costello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Regrets that no complete and reliable data are available to assess the effectiveness of ESF spending on older workers;

Amendment

1. Regrets that no complete and reliable data, ***including data disaggregated by gender,*** are available to assess the effectiveness of ESF spending on older workers;

Amendment 16
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that the implementation of the ESF must comply with the EU Financial Regulation and, in particular, with the fundamental principles of sound financial management;

Amendment

2. Stresses that the implementation of the ESF must comply with the EU Financial Regulation and, in particular, with the fundamental principles of sound financial management ***such as effectiveness, which should be understood as attaining the specific objectives set and achieving the intended results;***

Amendment 17
Elisabeth Schroedter

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the Member States, for the next programming period, to apply and complement as appropriate the common indicators provided for in the ESF Regulation in order to establish how many older workers have ***gained new qualifications, improved their situation on the labour market or found a job after having benefited from projects financed by the ESF;***

Amendment

4. Calls on the Member States, for the next programming period, to apply and complement as appropriate the common indicators provided for in the ESF Regulation in order to establish how many older workers have ***participated in ESF measures with a focus on workplace adaptation, acquisition of skills, improved labour market situation for the individual, or finding a job;***

Amendment 18
Emer Costello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the Member States, for the next programming period, to apply and complement as appropriate the common indicators provided for in the ESF Regulation in order to establish how many older workers have gained new qualifications, improved their situation on the labour market or found a job after having benefited from projects financed by the ESF;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Member States, for the next programming period, to apply and complement as appropriate the common indicators provided for in the ESF Regulation in order to establish how many older workers, ***disaggregated by gender***, have gained new qualifications, improved their situation on the labour market or found a job after having benefited from projects financed by the ESF;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Elisabeth Schroedter

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Member States to rely more on quantitative data when analysing the socioeconomic situation of older workers ***and to provide for a causal link between actions identified within operational programmes and the objectives pursued***;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Member States to rely more on quantitative ***and quality*** data when analysing the socioeconomic situation of older workers;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Sari Essayah

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Member States to rely more on quantitative data when analysing the socioeconomic situation of older workers and to provide for a causal link between actions identified within operational programmes and the objectives pursued;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Member States to rely more on quantitative data when analysing the socioeconomic situation of older workers and to provide for a *measurable* causal link between actions identified within operational programmes and the objectives pursued;

Or. fi

Amendment 21
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Member States to rely more on quantitative data when analysing the socioeconomic situation of older workers and to provide for a causal link between actions identified within operational programmes and the objectives pursued;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Member States to rely more on quantitative data when analysing the socioeconomic situation of older workers and to provide for a causal link between actions identified within operational programmes and the objectives pursued, *which would facilitate verification of consistency between identified needs, chosen strategy and specific goals set ;*

Or. en

Amendment 22
Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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programmes and the objectives pursued;

programmes and the objectives pursued,
since relying on these data will make it possible to accurately assess the situation going into the future;

Or. pl

Amendment 23
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. *Encourages the* Member States to make sure, in the forthcoming programming period (2014-2020), that the age groups used for needs analysis are the same as the age groups used in the programmes and/or in the related actions and targets;

Amendment

6. *Acknowledges that, according to their different socioeconomic and demographic situations, Member States use different age groups to define older workers; regrets however that this definition is not always consistently applied throughout the whole programming process in a given Member State; encourages therefore* Member States to make sure, in the forthcoming programming period (2014-2020), that the age groups used for needs analysis are the same as the age groups used in the programmes and/or in the related actions and targets;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

over 55, and adapting operational programmes to specific needs identified for these two age groups;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Heinz K. Becker
Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls for a tracking system whereby providers can monitor the progress of individual participants, enabling evaluation to take place at regular intervals so that strengths and weaknesses can be judged and improvements made;

Or. de

Amendment 26
Heinz K. Becker
Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Calls for measures to target not just employability but also progress in terms of skills (including 'soft' skills), higher self-esteem and greater motivation; notes that imparting life skills and providing informal training can make a major contribution in this respect;

Or. de

Amendment 27
Heinz K. Becker
Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6c. Calls on the Member States to provide a broad range of activities enabling participants to make an individual choice; notes that the availability of choices forms an important part of the employment and reintegration process;

Or. de

Amendment 28
Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Calls for all barriers that hamper active aging ***and life-long learning opportunities*** to be monitored and removed.

7. Calls for all barriers that hamper active aging to be monitored and removed, ***and for life-long learning to be supported, in particular, the acquisition of new qualifications and technical skills, such as computer skills and foreign language studies.***

Or. pl

Amendment 29
Heinz K. Becker
Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Calls for all barriers that hamper active aging and life-long learning opportunities to be monitored and removed.

7. Calls for all barriers that hamper active aging and life-long learning opportunities to be monitored and removed ***and for these benefits to become a regular feature of working life; calls for such measures to be constantly monitored, evaluated and improved;***

Or. de

Amendment 30
Emer Costello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls for all barriers that hamper active aging and life-long learning opportunities to be monitored and removed.

Amendment

7. Calls for all barriers that hamper active aging and life-long learning opportunities ***among older women and men*** to be monitored and removed.

Or. en

Amendment 31
Heinz K. Becker
Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls, in the new operational programmes, for a more uniform approach to the choice of target groups and use of labour market data, in order to set ambitious but realistic targets; notes, given the future importance of the growing cohort of older workers, that preparations for the operational programmes should also include a dialogue on the prioritisation of target groups.

Or. de