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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Regional Development

for the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

on combater o desemprego juvenil: soluções possíveis
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SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Is concerned at the level of youth unemployment and, in particular, the considerable asymmetries in youth unemployment from one Member State to another, with variations from less than 15 % to over 55 %; is also concerned at the number of young people not in education, training or employment (14 million NEETs between the ages of 15 and 30), which undermines the existence of the European project, endangering the economic development and viability of a Europe united in its quality of life and working conditions, as well as the EU's economic, social and territorial cohesion, as defined under Article 174 TFEU;
2. Emphasises that, although the need to revitalise economic activity is a prerequisite for any solution involving the creation of sustainable and lasting employment, this situation is caused by structural issues arising from education and employment policy which need to be corrected, and that this calls for a new generation of more attractive teaching strategies, with better regional insertion, to promote the use of more efficient strategies for transition to active life (with strong links between school and work) and the creation of more secure career paths;
3. Understands the need, given that 15 % of jobs cease to exist every year, and as many again are created, for a global approach able to anticipate changes as part of a truly effective employment policy; considers it essential to create qualifications policies able to effectively promote the start-to-finish tailoring of skills to business and enterprise needs in all regions of the EU;
4. Encourages the Member States and regional and local authorities to increase the effectiveness of education and employment policies, which should be based on three fundamental aspects: a forward-looking approach, in order to better anticipate changes in the labour market and link them with education and training; greater involvement of all relevant players; and a regional approach, allowing the creation of mechanisms to better identify problems and improve decision-making and to provide a clear view of training needs;
5. Calls for joint action by the European funds, in particular the instruments of cohesion policy, the ESF and ERDF, to find an urgent answer to this worrying situation;
6. Welcomes the Commission's announcement of a package to combat youth unemployment by June 2013 which will, alongside the EU's Youth Employment Initiative and, especially, the Youth Guarantee and in line with the EU 2020 Strategy, put forward solutions to encourage the creation of sustainable jobs, reduce job insecurity, strengthen mobility programmes within the EU and promote increased inter-regional cooperation, as part of a roadmap for the future of a more economically, socially and territorially cohesive economic and monetary union.