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# **DRAFT OPINION**

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Budgets

on the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013 – all sections  
(2012/2092(BUD))

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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 small and medium-sized enterprises, young people and employment; points out that the social crisis means that we cannot afford to make reductions in the 'Employment and social affairs' chapter;
2. Regrets that the commitment appropriations for PROGRESS have been reduced by EUR 5.3 million compared to the financial programming; an increase of EUR 6 million would be more appropriate given the demand;
3. Reiterates the need for appropriate training to promote youth employment and calls for the Lifelong Learning programme to at least be restored to the level of commitments in 2012;
4. Welcomes the increase in commitment appropriations and payments for the ESF as the Structural Funds aim to develop competitiveness and employment;
5. Proposes that the EUR 22 billion to be redeployed from the European Social Fund benefit all Member States that wish to improve youth employment and are not just reserved for the eight Member States designated by the European Council in 2012;
6. Points out that the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund is geared to ensuring workers are qualified and employable; calls for over EUR 50 million in payment appropriations for its budget heading;
7. Emphasises that the communication on the European Year of Citizens (2013) requires commitment appropriations that are at least equal to those for 2012;
8. Proposes two pilot projects and one preparatory action to revitalise social convergence and cohesion through a European social label for companies, as well as support for migrants and posted workers and for the homeless in the European Union;
9. Emphasises the need for new commitment appropriations for the 'Youth on the Move' preparatory action in order to encourage Member States to take part in the pilot phase of this project launched in 2012.