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# **AMENDMENTS 29 - 246**

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## Amendment 29

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric, Inês Cristina Zuber

### Recital 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing a **coordinated** strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment **and** social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States, having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

*Amendment*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing a strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment, **decency of wages, collective bargaining and other** social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States, having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

Or. en

## Amendment 30

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

### Recital 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing a coordinated strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change **and with a view to achieving the full employment and social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union.** Member States, having regard to national

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Or. fr

### **Amendment 31**

**Tatjana Ždanoka**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Recital 1**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing a coordinated strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment and social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States, having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

##### *Amendment*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing a coordinated strategy for employment and particularly for ***decent working conditions across the Union***, promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic, ***social and environmental*** change and with a view to achieving the full employment and social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. ***Within this joint responsibility*** Member States, having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council; ***the Union should accompany these efforts with policy proposals to achieve the Treaty objectives and ensure an inclusive integrated labour market as well as decent working conditions across the Union.***

Or. en

**Amendment 32**  
**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Recital 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing a coordinated strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment and social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States, having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

*Amendment*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing a coordinated strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment and social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States, having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council. ***As the economic crisis has a direct and variable impact on economic performance and social conditions in the Member States, the Union should allow them to take the necessary measures at national level to remedy their situation. When, and only when, they have overcome the crisis, the Union should encourage them to exchange good practices.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 33**  
**Romana Tomc**

**Recital 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing a coordinated strategy for employment and ***particularly***

*Amendment*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing a coordinated ***and effective*** strategy for employment,

for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment and social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States, having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

***paying particular attention to the training of appropriate personnel and adapting the education system, which would make it possible to adapt rapidly to labour market requirements, for the purpose of*** promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment and social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States, having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

Or. sl

#### **Amendment 34** **Ádám Kósa**

##### **Recital 1**

###### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing a coordinated strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment and social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States, having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

###### *Amendment*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing a coordinated strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment and social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. ***Particular efforts should be made to increase the employment of workers with very low levels of schooling or skills, or those who in the short term have no suitable learning abilities at all, and to reduce ever increasing large-scale and long-term unemployment, with special attention to regions which are lagging behind.*** Member States, having regard to

national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

Or. hu

**Amendment 35**  
**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Recital 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing a coordinated strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets **responsive** to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment and social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States, having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

*Amendment*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing a coordinated strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets **capable of adjusting** to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment and social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States, having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

Or. fr

**Amendment 36**  
**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Recital 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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work towards developing a coordinated strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment and social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States, having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a *matter of common concern* and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

work towards developing a coordinated strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment and social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States, having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a *priority* and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

Or. fr

### **Amendment 37** **Zdzisław Krasnodębski**

#### **Recital 1**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing a *coordinated* strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment *and social progress* objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States, having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

##### *Amendment*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing a strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States, having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

Or. pl



**Amendment 38**  
**Sven Schulze**

**Recital 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing a coordinated strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment and social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States, having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

*Amendment*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing a coordinated strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change ***through the targeted promotion of training in the MINT-sectors*** and with a view to achieving the full employment and social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States, having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

Or. de

**Amendment 39**  
**Aldo Patriciello**

**Recital 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing ***a*** coordinated strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment and social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States, having regard to national

*Amendment*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing ***an efficient and*** coordinated strategy for ***increasing*** employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment and social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States,

practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as *a* matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as *an absolute priority and* matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

Or. it

**Amendment 40**  
**Aldo Patriciello**

**Recital 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing *a* coordinated strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment and social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States, having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

*Amendment*

(1) Member States and the Union should work towards developing *an efficient and* coordinated strategy for employment and particularly for promoting a skilled, trained and adaptable workforce and labour markets responsive to economic change and with a view to achieving the full employment and social progress objectives set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Member States, having regard to national practices related to the responsibilities of management and labour, are to regard promoting employment as a matter of common concern and coordinate their action in this respect within the Council.

Or. it

**Amendment 41**  
**Zdzisław Krasnodebski**

**Recital 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) The Union must combat social exclusion and discrimination, ensure equal access to fundamental rights, and **promote** social **justice and** protection. In defining and implementing **its** policies and activities, the **Union should take into account** requirements linked to the guarantee of adequate social protection and the fight against social exclusion **and** a high level of education and training.

*Amendment*

(2) The Union must **encourage the Member States to** combat social exclusion and discrimination **and** ensure equal access to fundamental rights and social protection. In defining and implementing policies and activities **at EU level**, requirements linked to the guarantee of adequate social protection and the fight against social exclusion, **as well as efforts to provide** a high level of education and training, **should be taken into account**.

Or. pl

**Amendment 42**

**Tatjana Ždanoka**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Recital 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) The Union must combat social exclusion and discrimination, ensure equal access to fundamental rights, and promote social justice and protection. In defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union should take into account requirements linked to the guarantee of **adequate** social protection and the fight against social exclusion and a high level of education and training.

*Amendment*

(2) The Union must combat social exclusion and discrimination, ensure equal access to fundamental rights, and promote social justice and protection. **This overarching objective needs to be implemented across all Union policies and legislation, ensuring that this overall Union objective is not endangered by side effects of other legislation.** In defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union should take into account requirements linked to the guarantee of **decent** social protection and the fight against **poverty**, social exclusion and a high level of education and training.

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Renate Weber**

**Recital 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) The Union must combat social exclusion and discrimination, ensure equal access to fundamental rights, and promote social justice and protection. In defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union should **take into account requirements linked to the guarantee of adequate social protection and the fight against social exclusion and a high level of education and training.**

*Amendment*

(2) The Union must combat social exclusion, **poverty** and discrimination, ensure equal access to fundamental rights, and promote social justice and protection. In defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union should guarantee adequate social protection, fight against social exclusion and **poverty and ensure** a high level of education and training.

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Recital 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) The Union must combat social exclusion and discrimination, ensure equal access to fundamental rights, and promote social justice and protection. In defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union should take into account requirements linked to the guarantee of adequate social protection and the fight against social exclusion and a high level of education and training.

*Amendment*

(2) The Union must combat **poverty**, social exclusion and discrimination, ensure equal access to fundamental rights, and promote social justice and protection. In defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union should take into account requirements linked to the guarantee of adequate social protection and the fight against **poverty and** social exclusion and a high level of education and training.

Or. es

**Amendment 45**  
**Enrico Gasbarra**

**Recital 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) The Union must combat social exclusion and discrimination, ensure equal access to fundamental rights, and promote social justice and protection. In defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union should take into account requirements linked to the guarantee of adequate social protection and the fight against social exclusion and a high level of education and training.

*Amendment*

(2) The Union must combat social exclusion and discrimination, ensure equal access to fundamental rights, and promote social justice and protection. In defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union should take into account requirements linked to the guarantee of adequate social protection and the fight against social exclusion and ***against all forms of discrimination, in addition to*** a high level of education and training.

Or. it

**Amendment 46**  
**Aldo Patriciello**

**Recital 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) The Union must combat social exclusion and discrimination, ensure equal access to fundamental rights, and promote social justice and protection. In defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union should take into account requirements linked to the guarantee of adequate social protection and the fight against social exclusion and a high level of education and training.

*Amendment*

(2) The Union must combat social exclusion and discrimination, ensure equal access to ***the labour market and to*** fundamental rights, and promote social justice and protection. In defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union should take into account requirements linked to the guarantee of adequate social protection and the fight against social exclusion and a high level of education and training.

Or. it

**Amendment 47**  
**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Recital 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) The Union must combat social exclusion and discrimination, ensure equal access to fundamental rights, and promote social justice and protection. In defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union should take into account requirements linked to the guarantee of adequate social protection and the fight against social exclusion and a high level of education and training.

*Amendment*

(2) The Union must combat social exclusion and discrimination, ensure equal access to fundamental rights, and promote social justice and protection. In defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union should take into account requirements linked to the guarantee of adequate social protection and the fight against social exclusion and a high level of education and training. ***The Union should therefore allow Member States to take all measures necessary at national level to comply with these commitments, without imposing either criteria or constraints on them.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 48**  
**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Recital 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) The Union must combat social exclusion and discrimination, ensure equal access to fundamental rights, and promote social justice and protection. In defining and implementing ***its*** policies and activities, ***the Union*** should take into account requirements linked to the guarantee of adequate social protection and the fight against social exclusion and a high level of education and training.

*Amendment*

(2) The ***Member States of the*** Union must combat social exclusion and discrimination, ensure equal access to fundamental rights, and promote social justice and protection. In defining and implementing ***their*** policies and activities, ***they*** should take into account requirements linked to the guarantee of adequate social protection and the fight against social exclusion and a high level of education and training.

**Amendment 49**

**Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric, Inês Cristina Zuber**

**Recital 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(3) The employment guidelines are consistent with the broad guidelines for the economic policies***

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 50**

**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López**

**Recital 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(3) The employment guidelines are consistent with the broad guidelines for the economic policies***

***(3) The employment guidelines are consistent with the broad guidelines for the economic policies. A balance between employment policy and economic policy set out by Article 121 TFEU and Article 148 TFEU is necessary so as to ensure positive development of the Union. In order to meet the objectives set out in Article 9 TFEU, economic policy and social and employment policies should be given equal consideration so as to prevent economic and social imbalances, thus ensuring fully coherent public policy.***

Or. en

**Amendment 51**

**Zdzisław Krasnodębski**

### Recital 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) The employment guidelines are consistent with the broad guidelines for the economic policies.

*Amendment*

(3) The employment guidelines are consistent with the broad guidelines for the economic policies, ***which cannot be limited to achieving fiscal and monetary benchmarks.***

Or. pl

### Amendment 52 Jérôme Lavrilleux

### Recital 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) The employment guidelines are consistent with the broad guidelines for the economic policies

*Amendment*

(3) The employment guidelines are consistent with the broad guidelines for the economic policies ***and on no account call into question budgetary restructuring policies.***

Or. fr

### Amendment 53 Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

### Recital 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) The employment guidelines are consistent with the broad guidelines for the economic policies

*Amendment*

(3) The employment guidelines are consistent with the broad guidelines for the economic policies ***and should be compatible with the policies pursued by***



*Member States at national level.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 54**  
**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Recital 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) The employment guidelines are consistent with the broad guidelines for the economic policies

*Amendment*

(3) The employment guidelines are consistent with the broad guidelines for the economic policies. ***However, they are not compatible with the austerity policies imposed by economic governance.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 55**  
**Romana Tomc**

**Recital 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(3a) While complying with EU legislation, Member States should ensure that their national employment and labour market legislation corresponds to the needs of the labour market, promotes the development of the labour market and motivates employees and jobseekers to take part in lifelong learning.***

Or. sl

**Amendment 56**  
**Tatjana Ždanoka**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### Recital 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(4) Member States *should regard their economic policies as a matter of common concern and coordinate them within the Council. Employment guidelines and broad economic policy guidelines should be adopted by the Council to guide Member States' and Union policies.*

*Amendment*

(4) *The financial and economic crisis and the related policy actions have clearly shown that Member States action alone on economic, employment or social policies is not enough and that intergovernmental agreements endanger democracy and citizens' rights. It is therefore of utmost importance that Member States accept that their economic policies are a matter of common concern and must be coordinated at Union level.*

Or. en

#### Amendment 57

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

#### Recital 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(4) Member States should regard their economic policies as a matter of common concern and coordinate them within the Council. Employment guidelines and broad economic policy guidelines *should be adopted by the Council to guide Member States' and Union* policies.

*Amendment*

(4) Member States should regard their economic policies as a matter of common concern and coordinate them within the Council. *The Council should adopt* employment guidelines and broad economic policy guidelines *which are suggested and accepted by the Member States and which accord with their national* policies.

Or. fr

#### Amendment 58

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

#### Recital 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(4) Member States should regard their economic policies as a matter of common concern and ***coordinate them within the Council***. Employment guidelines and broad economic policy guidelines should be adopted by the Council to guide Member States' and Union policies.

*Amendment*

(4) Member States should regard their economic policies as a matter of common concern and ***should have full latitude to act accordingly at national level***. Employment guidelines and broad economic policy guidelines should be adopted by the Council to guide Member States' and Union policies.

Or. fr

#### Amendment 59

**Tatjana Ždanoka**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### Recital 4 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(4a) Regrettably the Employment guidelines and Broad economic policy guidelines are only adopted by the Council and not under the ordinary legislative procedure. To ensure a more democratic decision-making on the Employment guidelines, which affect the citizens and labour markets across the Union, it is of utmost importance to change Article 148 TFEU so that both the Employment guidelines and the Broad Economic Guidelines are decided upon by both legislators, Council and European Parliament.***

Or. en

#### Amendment 60

**Jérôme Lavrilleux**

## Recital 4 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(4a) The employment guidelines must allow Member States, as a priority, to adopt sustainable and integrated economic models at EU, national and local level.***

Or. fr

## Amendment 61

**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

### Recital 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(5) In accordance with the Treaty provisions, the Union has developed and implemented policy coordination instruments for fiscal policy and macro-structural policies. The European Semester combines the different instruments in an overarching framework for integrated multilateral economic and budgetary surveillance. The ***streamlining and strengthening of the European Semester as set out in the Commission's 2015 Annual Growth Survey will further improve its functioning.***

(5) In accordance with the Treaty provisions, the Union has developed and implemented policy coordination instruments for fiscal policy and macro-structural policies. The European Semester combines the different instruments in an overarching framework for integrated multilateral economic and budgetary surveillance. ***There is a danger that the strengthening of the European Semester may aggravate the social situation in certain regions which are already seriously affected by the crisis.***

Or. fr

## Amendment 62

**Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric**

### Recital 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(5) In accordance with the Treaty provisions, the Union has developed and implemented policy coordination instruments for fiscal policy and macro-structural policies. The European Semester combines the different instruments in an overarching framework for integrated multilateral economic and budgetary surveillance. ***The streamlining and strengthening of the European Semester as set out in the Commission's 2015 Annual Growth Survey will further improve its functioning.***

*Amendment*

(5) In accordance with the Treaty provisions, the Union has developed and implemented policy coordination instruments for fiscal policy and macro-structural policies. The European Semester combines the different instruments in an overarching framework for integrated multilateral economic and budgetary surveillance.

Or. en

**Amendment 63**

**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Evelyn Regner, Marju Lauristin, Jutta Steinruck**

**Recital 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(5) In accordance with the Treaty provisions, the Union has developed and implemented policy coordination instruments for fiscal policy and macro-structural policies. The European Semester combines the different instruments in an overarching framework for integrated multilateral economic ***and*** budgetary ***surveillance***. The streamlining and strengthening of the European Semester as set out in the Commission's 2015 Annual Growth Survey will further improve its functioning.

*Amendment*

(5) In accordance with the Treaty provisions, the Union has developed and implemented policy coordination instruments for fiscal policy and macro-structural policies. The European Semester combines the different instruments in an overarching framework for integrated multilateral ***surveillance of*** economic, budgetary, ***employment and social policies***. The streamlining and strengthening of the European Semester as set out in the Commission's 2015 Annual Growth Survey will further improve its functioning.

Or. en

**Amendment 64**  
**Laura Agea**

**Recital 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(5) In accordance with the Treaty provisions, the Union has developed and implemented policy coordination instruments for fiscal policy and macro-structural policies. The European Semester combines the different instruments in an overarching framework for integrated multilateral economic and budgetary surveillance. The streamlining and strengthening of the European Semester as set out in the Commission's 2015 Annual Growth Survey will further improve its functioning.

*Amendment*

(5) In accordance with the Treaty provisions, the Union has developed and implemented policy coordination instruments for fiscal policy and macro-structural policies. ***To date, these policies have resulted in an alarming trend of stagnation and deflation in large parts of the Union which is discouraging growth and employment. In this regard it is vital to take into consideration the new social indicators and the asymmetric shocks that all Member States will experience as a result of the economic crisis.*** The European Semester combines the different instruments in an overarching framework for integrated multilateral economic and budgetary surveillance. The streamlining and strengthening of the European Semester as set out in the Commission's 2015 Annual Growth Survey will further improve its functioning.

Or. it

**Amendment 65**  
**Zdzisław Krasnodębski**

**Recital 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(5) In accordance with the Treaty provisions, the Union has developed and implemented policy coordination instruments for fiscal policy and macro-structural policies. The European Semester combines the different instruments in an

*Amendment*

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overarching framework for integrated multilateral economic and budgetary surveillance. The streamlining and strengthening of the European Semester as set out in the Commission's 2015 Annual Growth Survey will further improve its functioning.

overarching framework for integrated multilateral economic and budgetary surveillance. The streamlining and strengthening of the European Semester as set out in the Commission's 2015 Annual Growth Survey *may* further improve its functioning. ***This instrument must be examined carefully, however, as it has not yet improved the economic situation and fiscalism is making it difficult for the Member States worst affected by the crisis to carry out the necessary structural reforms.***

Or. pl

#### **Amendment 66**

**Tatjana Ždanoka**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Recital 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(5) In accordance with the Treaty provisions, the Union has developed and implemented policy coordination instruments for fiscal policy and macro-structural policies. The European Semester combines the different instruments in an overarching framework for integrated multilateral economic and budgetary surveillance. The streamlining and strengthening of the European Semester as set out in the Commission's 2015 Annual Growth Survey will further improve its functioning.

*Amendment*

(5) In accordance with the Treaty provisions, the Union has developed and implemented policy coordination instruments for fiscal policy and macro-structural policies ***which have a strong impact on the social and employment situation in the Union.*** The European Semester combines the different instruments in an overarching framework for integrated multilateral economic and budgetary surveillance ***and should be better geared to delivering on the EU2020 targets.*** The streamlining and strengthening of the European Semester as set out in the Commission's 2015 Annual Growth Survey will ***only*** further improve its functioning ***if the poverty and employment targets are taken more seriously and policy recommendations which bear the risk of increasing poverty are no longer possible.***

**Amendment 67**  
**Sven Schulze**

**Recital 5 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(5a) The introduction of EU-wide unemployment insurance is not considered a suitable coordination tool.***

Or. de

**Amendment 68**  
**Sven Schulze**

**Recital 5 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(5b) The regulatory competence at EU level is lacking for the creation of a regulatory framework for a European minimum wage.***

Or. de

**Amendment 69**  
**Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric, Inês Cristina Zuber**

**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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Or. en

#### **Amendment 70**

**Tatjana Ždanoka**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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*responsibility.*

*decent social protection and at least a floor of labour and social rights at Union level to avoid competition on labour and social standards.*

Or. en

**Amendment 71**  
**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) The financial and economic crisis revealed and emphasised important weaknesses in the economy of the Union and its Member States. It has also underscored the close interdependence of the Member States' economies and labour markets. Moving the Union to a state of strong, sustainable and inclusive growth and job creation is the key challenge faced today. This requires coordinated and ambitious policy action both *on Union and national level, in line with the provisions of the Treaty and the Union economic governance*. Combining supply and demand side measures, these actions should encompass a boost to investment, a renewed commitment to structural reforms and exercising fiscal responsibility.

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Or. fr

**Amendment 72**  
**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) The financial and economic crisis revealed and emphasised important weaknesses in the economy of the Union and its Member States. It has also underscored the close interdependence of the Member States' economies and labour markets. Moving the Union to a state of strong, sustainable and inclusive growth and job creation is the key challenge faced today. This requires coordinated and ambitious policy action both on Union and national level, in line with the provisions of the Treaty and the Union economic governance. **Combining** supply and demand side measures, these actions should **encompass a** boost **to** investment, **a renewed** commitment to structural reforms and **exercising** fiscal responsibility.

*Amendment*

(6) The financial and economic crisis revealed and emphasised important weaknesses in the economy of the Union and its Member States. It has also underscored the close interdependence of the Member States' economies and labour markets. Moving the Union to a state of strong, sustainable and inclusive growth and job creation is the key challenge faced today. This requires coordinated and ambitious policy action both on Union and national level, in line with the provisions of the Treaty and the Union economic governance. **Measures should allow Member States to take the necessary steps at national level and to combine their own** supply and demand side measures. These actions should **enable them to** boost investment **and renew their** commitment to structural reforms and **should encourage** fiscal responsibility **at national level**.

Or. fr

**Amendment 73**

**Zdzisław Krasnodębski**

**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) The financial and economic crisis revealed and emphasised important weaknesses in the **economy** of the **Union** and **its Member States**. It has also underscored the close interdependence of the Member States' economies and labour markets. Moving the **Union** to a state of strong, sustainable and inclusive growth and job creation is the key challenge faced today. This requires coordinated and ambitious policy action both on Union and

*Amendment*

(6) The financial and economic crisis revealed and emphasised important weaknesses in the **economies** of the **Member States** and **in the EU's coordination mechanisms**. It has also underscored the close interdependence of the Member States' economies and labour markets. Moving the **Member States** to a state of strong, sustainable and inclusive growth and job creation is the key challenge faced today. This requires

national level, in line with the provisions of the Treaty and the Union economic governance. Combining supply and demand side measures, these actions should encompass a boost to investment, a renewed commitment to structural reforms and exercising fiscal responsibility.

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Or. pl

#### **Amendment 74** **Renate Weber**

##### **Recital 6**

###### *Text proposed by the Commission*

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***Substantial differences in unemployment rates between Member States generated an increase in the number of persons wanting to move. In this context, intra-Union as well as intra-Member States mobility should be supported further as to reach the equilibrating role against the huge imbalance across Union labour***

*markets.*

Or. en

**Amendment 75**  
**Enrique Calvet Chambon**

**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) The financial and economic crisis revealed and emphasised important weaknesses in the economy of the Union and its Member States. It has also underscored the close interdependence of the Member States' economies and labour markets. Moving the Union to a state of strong, sustainable and inclusive growth and job creation is the key challenge faced today. This requires coordinated and ambitious policy action both on Union and national level, in line with the provisions of the Treaty and the Union economic governance. Combining supply and demand side measures, these actions should encompass a boost to investment, a renewed commitment to structural reforms and exercising fiscal responsibility.

*Amendment*

(6) The financial and economic crisis revealed and emphasised important weaknesses in the economy of the Union and its Member States. It has also underscored the close interdependence of the Member States' economies and labour markets. Moving the Union to a state of strong, sustainable and inclusive growth and job creation, ***which involves putting a stop to the large pockets of unemployment that have arisen in certain parts of its territory,*** is the key challenge faced today. This requires coordinated and ambitious policy action both on Union and national level, in line with the provisions of the Treaty and the Union economic governance. Combining supply and demand side measures, these actions should encompass a boost to investment, a renewed commitment to structural reforms and exercising fiscal responsibility.

Or. es

**Amendment 76**  
**Aldo Patriciello**

**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) The financial and economic crisis revealed and emphasised important weaknesses in the economy of the Union and its Member States. It has also underscored the close interdependence of the Member States' economies and labour markets. Moving the Union to a state of strong, sustainable and inclusive growth and job creation is the key challenge faced today. This requires coordinated and ambitious policy action both on Union and national level, in line with the provisions of the Treaty and the Union economic governance. Combining supply and demand side measures, these actions should encompass a boost to investment, a renewed commitment to structural reforms and exercising fiscal responsibility.

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Or. it

**Amendment 77**  
**Tom Vandenkendelaere**

**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) The financial and economic crisis revealed and emphasised important weaknesses in the economy of the Union and its Member States. It has also underscored the close interdependence of the Member States' economies and labour markets. Moving the Union to a state of strong, sustainable and inclusive growth and job creation is the key challenge faced today. This requires coordinated and ambitious policy action both on Union and national level, in line with the provisions of the Treaty and the Union economic governance. Combining supply and

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Or. en

#### **Amendment 78**

**Tatjana Ždanoka**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Recital 7**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) Member States and the Union should **also** address the social impact of the crisis and aim at building **a cohesive** society in which people are empowered to anticipate and manage change, and can actively participate in society **and the economy**. Access and opportunities for all should be ensured and poverty and social exclusion reduced, in particular by ensuring an effective functioning of labour markets and social welfare systems and **removing barriers to labour market participation**. Member States should also make sure that the benefits of economic growth reach all citizens and all regions.

##### *Amendment*

(7) Member States and the Union should **urgently** address the social impact of the crisis and aim at building **an inclusive and more just** society in which people are empowered to anticipate and manage change, and can actively participate in society. **Non-discriminatory** access and opportunities for all should be ensured and poverty and social exclusion reduced, in particular by ensuring an effective functioning of labour markets and **decent, poverty-proof** social welfare systems and **more inclusive** labour **markets**. Member States should also make sure that the benefits of economic growth reach all citizens and all regions **and that the trend towards increasing inequalities is reversed aiming at a more just and inclusive society**.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 79**

**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Evelyn Regner, Marju Lauristin, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López**

## Recital 7

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) Member States and the Union should also address the social impact of the crisis and aim at building a cohesive society in which people are empowered to anticipate and manage change, and can actively participate in society and the economy. Access and opportunities for all should be ensured and poverty and social exclusion reduced, in particular by ensuring an effective functioning of labour markets and social welfare systems and removing barriers to labour market participation. Member States should also make sure that the benefits of economic growth reach all citizens and all regions.

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Or. en

## Amendment 80

**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

## Recital 7

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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*demonstrate its respect for democracy and the electoral choices made by European citizens, the Union should take more account of the subsidiarity principle and respect the results of the latest elections, both national and European.* Access and opportunities for all should be ensured and poverty and social exclusion reduced, in particular by ensuring an effective functioning of labour markets and social welfare systems and removing barriers to labour market participation. Member States should also make sure that the benefits of economic growth reach all citizens and all regions.

Or. fr

**Amendment 81**  
**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Recital 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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Or. fr

**Amendment 82**  
**Aldo Patriciello**

**Recital 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) Member States and the Union should also address the social impact of the crisis and aim at building a cohesive society in which people are empowered to **anticipate** and manage change, and can actively participate in society and the economy. Access and opportunities for all should be ensured and poverty and social exclusion reduced, in particular by ensuring an effective functioning of labour markets and social welfare systems and removing barriers to labour market participation. Member States should also make sure that the benefits of economic growth reach all citizens and all regions.

*Amendment*

(7) Member States and the Union should also address the social impact of the crisis and aim at building a cohesive society in which people are empowered to **adapt to** and manage change, and can actively participate in society and the economy. Access and opportunities for all should be ensured and poverty and social exclusion reduced, in particular by ensuring an effective functioning of labour markets and social welfare systems and removing barriers to labour market participation. Member States should also make sure that the benefits of economic growth reach all citizens and all regions.

Or. it

**Amendment 83**  
**Aldo Patriciello**

**Recital 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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(7) Member States and the Union should also address the social impact of the crisis and aim at building a cohesive society in which people are empowered to anticipate and manage change, and can actively participate in society and the economy. Access and opportunities for all should be ensured and poverty and social exclusion reduced **substantially**, in particular by ensuring an effective functioning of labour

social welfare systems and removing barriers to labour market participation. Member States should also make sure that the benefits of economic growth reach all citizens and all regions.

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Or. it

## **Amendment 84** **Enrico Gasbarra**

### **Recital 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) Member States and the Union should also address the social impact of the crisis and aim at building a cohesive society in which people are empowered to anticipate and manage change, and can actively participate in society and the economy. Access and opportunities for all should be ensured and poverty and social exclusion reduced, in particular by ensuring an effective functioning of labour markets and social welfare systems and removing barriers to labour market participation. Member States should also make sure that the benefits of economic growth reach all citizens and all regions.

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Or. it

## **Amendment 85** **Verónica Lope Fontagné**

### **Recital 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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Or. es

## **Amendment 86** **Aldo Patriciello**

### **Recital 7**

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) Member States and the Union should also address the social impact of the crisis and aim at building a cohesive society in which people are empowered to anticipate and manage change, and can actively participate in society and the economy. Access and opportunities for all should be ensured and poverty and social exclusion reduced, in particular by ensuring an effective functioning of labour markets and social welfare systems and removing barriers to labour market participation. Member States should also make sure that the benefits of economic growth reach all citizens and all regions.

#### *Amendment*

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Or. it

**Amendment 87**  
**Ivan Jakovčić**

**Recital 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) Member States and the Union should also address the social impact of the crisis and aim at building a cohesive society in which people are empowered to anticipate and manage change, and can actively participate in society and the economy. Access and opportunities for all should be ensured and poverty and social exclusion reduced, in particular by ensuring an effective functioning of labour markets and social welfare systems and removing barriers to labour market participation. Member States should also make sure that the benefits of economic growth reach all citizens and all *regions*.

*Amendment*

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Or. hr

**Amendment 88**  
**Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric**

**Recital 8**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(8) Action in line with the guidelines is an important contribution to reaching the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy. The guidelines constitute an integrated set of European and national policies, which Member States and the Union should implement in order to achieve the *positive spill-over effects of coordinated structural reforms, an appropriate overall economic policy mix and a more consistent contribution from European policies to the Europe 2020 strategy's objectives*.

*Amendment*

(8) Action in line with the guidelines is an important contribution to reaching the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy. The guidelines constitute an integrated set of European and national policies, which Member States and the Union should implement in order to achieve the *social objectives set in* Europe 2020 Strategy.

**Amendment 89**  
**Tatjana Ždanoka**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Recital 8**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(8) Action in line with the guidelines is an important contribution to reaching the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy. **The** guidelines constitute an integrated set of European and national policies, which Member States and the Union should implement in order to achieve the positive spill-over effects of coordinated **structural reforms**, an appropriate overall economic policy mix and a more consistent contribution from European policies to the Europe 2020 **strategy's** objectives.

*Amendment*

(8) Action in line with the guidelines is an important contribution to reaching the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy **including its commitment to a low carbon economy, to reducing poverty and improving the employment rate in the Union. The outcome of the 2014 public consultation on the Europe 2020 Strategy as well discussions in the different Council formations clearly show that the employment, poverty, social exclusion and education targets of the Strategy are still highly relevant, and are equally important, interdependent and mutually reinforcing.** The guidelines constitute an integrated set of European and national policies, which Member States and the Union should implement in order to achieve the positive spill-over effects of coordinated **reforms aimed at reducing inequalities and increasing the well-being of citizens**, an appropriate overall economic policy mix and a more consistent contribution from European policies to the Europe 2020 **strategy's** objectives.

**Amendment 90**  
**Marian Harkin**

**Recital 8**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(8) Action in line with the guidelines is an important contribution to reaching the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy. The guidelines constitute an integrated set of European and national policies, which Member States and the Union should implement in order to achieve the positive spill-over effects of coordinated structural reforms, an appropriate overall economic policy mix and a more consistent contribution from European policies to the Europe 2020 *strategy's* objectives.

*Amendment*

(8) Action in line with the guidelines is an important contribution to reaching the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy. The ***outcome of the 2014 public consultation on the Europe 2020 Strategy clearly showed how the employment, poverty, social exclusion and education targets of the Strategy are still extremely important and highly relevant.*** The guidelines constitute an integrated set of European and national policies, which Member States and the Union should implement in order to achieve the positive spill-over effects of coordinated structural reforms, an appropriate overall economic policy mix and a more consistent contribution from European policies to the Europe 2020 *strategy's* objectives.

Or. en

**Amendment 91**

**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Recital 8**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(8) Action in line with the guidelines is an important contribution to reaching the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy. The guidelines constitute an integrated set of European and national policies, which Member States and the Union should implement in order to achieve the positive spill-over effects of ***coordinated*** structural reforms, ***an appropriate overall economic policy mix*** and a more consistent contribution from European policies to the Europe 2020 strategy's objectives.

*Amendment*

(8) Action in line with the guidelines is an important contribution to reaching the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy. The guidelines constitute an integrated set of European and national policies, which Member States and the Union should implement in order to achieve the positive spill-over effects of ***appropriate*** structural reforms, ***planned at national level, economic policies geared to sustainable development*** and a more consistent contribution from European policies to the Europe 2020 strategy's objectives.

**Amendment 92**  
**Zdzisław Krasnodębski**

**Recital 8**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(8) Action in line with the guidelines is an important contribution to reaching the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy. The guidelines constitute an integrated set of European and national policies, which Member States and the Union should implement in order to achieve the positive spill-over effects of coordinated structural reforms, an appropriate overall economic policy mix and a more consistent contribution from European policies to the Europe 2020 strategy's objectives.

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(8) Action in line with the guidelines is an important contribution to reaching the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy. The guidelines constitute an integrated set of European and national policies, which Member States and the Union should implement in order to achieve the positive spill-over effects of coordinated structural reforms, an appropriate overall economic policy mix and a more consistent contribution from European policies to the Europe 2020 strategy's objectives, ***which will necessarily involve continuous critical reflection on the strategy.***

Or. pl

**Amendment 93**  
**Georges Bach**

**Recital 8 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(8a) The realisation of the Europe 2020 strategy in the employment and social area remains a key objective of Member States' employment policy.***

Or. de



**Amendment 94**  
**Tatjana Ždanoka**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Recital 9**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(9) While these guidelines are addressed to Member States and the Union, they should be implemented in partnership with all national, regional and local authorities, ***closely associating*** parliaments, as well as social partners and representatives of civil society.

*Amendment*

(9) ***When designing and implementing national policies, Member States should ensure effective governance.*** While these guidelines are addressed to Member States and the Union, they should be implemented, ***monitored and evaluated*** in partnership with all national, regional and local authorities, parliaments, as well as social partners and representatives of civil society.

Or. en

**Amendment 95**  
**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Recital 9**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(9) While these guidelines are addressed to Member States and the Union, they should be implemented in partnership with all national, regional and local authorities, closely associating parliaments, as well as social partners and representatives of civil society.

*Amendment*

(9) While these guidelines are addressed to Member States and the Union, they should be implemented in partnership with all national, regional and local authorities, closely associating parliaments, as well as social partners and representatives of civil society. ***Moreover, as Member States will be the first to feel the impact of these guidelines, they should be free to decide how to apply them, in accordance with their national policies.***

Or. fr

## Amendment 96

Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric, Inês Cristina Zuber

### Recital 10

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*(10) The broad guidelines for economic policies give guidance to the Member States on implementing reforms, reflecting interdependence. They are in line with the Stability and Growth Pact. The guidelines should form the basis for country-specific recommendations that the Council may address to the Member States.*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. en

## Amendment 97

Renate Weber

### Recital 10

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(10) The broad guidelines for economic policies give guidance to the Member States on implementing reforms, reflecting interdependence. They are in line with the Stability and Growth Pact. The guidelines should form the basis for country-specific recommendations that the Council may address to the Member States.

*Amendment*

(10) The broad guidelines for economic policies give guidance to the Member States on implementing reforms, reflecting interdependence. They are in line with the Stability and Growth Pact. The guidelines should form the basis for country-specific recommendations that the Council may address to the Member States. ***Given the close interdependence of Member States' economies and labour markets, when issuing Country-Specific Recommendation the Council should take into consideration the state of affairs in the neighbouring countries as well as countries with which the respective Member State has clear connections following a trend in workers' migration or any other relevant indicator.***

*In this respect, the Commission should have accurate and updated statistics and data available in case the Country-Specific Recommendations need to be adjusted.*

Or. en

**Amendment 98**  
**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Recital 10**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(10) The broad guidelines for economic policies give guidance to the Member States on implementing reforms, reflecting interdependence. They are in line with the Stability and Growth Pact. The guidelines should form *the* basis for country-specific recommendations that the Council may address to the Member States.

*Amendment*

(10) The broad guidelines for economic policies give guidance to the Member States on implementing reforms, reflecting interdependence, *but are merely suggestions*. They are in line with the Stability and Growth Pact. The guidelines should form *a* basis for country-specific recommendations that the Council may address to the Member States, *without, however, replacing decisions by the Member States*.

Or. fr

**Amendment 99**  
**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elena Gentile, Marju Lauristin, Jutta Steinruck**

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*Text proposed by the Commission*

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should form the basis for country-specific recommendations that the Council may address to the Member States.

Stability and Growth Pact. The *integrated* guidelines should form the basis for country-specific recommendations that the Council may address to the Member States.

Or. en

**Amendment 100**  
**Laura Agea**

**Recital 10**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(10) The broad guidelines for economic policies give guidance to the Member States on implementing reforms, reflecting interdependence. They are in line with the Stability and Growth Pact. The guidelines should form the basis for country-specific recommendations that the Council may address to the Member States.

*Amendment*

(10) The broad guidelines for economic *and social* policies give guidance to the Member States on implementing reforms, reflecting interdependence. They are in line with the Stability and Growth Pact. The guidelines should form the basis for country-specific recommendations that the Council may address to the Member States.

Or. it

**Amendment 101**  
**Tatjana Ždanoka**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Annex 1 – section 1 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Boosting demand for labour

*Amendment*

Boosting demand for labour *by creating quality jobs*

Or. en

**Amendment 102**  
**Tatjana Ždanoka**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should facilitate job creation, reduce barriers **for business to hire** people, promote entrepreneurship **and in particular** support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and **men**. Member States should also actively promote the social economy and foster social innovation.

*Amendment*

Member States should facilitate **and invest in sustainable and quality** job creation, **address accessibility for at-risk-groups and** reduce barriers **to the employment of** people **across skill levels and labour market sectors**, promote entrepreneurship, **green employment as well as** support the creation and growth of small enterprises; **Member States should act** in order to increase the employment rate of women and **to facilitate the regular employment of third country nationals**. Member States should also actively promote **white and green sector jobs**, the social economy and foster social innovation.

Or. en

### **Amendment 103**

**Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric, Inês Cristina Zuber**

### **Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should facilitate job creation, **reduce barriers for business to hire people, promote entrepreneurship** and in particular support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote the **social economy** and foster social innovation.

*Amendment*

Member States should facilitate job creation **which promote sustainable, decent and quality jobs, respecting workers' rights and collective agreements**, and in particular support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote the **welfare state** and foster social innovation.

Or. en

**Amendment 104**  
**Thomas Mann**

**Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should facilitate job creation, reduce barriers for business to hire people, promote entrepreneurship and in particular support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote the social economy and foster social innovation.

*Amendment*

Member States should facilitate job creation, **dismantle red tape on a large scale**, reduce barriers for business to hire people, promote entrepreneurship and in particular support the creation and growth of **micro-, small and medium-sized** enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men, **in particular young people**. Member States should also actively promote the social economy and foster social innovation.

Or. de

**Amendment 105**  
**Renate Weber**

**Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should facilitate job creation, reduce barriers for business to hire people, promote entrepreneurship and in particular support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote the social economy and foster social innovation.

*Amendment*

Member States should facilitate **sustainable** job creation, reduce barriers for business to hire people, **including by cutting red tape**, promote entrepreneurship and in particular, **due to its significant employment impact**, support the creation and growth of **business start-ups, small and medium sized enterprises and green jobs** in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote the social economy and foster social innovation.

Or. en

## Amendment 106

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López

### Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should facilitate job creation, reduce barriers for business to hire people, promote entrepreneurship and in particular support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote the social economy and foster social innovation.

*Amendment*

Member States should facilitate *quality* job creation, reduce barriers for business to hire people *whilst respecting labour and social standards*, promote entrepreneurship and in particular support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote the social economy and foster social innovation.

Or. en

## Amendment 107

Marian Harkin

### Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should facilitate job creation, reduce barriers for business to hire people, promote entrepreneurship and in particular support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote the social economy and foster social innovation.

*Amendment*

Member States should facilitate *sustainable* job creation, reduce barriers for business to hire people, promote entrepreneurship and in particular support the creation and growth of small *and medium* enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote *white and green sector jobs*, the social economy and foster social innovation.

Or. en

**Amendment 108**  
**Georges Bach**

**Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should facilitate job creation, reduce barriers for business to hire people, promote entrepreneurship and in particular support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote the social economy and foster social innovation.

*Amendment*

Member States should facilitate **quality** job creation, reduce barriers for business to hire people, promote entrepreneurship and in particular support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote **green, white and blue jobs and** the social economy and foster social innovation.

Or. de

**Amendment 109**  
**Laura Agea**

**Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should facilitate job creation, reduce barriers for business to hire people, promote entrepreneurship and in particular support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote the social economy and foster social innovation.

*Amendment*

Member States should facilitate job creation, reduce barriers for business to hire people, promote entrepreneurship and in particular support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote **white and green sector jobs**, the social economy and foster social innovation.

Or. en

**Amendment 110**  
**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei,**



**Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Evelyn Regner, Elena Gentile, Marju Lauristin, Jutta Steinruck, Ole Christensen**

**Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should facilitate job creation, reduce barriers for business to hire people, promote entrepreneurship and in particular support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote the social economy and foster social innovation.

*Amendment*

Member States should facilitate **quality** job creation, reduce barriers for business to hire people, promote entrepreneurship and in particular support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote the social economy and foster social innovation.

Or. en

**Amendment 111**  
**Ivan Jakovčić**

**Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should facilitate job creation, reduce barriers for business to hire people, promote entrepreneurship and in particular support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote the social economy and foster social innovation.

*Amendment*

Member States, **in cooperation with local and regional authorities**, should facilitate job creation, reduce barriers for business to hire people, promote entrepreneurship and in particular support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote the social economy and foster social innovation.

Or. hr

**Amendment 112**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

## Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should facilitate job creation, reduce barriers for business to hire people, promote entrepreneurship and in particular support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote the social economy and foster social innovation.

*Amendment*

Member States should facilitate job creation, reduce barriers for business to hire people, promote entrepreneurship ***from an early age*** and in particular support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote the social economy and foster social innovation.

Or. es

### **Amendment 113** **Enrico Gasbarra**

## Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should facilitate job creation, reduce barriers for business to hire people, promote entrepreneurship and in particular support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote the social economy and foster social innovation.

*Amendment*

Member States should facilitate job creation, reduce barriers for business to hire people, promote entrepreneurship and in particular support the creation and growth of small enterprises in order to increase the employment rate of women and men. Member States should also actively promote the social ***and mutual*** economy and foster social innovation.

Or. it

### **Amendment 114** **Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric, Inês Cristina Zuber**

## Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The tax burden should be **shifted away from labour to other sources of taxation that are less detrimental to employment and growth while protecting revenue for adequate social protection and growth enhancing expenditures. Reductions in labour taxation should be aimed at the relevant components of the tax burden and at removing barriers and disincentives to labour market participation, in particular for those furthest away from the labour market.**

*Amendment*

The tax burden should be **fair and more evenly distributed across labour, profits and consumption, while shifted on to top managerial income, profits and wealth.**

Or. en

#### **Amendment 115**

**Tatjana Ždanoka**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The tax burden should be shifted away from labour to other sources of taxation that are less detrimental to employment and growth while protecting revenue for adequate social protection and **growth enhancing expenditures. Reductions in labour taxation should be aimed at the relevant components of the tax burden and at removing barriers and disincentives to labour market participation, in particular for those furthest away from the labour market.**

*Amendment*

The tax burden should be shifted away from labour to other sources of taxation that are **more fair and** less detrimental to employment and growth, **including towards consumption, towards unearned income, high earners and the use of fossil fuels**, while protecting revenue for adequate social protection and **expenditures directed towards public investment, innovation and job creation. Where the choice is to reduce labour taxation, it should be aimed at the relevant components of the tax burden and at tackling discrimination**, barriers and disincentives to labour market participation, in particular for those furthest away from the labour market. **At the same time full compliance with employment rights and protection**

*standards needs to be ensured. Any tax shift should go hand in hand with improving transition security supporting workers opting to change work, invest in life-long-learning, take care breaks or become entrepreneurs.*

Or. en

**Amendment 116**  
**Georges Bach**

**Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The tax burden should be shifted away from labour to other sources of taxation that are less detrimental to employment and growth while protecting revenue for adequate social protection and growth enhancing expenditures. Reductions in labour taxation should be aimed at the relevant components of the tax burden and at removing barriers and disincentives to labour market participation, in particular for those furthest away from the labour market.

*Amendment*

The tax burden should be shifted away from labour to other sources of taxation that are less detrimental to employment and growth, ***for instance to environmental pollution, capital or consumption***, while protecting revenue for adequate social protection and growth enhancing expenditures. Reductions in labour taxation should be aimed at the relevant components of the tax burden and at removing barriers ***for employers*** and disincentives to labour market participation, ***including jobs that are not adapted to people with disabilities and difficulties in reconciling work and private life***, in particular for those furthest away from the labour market, ***while duly respecting existing protection standards and labour law***.

Or. de

**Amendment 117**  
**Laura Agea**

**Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The tax burden should be shifted away from labour to other sources of taxation that are less detrimental to employment and growth while protecting revenue for adequate social protection and growth enhancing expenditures. Reductions in labour taxation should be aimed at the relevant components of the tax burden and at removing barriers and disincentives to labour market participation, in particular for those furthest away from the labour market.

*Amendment*

The tax burden should be shifted away from labour to other sources of taxation that are less detrimental to employment and growth, ***such as taxation on financial transactions, high earners and the use of fossil fuels***, while protecting revenue for adequate social protection and growth enhancing expenditures. Reductions in labour taxation should be aimed at the relevant components of the tax burden and at removing barriers and disincentives to labour market participation, in particular for those furthest away from the labour market.

Or. it

**Amendment 118**  
**Renate Weber**

**Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The tax burden should be shifted away from labour to other sources of taxation that are less detrimental to employment and growth while protecting revenue for adequate social protection and growth enhancing expenditures. Reductions in labour taxation should be aimed at the relevant components of the tax burden and at removing barriers and disincentives to labour market participation, in particular for those furthest away from the labour market.

*Amendment*

The tax burden should be shifted away from labour to other sources of taxation, ***including a shift from labour to environmental taxation and the phasing out of counterproductive subsidies by 2020***, that are less detrimental to employment and growth while protecting revenue for adequate social protection and growth enhancing expenditures. Reductions in labour taxation should be aimed at the relevant components of the tax burden and at removing barriers and disincentives to labour market participation, in particular for those furthest away from the labour market.

Or. en

**Amendment 119**  
**Thomas Mann**

**Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The tax burden should be shifted away from labour to other sources of taxation that are less detrimental to employment and growth **while protecting** revenue for adequate social protection and growth enhancing expenditures. Reductions in labour taxation should be aimed at the relevant components of the tax burden and at removing barriers and disincentives to labour market participation, in particular for those furthest away from the labour market.

*Amendment*

The tax burden should be shifted away from labour to other sources of taxation that are less detrimental to employment and growth; **any such shift should be preceded by intensive scholarly studies and objective analyses; at the same time** revenue for adequate social protection and growth enhancing expenditures **should be protected**. Reductions in labour taxation should be aimed at the relevant components of the tax burden and at removing barriers and disincentives to labour market participation, in particular for those furthest away from the labour market.

Or. de

**Amendment 120**  
**Marian Harkin**

**Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**The tax burden** should **be shifted** away from labour to other sources of taxation that are less detrimental to employment and growth while protecting revenue for adequate social protection and growth enhancing expenditures. Reductions in labour taxation should be aimed at the relevant components of the tax burden and at removing barriers and disincentives to labour market participation, in particular

*Amendment*

**Member States** should **consider shifting the tax burden** away from labour to other sources of taxation that are less detrimental to employment and growth while protecting revenue for adequate social protection and growth enhancing expenditures. Reductions in labour taxation should be aimed at the relevant components of the tax burden and at removing barriers and disincentives to

for those furthest away from the labour market.

labour market participation, in particular for *persons with disabilities and* those furthest away from the labour market.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 121**

**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López**

#### **Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 2**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

The tax burden should be shifted away from labour to other sources of taxation that are less detrimental to employment and growth while protecting revenue for adequate social protection and growth enhancing expenditures. Reductions in labour taxation should be aimed at the relevant components of the tax burden and at removing barriers and disincentives to labour market participation, in particular for those furthest away from the labour market.

##### *Amendment*

The tax burden should be shifted away from labour to other sources of taxation, *especially by low-paid and low-skilled workers, the long-term unemployed and other vulnerable groups*, that are less detrimental to employment and growth while protecting revenue for adequate social protection and growth enhancing expenditures. Reductions in labour taxation should be aimed at the relevant components of the tax burden and at removing barriers and disincentives to labour market participation, in particular for those furthest away from the labour market.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 122**

**Tatjana Ždanoka**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 3**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should, together with the social partners, encourage wage-setting mechanisms allowing for a responsiveness

##### *Amendment*

*Policies to ensure that wages allow a decent living income remain important to both improve quality employment and*

of wages to productivity developments. In this respect, differences in skills and local labour market conditions as well as divergences in economic performance across regions, sectors and companies should be ***taken into account***. When setting minimum wages, Member States and social partners should consider their impact on in-work poverty, ***job creation and competitiveness***.

***decrease poverty in the Union***. Member States should ***therefore***, together with the social partners, ***respect and*** encourage wage-setting mechanisms allowing for a responsiveness of ***real*** wages to ***aggregate*** productivity developments ***while boosting purchasing power and internal demand***. In this respect, differences in skills ***levels*** and local labour market conditions as well as divergences in ***employment, social and*** economic performance across regions, sectors and companies should be ***properly evaluated with the aim of ensuring a decent living wage across the Union***. When setting minimum wages, Member States and social partners should ***ensure their adequacy as well as*** consider their impact on in-work poverty ***and household income***.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 123**

**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Guillaume Balas, Jutta Steinruck**

#### **Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 3**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should, together with the social partners, encourage wage-setting mechanisms allowing for a responsiveness of wages to productivity developments. ***In this respect, differences in skills and local labour market conditions as well as divergences in economic performance across regions, sectors and companies*** should be taken into account. When setting minimum wages, Member States and social partners should consider their impact on in-work poverty, job creation and competitiveness.

##### *Amendment*

Member States should, together with the social partners, encourage wage-setting mechanisms allowing for a responsiveness of wages to productivity developments ***and helping to correct past divergence in unit labour costs without fuelling deflationary pressures***. ***In this respect, differences in local labour market conditions*** should be taken into account. When setting minimum wages, Member States and social partners should consider their impact on in-work poverty, ***aggregate demand***, job creation and competitiveness.

Or. en



**Amendment 124**  
**Enrique Calvet Chambon**

**Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should, together with the social partners, encourage wage-setting mechanisms allowing for a responsiveness of wages to productivity developments. In this respect, differences in skills and local labour market conditions as well as divergences in economic performance across *regions*, sectors and companies should be taken into account. **When setting** minimum wages, Member States and social partners should consider their impact on ***in-work poverty***, job creation and competitiveness.

*Amendment*

Member States should, together with the social partners, encourage wage-setting mechanisms allowing for a responsiveness of wages to productivity developments. In this respect, differences in skills and local labour market conditions as well as divergences in economic performance across ***non-administrative economic areas***, sectors and companies should be taken into account. **Where** minimum wages ***can be set in accordance with national legislation and practices***, Member States and social partners should consider their impact on job creation and competitiveness.

Or. es

**Amendment 125**  
**Marian Harkin**

**Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should, together with the social partners, encourage wage-setting mechanisms allowing for a responsiveness of wages to productivity developments. In this respect, differences in skills and local labour market conditions as well as divergences in economic performance across regions, sectors and companies should be taken into account. When setting minimum wages, Member States and social

*Amendment*

Member States should, together with the social partners, encourage wage-setting mechanisms allowing for a responsiveness of wages to productivity developments. In this respect, differences in skills and local labour market conditions as well as divergences in economic performance across regions, sectors and companies should be taken into account. When setting minimum wages, Member States and social

partners should consider their impact on in-work poverty, job creation and competitiveness.

partners should ***ensure their adequacy and*** consider their impact on in-work poverty, job creation and competitiveness.

Or. en

**Amendment 126**  
**Sven Schulze**

**Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should, together with the social partners, encourage wage-setting mechanisms allowing for a responsiveness of wages to productivity developments. In this respect, differences in skills and local labour market conditions as well as divergences in economic performance across regions, sectors and companies should be taken into account. When setting minimum wages, Member States and social partners should consider their impact on in-work poverty, job creation and competitiveness.

*Amendment*

Member States should, together with the social partners, encourage wage-setting mechanisms allowing for a responsiveness of wages to productivity developments. In this respect, differences in skills and local labour market conditions as well as divergences in economic performance across regions, sectors and companies should be taken into account. When setting minimum wages, Member States and social partners should consider their impact on in-work poverty, job creation, ***productivity*** and competitiveness.

Or. de

**Amendment 127**  
**Georges Bach**

**Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Member States should work on cutting red tape in order to ease the burden on small and medium-sized enterprises, as they contribute significantly to job creation.***

**Amendment 128**

**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Marju Lauristin, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López**

**Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*The Europe 2020 headline target on employment, on the basis of which Member States set their national targets, taking into account their relative starting positions and national circumstances, is to aim to raise the employment rate for women and men aged 20-64 to 75 % by 2020, including through the greater participation of young people, older workers and low-skilled workers and the better integration of migrants. A sub-target for youth employment, which should likewise be translated into national sub-targets, is to aim to reduce the rate of people aged below 25 who are neither in employment, education or training to less than 10 % by 2020, based on full implementation of the Youth Guarantee.*

**Amendment 129**

**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López**

**Annex 1 – section 1 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*In order to reduce wage inequalities across the Union and limit nominal imbalances in competitiveness, the Commission together with the Member*

*States should aim at a better coordination of wages via a European Framework on minimum wages, either by law or collective agreement whilst respecting national practices;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 130**

**Tatjana Ždanoka**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Annex 1 – section 2 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Enhancing labour supply and **skills**

*Amendment*

Enhancing labour supply and **increasing labour market inclusion**

Or. en

### **Amendment 131**

**Tatjana Ždanoka**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should promote productivity and employability **through an appropriate** supply of **relevant** knowledge and skills. Member States should make **the necessary** investments in education and vocational training systems while improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the skill level of the workforce, **allowing it** to better anticipate and meet the **rapidly** changing needs of dynamic labour markets in an increasingly digital economy. Member States should step up efforts to improve access to quality

*Amendment*

Member States should promote **and take the required policy actions towards sustainable** productivity and **quality** employability - **on the one hand by lifelong education and training towards the necessary** supply of knowledge, **creativity** and skills – **and on the other hand by creating those workplace conditions which stimulate productivity, innovation and are a pre-condition for a healthy productive and inclusive workforce. It is of utmost importance that both education and training as well as**

adult learning for all **and implement active ageing strategies to enable longer working lives.**

**decent workplace conditions are made available and are accessible to all.** Member States should make investments in education and **training, including** vocational training systems, while improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the **competency, creativity, know-how and** skill level of the workforce, **creating therefore the conditions for employers and employees** to better anticipate and meet the changing needs of dynamic labour markets in an increasingly digital **and resource efficient** economy. Member States should step up efforts to improve access **and remove barriers** to quality adult learning for all **with a special focus on high risk groups and their needs.**

Or. en

**Amendment 132**  
**Renate Weber**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should promote productivity and employability through an appropriate supply of relevant knowledge and skills. Member States should make the necessary investments in education and vocational training systems while improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the skill level of the workforce, allowing it to better anticipate and meet the rapidly changing needs of dynamic labour markets in an increasingly digital economy. Member States should step up efforts to improve access to quality adult learning for all and implement active ageing strategies to enable longer working lives.

*Amendment*

Member States should promote productivity and employability through an appropriate supply of relevant knowledge and skills. **Special attention should be given to health care, social services and transport services which are facing or will face on the medium term shortages of staff.** Member States should make the necessary investments in **quality and inclusive** education **from an early age** and vocational training systems while improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the skill level of the workforce **and increase the diversity of skills**, allowing it to better anticipate and meet the rapidly changing needs of dynamic labour markets in an increasingly

digital economy *and of society at large. To this end, it should be taken into account that ICT-related skills and "soft skills" such as communication skills are becoming more important for a large number of occupations.* Member States should step up efforts to improve access to quality adult learning for all and implement active ageing strategies to enable longer working lives.

Or. en

**Amendment 133**  
**Marian Harkin**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should promote productivity and employability *through* an appropriate supply of relevant knowledge and skills. Member States should make the necessary investments in education and vocational training systems while improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the skill level of the workforce, allowing it to better anticipate and meet the rapidly changing needs of dynamic labour markets in an increasingly digital economy. Member States should step up efforts to improve access to quality adult learning for all and implement active ageing strategies to enable longer working lives.

*Amendment*

Member States should promote productivity and employability *by supporting* an appropriate supply of relevant knowledge and skills. Member States should make the necessary investments in education and vocational training systems while improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the skill level of the workforce, allowing it to better anticipate and meet the rapidly changing needs of dynamic labour markets in an increasingly digital economy. ***Member States should devise strategies to address the concern that unless the low demand driving high unemployment is reversed it will foster and perpetuate skill mismatch and skill obsolescence through over qualification and unemployment which, eventually, will lead to a lack of skills.*** Member States should step up efforts to improve access to quality adult learning for all and implement active ageing strategies to enable longer working lives.

**Amendment 134**

**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elena Gentile, Marju Lauristin, Jutta Steinruck**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 1***Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should promote productivity and employability through an appropriate supply of relevant knowledge and skills. Member States should make the necessary investments in education and vocational training systems while improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the skill level of the workforce, allowing it to better anticipate and meet the rapidly changing needs of dynamic labour markets in an increasingly digital economy. Member States should step up efforts to improve access to quality adult learning for all and implement active ageing strategies to enable longer working lives.

*Amendment*

Member States should promote productivity and employability through an appropriate supply of relevant knowledge and skills. Member States should make the necessary investments in **quality and inclusive** education **from an early age** and vocational training systems while improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the skill level of the workforce, allowing it to better anticipate and meet the rapidly changing needs of dynamic labour markets in an increasingly digital economy. Member States should step up efforts to improve access to quality adult learning for all and implement active ageing strategies to enable longer working lives.

**Amendment 135**

**Tom Vandenkendelaere**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 1***Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should promote productivity and employability through an appropriate supply of relevant knowledge and skills. Member States should make the necessary investments in education and

*Amendment*

Member States should promote productivity and employability through an appropriate supply of relevant knowledge and skills. Member States should make the necessary investments in education and

vocational training systems while improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the skill level of the workforce, allowing it to better anticipate and meet the rapidly changing needs of dynamic labour markets in an increasingly digital economy. Member States should step up efforts to improve access to quality adult learning for all and implement active ageing strategies to enable longer working lives.

vocational training systems while improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the skill level of the workforce, allowing it to better anticipate and meet the rapidly changing needs of dynamic labour markets in an increasingly digital economy. Member States should ***promote entrepreneurship among young people by, among others, introducing optional entrepreneurship courses and encouraging the creation of student enterprises in high schools and colleges.*** Member States should step up efforts to improve access to quality adult learning for all and implement active ageing strategies to enable longer working lives.

Or. en

**Amendment 136**  
**Michaela Šojdrová**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should promote productivity and employability through an appropriate supply of relevant knowledge and skills. Member States should make the necessary investments in education and vocational training systems while improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the skill level of ***the workforce***, allowing ***it*** to better anticipate and meet the rapidly changing needs of dynamic labour markets in an increasingly digital economy. Member States should step up efforts to improve access to quality adult learning for all and implement active ageing strategies to enable longer working lives.

*Amendment*

Member States should promote productivity and employability through an appropriate supply of relevant knowledge and skills. Member States should make the necessary investments in education and vocational training systems while improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the skill level of ***future employees or entrepreneurs***, allowing ***them*** to better anticipate and meet the rapidly changing needs of dynamic labour markets ***or economic environment*** in an increasingly digital economy. Member States should step up efforts to improve access to quality adult learning for all and implement active ageing strategies to enable longer working lives.

Or. en



**Amendment 137**  
**Thomas Mann**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should promote productivity and employability through an appropriate supply of relevant knowledge and skills. Member States should make the necessary investments in education and vocational training systems while improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the skill level of the workforce, allowing it to better anticipate and meet the rapidly changing needs of dynamic labour markets in an increasingly digital economy. Member States should step up efforts to improve access to quality adult learning for all and implement active ageing strategies to enable longer working lives.

*Amendment*

Member States should promote productivity and employability through an appropriate supply of relevant knowledge and skills. Member States should make the necessary investments in education and vocational training systems while improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the skill level of the workforce, allowing it to better anticipate and meet the rapidly changing needs of dynamic labour markets in an increasingly digital economy. Member States should step up efforts to ***prevent young people from dropping out of school, to ensure a smoother transition from education and training to professional life***, to improve access to quality adult learning for all and implement active ageing strategies to enable longer working lives.

Or. de

**Amendment 138**  
**Ivo Vajgl**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should promote productivity and employability through an appropriate supply of relevant knowledge and skills. Member States should make the necessary investments in education and vocational training systems while

*Amendment*

Member States should promote productivity and employability through an appropriate supply of relevant knowledge and skills. Member States should make the necessary investments in education and vocational training systems while

improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the skill level of the workforce, allowing it to better anticipate and meet the rapidly changing needs of dynamic labour markets in an increasingly digital economy. Member States should step up efforts to improve access to quality adult learning for all and implement active ageing strategies to enable longer working lives.

improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the skill level of the workforce, allowing it to better anticipate and meet the rapidly changing needs of dynamic labour markets in an increasingly digital economy. Member States should step up efforts to improve access to quality adult learning for all and, ***in compliance with the previously adopted EU strategy,*** implement active ageing strategies to enable ***healthy and*** longer working lives.

Or. sl

**Amendment 139**  
**Ivo Vajgl**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should promote productivity and employability through an appropriate supply of relevant knowledge and skills. Member States should make the necessary investments in education and vocational training systems while improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the skill level of the workforce, allowing it to better anticipate and meet the rapidly changing needs of dynamic labour markets in an increasingly digital economy. Member States should step up efforts to improve access to quality adult learning for all and implement active ageing strategies to enable longer working lives.

*Amendment*

Member States should promote productivity and employability through an appropriate supply of relevant knowledge and skills. Member States should make the necessary investments in education and vocational training systems while improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the skill level of the workforce, allowing it to better anticipate and meet the rapidly changing needs of dynamic labour markets in an increasingly digital economy. Member States should step up efforts to improve access to quality adult learning for all and implement active ageing strategies to enable ***healthy and*** longer working lives.

Or. sl

**Amendment 140**  
**Ivan Jakovčić**

## Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should promote productivity and employability through an appropriate supply of relevant knowledge and skills. Member States should make the necessary investments in education and vocational training systems while improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the skill level of the workforce, allowing it to better anticipate and meet the rapidly changing needs of dynamic labour markets in an increasingly digital economy. Member States should step up efforts to improve access to quality adult learning for all and implement active ageing strategies to enable longer working lives.

*Amendment*

Member States should promote productivity and employability through an appropriate supply of relevant knowledge and skills. Member States should make the necessary investments in education and vocational training systems while improving their effectiveness and efficiency to raise the skill level of the workforce, allowing it to better anticipate and meet the rapidly changing needs of dynamic labour markets in an increasingly digital economy. Member States, ***in cooperation with local and regional authorities***, should step up efforts to improve access to quality adult learning for all and implement active ageing strategies to enable longer working lives.

Or. hr

### Amendment 141 Renate Weber

## Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***While ensuring the necessary skills level requested by a continuously changing labour market and supporting education and training alongside programmes for adult learning, Member States should not forget that low-skills jobs are also needed and that employment opportunities are better for the high-skilled than for the medium- and low-skilled.***

Or. en

**Amendment 142**  
**Renate Weber**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Access to affordable, quality, early childhood education and care should be a priority for comprehensive policies and investment coupled with family and parenting support and reconciliation measures helping parents to balance work and family life, as a contribution to preventing early school-leaving and increasing young people's chances on the labour market.***

Or. en

**Amendment 143**  
**Tatjana Ždanoka**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

High unemployment should be ***tackled and long-term unemployment*** prevented. The number of long-term unemployed should be significantly reduced by means of comprehensive and mutually reinforcing strategies, including the provision of ***specific*** active support ***to long-term unemployed to return to the labour market***. The youth unemployment needs to be ***comprehensively*** addressed, ***including*** by equipping the relevant ***institutions*** with the necessary means to fully and consistently implement their national Youth Guarantee Implementation Plans

***The issue of unemployment, in particular long-term unemployment and regional high unemployment should be resolved effectively and promptly as well as*** prevented. The number of long-term unemployed should be significantly reduced by means of comprehensive and mutually reinforcing strategies, including the provision of ***personalised needs-based*** active support ***towards labour market integration, by decent poverty-preventing social protection schemes as well as by investment - public and private - in job creation***. The youth unemployment needs

to be *comprehensively* addressed, *through an overall youth employment strategy*. *This includes investing in sectors that can create quality jobs for young people and by equipping the relevant factors such as youth support services, education and training providers, youth organisations and public employment services* with the necessary means to fully and consistently implement their national Youth Guarantee Implementation Plans.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 144**

**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck**

#### **Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 2**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

High unemployment should be tackled and long-term unemployment prevented. The number of long-term unemployed should be significantly reduced by means of comprehensive and mutually reinforcing strategies, including the provision of *specific* active support to long-term unemployed to return to the labour market. The youth unemployment needs to be comprehensively addressed, including by equipping the relevant institutions with the necessary means to fully and consistently implement their national Youth Guarantee Implementation Plans

##### *Amendment*

High unemployment should be tackled and long-term unemployment prevented *through a mix of demand and supply-side measures*. The number of long-term unemployed should be significantly reduced by means of comprehensive and mutually reinforcing strategies, including the provision of *personalised* active support to long-term unemployed to return to the labour market. The youth unemployment needs to be comprehensively addressed, including by equipping the relevant institutions with the necessary means to fully and consistently implement their national Youth Guarantee Implementation Plans

Or. en

#### **Amendment 145**

**Marian Harkin**

## Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 2

### *Text proposed by the Commission*

High unemployment should be tackled and long-term unemployment prevented. The number of long-term unemployed should be significantly reduced by means of comprehensive and mutually reinforcing strategies, including the provision of **specific** active support to long-term unemployed to return to the labour market. **The** youth unemployment needs to be **comprehensively** addressed, including by equipping the relevant institutions with the necessary means to fully and consistently implement their national Youth Guarantee Implementation Plans

### *Amendment*

High unemployment should be tackled and long-term unemployment prevented. The number of long-term unemployed should be significantly reduced by means of comprehensive and mutually reinforcing strategies, including the provision of **personalised** active support to long-term unemployed to return to the labour market. Youth unemployment needs to be **comprehensively** addressed, including by equipping the relevant institutions with the necessary means to fully and consistently implement their national Youth Guarantee Implementation Plans **and by investing in sectors that have the potential for significant job creation.**

Or. en

## Amendment 146 Siôn Simon

## Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 2

### *Text proposed by the Commission*

High unemployment should be tackled and long-term unemployment prevented. The number of long-term unemployed should be significantly reduced by means of comprehensive and mutually reinforcing strategies, including the provision of specific active support to long-term unemployed to return to the labour market. The youth unemployment needs to be comprehensively addressed, including by equipping the relevant institutions with the necessary means to fully and consistently implement their national Youth Guarantee

### *Amendment*

High unemployment should be tackled and long-term unemployment prevented. The number of long-term unemployed should be significantly reduced by means of comprehensive and mutually reinforcing strategies, including the provision of specific active support to long-term unemployed to return to the labour market. The youth unemployment needs to be comprehensively addressed, including **by investing in sectors that can create quality jobs for young people** and by equipping the relevant institutions with the necessary

Implementation Plans

means to fully and consistently implement their national Youth Guarantee Implementation Plans

Or. en

#### **Amendment 147**

**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elena Gentile, Marju Lauristin, Jutta Steinruck**

#### **Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

High unemployment should be tackled and long-term unemployment prevented. The number of long-term unemployed should be significantly reduced by means of comprehensive and mutually reinforcing strategies, including the provision of specific active support to long-term unemployed to return to the labour market. The youth unemployment needs to be comprehensively addressed, including by equipping the relevant institutions with the necessary means to fully and consistently implement their national Youth Guarantee Implementation Plans

*Amendment*

High unemployment should be tackled and long-term unemployment prevented. The number of long-term unemployed should be significantly reduced by means of comprehensive and mutually reinforcing strategies, including the provision of specific active support to long-term unemployed to return to the labour market. The youth unemployment needs to be comprehensively addressed, including by ***investing in sectors that can create quality jobs for young people and by*** equipping the relevant institutions with the necessary means to fully and consistently implement their national Youth Guarantee Implementation Plans

Or. en

#### **Amendment 148**

**Georges Bach**

#### **Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

High unemployment should be tackled and long-term unemployment prevented. The

*Amendment*

High unemployment should be tackled and long-term unemployment prevented. The

number of long-term unemployed should be significantly reduced by means of comprehensive and mutually reinforcing strategies, including the provision of specific active support to long-term unemployed to return to the labour market. The youth unemployment needs to be comprehensively addressed, including by equipping the relevant institutions with the necessary means to fully and consistently implement their national Youth Guarantee Implementation Plans.

number of long-term unemployed should be significantly reduced by means of comprehensive and mutually reinforcing strategies, including the provision of specific active support to long-term unemployed to return to the labour market. The youth unemployment needs to be comprehensively addressed, including *not only investments, but also* by equipping the relevant institutions, *for instance public employment services, youth organisations and educational and vocational training institutions*, with the necessary means to fully and consistently implement their national Youth Guarantee Implementation Plans.

Or. de

**Amendment 149**  
**Thomas Mann**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

High unemployment should be tackled and long-term unemployment prevented. The number of long-term unemployed should be significantly reduced by means of comprehensive and mutually reinforcing strategies, including the provision of specific active support to long-term unemployed to return to the labour market. The youth unemployment needs to be comprehensively addressed, including by equipping the relevant institutions with the necessary means to fully and consistently implement their national Youth Guarantee Implementation Plans.

*Amendment*

High unemployment should be tackled and long-term unemployment prevented. The number of long-term unemployed should be significantly reduced by means of comprehensive and mutually reinforcing strategies, including the provision of specific active support to long-term unemployed to return to the labour market. The youth unemployment needs to be comprehensively addressed, including by equipping the relevant institutions with the necessary means to fully and consistently implement their national Youth Guarantee Implementation Plans, *but also by the rapid take-up of resources by Member States.*

Or. de



**Amendment 150**  
**Sven Schulze**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

High unemployment should be tackled and long-term unemployment prevented. The number of long-term unemployed should be significantly reduced by means of comprehensive and mutually reinforcing strategies, including the provision of specific active support to long-term unemployed to return to the labour market. The youth unemployment needs to be comprehensively addressed, including by equipping the relevant institutions with the necessary means to fully and consistently implement their national Youth Guarantee Implementation Plans.

*Amendment*

High unemployment should be tackled and long-term unemployment prevented. The number of long-term unemployed should be significantly reduced by means of comprehensive and mutually reinforcing strategies, ***while avoiding disincentives***, including the provision of specific active support to long-term unemployed to return to the labour market. The youth unemployment needs to be comprehensively addressed, including by equipping the relevant institutions with the necessary means to fully and consistently implement their national Youth Guarantee Implementation Plans.

Or. de

**Amendment 151**  
**Georges Bach**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Member States should take into consideration local and regional disparities in drawing up and carrying out measures against unemployment and work together with local employment services.***

Or. de

**Amendment 152**  
**Marian Harkin**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Structural weaknesses in education and training systems should be addressed to ensure quality learning outcomes and prevent and tackle early school leaving. Member States should increase educational attainment *and consider* dual learning systems *and upgrading* professional training *while at the same time increase opportunities* for recognising skills acquired outside the formal education system.

*Amendment*

Structural weaknesses in education and training systems should be addressed to ensure quality learning outcomes and prevent and tackle early school leaving. Member States should increase educational attainment, *set up and improve* dual learning systems *where appropriate and upgrade* professional training. *Member States should either upgrade existing frameworks such as Europass or create a qualification framework* for recognising *and validating* skills acquired outside the formal education system, *especially those acquired through non-formal and informal learning*.

Or. en

**Amendment 153**  
**Thomas Mann**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Structural weaknesses in education and training systems should be addressed to ensure quality learning outcomes and prevent and tackle early school leaving. Member States should increase educational attainment and consider dual learning systems and upgrading professional training while at the same time *increase opportunities* for recognising skills acquired outside the formal education system.

*Amendment*

Structural weaknesses in education and training systems should be addressed to ensure quality learning outcomes and prevent and tackle early school leaving. *That requires flexible school and education systems with a practical focus.* Member States should increase educational attainment and consider dual learning systems and upgrading professional training while at the same time *increasing opportunities* for recognising skills acquired outside the formal education

system.

Or. de

**Amendment 154**  
**Enrique Calvet Chambon**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Structural weaknesses in education and training systems should be addressed to ensure quality learning outcomes and prevent and tackle early school leaving. Member States should increase educational attainment and consider dual learning systems and upgrading professional training while at the same time increase opportunities for recognising skills acquired outside the formal education system.

*Amendment*

Structural weaknesses in education and training systems should be addressed to ensure quality learning outcomes and prevent and tackle early school leaving, ***promoting all-embracing, high-quality education from the most basic level onwards***. Member States should increase educational attainment and consider dual learning systems and upgrading professional training while at the same time increase opportunities for recognising skills acquired outside the formal education system.

Or. es

**Amendment 155**  
**Danuta Jazłowiecka**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Structural weaknesses in education and training systems should be addressed to ensure quality learning outcomes and prevent and tackle early school leaving. Member States should increase educational attainment and consider dual learning systems and upgrading professional training while at the same time increase

*Amendment*

Structural weaknesses in education and training systems should be addressed to ensure quality learning outcomes and prevent and tackle early school leaving. Member States should increase educational attainment and consider dual learning systems ***adapted to their needs*** and upgrading professional training while at the

opportunities for recognising skills acquired outside the formal education system.

same time increase opportunities for recognising skills acquired outside the formal education system. ***Links between education and labour market should be strengthened.***

Or. en

**Amendment 156**  
**Ivan Jakovčić**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Structural weaknesses in education and training systems should be addressed to ensure quality learning outcomes and prevent and tackle early school leaving. Member States should increase educational attainment and consider dual learning systems and upgrading professional training while at the same time **increase** opportunities for recognising skills acquired outside the formal education system.

*Amendment*

Structural weaknesses in education and training systems should be addressed to ensure quality learning outcomes and prevent and tackle early school leaving. Member States, ***in cooperation with local and regional authorities***, should increase educational attainment and consider dual learning systems and upgrading professional training while at the same time **increasing** opportunities for recognising skills acquired outside the formal education system.

Or. hr

**Amendment 157**  
**Georges Bach**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Member States should gear their training systems more closely to the labour market with a view to better transition from training to employment. In particular in the context of digitisation, and in terms of***

*new technologies, green jobs and health care, that is essential.*

Or. de

#### **Amendment 158**

**Tatjana Ždanoka**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, **the disabled and legal** migrants. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market as well as access to affordable quality early childhood education and care.*

*Amendment*

*Discrimination on the labour market as well as in access to the labour market needs to be further reduced, especially for groups that face discrimination or exclusion, such as women, older workers, young people, **persons with disabilities, persons belonging to minorities, and** migrants. Gender equality including equal pay must be **better** ensured in the labour market as well as **creating better infrastructures and** access to affordable quality early childhood education and care.*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 159**

**Marian Harkin**

#### **Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, **the disabled** and legal migrants. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market **as well as** access to affordable quality early childhood

*Amendment*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, **persons with a disability** and legal migrants **and other people that face discrimination or exclusion**. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market

education and care.

*by means of* access to affordable quality early childhood education and care *as well as the flexibility necessary to prevent the exclusion of those with breaks in their careers due to family responsibilities such as family carers.*

Or. en

**Amendment 160**  
**Renate Weber**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, the disabled *and legal migrants*. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market as well as access to affordable quality early childhood education and care.

*Amendment*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, the disabled, *migrants and other people that face discrimination or exclusion*. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market as well as access to affordable quality early childhood education and care. *In this sense, the Women on Board Directive and Maternity Leave Directive should be unblocked by the Member States.*

Or. en

**Amendment 161**  
**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elena Gentile, Marju Lauristin, Jutta Steinruck**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, *the disabled*

*Amendment*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, *persons with*

**and legal** migrants. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market as well as access to affordable quality early childhood education and care.

**disability and** migrants. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market as well as access to affordable quality early childhood education and care.

Or. en

**Amendment 162**  
**Georges Bach**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, **the disabled and legal** migrants. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market as well as access to affordable quality early childhood education and care.

*Amendment*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, **persons with a disability and** migrants. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market as well as access to affordable quality early childhood education and care.

Or. en

**Amendment 163**  
**Ivo Vajgl**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, the disabled and legal migrants. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market as well as access to affordable quality early childhood education and care.

*Amendment*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, the disabled and legal migrants. **For these groups, too, a comprehensive approach should be taken to tackling unemployment, including by ensuring that the relevant institutions have the necessary funding.** Gender equality including equal pay must

be ensured in the labour market as well as access to affordable quality early childhood education and care.

Or. sl

**Amendment 164**  
**Tom Vandenkendelaere**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, the disabled **and** legal migrants. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market as well as access to affordable quality early childhood education and care.

*Amendment*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, the disabled, legal migrants **and people with a migrant background**. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market as well as access to affordable quality early childhood education and care, **flexible working arrangements, adequate leave policies and supportive long-term care services**.

Or. en

**Amendment 165**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, the disabled and legal migrants. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market as well as access to affordable quality early childhood

*Amendment*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, the disabled, **the Roma community** and legal migrants. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market as well as access to affordable quality early childhood



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education and care.

Or. es

**Amendment 166**  
**Enrico Gasbarra**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, the disabled and legal migrants. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market as well as access to affordable quality early childhood education and care.

*Amendment*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, the disabled and legal migrants. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market as well as access to affordable quality early childhood education and care. ***All efforts should be made to include people with disabilities in the labour market, through incentives and innovative integration and training instruments and by removing all forms of physical and digital barriers.***

Or. it

**Amendment 167**  
**Michaela Šojdrová**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, the disabled and legal migrants. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market as well as access to affordable quality early childhood

*Amendment*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, the disabled and legal migrants. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market as well as access to ***flexible working time arrangements and***

education and care.

affordable quality early childhood education and care.

Or. en

### **Amendment 168**

**Javi López, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

#### **Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 4**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, the disabled and legal migrants. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market as well as access to affordable quality early childhood education and care.

##### *Amendment*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, the disabled and legal migrants. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market as well as access to affordable quality early childhood education and care, ***and a new approach on parental leave in order to tackle the gender gap and improve equal opportunities between women and men without deepening in ageing societies problems.***

Or. en

### **Amendment 169**

**Enrique Calvet Chambon**

#### **Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 4**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, the disabled and legal migrants. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market as well as access to affordable quality early childhood

##### *Amendment*

Barriers to labour market participation should be reduced, especially for women, older workers, young people, the disabled and legal migrants. Gender equality including equal pay must be ensured in the labour market, ***promoting balance in administration and businesses,*** as well as

education and care.

access to affordable quality early childhood education and care *and care for dependents*.

Or. es

**Amendment 170**  
**Renate Weber**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*In this respect it should be taken into account the fact that the NEET rates are higher for females than for males and that the NEET phenomenon is primarily due to an increase in youth unemployment but also to non-education linked inactivity.*

Or. en

**Amendment 171**  
**Tatjana Ždanoka**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Member States should make a full use of European Social Fund and other Union funds support in order to improve employment, social inclusion, education *and public administration*.

Member States should make a full use of European Social Fund and other Union funds support in order to *combat poverty*, improve employment, social inclusion, education.

Or. en

#### Amendment 172

**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Jutta Steinruck**

#### Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should make a full use of European Social Fund and other Union funds support in order to improve employment, social inclusion, education and public administration.

*Amendment*

Member States should make a full use of European Social Fund and other Union funds support in order to improve **quality** employment, social inclusion, education and public administration.

Or. en

#### Amendment 173

**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elena Gentile, Marju Lauristin, Guillaume Balas, Jutta Steinruck**

#### Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should make a full use of European Social Fund and other Union funds support in order to improve employment, social inclusion, education and public administration.

*Amendment*

Member States should make a full use of European Social Fund and other Union funds support in order to improve employment, social inclusion, education and public administration. ***The European Fund for Strategic Investments and its investment platforms should also be mobilised to ensure that quality jobs are created and workers are equipped with skills needed for the Union's transition towards a sustainable growth model.***

Or. en

#### Amendment 174

**Thomas Mann**

## Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should make *a* full use of European Social Fund and other Union *funds* support in order to improve employment, social inclusion, education and public administration.

*Amendment*

Member States should make full, ***effective and efficient*** use of European Social Fund and other Union *funds*' support in order to improve employment, social inclusion, education and public administration.

Or. de

### Amendment 175

Verónica Lope Fontagné

## Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should make a full use of European Social Fund and other Union funds support in order to improve employment, social inclusion, education and public administration.

*Amendment*

Member States should make a full use of European Social Fund and other Union funds support, ***in particular by implementing proactive measures***, in order to improve employment, social inclusion, education and public administration.

Or. es

### Amendment 176

Enrique Calvet Chambon

## Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should make a full use of European Social Fund and other Union funds support in order to improve employment, social inclusion, education and public ***administration***.

*Amendment*

Member States should make a full use of European Social Fund and other Union funds support in order to improve employment, social inclusion, education and public ***services***.

**Amendment 177**

**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Marju Lauristin, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López**

**Annex 1 – section 2 – paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***The Europe 2020 headline target on education, on the basis of which Member States set their national targets, taking into account their relative starting positions and national circumstances, is to reduce drop-out rates to less than 10 %, and increase the share of 30-34 year-olds having completed tertiary or equivalent education to at least 40 %.***

Or. en

**Amendment 178**

**Tatjana Ždanoka**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Member States should reduce labour market segmentation. Employment ***protection rules and institutions should provide a suitable environment for recruitment while offering adequate levels of protection*** to those in employment and those seeking employment or employed on temporary contracts or independent work contracts. Quality employment should be ensured in terms of socio-economic security, education and training opportunities, working conditions

Member States should reduce labour market segmentation ***by focussing on quality employment for insiders and outsiders. Employment legislation as well as employment actors should offer decent and fair protection*** to those in employment and those seeking employment or employed on temporary contracts or independent work contracts, ***by actively involving social partners***. Quality employment should be ensured in terms of socio-economic security ***and a living***

(including health and safety) *and* work-life balance.

*income, decent pay, rights at work, decent workplace conditions, social security protection to reduce the at-poverty-risk, education and training opportunities, working conditions (including health and safety), work-life balance and gender equality.*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 179**

**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Marju Lauristin, Guillaume Balas, Jutta Steinruck, Ole Christensen**

#### **Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 1**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should reduce labour market segmentation. Employment protection rules and institutions should provide a suitable environment for recruitment while offering adequate levels of protection to those in employment and those seeking employment or employed on temporary contracts or independent work contracts. Quality employment should be ensured in terms of socio-economic security, education and training opportunities, working conditions (including health and safety) and work-life balance.

##### *Amendment*

Member States should reduce labour market segmentation. Employment protection rules and institutions should provide a suitable environment for recruitment while offering adequate levels of protection to those in employment and those seeking employment or employed on temporary, *part-time or atypical* contracts or independent work contracts. Quality employment should be ensured *for all* in terms of socio-economic security, education and training opportunities, working conditions (including health and safety), *adequate wages* and work-life balance. *Upward convergence in working conditions should be promoted across the Union.*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 180**

**Tom Vandenkendelaere**

### Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should reduce labour market segmentation. Employment protection rules and institutions should provide a suitable environment for recruitment while offering adequate levels of protection to those in employment and those seeking employment or employed on temporary contracts or independent work contracts. Quality employment should be ensured in terms of socio-economic security, education and training opportunities, working conditions (including health and safety) and work-life balance.

*Amendment*

Member States should reduce labour market segmentation ***while safeguarding an appropriate balance between the necessary degree of flexibility and security***. Employment protection rules and institutions should provide a suitable environment for recruitment while offering adequate levels of protection to those in employment and those seeking employment or employed on temporary contracts or independent work contracts. Quality employment should be ensured in terms of socio-economic security, education and training opportunities, working conditions (including health and safety) and work-life balance. ***In view of the need to prolong working life, Member States should put in place qualitative end-of-career measures such as flexible working-time arrangements, work-load reduction, part-time retirement, phased retirement, career break systems.***

Or. en

### Amendment 181

Javi López, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

### Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should ***reduce*** labour market segmentation. Employment protection rules and institutions should provide a suitable environment for recruitment while offering adequate levels of protection to those in employment and those seeking employment or employed on temporary contracts or independent work

*Amendment*

Member States should ***make reforms to remove*** labour market segmentation ***in order to reduce precariousness***. Employment protection rules and institutions should provide a suitable environment for recruitment while offering adequate levels of protection to those in employment and those seeking



contracts. Quality employment should be ensured in terms of socio-economic security, education and training opportunities, working conditions (including health and safety) and work-life balance.

employment or employed on temporary contracts or independent work contracts. Quality employment should be ensured in terms of socio-economic security, education and training opportunities, working conditions (including health and safety) and work-life balance.

Or. en

## **Amendment 182** **Georges Bach**

### **Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 1**

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should reduce labour market segmentation. Employment protection rules and institutions should provide a suitable environment for recruitment while offering adequate levels of protection to those in employment and those seeking employment or employed on temporary contracts or independent work contracts. Quality employment should be ensured in terms of socio-economic security, education and training opportunities, working conditions (including health and safety) and work-life balance.

#### *Amendment*

Member States should reduce labour market segmentation. Employment protection rules and institutions should provide a suitable environment for recruitment while offering adequate levels of protection to those in employment and those seeking employment *or working part-time* or employed on temporary contracts, *atypical contracts* or independent work contracts. Quality employment should be ensured in terms of socio-economic security, education and training opportunities, working conditions (including health and safety) and work-life balance. *In order to make labour markets function better, Member States should also tackle undeclared working.*

Or. de

## **Amendment 183** **Marian Harkin**

### **Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should reduce labour market segmentation. Employment protection rules and institutions should provide a suitable environment for recruitment while offering adequate levels of protection to those in employment and those seeking employment or employed on temporary contracts or independent work contracts. Quality employment should be ensured in terms of socio-economic security, education and training opportunities, working conditions (including health and safety) and work-life balance.

*Amendment*

Member States should reduce labour market segmentation. Employment protection rules and institutions should provide a suitable environment for recruitment while offering adequate levels of protection to those in employment and those seeking employment or employed on temporary, ***part-time or atypical*** contracts or independent work contracts. Quality employment should be ensured in terms of socio-economic security, education and training opportunities, working conditions (including health and safety), ***decent wages*** and work-life balance.

Or. en

**Amendment 184**  
**Siôn Simon**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should reduce labour market segmentation. Employment protection rules and institutions should provide a suitable environment for recruitment while offering adequate levels of protection to those in employment and those seeking employment or employed on temporary contracts or independent work contracts. Quality employment should be ensured in terms of socio-economic security, education and training opportunities, working conditions (including health and safety) and work-life balance.

*Amendment*

Member States should reduce labour market segmentation. Employment protection rules and institutions should provide a suitable environment for recruitment while offering adequate levels of protection to those in employment and those seeking employment or employed on temporary, ***precarious or zero-hour*** contracts or independent work contracts. Quality employment should be ensured in terms of socio-economic security, education and training opportunities, working conditions (including health and safety) and work-life balance.

Or. en

**Amendment 185**  
**Thomas Mann**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should reduce labour market segmentation. Employment protection rules and institutions should provide a suitable environment for recruitment while offering adequate levels of protection to those in employment and those seeking employment or employed on temporary contracts or independent work contracts. Quality employment should be ensured in terms of socio-economic security, education and training opportunities, working conditions (including health and safety) and work-life balance.

*Amendment*

Member States should reduce labour market segmentation. Employment protection rules and institutions should provide a suitable environment for recruitment while offering adequate levels of protection to those in employment and those seeking employment or employed on temporary contracts or independent work contracts. Quality employment should be ensured in terms of socio-economic security, **durability**, education and training opportunities, working conditions (including health and safety) and work-life balance.

Or. de

**Amendment 186**  
**Enrique Calvet Chambon**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should reduce labour market segmentation. Employment protection rules and institutions should provide a suitable environment for recruitment while offering adequate levels of protection to those in employment and those seeking employment or employed on temporary contracts or independent work contracts. Quality employment should be ensured in terms of socio-economic security, education and training opportunities, working conditions (including health and safety) and work-life

*Amendment*

Member States should reduce labour market segmentation. Employment protection rules and institutions should provide a suitable environment for recruitment while offering adequate levels of protection to those in employment and those seeking employment or employed on temporary contracts or independent work contracts. Quality employment should **as far as possible** be ensured in terms of socio-economic security, education and training opportunities, working conditions (including health and safety) and work-life

balance.

balance.

Or. es

**Amendment 187**  
**Laura Agea**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Access to the labour market should facilitate entrepreneurship and sustainable job creation in all sectors, including green employment, the social economy and social innovation.***

Or. it

**Amendment 188**  
**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elena Gentile, Marju Lauristin, Jutta Steinruck**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***New forms of work organisation should be encouraged in order to make the best use of people's skills, foster their lifelong development and encourage employee-driven innovation.***

Or. en

**Amendment 189**  
**Javi López, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should closely involve National Parliaments and social partners in the design and implementation of relevant reforms and policies, in line with national practices, while **supporting the improvement of** the functioning and effectiveness of social dialogue at national level.

*Amendment*

Member States should closely involve National Parliaments and social partners in the design and implementation of relevant reforms and policies, in line with national practices, while **reinforcing** the functioning and effectiveness of social dialogue at national level, **especially in those countries with major problems of wage devaluation caused by recent deregulation of labour markets and weakness of collective bargaining.**

Or. en

**Amendment 190**

**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elena Gentile, Marju Lauristin, Jutta Steinruck**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should closely involve National Parliaments **and** social partners in the design and implementation of relevant reforms and policies, **in line with national practices**, while supporting the improvement of the functioning and effectiveness of social dialogue at national level.

*Amendment*

Member States should closely involve National Parliaments, social partners **and civil society organisations** in the design and implementation of relevant reforms and policies, while supporting the improvement of the functioning and effectiveness of social dialogue at national level.

Or. en

**Amendment 191**

**Tatjana Ždanoka**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should closely involve National Parliaments and social partners in the design and implementation of relevant reforms and policies, in line with national practices, while supporting the improvement of the functioning and effectiveness of social dialogue at national level.

*Amendment*

Member States should closely involve National Parliaments, ***civil society organisations*** and social partners in the design and implementation of relevant reforms and policies, in line ***with the partnership principle and*** with national practices, while supporting the improvement of the functioning and effectiveness of social dialogue at national level.

Or. en

**Amendment 192**  
**Marian Harkin**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should closely involve National Parliaments ***and*** social partners in the design and implementation of relevant reforms and policies, in line with national practices, while supporting the improvement of the functioning and effectiveness of social dialogue at national level.

*Amendment*

Member States should closely involve National Parliaments, social partners ***and civil society organisations when relevant,*** in the design and implementation of relevant reforms and policies, in line with national practices, while supporting the improvement of the functioning and effectiveness of social dialogue at national level.

Or. en

**Amendment 193**  
**Laura Agea**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should closely involve National Parliaments **and** social partners in the design and implementation of relevant reforms and policies, in line with national practices, while supporting the improvement of the functioning and effectiveness of social dialogue at national level.

*Amendment*

Member States should closely involve National Parliaments, social partners **and civil society organisations** in the design and implementation of relevant reforms and policies, in line with national practices, while supporting the improvement of the functioning and effectiveness of social dialogue at national level.

Or. en

**Amendment 194**  
**Georges Bach**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should closely involve National Parliaments **and** social partners in the design and implementation of relevant reforms and policies, in line with national practices, while supporting the improvement of the functioning and effectiveness of social dialogue at national level.

*Amendment*

Member States should closely involve National Parliaments, social partners, **civil society representatives and national, regional and local authorities** in the design and implementation of relevant reforms and policies, in line with national practices, while supporting the improvement of the functioning and effectiveness of social dialogue at national level.

Or. de

**Amendment 195**  
**Tatjana Ždanoka**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should strengthen **active** labour market policies by **increasing** their targeting, outreach, coverage and interplay with **passive** measures. These policies should aim at improving labour market matching and support sustainable transitions on the labour market, with public employment services delivering individualised support and implementing performance measurement systems. Member States should also ensure that their social protection systems effectively **activate and** enable those who **can** participate in the labour market, protect those **(temporarily)** excluded from the labour markets and/or unable to participate in it, and prepare individuals for potential risks, by investing in human capital. Member States should promote inclusive labour markets open to all **and also** put in place effective anti-discrimination measures.

*Amendment*

Member States should strengthen labour market policies by **underlining** their targeting, outreach, coverage and interplay with **supporting** measures **such as social security**. These policies should aim at improving **workers' safety in case of changes, improving** labour market **access and** matching and support sustainable transitions on the labour market, with public employment services delivering individualised support and implementing performance measurement systems. Member States should also ensure that their social protection systems effectively enable those who **choose to** participate in the labour market, protect those excluded from the labour markets and/or unable to participate in it **by providing them with at least a poverty-proof minimum income,** and prepare individuals for potential risks, by investing in human capital. Member States should promote inclusive labour markets open to all **and, to achieve that,** put in place effective anti-discrimination measures.

Or. en

**Amendment 196**

**Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should strengthen active labour market policies by increasing their targeting, outreach, coverage and interplay with passive measures. These policies should aim at **improving labour market matching** and support sustainable transitions on the labour market, with

*Amendment*

Member States should strengthen active labour market policies by increasing their targeting, outreach, coverage and interplay with passive measures. These policies should aim at **protecting collective bargaining** and support sustainable transitions on the labour market, with



public employment services delivering individualised support and implementing performance measurement systems. Member States should also ensure that their social protection systems effectively activate and enable those who can participate in the labour market, protect those (temporarily) excluded from the labour markets and/or unable to participate in it, and prepare individuals for potential risks, by investing in human capital. Member States should promote inclusive labour markets open to all and also put in place effective anti-discrimination measures.

public employment services delivering individualised support and implementing performance measurement systems. Member States should also ensure that their social protection systems effectively activate and enable those who can participate in the labour market, protect those (temporarily) excluded from the labour markets and/or unable to participate in it, and prepare individuals for potential risks, by investing in human capital. Member States should promote inclusive labour markets open to all and also put in place effective anti-discrimination measures.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 197**

**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elena Gentile, Marju Lauristin, Jutta Steinruck**

#### **Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 3**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should strengthen active labour market policies by increasing their targeting, outreach, coverage and interplay with passive measures. These policies should aim at improving labour market matching and support sustainable transitions on the labour market, with public employment services delivering individualised support and implementing performance measurement systems. Member States should also ensure that their social protection systems effectively activate and enable those who can participate in the labour market, protect those (temporarily) excluded from the labour markets and/or unable to participate in it, and prepare individuals for potential risks, by investing in human capital. Member States should promote inclusive

##### *Amendment*

***The Union and Member States should ensure basic standards of quality of active labour market policies.*** Member States should strengthen active labour market policies by increasing their targeting, outreach, coverage and interplay with passive measures. These policies should aim at improving labour market matching and support sustainable transitions on the labour market, with public employment services delivering individualised support and implementing performance measurement systems. Member States should also ensure that their social protection systems effectively activate and enable those who can participate in the labour market, protect those (temporarily) excluded from the labour markets and/or unable to participate in it, and prepare

labour markets open to all and also put in place effective anti-discrimination measures.

individuals for potential risks, by investing in human capital Member States should promote inclusive labour markets open to all and also put in place effective anti-discrimination measures.

Or. en

**Amendment 198**  
**Javi López, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should strengthen active labour market policies by increasing their targeting, outreach, coverage and interplay with passive measures. These policies should aim at improving labour market matching and support sustainable transitions on the labour market, with public employment services delivering individualised support and implementing performance measurement systems. Member States should also ensure that their social protection systems effectively activate and enable those who can participate in the labour market, protect those (temporarily) excluded from the labour markets and/or unable to participate in it, and prepare individuals for potential risks, by investing in human capital Member States should promote inclusive labour markets open to all **and also** put in place effective anti-discrimination measures.

*Amendment*

Member States should strengthen active labour market policies by increasing their targeting, outreach, coverage and interplay with passive measures. These policies should aim at improving labour market matching and support sustainable transitions on the labour market, with public employment services delivering individualised support and implementing performance measurement systems. Member States should also ensure that their social protection systems effectively activate and enable those who can participate in the labour market, protect those (temporarily) excluded from the labour markets and/or unable to participate in it, and prepare individuals for potential risks, by investing in human capital Member States should promote inclusive labour markets open to all **and also** put in place effective anti-discrimination measures. ***Member States and the Union should implement a joint approach on a framework of European unemployment insurance to prevent external shocks with uneven outcomes in different countries. It must be a complementary tool performing as an automatic stabilizer.***

Or. en

**Amendment 199**  
**Danuta Jazlowiecka**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should strengthen active labour market policies by increasing their targeting, outreach, coverage and interplay with passive measures. These policies should aim at improving labour market matching and support sustainable transitions on the labour market, with public employment services delivering individualised support and implementing performance measurement systems. Member States should also ensure that their social protection systems effectively activate and enable those who can participate in the labour market, protect those (temporarily) excluded from the labour markets and/or unable to participate in it, and prepare individuals for potential risks, by investing in human capital. Member States should promote inclusive labour markets open to all and also put in place effective anti-discrimination measures.

*Amendment*

Member States should strengthen active labour market policies by increasing their targeting, outreach, coverage and interplay with passive measures. These policies should aim at improving labour market matching and support sustainable transitions on the labour market, with public employment services delivering individualised support and implementing performance measurement systems. Member States should also ensure that their social protection systems effectively activate and enable those who can participate in the labour market, protect those (temporarily) excluded from the labour markets and/or unable to participate in it, and prepare individuals for potential risks ***and changing economic and social conditions***, by investing in human capital. Member States should promote inclusive labour markets open to all and also put in place effective anti-discrimination measures.

Or. en

**Amendment 200**  
**Marian Harkin**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should strengthen active labour market policies by increasing their

*Amendment*

Member States should strengthen active labour market policies by increasing their

targeting, outreach, coverage and interplay with passive measures. These policies should aim at improving labour market matching and support sustainable transitions on the labour market, with public employment services delivering individualised support and implementing performance measurement systems. Member States should also ensure that their social protection systems effectively activate and enable those who can participate in the labour market, protect those (temporarily) excluded from the labour markets and/or unable to participate in it, and prepare individuals for potential risks, by investing in human capital. Member States should promote inclusive labour markets open to all and also put in place effective anti-discrimination measures.

targeting, outreach, coverage and interplay with passive measures. These policies should aim at improving labour market **access and** matching and support sustainable transitions on the labour market, with public employment services delivering individualised support and implementing performance measurement systems. Member States should also ensure that their social protection systems effectively activate and enable those who can participate in the labour market, protect those (temporarily) excluded from the labour markets and/or unable to participate in it, and prepare individuals for potential risks, by investing in human capital. Member States should promote inclusive labour markets open to all and also put in place effective anti-discrimination measures.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 201**

**Tatjana Ždanoka**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Mobility *of workers* should be **ensured** with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by **enhancing the portability of pensions and the recognition of qualifications**. **Member States should at the same time guard against abuses of the existing rules.**

*Amendment*

Mobility **as a choice** should be **promoted** with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by **supporting mobile workers, improving their access to and awareness of rights at work, by providing for accompanying measures such as care infrastructures, return schemes and by enhancing the portability of pensions as well as social security in general and the recognition of qualifications**.

Or. en

**Amendment 202**  
**Marian Harkin**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Mobility of workers should be *ensured* with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and the recognition of qualifications. Member States should at the same time guard against abuses of the existing rules.

*Amendment*

Mobility of workers should be *promoted* with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and the recognition of qualifications. Member States should at the same time guard against abuses of the existing rules.

Or. en

**Amendment 203**  
**Renate Weber**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Mobility of workers should be ensured with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and the recognition of qualifications. ***Member States should at the same time guard against abuses of the existing rules.***

*Amendment*

Mobility of workers should be ensured with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and the recognition of qualifications.

Or. en

**Amendment 204**  
**Javi López, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Mobility of workers should be ensured with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and the recognition of qualifications. Member States should at the same time **guard against abuses** of the **existing rules**.

*Amendment*

Mobility of workers should be ensured with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and the **effective** recognition of qualifications **and skills**. Member States should at the same time **tackle the language barriers, improving training systems in this matter. The European Institutions should guarantee equal treatment, especially in occupational and non-occupational health and safety, and equal opportunities in the framework** of the **principle of free movement**.

Or. en

**Amendment 205**  
**Georges Bach**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Mobility of workers should be **ensured with an aim of exploiting** the **full** potential of the European labour market, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and the recognition of qualifications. Member States should at the same time guard against abuses of the existing rules.

*Amendment*

Mobility of workers should be **encouraged in order to exploit** the potential of the European labour market **to the full**, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and the recognition of qualifications, **social protection and the elimination of red tape**. Member States should at the same time guard against abuses of the existing rules **and social dumping. In border regions in particular, Member States should make use of the EURES network in order to encourage worker mobility**.

Or. de

**Amendment 206**  
**Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Mobility of workers should be ensured with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and the recognition of qualifications. Member States should at the same time guard against abuses of the existing rules.

*Amendment*

Mobility of workers should be ensured with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and the recognition of qualifications. ***For this purpose, it is necessary to promote Eures and improved coordination between public employment services.*** Member States should at the same time guard against abuses of the existing rules.

Or. es

**Amendment 207**  
**Thomas Mann**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Mobility of workers should be ensured with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and the recognition of qualifications. Member States should at the same time guard against abuses of the existing rules.

*Amendment*

Mobility of workers should be ensured with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and the recognition of qualifications. Member States should at the same time guard against abuses of the existing rules. ***In the process, account should be taken of the fact that, as regards quality assurance and consumer protection, conditions for entering occupations can be of particular significance.***

Or. de

## Amendment 208

Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elena Gentile, Marju Lauristin, Guillaume Balas, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López

### Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Mobility of workers should be ensured with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and the recognition of qualifications. Member States should at the same time guard against abuses of the existing rules.

*Amendment*

Mobility of workers should be ensured ***as a fundamental right and a matter of free choice*** with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and ***social security, and*** the recognition of qualifications. Member States should at the same time guard against abuses of the existing rules. ***Investment in regions experiencing labour outflows should be promoted to mitigate brain drain and encourage mobile workers to return.***

Or. en

## Amendment 209

Sven Schulze

### Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Mobility of workers should be ***ensured*** with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and the recognition of qualifications. Member States should at the same time guard against abuses of the existing rules.

*Amendment*

Mobility of workers should be ***supported*** with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and the recognition of qualifications. Member States should at the same time guard against abuses of the existing rules.

Or. de



**Amendment 210**  
**Zdzisław Krasnodebski**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**Mobility** of workers should be ensured with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and the recognition of qualifications. Member States should at the same time guard against abuses of the existing rules.

*Amendment*

**The mobility** of workers **who are willing to move** should be ensured with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and the recognition of qualifications. Member States should at the same time guard against abuses of the existing rules.

Or. pl

**Amendment 211**  
**Danuta Jazłowiecka**

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Mobility of workers should be ensured with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and the recognition of qualifications. Member States should at the same time guard against abuses of the existing rules.

*Amendment*

Mobility of workers should be ensured with an aim of exploiting the full potential of the European labour market, including by enhancing the portability of pensions and the recognition of qualifications **as well as by removing other existing barriers**. Member States should at the same time guard against abuses of the existing rules.

Or. en

**Amendment 212**  
**Tatjana Ždanoka**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Annex 1 – section 3 a (new) - title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Improving the quality and performance of education and training systems at all levels***

Or. en

**Amendment 213**

**Tatjana Ždanoka**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Annex 1 – section 3 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Member States should make access to care and to affordable quality early childhood education a priority as both are important support measures for labour market actors and contribute to increasing the overall employment rate while supporting the individuals in their responsibilities. Member States should set up the comprehensive policies and investment needed to improve family and parenting support and reconciliation measures helping parents to balance work and family life, as a contribution to preventing early school-leaving and increasing young people's chances on the labour market.***

Or. en

**Amendment 214**

**Georges Bach**

**Annex 1 – section 4 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Ensuring **fairness**, combatting poverty and promoting equal opportunities

*Amendment*

Ensuring **social justice**, combatting poverty and promoting equal opportunities

Or. de

**Amendment 215**

**Tatjana Ždanoka**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should **modernise** their social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, and **adequate** protection throughout all stages of an individual's life, ensuring fairness and addressing inequalities. There is a need for simplified and better targeted social policies **complemented** by affordable quality childcare and education, training and job assistance, housing support and **accessible** health care, access to basic services such as bank account and Internet and for action to prevent early school leaving and fight social exclusion.

*Amendment*

Member States should **improve** their social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, and **decent** protection throughout all stages of an individual's life, ensuring **solidarity, inclusion**, fairness and addressing inequalities. There is a need for simplified and better targeted social policies **including** by affordable quality childcare and education, training and job assistance, housing support and **quality** health care, access to basic services such as bank account and Internet and for action to prevent early school leaving and fight social exclusion.

Or. en

**Amendment 216**

**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elena Gentile, Marju Lauristin, Guillaume Balas, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López**

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should **modernise** their social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, and adequate protection throughout all stages of an individual's life, ensuring fairness and addressing inequalities. There is a need for simplified and better **targeted** social policies **complemented by** affordable quality childcare and education, training and job assistance, housing support and accessible health care, access to **basic** services such as bank account and Internet and for action to prevent early school leaving and fight social exclusion.

*Amendment*

**The Union and** Member States should **ensure basic standards of social protection. Member States should improve** their social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, and adequate protection throughout all stages of an individual's life, ensuring **universal access**, fairness and addressing inequalities. There is a need for simplified and better **tailored** social policies, **including on** affordable quality childcare and education, training and job assistance, housing support and accessible health care, access to **other** services such as bank account and Internet and for action to prevent early school leaving and fight **poverty and** social exclusion. **Child poverty, in particular, must be decisively tackled.**

Or. en

**Amendment 217**

**Laura Agea**

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should **modernise** their social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, and adequate protection throughout all stages of an individual's life, ensuring fairness and addressing inequalities. There is a need for simplified **and** better targeted social policies complemented by affordable quality childcare and education, training and job assistance, housing support and **accessible** health care, access to basic services such as bank **account** and Internet and for action to prevent early school leaving and fight social exclusion.

*Amendment*

Member States should **improve** their social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, **sustainable** and adequate protection throughout all stages of an individual's life, ensuring fairness and addressing inequalities **as well as ensuring active inclusion in order to eliminate poverty, in particular for people excluded from the labour market and for the more vulnerable groups.** There is a need for simplified, better targeted **and more ambitious** social policies complemented by affordable quality childcare and education, **effective** training and job assistance,

*guaranteed* housing support and *high quality* health care *accessible to all*, access to basic services such as bank *accounts* and *the* Internet and for action to prevent early school leaving and fight *extreme poverty*, social exclusion *and, more generally, all forms of poverty*.

Or. it

### **Amendment 218**

**Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Patrick Le Hyaric, Inês Cristina Zuber**

#### **Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should *modernise* their social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, and adequate protection throughout all stages of an individual's life, ensuring fairness and addressing inequalities. There is a need for simplified and better targeted social policies complemented by affordable quality childcare and education, training and job assistance, housing support and accessible health care, access to basic services such as bank account and Internet and for action to prevent early school leaving and fight social exclusion.

*Amendment*

Member States should *improve* their social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, and adequate protection throughout all stages of an individual's life, ensuring *life in dignity, access to social protection, full respect of social rights*, fairness and addressing inequalities. There is a need for simplified and better targeted social policies complemented by affordable quality childcare and education, training and job assistance, housing support and accessible health care, access to basic services such as bank account and Internet and for action to prevent early school leaving and fight social exclusion.

Or. en

### **Amendment 219**

**Marian Harkin**

#### **Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should modernise their social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, and adequate protection throughout all stages of an individual's life, ensuring *fairness* and addressing inequalities. There is a need for simplified and better targeted social policies complemented by affordable quality childcare and education, training and job assistance, housing support and accessible health care, access to *basic* services such as bank account and Internet and for action to prevent early school leaving *and* fight social exclusion.

*Amendment*

Member States should modernise their social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, and adequate protection throughout all stages of an individual's life, ensuring *social inclusion* and addressing inequalities. There is a need for simplified and better targeted social policies complemented by affordable quality childcare and education, training and job assistance, housing support and accessible health care, access to *basic* services such as bank account and Internet and for action to prevent early school leaving, fight *poverty and* social exclusion *including extreme forms of poverty like homelessness*.

Or. en

**Amendment 220**

**Ivan Jakovčić**

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should modernise their social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, and adequate protection throughout all stages of an individual's life, ensuring fairness and addressing inequalities. There is a need for simplified and better targeted social policies complemented by affordable quality childcare and education, training and job assistance, housing support and accessible health care, access to basic services such as bank account and Internet and for action to prevent early school leaving and fight social exclusion.

*Amendment*

Member States, *in cooperation with local and regional authorities*, should modernise their social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, and adequate protection throughout all stages of an individual's life, ensuring fairness and addressing inequalities. There is a need for simplified and better targeted social policies complemented by affordable quality childcare and education, training and job assistance, housing support and accessible health care, access to basic services such as *a* bank account and Internet and for action to prevent early school leaving and fight social exclusion.

Or. hr

**Amendment 221**  
**Thomas Mann**

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should modernise their social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, and adequate protection throughout all stages of an individual's life, ensuring fairness and addressing inequalities. There is a need for simplified and better targeted social policies complemented by affordable quality childcare and education, training and job assistance, housing support and accessible health care, access to basic services such as bank account and Internet and for action to prevent early school leaving and fight social exclusion.

*Amendment*

Member States should ***eliminate the burden of red tape for small and medium-sized enterprises and*** modernise their social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, and adequate protection throughout all stages of an individual's life, ensuring fairness and addressing inequalities. There is a need for simplified and better targeted social policies complemented by affordable quality childcare and education, training and job assistance, housing support and accessible health care, access to basic services such as bank account and Internet and for action to prevent early school leaving and fight social exclusion.

Or. de

**Amendment 222**  
**Enrique Calvet Chambon**

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should modernise their social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, and adequate protection throughout all stages of an individual's life, ensuring fairness and addressing inequalities. There is a need for simplified and better targeted social policies complemented by affordable quality childcare and education, training and job assistance, housing support and accessible health care, access to basic services such as

*Amendment*

Member States should modernise their social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, and adequate protection throughout all stages of an individual's life, ensuring fairness and addressing inequalities. There is a need for simplified and better targeted social policies complemented by ***specific rules***, affordable quality childcare and education ***and care for dependents***, training and job assistance, housing support and accessible health care,

bank account and Internet and for action to prevent early school leaving and fight social exclusion.

access to basic services such as bank account and Internet and for action to prevent early school leaving and fight social exclusion.

Or. es

**Amendment 223**  
**Georges Bach**

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should modernise their social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, and adequate protection throughout all stages of an individual's life, ensuring fairness and addressing inequalities. There is a need for simplified and better targeted social policies complemented by affordable quality childcare and education, training and job assistance, housing support and accessible health care, access to basic services such as bank account and Internet and for action to prevent early school leaving and fight social exclusion.

*Amendment*

Member States should modernise their social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, and adequate protection throughout all stages of an individual's life, ensuring fairness and addressing inequalities. There is a need for simplified and better targeted social policies complemented by affordable quality childcare and education, training and job assistance, housing support and accessible health care, access to basic services such as bank account and Internet and for action to prevent early school leaving and fight social exclusion ***and poverty, including extreme forms of poverty such as, for example, homelessness.***

Or. de

**Amendment 224**  
**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Marju Lauristin, Jutta Steinruck**

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

For that ***purpose*** a variety of instruments

*Amendment*

For that ***purpose*** a variety of instruments



should be used in a complementary manner, ***including labour activation enabling services and income support, targeted at*** individual needs. Social protection systems should be designed in a way that facilitate take up of all persons entitled, support investment in human capital, and help prevent, reduce and protect against poverty.

should be used in a complementary manner, ***based on active inclusion strategies combining adequate minimum income, inclusive labour markets and high quality services tailored to*** individual needs. Social protection systems should be designed in a way that facilitate take up of all persons entitled, support investment in human capital, and help prevent, reduce and protect against poverty ***and social exclusion.***

Or. en

**Amendment 225**  
**Marian Harkin**

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

For that purpose a variety of instruments should be used in a complementary manner, including labour activation enabling services and income support, targeted at individual needs. Social protection systems should be designed in a way that facilitate take up of all persons entitled, support investment in human capital, and help prevent, reduce and protect against poverty.

*Amendment*

For that purpose a variety of instruments should be used in a complementary manner, including labour activation enabling services and income support, targeted at individual needs. Social protection systems should be designed in a way that facilitate take up of all persons entitled, support investment in human capital, and help prevent, reduce and protect against poverty ***and social exclusion.***

Or. en

**Amendment 226**  
**Tatjana Ždanoka**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

For that **purpose** a variety of instruments should be used in a complementary manner, including labour activation enabling services and income support, targeted at individual needs. Social protection systems should be designed in a way that facilitate take up of all persons **entitled**, support investment in human capital, and help prevent, reduce and protect against poverty.

*Amendment*

For that **purpose** a variety of instruments should be used in a complementary manner, including labour activation enabling services and income support, targeted at individual needs. Social protection systems should be designed in a way that facilitate **access, decency**, take up of all persons **in a non-discriminatory way**, support investment in human capital, and help prevent, reduce and protect against poverty **and other risks such as health, accidents or lack of employment**.

Or. en

**Amendment 227**  
**Renate Weber**

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

For that purpose a variety of instruments should be used in a complementary manner, including labour activation enabling services and income support, targeted at individual needs. Social protection systems should be designed in a way that facilitate take up of all persons entitled, support investment in human capital, and help prevent, reduce and protect against poverty.

*Amendment*

For that purpose a variety of instruments should be used in a complementary manner, including labour activation enabling services and income support, targeted at individual needs. Social protection systems should be designed in a way that facilitate take up of all persons entitled, support investment in human capital, and help prevent, reduce and protect against poverty. **Special attention should be paid to children at risk of poverty due to their parents' long term unemployment.**

Or. en

**Amendment 228**  
**Guillaume Balas**

### Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for women and men in a context of increasing longevity and demographic change, including by linking statutory retirement ages to life expectancy, by increasing effective retirement ages, and by developing complementary retirement savings.***

***deleted***

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 229**

**Laura Agea**

### Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for women and men in a context of increasing longevity and demographic change, ***including by linking statutory retirement ages to life expectancy, by increasing effective retirement ages, and by developing complementary retirement savings.***

The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for women and men in a context of increasing longevity and demographic change.

Or. it

#### **Amendment 230**

**Georges Bach**

### Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for women and men in a context of increasing longevity and demographic change, ***including by linking statutory retirement ages to life expectancy, by increasing effective retirement ages, and by developing complementary retirement savings.***

*Amendment*

The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for women and men in a context of increasing longevity and demographic change, ***with reforms providing for consolidation of the three pillars of retirement savings systems, but taking account of differences and disparities in life expectancy and working conditions between occupations.***

Or. de

**Amendment 231**

**Tatjana Ždanoka**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for women and men in a context of increasing longevity and demographic change, including by ***linking statutory retirement ages to life expectancy***, by increasing effective retirement ages, and by developing complementary retirement ***savings.***

*Amendment*

The pension systems should, ***where necessary***, be reformed ***aiming at a decent retirement income at least above the poverty level and*** in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for women and men in a context of increasing longevity and demographic change, including by ***creating conditions to enable workers to work up to their retirement age***, by increasing effective retirement ages, and by developing complementary ***solidarity-based retirement schemes.***

Or. en

**Amendment 232**

**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck, Ole Christensen**

### Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for women and men in a context of increasing longevity and demographic change, ***including by linking statutory retirement ages to life expectancy, by increasing effective retirement ages, and by developing complementary retirement savings.***

*Amendment*

The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for women and men in a context of increasing longevity and demographic change. ***The best way is to increase the overall employment rate, building also on social investments in active ageing. Further reforms should focus on increasing effective retirement age, taking into account the number of contributory years and reflecting differences in life expectancy caused by particularly arduous work, and on upholding the fundamental importance of public pensions while developing complementary retirement savings. Measures to reduce gender gaps in employment and pay as well as incidence of involuntary part-time employment are also needed in order to ensure decent living standards in old age.***

Or. en

### Amendment 233

Evelyn Regner

### Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The pension systems should be ***reformed in order to secure*** their sustainability and adequacy for women and men ***in a context of increasing longevity and demographic change, including by linking statutory retirement ages to life expectancy, by increasing effective retirement ages, and by developing complementary retirement savings.***

*Amendment*

The pension systems should be ***structured in a way that secures*** their sustainability and adequacy for women and men. ***The ratio of unemployed people and pensioners to the employed (economic dependency ratio - as defined in the White Paper on Pensions) is decisive for the sustainability of pension systems. Despite the accelerated ageing of the population in the decades ahead, the economic***

*dependency ratio can be greatly limited if the currently very small proportion of people of working age who have high-quality employment is improved. Linking retirement age to life expectancy fails to take account of the importance of labour market trends and is therefore not an appropriate instrument by means of which to tackle the challenge of ageing.*

Or. en

**Amendment 234**  
**Enrique Calvet Chambon**

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for **women and men** in a context of increasing longevity and demographic change, including by linking statutory retirement ages to life expectancy, **by increasing effective retirement ages, and by** developing complementary retirement savings.

*Amendment*

The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for **individuals** in a context of increasing longevity and demographic change, including by linking statutory retirement ages to life expectancy, **providing suitable incentives for the voluntary extension of working life and studying the desirability of** developing complementary retirement savings.

Or. es

**Amendment 235**  
**Javi López**

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for women and men in a context

*Amendment*

The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for women and men in a context

of increasing longevity and demographic change, ***including by linking statutory retirement ages to life expectancy, by increasing effective retirement ages, and by developing complementary retirement savings.***

of increasing longevity and demographic change, ***taking into account not only life expectancy or increasing effective retirement ages, if the sector or the profession allows it, but also increasing employment rates. Member States also have to guarantee future earnings in order to keep and improve the capacity of purchase.***

Or. en

**Amendment 236**  
**Sven Schulze**

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for women and men in a context of increasing longevity and demographic change, including by linking statutory retirement ages to life expectancy, by increasing effective retirement ages, and by ***developing complementary*** retirement savings.

*Amendment*

The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for women and men in a context of increasing longevity and demographic change, including by linking statutory retirement ages to life expectancy, by increasing effective retirement ages, and by ***creating incentives to take personal responsibility for accumulating capital for*** retirement.

Or. de

**Amendment 237**  
**Ivo Vajgl**

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for women and men in a context

*Amendment*

The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for women and men in a context

of increasing longevity and demographic change, including by linking statutory retirement ages to life expectancy, **by increasing effective retirement ages**, and by developing complementary retirement savings.

of increasing longevity and demographic change, including by linking statutory retirement ages to life expectancy and by developing complementary retirement savings.

Or. sl

**Amendment 238**  
**Marian Harkin**

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for women and men in a context of increasing longevity and demographic change, including by linking statutory retirement ages to life expectancy, by increasing effective retirement ages, and by developing complementary retirement savings.

*Amendment*

The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for women and men in a context of increasing longevity and demographic change, including by linking statutory retirement ages to life expectancy, by increasing effective retirement ages, and by developing complementary retirement savings **and by ensuring that workers who take time out of their employment to care for a family member have the opportunity to build up pension credits.**

Or. en

**Amendment 239**  
**Renate Weber**

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability and adequacy for women and men in a context of increasing longevity and demographic change, including by linking statutory

*Amendment*

The pension systems should be reformed in order to secure their sustainability, **portability** and adequacy for women and men in a context of increasing longevity and demographic change, including by



retirement ages to life expectancy, by increasing effective retirement ages, and by developing complementary retirement savings.

linking statutory retirement ages to life expectancy, by increasing effective retirement ages, and by developing complementary retirement savings.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 240**

**Tatjana Ždanoka**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should improve the accessibility, efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare and long term care systems, while safeguarding *fiscal* sustainability.

*Amendment*

Member States should improve the **quality, affordability**, accessibility, efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare and long term care systems **as well as decent working conditions in the related sectors**, while safeguarding **the financial** sustainability **of these systems by improving the solidarity-based financing in line with social justice**.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 241**

**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Evelyn Regner, Marju Lauristin, Jutta Steinruck**

#### **Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should improve the accessibility, efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare and long term care systems, while safeguarding fiscal sustainability.

*Amendment*

Member States should improve the **quality, affordability**, accessibility, efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare and long term care systems, while safeguarding fiscal sustainability.

Or. en

**Amendment 242**  
**Marian Harkin**

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should improve the accessibility, efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare and long term care systems, while safeguarding fiscal sustainability.

*Amendment*

Member States should improve the accessibility, **affordability**, efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare and long term care systems, while safeguarding fiscal sustainability.

Or. en

**Amendment 243**  
**Georges Bach**

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should improve the accessibility, efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare and long term care systems, while safeguarding fiscal sustainability.

*Amendment*

Member States should improve the accessibility, **affordability**, efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare and long term care systems **and welfare services**, while safeguarding fiscal sustainability.

Or. de

**Amendment 244**  
**Enrique Calvet Chambon**

**Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States should improve the accessibility, efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare and long term care systems,

*Amendment*

Member States should improve the accessibility, efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare and long term care systems,

while safeguarding *fiscal* sustainability.

while safeguarding *financial* sustainability.

Or. es

#### **Amendment 245**

**Georges Bach**

#### **Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Member States should make a full use of European Social Fund and other Union funds support in order to fight poverty, social exclusion and discrimination, improve accessibility for persons with disabilities to promote equality between women and men and improve public administration.***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 246**

**Maria João Rodrigues, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Brando Benifei, Mercedes Bresso, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Guillaume Balas, Jutta Steinruck**

#### **Annex 1 – section 4 – paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***The Europe 2020 headline target on fighting poverty and social exclusion, on the basis of which Member States set their national targets, taking into account their relative starting conditions and national circumstances, is to promote social inclusion, in particular through the reduction of poverty by aiming to lift at least 20 million people out of the risk of poverty and exclusion.<sup>1</sup>***

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<sup>1</sup> *The population is defined as the number*

*of persons who are at risk of poverty and exclusion according to three indicators (at risk of poverty; material deprivation; jobless household), leaving Member States free to set their national targets on the basis of the most appropriate indicators, taking into account their national circumstances and priorities.*

Or. en