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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Budgets

on Parliament's position on the 2012 Draft Budget as modified by the Council -
All sections
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SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Welcomes the increase in commitment appropriations for the 'Youth on the Move' and 'European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion' flagship initiatives; points out that the crisis is not over yet, and opposes the real reduction of the 'Employment and social affairs' chapter and the 'New Skills for New Jobs' flagship initiative;
2. Calls for an increase in the payment appropriations for the European Social Fund and the creation of a new category of intermediate regions;
3. Welcomes the strengthening of the capacities of the social partners in the context of the flagship initiative on new skills and would like the budget to acknowledge their role in industrial policy;
4. Draws attention to the agreement on the microfinancing facility relating to Progress and calls, therefore, for an additional EUR 7 million in commitments;
5. Stresses that the European Global Adjustment Fund is geared to ensuring workers are qualified and employable; calls for payment appropriations for its budget heading to speed up the relevant procedures;
6. Draws attention to the agreement on the European year for Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity, and supports the creation of a budget heading for the EUR 2.7 million anticipated cost of measures under its aegis;
7. Proposes an increase in commitment appropriations for the European Training Foundation in order to support partner countries in the Mediterranean region in reforming their labour markets and vocational training systems and promoting social dialogue;
8. Proposes two pilot projects to promote the health and safety of older workers and help ensure young people are successfully integrated into the labour market.