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# **DRAFT OPINION**

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Budgets

on the 2016 budget – mandate for the trilogue  
(2015/2074(BUD))

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## SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Emphasises that the 2016 budget has to play a key role in enhancing the Union's contribution to growth and jobs, especially in combating youth unemployment;
2. Urges that financial support be provided for programmes creating jobs for those with multiple disadvantages on the labour market, such as the long-term unemployed, people with disabilities and people from minority backgrounds;
3. Recalls that growth is the key to more jobs and increased prosperity and that it is necessary to direct the structural funds more effectively towards promoting growth;
4. Underlines the importance of sufficient funding and good budgetary management of the programmes within the 2014-2020 multiannual financial framework that aim to address unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, such as the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the different axes of the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD);
5. Takes the view that the EU budget should support vocational training and professional qualification measures;
6. Underlines that the 2016 budget should support measures promoting entrepreneurship in micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, including social entrepreneurship and innovative social enterprises and self-employment;
7. Stresses that the 2016 budget should promote a high level of worker protection and a culture of prevention across the EU and help to address the new challenges to health and safety at work that continue to arise;
8. Points out that micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises employ many workers in the EU and that one of the main problems in setting up such enterprises and keeping them going is that of obtaining finance; proposes, therefore, that the microfinance element be expanded;
9. Stresses that the EU budget should support efforts to promote the completion of the single market, competitiveness and social convergence, the development of a policy on socially responsible enterprises, and the monitoring of the application of statutory social standards by enterprises in order to ensure the creation of decent jobs;
10. Calls for a sustained effort to be made through the budget to provide for appropriate training and re-skilling in sectors with labour shortages and in key sectors with high job-creation potential, such as the green economy and the healthcare and ICT sectors;
11. Calls for Parliament to be given regular, detailed updates on the various stages in the implementation of pilot projects by the Commission.