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Draft opinion
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Establishment of a European Platform to enhance cooperation in the prevention and deterrence of undeclared work

Proposal for a decision
Amendment 11
Daniela Aiuto

Proposal for a decision
Recital 5a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(5a) Women are a category that has been greatly discriminated against and penalised in the workplace, as they are often forced to work free of charge, or as figureheads, thus greatly increasing the amount of undeclared work.

Amendment

Or. it

Amendment 12
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a decision
Recital 5a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(5a) The nature of undeclared work varies from one country to the other, depending on the economic, administrative, financial and social context. Undeclared work has also very different patterns depending on the nature and type of work and the concerned worker. Especially domestic work, mainly performed by women, poses a special challenge, as the work is in the informal sector, singularized and by its nature invisible. Therefore the development of measures to tackle undeclared work should be tailored accordingly.

Amendment

Or. en
Amendment 13
Daniela Aiuto
Proposal for a decision
Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) A distinction should be made between those who resort to undeclared work in order to avoid taxes and obtain other benefits and those who are forced to work in such conditions, which has a serious impact on their rights. The Platform should help to shed light on the two separate cases and safeguard the less protected categories. Equality should be ensured between men and women in the fight against undeclared work.

Or. it

Amendment 14
Daniela Aiuto
Proposal for a decision
Recital 6 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6b) Undeclared work has negative repercussions also on those who do it, for example with regard to their pensions, as well as on families, in particular single-income families with elderly women and single mothers.

Or. it

Amendment 15
Daniela Aiuto
Proposal for a decision
Recital 7 a (new)
Text proposed by the Commission

(7a) The high burden of taxation to which citizens are subject is one of the main causes of undeclared work, since those who provide a service are objectively unable to deal with the high tax levels. Until the tax burden becomes lighter and there are true equal rights between men and women, undeclared work is destined to grow, to distort the rest of the market and to have repercussions on families. The Platform should look in greater detail at the correlation between the tax burden and undeclared work, by analysing updated statistics.

Or. it

Amendment 16
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Proposal for a decision
Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(7a) Enhanced cooperation of Member States does not only allow for addressing the problem from a fiscal point of view but will also enable the exchange of best practices on social protection, such as pension rights and access to healthcare, including of those groups of undeclared workers that are in a particularly vulnerable position or performing work not even considered as undeclared in all Member States, such as informal childcare or care for elderly family members provided in close family networks, mainly by women.

Or. en
Amendment 17
Viorica Dăncilă

Proposal for a decision
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) A wide range of policy approaches and measures to tackle undeclared work have been introduced across the Member States. Member States have also concluded bilateral agreements and carried out multilateral projects on certain aspects of undeclared work. The Platform will not prevent the application of bilateral agreements or arrangements concerning administrative cooperation.

Amendment

(8) A wide range of policy approaches and measures to tackle undeclared work have been introduced across the Member States. Member States should adopt approaches and measures to prevent and combat undeclared work, giving the national authorities the necessary flexibility to decide on their level of involvement in the initiatives of the Platform. Member States have also concluded bilateral agreements and carried out multilateral projects on certain aspects of undeclared work, which should also include the development of exchanges of information and good practices, initiatives for the acquisition of fresh knowledge, an innovatory approach and evaluation of trial projects and the results obtained. The Platform will not prevent the application of bilateral agreements or arrangements concerning administrative cooperation.

Or. ro

Amendment 18
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a decision
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) A wide range of policy approaches and measures to tackle undeclared work have been introduced across the Member States. Member States have also concluded bilateral agreements and carried out multilateral projects on certain aspects of undeclared work.

Amendment

(8) A wide range of policy approaches and measures to tackle various forms of undeclared work have been introduced across the Member States. Member States have also concluded bilateral agreements and carried out multilateral projects on
undeclared work. The Platform will not prevent the application of bilateral agreements or arrangements concerning administrative cooperation.

Member States are also requested to sign up to the relevant ILO Conventions such as the Labour Inspection Convention (No. 81) and the Domestic Workers Convention (No. 189). The Platform should accompany Member States' actions and help to improve the subscription to and application of such agreements.

Amendment 19
Daniela Aiuto

Proposal for a decision
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) A wide range of policy approaches and measures to tackle undeclared work have been introduced across the Member States. Member States have also concluded bilateral agreements and carried out multilateral projects on certain aspects of undeclared work. The Platform will not prevent the application of bilateral agreements or arrangements concerning administrative cooperation.

Amendment

(8) A wide range of policy approaches and measures to tackle undeclared work have been introduced across the Member States. Member States have also concluded bilateral agreements and carried out multilateral projects on certain aspects of undeclared work. The Platform will not prevent the application of bilateral agreements or arrangements concerning administrative cooperation. Member States should, however, adopt measures with a view to establishing fairer and more sustainable working conditions, by reducing the tax burden for workers in order also to combat undeclared work and to protect women, in particular, as a highly disadvantaged category.

Amendment 20
Viorica Dăncilă
Proposal for a decision
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) The strengthening of cooperation among Member States at EU level is necessary to help Member States to prevent and deter undeclared work more efficiently and effectively.

Amendment

(10) The strengthening of cooperation among Member States at EU level is necessary to help Member States to prevent and deter undeclared work more efficiently and effectively, as well as creating decent and lasting employment, guaranteeing social protection, combating social exclusion and poverty and improving working conditions.

Or. ro

Amendment 21
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Proposal for a decision
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) The strengthening of cooperation among Member States at EU level is necessary to help Member States to prevent and deter undeclared work more efficiently and effectively.

Amendment

(10) The strengthening of cooperation among Member States at EU level is necessary to help Member States to prevent and deter undeclared work more efficiently and effectively, taking into account the gender differences.

Or. en

Amendment 22
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a decision
Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) In order to address undeclared work comprehensively and successfully, a policy

Amendment

(14) In order to address undeclared work comprehensively and successfully, a policy
mix is to be implemented in the Member States, *that is facilitated by* structured cooperation between relevant authorities. The cooperation should include all national authorities which are leading and/or active in the prevention and/or deterrence of undeclared work.

mix should be implemented in the Member States *based on* structured cooperation between all relevant bodies and actors. Special attention needs to be paid to hidden or underestimated areas of undeclared work such as in the sector of domestic work.

**Amendment 23**

Iratxe García Pérez

Proposal for a decision

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) In order to address undeclared work comprehensively and successfully, a policy mix is to be implemented in the Member States, that is facilitated by structured cooperation between relevant authorities. The cooperation should include all national authorities which are leading and/or active in the prevention and/or deterrence of undeclared work.

**Amendment**

(14) In order to address undeclared work comprehensively and successfully, a gender mainstreamed policy mix is to be implemented in the Member States, that is facilitated by structured cooperation between relevant authorities. The cooperation should include all national authorities which are leading and/or active in the prevention and/or deterrence of undeclared work.

Or. es

**Amendment 24**

Sirpa Pietikäinen

Proposal for a decision

Recital 14 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(14a) Within the Platform, positive measures, such as tax incentives and service vouchers, should be put forward to facilitate European citizens to lawfully employ workers and fulfil their duties as
employers, also in social sectors such as household, cleaning or childcare services.

Amendment 25
Viorica Dăncilă

Proposal for a decision
Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) The Platform should involve the social partners at EU level, both cross-industry and in those sectors more severely affected by undeclared work, and cooperate with relevant international organisations, such as the International Labour Organisation (ILO), and Union decentralised agencies, in particular Eurofound and European Agency for Safety and Health at Work. The involvement of Eurofound and European Agency for Safety and Health at Work in the work of the Platform as observers will not extend their existing mandates.

Amendment

(16) The Platform should involve the social partners at EU level, both cross-industry and in those sectors more severely affected by undeclared work, step up social dialogue and cooperate with relevant international organisations, such as the International Labour Organisation (ILO), and Union decentralised agencies, in particular Eurofound and European Agency for Safety and Health at Work. The involvement of Eurofound and European Agency for Safety and Health at Work in the work of the Platform as observers will not extend their existing mandates.

Amendment 26
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a decision
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) The Platform can establish working groups to examine specific issues and should be able to rely on the expertise of professionals with specific competences.

Amendment

(19) The Platform can establish working groups to examine specific issues such as targeted policies for workers in the informal sector who are young, elderly or female, and particularly women with
disabilities and immigrants, and should be able to rely on the expertise of professionals with specific competences.

Amendment 27
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) The Platform shall be composed of:

Amendment

(2) The Platform shall be composed of balanced representation from:

Or. es

Amendment 28
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) representatives of the cross-industry social partners at Union level, as well as social partners in sectors with a high incidence of undeclared work,

Amendment

(a) representatives of the cross-industry social partners at Union level, as well as social partners in sectors with a high incidence of undeclared work, including European women’s associations,

Or. es

Amendment 29
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 3 – point b
Text proposed by the Commission

(b) a representative of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) and a representative of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA),

Amendment

(b) a representative of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound), a representative of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), and a representative of the European Institute for Gender Equality.

Amendment 30
Viorica Dăncilă

Proposal for a decision
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The Platform, as set out in Article 1 (1), shall contribute to better enforcement of EU and national law, to the reduction of undeclared work and the emergence of formal jobs, hence avoiding the deterioration of quality of work, and to promote integration in the labour market and social inclusion by:

Amendment

The Platform, as set up under Article 1 (1), shall ensure a common understanding of undeclared work through the adoption of clear and uniform definitions thereof, so as to reflect the reality of the employment market and contribute to better enforcement of EU and national law, to the reduction of undeclared work and the emergence of formal jobs, hence avoiding the deterioration of quality of work, and to promote integration under equal conditions in the labour market and social inclusion by:

Amendment 31
Iratxe García Pérez

Proposal for a decision
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – introductory part
The Platform, as set out in Article 1 (1), shall contribute to better enforcement of EU and national law, to the reduction of undeclared work and the emergence of formal jobs, hence avoiding the deterioration of quality of work, and to promote integration in the labour market and social inclusion by:

**Amendment**

The Platform, as set out in Article 1 (1), shall contribute to better enforcement of EU and national law, to the reduction of undeclared work and the emergence of formal jobs, hence avoiding the deterioration of quality of work, and to promote integration in the labour market, gender equality, equal opportunities and social inclusion by:

Or. es

**Amendment 32**

Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – introductory part**

**Text proposed by the Commission**

The Platform, as set out in Article 1 (1), shall contribute to better enforcement of EU and national law, to the reduction of undeclared work and the emergence of formal jobs, hence avoiding the deterioration of quality of work, and to promote integration in the labour market and social inclusion by:

**Amendment**

The Platform, as set out in Article 1 (1), shall contribute to better enforcement of EU and national law, to the reduction of undeclared work and the emergence of formal jobs, **to improve the transition from the informal to the formal economy**, hence avoiding the deterioration of quality of work, and to promote integration in the labour market and social inclusion by:

Or. en

**Justification**

*It is very important to improve the transition from the informal to the formal economy, especially in those sectors where mostly are working women, such as work in private households – cleaning services, babysitting or taking care of the elderly or disabled people. These jobs are not regularised and they are often precarious, without social guarantees and undeclared.*
Amendment 33  
Sirpa Pietikäinen  
Proposal for a decision  
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point c  

Text proposed by the Commission  
(c) increasing public awareness on the urgency of action and encouraging Member States to step up their efforts in dealing with undeclared work.

Amendment  
(c) increasing public awareness on the urgency of action and encouraging Member States to step up their efforts in dealing with undeclared work, *also in social sectors that are less well documented and often not considered as sectors where undeclared working takes place.*

Or. en

Amendment 34  
Vilija Blinkevičiūtė  
Proposal for a decision  
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)  

Text proposed by the Commission  
(ca) preventing the informalisation of formal economy jobs.

Amendment  
(ca) preventing the informalisation of formal economy jobs.

Or. en

Amendment 35  
Vilija Blinkevičiūtė  
Proposal for a decision  
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)  

Text proposed by the Commission  
(aa) offer a common understanding of undeclared work by adopting a clear definition of undeclared work to reflect the reality of labour,

Amendment  
(aa) offer a common understanding of undeclared work by adopting a clear definition of undeclared work to reflect the reality of labour,
Amendment 36
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a decision
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) it shall make suggestions for harmonisation for the various Member States, taking account of the gender perspective.

Amendment 37
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a decision
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) Improve the knowledge of undeclared work by means of common concepts, measurement tools and promotion of joint comparative analysis and related relevant indicators, including gender- and age-sensitive indicators,

Amendment 38
Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Proposal for a decision
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c
Text proposed by the Commission

(c) Establish tools, for instance a knowledge bank of different practices/measures, including bilateral agreements used in the Member States to deter and prevent undeclared work,

Amendment

(c) Establish efficient tools, for instance an interactive knowledge bank within Eurofound of different practices/measures, including bilateral agreements used in the Member States, to deter and prevent undeclared work, and the regularisation of jobs.

Amendment 39
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Proposal for a decision
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) Establish tools, for instance a knowledge bank of different practices/measures, including bilateral agreements used in the Member States to deter and prevent undeclared work,

Amendment

(c) Establish tools, for instance a knowledge bank of different practices/measures, including bilateral agreements used in the Member States to deter and prevent undeclared work and positive measures to encourage citizens to legally employ those people that previously worked undeclared,

Amendment 40
Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Proposal for a decision
Article 4 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) In carrying out its tasks, the Platform will make use of all relevant sources of information, including studies and multilateral cooperation projects and take

Amendment

(2) In carrying out its tasks, the Platform shall make use of all relevant sources of information, including studies and multilateral cooperation projects and take
into account relevant Union instruments and structures, as well the experience of relevant bilateral agreements. It will establish appropriate cooperation with Eurofound and EU-OSHA.

Justification

Eurofound’s current database is regarded as a useful tool. The transformation of the database into an interactive knowledge bank should be even more useful allowing for facilitating exchange of experience and good practice, providing up-to-date, objective, reliable and comparative information. For this reason, the rapporteur calls on the European Commission to create a Knowledge Bank within Eurofound to support the European Platform to enhance cooperation in the prevention and deterrence of undeclared work, as an additional task of the Agency.

Amendment 41
Iratxe García Pérez

Proposal for a decision
Article 4 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) In carrying out its tasks, the Platform will make use of all relevant sources of information, including studies and multilateral cooperation projects and take into account relevant Union instruments and structures, as well the experience of relevant bilateral agreements. It will establish appropriate cooperation with Eurofound and EU-OSHA.

Amendment

(2) In carrying out its tasks, the Platform will take account of gender mainstreaming and make use of all relevant sources of information, including studies and multilateral cooperation projects and take into account relevant Union instruments and structures, as well as the experience of relevant bilateral agreements. It will establish appropriate cooperation with Eurofound, EU-OSHA and EIGE.
Amendment 42
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a decision
Article 5 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) Each Member State shall appoint one single point of contact as a member of the Platform. They may also appoint one alternate member.

Amendment

(1) Each Member State shall appoint one single point of contact as a member of the Platform. They may also appoint one alternate member. Both appointments shall respect the gender balance.

Or. es

Amendment 43
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a decision
Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) Representatives of the social partners at cross-industry level, as well as from sectors with high incidence of undeclared work may attend meetings of the Platform as observers, according to the procedures determined by their organisations.

Amendment

(1) Representatives of the social partners at cross-industry level, women’s associations representing sectors with high incidence of undeclared work may attend meetings of the Platform as observers, according to the procedures determined by their organisations.

Or. es

Amendment 44
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a decision
Article 6 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) A maximum of 8 observers representing social partners at cross-

Amendment

(a) A maximum of 8 observers ensuring balanced representation of social partners
industry level (divided evenly between employers' and workers' organisations),
at cross-industry level (divided evenly between employers' and workers' organisations),

Or. es

Amendment 45
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a decision
Article 6 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission
(b) A maximum of 10 observers representing social partners in sectors with a high incidence of undeclared work (divided evenly between employers' and workers' organisations).

Amendment
(b) A maximum of 10 observers ensuring balanced representation of social partners in sectors with a high incidence of undeclared work (divided evenly between employers' and workers' organisations).

Or. es

Amendment 46
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a decision
Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission
(1) The Commission shall coordinate the work of the Platform and chair its meetings.

Amendment
(1) The Commission shall coordinate the work of the Platform, which should be organised as follows:

(a) Each Platform meeting shall be chaired by two representatives of its members who must neither be of the same sex nor from the same EU Member State,

(b) The chairpersons shall be assisted by two vice-chairpersons who must neither be of the same sex nor from the same EU Member State,

(c) The chairpersons and the vice-
chairpersons shall constitute the Bureau,

(d) The Bureau shall prepare and organise the work of the Platform in conjunction with the Commission’s services as a Secretariat.

Amendment 47
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a decision
Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) a two-year work programme of the Platform setting out, inter alia, its detailed tasks and regular reports of the Platform in every two years,

Amendment

(b) a two-year work programme of the Platform setting out, inter alia, its detailed tasks and regular reports of the Platform in every two years, the drafting of which shall take account of the gender perspective,

Amendment 48
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a decision
Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the establishment of working groups to examine issues specified in work programmes of the Platform. Such working groups shall be dissolved as soon as their mandates are fulfilled.

Amendment

(c) the establishment of working groups, which must ensure balanced representation, to examine issues specified in the work programmes of the Platform. Such working groups shall be dissolved as soon as their mandates are fulfilled.
Amendment 49
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a decision
Article 7 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Experts with specific competence in a subject under discussion may be invited on a case-by-case basis to participate in the Platform's or working group's deliberations if this is useful and/or necessary.

Amendment

(3) Experts with specific competence in a subject under discussion, selected in accordance with the principles of gender balance, may be invited on a case-by-case basis to participate in the Platform's or working group's deliberations if this is useful and/or necessary.

Or. es