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Amendment 1
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Calls on the Commission to adopt without delay the committed communication on the social dimension of the EMU and in that perspective to update the scoreboard of macroeconomic imbalances with a set of employment and social indicators together with the adoption of a standalone scoreboard related to the EMU social dimension;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. ***Welcomes*** the fact that ***some*** Member States have submitted reports on progress on the EU2020 targets, in some cases outlining the specific projects attributed to these goals; calls on all Member States to include these reports as part of their 2014 European Semester contributions;

1. ***Regrets*** the fact that ***only a few*** Member States have submitted reports on progress on the EU2020 targets, in some cases outlining the specific projects attributed to these goals; calls on all Member States to include these reports as part of their 2014 European Semester contributions;

Or. es

Amendment 3
Inês Cristina Zuber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

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Or. pt

Amendment 4
Marije Cornelissen

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Or. en

Amendment 5
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recalls that Parliament, in its report

on the Annual Growth Strategy, called for a strategy able to make austerity programmes compatible with growth incentives and job creation; therefore believes that even with the introduction of slight changes in the fiscal consolidation calendar, the Country Specific Recommendations presented by the Commission remain insufficient to achieve these objectives; warns that the Country Specific Recommendations made in relation to structural reform may have the same negative impact on growth and employment as the previous austerity policy;

Or. es

Amendment 6
Inês Cristina Zuber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Notes that the neoliberal so-called austerity measures that have been reinforced, inter alia as part of the national reform plans, economic governance and the European Semester, are contributing to a deepening of the economic and social crisis in a number of countries with more fragile economies, making life more and more difficult for working-class families and, in particular, for women and children, who are the main victims of the increase in poverty, unemployment, and precarious and poorly paid work;

Or. pt

Amendment 7
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Expresses its concerns about a general lack of ambition and progress on the EU2020 targets; calls for the EU2020 targets to be put at the heart of the European Semester with Member States setting ambitious national targets detailing strategies to reach them and with progress visibly monitored through the National Reform Programmes, the Country Specific Recommendations and in the Annual Growth Survey; calls on the Commission to systematically address recommendations to Member States on each of the EU2020 targets where there is a lack of progress;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Pervenche Berès

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Strongly believes that CSRs in the context of the European Semester would become much more relevant and efficient once indicators in the social field - which should be taken on board in the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure and on an autonomous basis - and a scoreboard will be established;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Deplores the fact that the EU 27 is now in recession and that current fiscal policies are not reversing this process; calls therefore on the Commission to re-evaluate its approach in light of this fact and the unacceptable levels of youth and long-term unemployment in many Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Points out that the asymmetries in the Commission's recommendations have led to an unprecedented increase in the socioeconomic and employment divergences between Member States; warns that despite slight improvements, the recommendations still contain asymmetries, making it likely that these divergences will further increase;

Or. es

Amendment 11
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Urges the Commission to monitor EU2020 national objectives in Member States under financial assistance and to address with that purpose adapted country specific recommendation taking proper account of the constraints created by macroeconomic adjustment programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Regrets that despite this Parliament's repeated requests for national employment and youth employment plans to be presented in all the Member States, a significant number of these have still not done so;

Or. es

Amendment 13
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Calls on the Commission and Council to continue to improve indicators to monitor the social, environmental and innovation dimension of the EU 2020 Strategy in the framework of the European Semester; calls for the

development of quantitative and qualitative methodologies to improve the accuracy in assessments of the overall social and environmental realities currently not fully captured by comparable EU-level statistics;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1d. Considers the Commission's recognition of the need to reduce taxes on employment in favour of other sources of income, such as environmental taxation, to be a positive development; nevertheless asks the Commission to bear in mind that increased capital tax is needed in order to speed up the fiscal consolidation process more fairly;

Or. es

Amendment 15
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Recognises that ***this year's*** Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) are particularly important, ***because Member States define their investment priorities for cohesion policy in the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF); calls in this context for increased***

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targeting of EU funding on growth and employment policies, especially on combating youth unemployment;

productive investment such as in education and innovation; regrets that the Commission has not included in its draft recommendations most of the recommendations drafted by this Parliament; expresses its concern at the increase in social and economic divergences among the Member States;

Or. es

Amendment 16
Jutta Steinruck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Recognises that this year's Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) are particularly important, because Member States define their investment priorities for cohesion policy in the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF); calls in this context for *increased* targeting of EU funding on growth and employment policies, especially on combating youth unemployment;

Amendment

2. Recognises that this year's Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) are particularly important, because Member States define their investment priorities for cohesion policy in the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF); calls in this context for targeting of EU funding on growth and employment policies, especially on combating youth unemployment *and creating lasting jobs which are not precarious, entail the compulsory payment of social security contributions and are adequately remunerated;*

Or. de

Amendment 17
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 18
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Or. en

Amendment 19
Pervenche Berès

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Is concerned with the growing view that migration would solve the youth unemployment issue; despite free movement of workers being a cornerstone of the Treaty, as an answer to the current crisis it brings the risk of brain drain, creates new imbalances between active/non active people and would finally contribute to the already ongoing polarization inside the EU and especially in the eurozone;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Amendment

3. Welcomes the fact that several Member States have adopted major labour market reforms aimed at improving the resilience of the labour market, introducing more internal and external flexibility, reducing segmentation and facilitating transition between jobs;

3. Welcomes the fact that several Member States have adopted major labour market reforms aimed at improving the resilience of the labour market, introducing more internal and external flexibility, reducing segmentation and facilitating transition between jobs; ***regrets that only a small number of these reforms have been carried out with adequate consensus among the social partners; asks the Commission, in its Country Specific Recommendations, to ensure that the necessary flexibility of the labour market maintains the extremely high levels of social protection which are the hallmark of our social model;***

Or. es

Amendment 21
Inês Cristina Zuber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. *Welcomes the fact that several Member States have adopted major labour market reforms aimed at improving the resilience of the labour market, introducing more internal and external flexibility, reducing segmentation and facilitating transition between jobs;*

Amendment

3. *Urges the Member States to adopt labour market reforms that focus strongly on promoting quality in work with rights, improving rights to social security and social inclusion, enhancing the existing social and labour rights of workers and introducing new rights, and promoting health and safety at work, better social risk management and the reconciliation of work and family life;*

Or. pt

Amendment 22
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. *Welcomes the fact that several Member States have adopted major labour market reforms aimed at improving the resilience of the labour market, introducing more internal and external flexibility, reducing segmentation and facilitating transition between jobs;*

Amendment

3. *Takes note of the fact that several Member States have adopted major labour market reforms, introducing more internal and external flexibility; calls on the Commission to ensure that in their policy guidance labour market reforms are aimed at, amongst others, reducing segmentation, promoting transition between jobs, advancing the inclusion of vulnerable groups in the labour market, reducing in-work poverty, promoting gender equality, strengthening the rights of workers with atypical contracts and provide more social protection for self-employed workers;*

Or. en

Amendment 23
Ismail Ertug

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Or. de

Amendment 24
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Notes with concern that the quest for greater competitiveness in Europe is only being pursued through wage devaluations and not through any increase in the productivity of our economies; asks the Commission to exclude essential investment in innovation and training from deficit calculations, in order to guarantee greater productivity in the EU as a whole;

Or. es

Amendment 25
Pervenche Berès

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Notes with great concern that the initial CSRs as proposed by the Commission for many Member States were very prescriptive regarding pension reforms while such reforms require national political and social cohesion and can only be successful when negotiated with social partners;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Notes that the debt to GDP ratio in some countries is still increasing and that employment and growth promoting measures must be stepped up in these Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Deplores as insufficient the Commission's recommendation to Member States with higher tax margins that they increase their internal demand and regrets the focus on reduction of social contributions rather than on increasing net wages; urges the Commission to review these recommendations;

Or. es

Amendment 28
Inês Cristina Zuber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that all Member States have received recommendations with regard to levels of labour market participation; calls on those Member States with high levels of unemployment to step up, in consultation with the social partners, active labour market measures, such as training and employment services, and to introduce further reforms to facilitate access to employment, ***prevent early withdrawals from the labour market, reduce the cost of labour and combat labour market segmentation;***

Amendment

4. Notes that all Member States have received recommendations with regard to levels of labour market participation; calls on those Member States with high levels of unemployment to step up, in consultation with the social partners, active labour market measures, such as training and employment services, and to introduce further reforms to facilitate access to employment;

Or. pt

Amendment 29
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Notes that all Member States have received recommendations with regard to levels of labour market participation; calls on those Member States with high levels of unemployment to step up, in consultation with the social partners, active labour market measures, such as training and employment services, and to introduce further reforms to facilitate access to employment, prevent early withdrawals from the labour market, reduce the cost of labour and combat labour market segmentation;

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Or. en

Amendment 30
Jutta Steinruck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that all Member States have received recommendations with regard to levels of labour market participation; calls on those Member States with high levels of unemployment to step up, in consultation with the social partners, active labour market measures, such as training and employment services, and to introduce further reforms to facilitate access to employment, prevent early withdrawals from the labour market, ***reduce the cost of labour*** and combat labour market segmentation;

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the Council in this connection to establish investment programmes to develop lasting jobs, and observes that, in order to combat unemployment in a lasting manner, binding targets must be set for the investment to be made in the Member States;

Or. de

Amendment 31
Evelyn Regner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

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Amendment

4. Notes that all Member States have received recommendations with regard to levels of labour market participation; calls on those Member States with high levels of unemployment to step up, in consultation with the social partners, active, ***comprehensive and inclusive*** labour market measures, such as training and employment services, and to introduce further reforms to facilitate access to employment, prevent early withdrawals from the labour market, reduce the cost of labour and combat labour market segmentation;

Or. de

Amendment 32
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

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received recommendations with regard to levels of labour market participation; calls on those Member States with **high** levels of **unemployment** to step up, in consultation with the social partners, active labour market measures, such as training and employment services, and to introduce further reforms to facilitate access to employment, prevent early withdrawals from the labour market, **reduce** the cost of labour and combat labour market segmentation;

received recommendations with regard to levels of labour market participation; calls on those Member States with **low** levels of **labour market participation** to step up, in consultation with the social partners, active labour market measures, such as training and employment services, and to introduce further reforms to facilitate access to **quality** employment, **facilitate the reconciliation of work and private life**, prevent early withdrawals from the labour market, **shift taxes from labour to environmental taxation thereby reducing** the cost of labour and combat labour market segmentation; **underlines the need to ensure sustainability of quality of work and to actively combat growing in-work poverty**;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 34
Inês Cristina Zuber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Notes the fundamental importance of increasing and enhancing pensions and wages, especially in those countries with more fragile economies, in order to revitalise their internal markets and improve living conditions for workers and their families;

Or. pt

Amendment 35
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Welcomes the Commission's Country Specific Recommendations in the field of environmental taxation; highlights the positive budgetary, employment, social, and environmental impacts of shifting taxation from labour to environmental taxation and of the phasing out of environmentally harmful subsidies, calls on the Commission to make environmental taxation a priority in the upcoming Annual Growth Survey;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Pervenche Berès

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. deplores that no CSRs address the challenge of the impact of the labour taxation regime on long term investment and the outcome in terms of job creation;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Deplores the Country Specific Recommendations aimed at the decentralisation of wage setting and collective bargaining; calls on the Commission to refrain from these recommendations in the future;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Recalls that the situation of unemployed young people is particularly worrying and that urgent action is needed; asks for a European Pact for Youth Employment ***that puts into effect the already long-agreed measures and commits new resources and measures to fighting youth***

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unemployment;

adopt new resources and measures;

Or. es

Amendment 39
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls that the situation of unemployed young people is particularly worrying and that urgent action is needed; asks for a European Pact for Youth Employment that puts into effect the already long-agreed measures and commits new resources and measures to fighting youth unemployment;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 40
Pervenche Berès

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. looks forward for the frontloading of the Youth Employment Initiative as per the EMPL committee's call through its amendments to the CPR;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Welcomes the adoption of the Youth Guarantee by the Council and the earmarking of EUR 6 billion for Youth Employment Initiative as part of the next MFF; calls on Member States to implement Youth Guarantee Schemes;

Amendment

6. Welcomes the adoption of the Youth Guarantee by the Council and the earmarking of EUR 6 billion for Youth Employment Initiative as part of the next MFF; calls on Member States to implement Youth Guarantee Schemes; ***notes with satisfaction that these funds can be used during the first two years of the following financial frameworks; recalls that this amount is, however, insufficient 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 in order to carry out an effective programme to combat youth unemployment in the EU;***

Or. es

Amendment 42
Jutta Steinruck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

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Amendment

6. Welcomes the adoption of the Youth Guarantee by the Council and ***observes that*** the earmarking of EUR 6 billion for Youth Employment Initiative as part of the next MFF ***is not sufficient to combat youth unemployment in a lasting manner;*** calls on ***the Council, as well as it can, to financially assist the*** Member States ***in implementing*** Youth Guarantee Schemes;

Amendment 43
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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Amendment 44
Inês Cristina Zuber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. ***Welcomes*** the adoption of the Youth Guarantee by the Council and the earmarking of EUR 6 billion for Youth Employment Initiative as part of the next MFF; calls on Member States to implement Youth Guarantee Schemes;

Amendment

6. ***Notes*** the adoption of the Youth Guarantee by the Council and the earmarking of EUR 6 billion for Youth Employment Initiative as part of the next MFF; calls on Member States to implement Youth Guarantee Schemes; ***refers in this context to the ILO study ‘Euro Zone job crisis: trends and policy responses’, which notes that an injection of EUR 21 billion is needed in order to make a real impact on youth unemployment, demonstrating that the amount budgeted is clearly inadequate for the task;***

Amendment 45
Evelyn Regner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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¹ see: *International Labour Organization: Eurozone Job Crisis. Trends and Policy Responses. Geneva, 2012.*

² see: *Eurofound: NEETs – Young people not in employment, education or training: characteristics, costs and policy responses in Europe. Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg, 2012*

Amendment 46
Marije Cornelissen

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Paragraph 6

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Or. en

Amendment 47
Pervenche Berès

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Paragraph 6

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Or. en

Amendment 48
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Stresses the need to ensure greater equity in tax systems, in particular more progressive tax systems and the shifting of the tax base from labour to other sources;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Encourages the Commission to *continue* the work of the Youth Employment Action Teams *to help* the Member States with the highest levels of youth unemployment *to reprogramme* EU structural funding in order to target it at young people; 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;

7. *Is disappointed with the achievements* of the Youth Employment Action Teams *in* the Member States with the highest levels of youth unemployment *following the reprogramming of* EU structural funding; 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;

Or. es

Amendment 50
Jutta Steinruck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

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reprogramme EU structural funding in order to target it at young people; 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; ***observes, however, at the same time, that mobility must remain voluntary and that efforts to create jobs and training places on the spot must not be limited by it;***

Or. de

Amendment 51
Evelyn Regner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

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Or. de

Amendment 52
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Encourages the Commission to continue the work of the Youth Employment Action Teams to help the Member States with the highest levels of youth unemployment to reprogramme EU structural funding in order to target it at young people; 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;

Amendment

7. Encourages the Commission to continue the work of the Youth Employment Action Teams to help the Member States with the highest levels of youth unemployment to reprogramme EU structural funding ***of the 2007-2013 Multiannual Financial Framework*** in order to target it at young people; 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;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Believes there is an urgent need, given the numbers of workers, particularly young people, departing their countries of origin for others within the EU in search of employment opportunities, to develop appropriate measures to guarantee the portability of social rights obtained in this process, particularly unemployment and pension rights; believes that, given this situation, EURES should play a more significant role in labour mediation amongst the various Member States; welcomes the improvements to the European mobility portal and calls for a specific strategy to be drafted for it,

together with the Member States;

Or. es

Amendment 54
Pervenche Berès

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. welcomes the fact that for the first time, some CSRs address the particular situation of Member States regarding poverty; deeply condemns the fact that no CSR addresses in particular the case of labour market from which women are excluded and where no measure is foreseen to include them;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls on Member States to put in place schemes to ensure greater access to finance for SMEs in order to boost employment growth;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Stresses the need for greater fiscal flexibility to meet the specific needs of different Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Stresses that particular action is needed to increase the labour participation of women, older workers and workers with disabilities by ensuring that there are efficient incentives to return to, and stay in, work; recalls that the quality, affordability and accessibility of services related to early childhood education **and childcare** play a crucial role;

8. Stresses that particular action is needed to increase the labour participation of women, older workers and workers with disabilities by ensuring that there are efficient incentives to return to, and stay in, work; recalls that the quality, affordability and accessibility of services related to early childhood education, **childcare and eldercare** play a crucial role;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Jutta Steinruck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. Stresses that the long-term unemployed should be supported by activation incentives, such as welfare-to-work programmes, and **adequate** benefit systems in reconnecting with the labour market;

9. Stresses that the long-term unemployed should be supported by activation incentives, such as welfare-to-work programmes, and **needs-based** benefit systems in reconnecting with the labour

market;

Or. de

Amendment 59
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Stresses that the long-term unemployed should be supported by activation incentives, such as welfare-to-work programmes, **and** adequate benefit systems **in reconnecting** with the labour market;

Amendment

9. Stresses that the 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 to reconnect** with the labour market **and to access quality jobs**;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Inês Cristina Zuber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

9a. Underlines that Member States should rigorously introduce measures to enhance workers' security by phasing out precarious employment and atypical contractual arrangements, in order to restrict and reduce insecure forms of employment, the abusive use of which should be punished; points out that Member States therefore have a responsibility to introduce a combination of secure and reliable employment

contracts, active and integrative labour-market policies, lifelong learning and effective, high-quality social security systems, accompanied by clear entitlements for the unemployed, providing them with adequate benefits and tailor-made measures to enable them to find quality employment or training and upgrade their skills and competences where necessary;

Or. pt

Amendment 61
Jutta Steinruck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Recalls that the large economic and job potential of the services sector remains untapped; calls for full and appropriate implementation of the EU Services Directive; calls on Member States *to remove barriers in the retail sector and excessive restrictions in professional services and regulated professions;*

Amendment

10. Recalls that the large economic and job potential of the services sector remains untapped; calls for full and appropriate implementation of the EU Services Directive; *observes at the same time that wage and social standards must be complied with in all fields;* calls on Member States, *in all fields which are not covered by collective agreements between the social partners, to institute a statutory minimum wage based on the collective agreements customary in the sector concerned;*

Or. de

Amendment 62
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Recalls that the large economic and job potential of the services sector remains untapped; calls for full and appropriate implementation of the EU Services Directive; calls on Member States to remove barriers in the retail sector and excessive restrictions in professional services and regulated professions;

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Or. en

Amendment 63
Inês Cristina Zuber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Recalls ***that the large economic and job potential of the services sector remains untapped; calls for full and appropriate implementation of the EU Services Directive;*** calls on Member States to ***remove barriers in the retail sector and excessive restrictions in professional services and regulated professions;***

Amendment

10. Recalls the ***important role of public services in safeguarding social rights;*** calls on Member States to ***strengthen such services, rather than pursuing policies requiring the dismissal of public employees;*** stresses that recourse to private services should not be made at the expense of dismembering public service networks;

Or. pt

Amendment 64
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Recalls that the **large** economic and job potential of the services sector remains untapped; calls for full and appropriate implementation of the EU Services Directive; calls on Member States to remove barriers in the retail sector and excessive restrictions in professional services and regulated professions;

Amendment

10. Recalls that the **full** economic and job potential of the services sector remains untapped; calls for full and appropriate implementation of the EU Services Directive **whilst safeguarding public service obligations which can ensure universal access to affordable quality services for all; calls on Member States to invest particularly in quality social services**; calls on Member States to remove barriers in the retail sector and excessive restrictions in professional services and regulated professions;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

10a. Highlights the job potential of the green economy which according to Commission estimates could create 5 million jobs by 2020 in the energy efficiency and renewable energy sectors alone, provided that ambitious climate and energy policies are put in place; calls on the Member States to ensure sufficient levels of investment in these sectors and to anticipate future skills of workers and to guarantee job quality of 'Green jobs'; calls on the Commission to include the exploitation of the job potential of the green economy as a key priority in the Annual Growth Survey of 2014;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Pervenche Berès

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. asks the European Commission to produce a green book on a eurozone minimum unemployment allowance as an automatic stabiliser, following the debate in plenary on the social dimension of the EMU and the hearing organised on 9 July 2013 by the EMPL committee of the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

Amendment

11. Recalls ***the skills mismatches and bottlenecks in many regions and sectors and the inadequacy of certain education and training systems to cope with market demands; welcomes the reforms of vocational education and training systems undertaken by several Member States in order to adapt skills and competences to labour market needs, especially those of young people; recalls that almost all Member States need to undertake further action and investment in the field of education and training;***

11. Recalls ***that all Member States should make greater efforts to adapt their education systems to the needs of the labour market; regrets that the Commission has not drawn Member States' attention to this in its recommendations;***

Or. es

Amendment 68
Jutta Steinruck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Recalls the skills mismatches and bottlenecks in many regions and sectors and the inadequacy of certain education and training systems to cope with market demands; welcomes the reforms of vocational education and training systems undertaken by several Member States in order to adapt skills and competences to labour market needs, especially those of young people; recalls that almost all Member States need to undertake further action and investment in the field of education and training;

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11. Recalls the skills mismatches and bottlenecks in many regions and sectors and the inadequacy of certain education and training systems to cope with market demands; welcomes the reforms of vocational education and training systems undertaken by several Member States in order to adapt skills and competences to labour market needs, especially those of young people; recalls that almost all Member States need to undertake further action and investment in the field of education and training; ***observes that austerity measures and budgetary consolidation requirements must not prevent investment in training and in secure, non-precarious jobs;***

Or. de

Amendment 69
Inês Cristina Zuber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Recalls the skills mismatches and bottlenecks in many regions and sectors and the inadequacy of certain education and training systems to cope with market demands; ***welcomes the reforms of vocational education and training systems undertaken by several Member States in order to adapt skills and competences to labour market needs, especially those of young people;*** recalls that almost all

Amendment

11. Recalls the skills mismatches and bottlenecks in many regions and sectors and the inadequacy of certain education and training systems to cope with market demands; ***Takes the view that educational and/or training establishments must provide curricular internships, to add to their students' curricula and allow them to gain experience in their chosen fields of study, thereby enhancing their learning***

Member States need to undertake further action and investment in the field of education and training;

experience and their understanding of working practices; recalls that almost all Member States need to undertake further action and investment in the field of education and training;

Or. pt

Amendment 70
Evelyn Regner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. *Recalls the skills mismatches and bottlenecks in many regions and sectors and the inadequacy of certain education and training systems to cope with market demands*; welcomes the reforms of vocational education and training systems undertaken by several Member States in order to adapt skills and competences to labour market needs, especially those of young people; recalls that almost all Member States need to undertake further action and investment in the field of education and training;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the reforms of vocational education and training systems undertaken by several Member States in order to adapt skills and competences to labour market needs, especially those of young people; *stresses in this context the advantages of dual training systems*; recalls that almost all Member States need to undertake further action and investment in the field of education and training;

Or. de

Amendment 71
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

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demands; welcomes the reforms of vocational education and training systems undertaken by several Member States in order to adapt skills and competences to labour market needs, especially those of young people; recalls that almost all Member States need to undertake further action and investment in the field of education and training;

demands **and workers needs**; welcomes the reforms of vocational education and training systems undertaken by several Member States in order to adapt skills and competences to labour market **and (future) workers'** needs, especially those of young people; recalls that almost all Member States need to undertake further action and investment in the field of education and training;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Recalls the skills mismatches and bottlenecks in many regions and sectors and the inadequacy of certain education and training systems to cope with market demands; welcomes the reforms of vocational education and training systems undertaken by several Member States in order to adapt skills and competences to labour market needs, especially those of young people; recalls that almost all Member States need to undertake further action and investment in the field of education **and training**;

Amendment

11. Recalls the skills mismatches and bottlenecks in many regions and sectors and the inadequacy of certain education and training systems to cope with market demands; welcomes the reforms of vocational education and training systems undertaken by several Member States in order to adapt skills and competences to labour market needs, especially those of young people; recalls that almost all Member States need to undertake further action and investment in the field of education, **training, research, innovation and development**;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Nadja Hirsch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11a. Observes that, in addition to the reform of the education and training sector, a long-term sustainable, criteria-based immigration strategy is needed in order to respond to the shortage of skilled labour and demographic change;

Or. de

Amendment 74
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Notes that the crisis has had a severe and lasting impact on the Member States' levels of unemployment and their social situation, which has led to unsustainable increases in poverty and social exclusion, including child poverty, homelessness, in-work poverty and over-indebtedness of households; calls in this context on Member States to reinforce the safety nets and ensure the effectiveness of the welfare systems that deal with those affected;

Amendment

12. Notes that the crisis has had a severe and lasting impact on the Member States' levels of unemployment and their social situation, which has led to unsustainable increases in poverty and social exclusion, including child poverty, homelessness, in-work poverty and over-indebtedness of households; calls in this context on Member States to reinforce the safety nets and ensure the effectiveness of the welfare systems that deal with those affected;
Emphasises that economic and social decline has exhausted the national fiscal stabilisers in a number of Member States, while others enjoy comfortable margins; asks the Commission to put forward a proposal for a European automatic stabiliser, as defined in its December 2012 Blueprint, as soon as possible;

Or. es

Amendment 75
Jutta Steinruck

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Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

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Or. de

Amendment 76
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Notes that the crisis has had a severe and lasting impact on the Member States' levels of unemployment and their social situation, which has led to unsustainable increases in poverty and social exclusion, including child poverty, homelessness, in-work poverty and over-indebtedness of households; calls in this context on Member States to reinforce the safety nets and ensure the effectiveness of the welfare systems that deal with those affected;

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Or. en

Amendment 77
Evelyn Regner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Notes that the crisis *has* had a severe and lasting impact on the Member States' levels of unemployment and their social situation, which has led to unsustainable increases in poverty and social exclusion, including child poverty, homelessness, in-work poverty and over-indebtedness of households; calls in this context on Member States to reinforce the safety nets and ensure the effectiveness of the welfare systems that deal with those affected;

Amendment

12. Notes that the crisis *and the subsequent austerity policy have* had a severe and lasting impact on the Member States' levels of unemployment and their social situation, which has led to unsustainable increases in poverty and social exclusion, including child poverty, homelessness, in-work poverty and over-indebtedness of households; calls in this context on Member States to reinforce the safety nets and ensure the effectiveness of the welfare systems that deal with those affected;

Or. de

Amendment 78
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Notes that the crisis has had a severe and lasting impact on the Member States' levels of unemployment and their social situation, which has led to unsustainable increases in poverty and social exclusion, including child poverty, homelessness, in-work poverty and over-indebtedness of households; calls in this context on Member States to reinforce the safety nets and ensure the effectiveness of the welfare systems that deal with those affected;

Amendment

12. Notes that the crisis *exacerbated by pro-cyclical fiscal consolidation policies* has had a severe and lasting impact on the Member States' levels of unemployment and their social situation, which has led to unsustainable increases in poverty and social exclusion, including child poverty, homelessness, *social inequality*, in-work poverty and over-indebtedness of households; calls in this context *on the Commission and Council to reconsider the pace and timing of fiscal consolidation and further extend deadlines for the correction of excessive*

deficits to allow for job creation; calls on Member States to reinforce the safety nets and ensure the effectiveness of the welfare systems that deal with those affected;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Emer Costello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Notes that the crisis has had a severe and lasting impact on the Member States' levels of unemployment and their social situation, which has led to unsustainable increases in poverty and social exclusion, including child poverty, homelessness, in-work poverty and over-indebtedness of households; calls in this context on Member States to reinforce the safety nets and ensure the effectiveness of the welfare systems that deal with those affected;

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12. Notes that the crisis has had a severe and lasting impact on the Member States' levels of unemployment and their social situation, which has led to unsustainable increases in poverty and social exclusion, including child poverty, homelessness, in-work poverty and over-indebtedness of households; calls in this context on Member States to reinforce the safety nets and ensure the effectiveness of the welfare systems that deal with those affected; ***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 programmes into line with the Europe 2020 objectives;***

Or. en

Amendment 80
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12a. Considers, in this respect, that public pension systems are to a considerable extent cushioning the negative social impacts; regrets that the Commission's recommendations, particularly with regard to the legal age of retirement and its connection with life expectancy, were made without reference to the recommendations of the European Parliament in its reports on the green and white papers on pensions;

Or. es

**Amendment 81
Inês Cristina Zuber**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 12 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

12a. Emphasises that, to emerge stronger from the economic and social crisis, enjoy higher levels of growth and ensure their systems of welfare in the long term, the Member States should promote quality public services, making full use of their workforces' potential, guaranteeing workers' rights and promoting collective bargaining and public, universally-available social security;

Or. pt

**Amendment 82
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 13**

Draft opinion

13. Welcomes the fact that this year many Member States made a greater effort to involve national parliaments, the social partners and civil society in drawing up their national reform programmes; ***stresses that the engagement of all stakeholders in the development of the necessary reforms is crucial to their delivery and success;***

Amendment

13. Welcomes the fact that this year many Member States made a greater effort to involve national parliaments, the social partners and civil society in drawing up their national reform programmes; ***calls on the Commission to require that Member States ensure prior involvement by their national parliaments and social stakeholders in drawing up national reform programmes and stability and convergence programmes;***

Or. es

Amendment 83
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13

Draft opinion

13. Welcomes ***the fact that this year many*** Member States made a greater effort to involve national parliaments, the social partners and civil society in drawing up their national reform programmes; stresses that the engagement of all stakeholders in the development of the ***necessary reforms*** is crucial to their delivery and success.

Amendment

13. Welcomes ***that some*** Member States made a greater effort to involve national parliaments, the social partners and civil society in drawing up their national reform programmes, ***as well as to invite input from the same on CSRs but highlights that more needs to be done to ensure sufficient legitimacy and ownership;*** stresses that the engagement of all stakeholders in the development of the ***ambitious NRPs and CSRs which can ensure delivery on the EU2020 targets*** is crucial to their delivery and success; ***calls on the Commission to develop a code of guidance for stakeholder engagement monitored through the European Semester and to support funding for systematic national stakeholder engagement in the European Semester, requiring the annexing of stakeholder inputs to the NRP, and to hold an annual***

hearing together with the European Parliament involving stakeholders to assess progress on the targets and provide proposals for CSRs;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Emer Costello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13

Draft opinion

13. Welcomes the fact that this year many Member States made a greater effort to involve national parliaments, the social partners and civil society in drawing up their national reform programmes; stresses that the engagement of all stakeholders in the development of the necessary reforms is crucial to their delivery and success.

Amendment

13. Welcomes the fact that this year many Member States made a greater effort to involve national parliaments, the social partners and civil society in drawing up their national reform programmes; ***reiterates its call for increased democratic legitimacy for the European Semester and*** stresses that the engagement of all stakeholders in the development of the necessary reforms is crucial to their delivery and success;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

13a. Calls on the Commission and 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;

Amendment 86
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

13a. Regrets that this Parliament's report on the National Reform Plans proposed by the Commission was drafted after their approval by the Council; urges the Commission to revise the calendar for the European Semester to ensure that the process enjoys full democratic legitimacy, particularly once the Country Specific Recommendations become binding on the Member States after approval of the six-pack.

Or. es

Amendment 87
Pervenche Berès

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

13a. invites the Commission to fully integrate this opinion in the drafting of the Annual Growth Survey 2014;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

13b. Calls on the Commission to come up with a proposal to significantly strengthen and improve the involvement of social partners at the European level in the design, implementation and monitoring of policy guidance in social and employment matters of the European Semester;

Or. en