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Amendment 1
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the Commission Communication entitled "Early Childhood Education and Care: Providing all our children with the best start for the world of tomorrow" (COM(2011)66) (Communication on ECEC),

Or. en

Amendment 2
Oriol Junqueras Vies

Motion for a resolution
Citation 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to its resolution of 24 March 2009 on 'Multilingualism: an asset for Europe and a shared commitment' (OJ C 117E, 06.05.2010, p.59),

Or. fr

Amendment 3
Malika Benarab-Attou

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas *children's early learning* lays the foundation for *their* lifelong learning, *which is central to the achievement of the EU 2020 targets*,

Amendment

A. whereas *the early years of childhood are critical for brain, physical and cognitive development as well as for language acquisition, and also form* the foundation for lifelong learning,

Or. fr

Amendment 4
Nadja Hirsch

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas children's early learning lays the foundation for *their* lifelong learning, which is central to the achievement of the EU 2020 targets,

Amendment

A. whereas children's early learning lays the foundation for *successful* lifelong learning, which is central to the achievement of the EU 2020 targets,

Or. de

Amendment 5
Hella Ranner

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Aa. whereas children in their earliest years are particularly curious, receptive and willing to learn and whereas important skills such as the ability to speak and express oneself as well as social skills are formed at this age; whereas it is at this age that the foundations for the child's future educational and occupational career are laid and any deficits can still be remedied,

Amendment

Amendment 6
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas throughout the EU, early childhood education and care (ECEC) is provided in different ways, with various definitions of ‘quality’ which depend heavily on states’ cultural values and their interpretation of ‘childhood’,

Amendment

B. whereas throughout the EU, early childhood education and care (ECEC) is provided in different ways, with various definitions of ‘quality’ which depend heavily on states’ cultural values and their interpretation of ‘childhood’, ***which should nonetheless be respected,***

Or. en

Amendment 7
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas throughout the EU, early childhood education and care (ECEC) is provided in different ways, with various definitions of ‘quality’ which depend heavily on states’ cultural values and their interpretation of ‘childhood’,

Amendment

B. whereas throughout the EU, early childhood education and care (ECEC) is provided in different ways, with various definitions of ‘quality’ which depend heavily on states’ ***and regions’*** cultural values and their interpretation of ‘childhood’,

Or. en

Amendment 8
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas throughout the EU, early childhood education and care (ECEC) is provided in different ways, with various definitions of 'quality' which depend heavily on states' cultural values and their interpretation of 'childhood',

Amendment

B. whereas throughout the EU, early childhood education and care (ECEC) is provided in different ways, with various definitions of 'quality' which depend heavily on states' cultural values and their interpretation of 'childhood', ***and whereas Member States have the right to formulate their own policies in the area of early learning,***

Or. pl

Amendment 9

Malika Benarab-Attou

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas poor and vulnerable families have been shown to benefit most from publicly-funded access to ECEC services; whereas there is a clear link between disadvantage and poor educational attainment, with disadvantaged groups less likely to seek access to ECEC services due to issues of availability and affordability;

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 10

Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas poor and vulnerable families

Amendment

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have been shown to benefit most from **publicly-funded** access to ECEC services; whereas **there is a clear link between disadvantage and poor educational attainment, with** disadvantaged groups less likely to seek access to ECEC services **due to issues of availability and affordability,**

have been shown to benefit most from access to ECEC services; whereas disadvantaged groups **are** less likely to seek access to ECEC services,

Or. en

Amendment 11
Hella Ranner

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas ECEC tends to receive less attention and lower investment than any other stage of education, despite clear evidence that investment in it brings **greater** returns **than investment at any other stage of education,**

Amendment

D. whereas ECEC tends to receive less attention and lower investment than any other stage of education, despite clear evidence that investment in it brings **great** returns,

Or. de

Amendment 12
Nadja Hirsch

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas ECEC targets are often overly labour-market driven, focusing too heavily on the need to increase the numbers of women in work and too loosely on the needs and best interests of the child,

deleted

Amendment

Or. de

Amendment 13
Milan Zver

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas ECEC targets are often overly labour-market driven, focusing too heavily on the need to increase the numbers of women in work and too loosely on the needs and best interests of the child,

Amendment

deleted

Or. sl

Amendment 14
Silvia Costa

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas ECEC targets *are often overly labour-market driven, focusing too heavily on* the need to increase the numbers of women in work and *too loosely on* the needs and *best* interests of the child,

Amendment

E. whereas ECEC targets *must maintain an appropriate balance between* the need to increase the numbers of women in work and the needs and *primary* interests of the child,

Or. it

Amendment 15
Malika Benarab-Attou

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas ECEC targets are often overly labour-market driven, *focusing too heavily*

Amendment

E. whereas ECEC targets are often overly labour-market driven, *and do not focus*

on the need to increase the numbers of women in work and too loosely on the needs and best interests of the child,

sufficiently on the needs and best interests of the child,

Or. fr

Amendment 16
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas ECEC targets are often overly labour-market driven, focusing too heavily on the need to increase *the numbers of women in work and too loosely on* the needs and best interests of the child,

Amendment

E. whereas ECEC targets are often overly labour-market driven, focusing too heavily on the need to increase *employment rates, and paying too little attention to* the needs and best interests of the child,

Or. fr

Amendment 17
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ea. whereas many households have major difficulties in reconciling family obligations with the constraints of work linked to current changes in the labour market, such as the trend for employees to be required to work atypical and flexible hours and the rise of insecure jobs,

Or. fr

Amendment 18
Malika Benarab-Attou

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas there is a direct link between the well-being of parents and children and the provision of early years **benefits and services**,

Amendment

F. whereas there is a direct link between the well-being of parents and children and the provision, **in terms of both quantity and quality**, of early years services,

Or. fr

Amendment 19
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas childcare has traditionally been seen as the natural activity of women, which has led to a dominance of females working in the ECEC field; **whereas ECEC service providers tend to offer low rates of pay**,

Amendment

G. whereas childcare has traditionally been seen as the natural activity of women, which has led to a dominance of females working in the ECEC field,

Or. en

Amendment 20
Milan Zver

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas childcare has traditionally been seen as the natural activity of women, which has led to a dominance of females working in the ECEC field; **whereas ECEC service providers tend to offer low**

Amendment

G. whereas childcare has traditionally been seen as the natural activity of women, which has led to a dominance of females working in the ECEC field;

rates of pay,

Or. sl

Amendment 21
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H. whereas staff qualifications vary markedly between Member States and between types of providers, and in most Member States there is no requirement on pre-school providers to employ staff with specific qualifications,

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 22
Malika Benarab-Attou

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Child-centred approach

Child-*development*-centred approach

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Malika Benarab-Attou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Notes that the early years of childhood

deleted

are critical for brain, physical and cognitive development, and language acquirement, and also lay the foundations for lifelong learning;

Or. fr

Amendment 24
Hannu Takkula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the early years of childhood are critical for *brain, physical and cognitive development, and language acquirement, and also lay* the foundations for lifelong learning;

Amendment

2. Notes that the early years of childhood are critical for *the overall development of the child, comprising cognitive, sensomotor and affective development, and that early childhood should also create the basis for growth, enabling the child to become a balanced human being and laying* the foundations for lifelong learning;

Or. fi

Amendment 25
Nadja Hirsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the early years of childhood are critical for brain, physical and cognitive development, and language acquirement, and also lay the foundations for lifelong learning;

Amendment

2. Notes that the early years of childhood are critical for brain, physical, *personal* and cognitive development, and language acquirement, and also lay the foundations for lifelong learning;

Or. de

Amendment 26
Olga Sehnalová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the early years of childhood are critical for brain, physical and cognitive development, and language acquirement, and also lay the foundations for lifelong learning;

Amendment

2. Notes that the early years of childhood are critical for brain, physical and cognitive development, and language acquirement, and also lay the foundations for lifelong learning, ***and notes that ECEC supports the healthy mental and physical development of children;***

Or. cs

Amendment 27
Hella Ranner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the early years of childhood are critical for brain, physical and cognitive development, and language acquirement, and also lay the foundations for lifelong learning;

Amendment

2. Notes that the early years of childhood are critical for brain, physical and cognitive development, and language acquirement, and also lay the foundations for lifelong learning; ***therefore recommends that the Member States consider introducing a compulsory nursery school year before the start of schooling proper;***

Or. de

Amendment 28
Oriol Junqueras Vies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Recalls the importance of all early learning in the acquisition of knowledge, particularly of languages, multilingualism and linguistic diversity;

Or. fr

Amendment 29

Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Stresses that the early development of healthy lifestyle behaviours, such as good nutrition habits, can have a profound impact on physical and mental development and be a key determinant of health throughout life;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Hannu Takkula

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Highlights that ***in addition to education, all*** children have the right to ***rest, leisure and play;***

4. Highlights that children have the right to ***a childhood, which, in addition to play, comprises opportunities for sufficient leisure and rest;***

Or. fi

Amendment 31
Milan Zver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Highlights that in addition to education, all children have the right to rest, leisure and play;

Amendment

4. Highlights that in addition to **protection** education **and care**, all children have the right to rest, leisure and play;

Or. sl

Amendment 32
Oriol Junqueras Vies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Encourages the introduction and retention of innovative pedagogical models for language teaching, particularly multilingual crèches and nursery schools which meet the objective set in Barcelona in 2002, focusing in particular on the learning of regional languages;

Or. fr

Amendment 33
Malika Benarab-Attou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Stresses that cultural activities are a source of enrichment for children, promote dialogue between different cultures and develop a spirit of openness

and tolerance; recalls in this connection the importance for teams of professionals working with and for children of carrying out intercultural activities with children and their parents;

Or. fr

Amendment 34
Malika Benarab-Attou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Encourages the development of initiatives such as philosophy workshops in nursery schools in certain priority education zones in France;

Or. fr

Amendment 35
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Notes the significant role played by gender stereotypes in our educational practices, and emphasises the importance of drawing up strategies designed to lead to the establishment of gender-neutral education from the earliest age;

Or. fr

Amendment 36
Milan Zver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Stresses that the preschool period is the most important time in a child's emotional and social development, and that therefore staff working with preschool children must have appropriate qualifications and demonstrate a suitable personality for working with preschool children;

Or. sl

Amendment 37
Milan Zver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Stresses the importance of appropriate and balanced exercise and acquiring healthy eating habits in the preschool period; warns against including children too early in certain intensive results-oriented sports activities;

Or. sl

Amendment 38
Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Piotr Borys

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Draws attention to the importance of developing and improving educational establishments (after-school facilities) which look after children after preschool classes;

Or. pl

Amendment 39

Milan Zver

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Stresses that Member States must allow pluralist approaches in the preschool curriculum and practice;

Or. sl

Amendment 40

Olga Sehnalová

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. *Recognises* that mothers and fathers are ***collaborators*** in ECEC; recognises that ECEC services should be fully participative, involving all staff, parents and, where possible, children themselves;

8. *Stresses* that ***parents, both*** mothers and fathers, are ***equal partners*** in ECEC; recognises that ECEC services should be fully participative, involving all staff, parents and, where possible, children themselves;

Or. cs

Amendment 41
Nadja Hirsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Calls on the Member States to implement the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities promptly;

Or. de

Amendment 42
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Encourages Member States to invest in parental education programmes, and, where appropriate, to provide home visiting services for parents who need additional help;

deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 43
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Encourages Member States to invest in parental education programmes, and, where appropriate, to provide **home visiting services** for parents who need additional help;

9. Encourages Member States to invest in parental education programmes, and, where appropriate, to provide **other forms of assistance** for parents who need additional help;

Amendment 44
Nadja Hirsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Encourages Member States to invest in parental education programmes, and, where appropriate, to provide home visiting services for parents who need additional help;

Amendment

9. Encourages Member States to invest in parental education programmes, and, where appropriate, to provide home visiting services for parents who need additional help; ***considers, furthermore, that parents should be provided with free, low-threshold, on-site access to advisory services in crèches;***

Or. de

Amendment 45
Nadja Hirsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

9a. Notes that children of parents without legal residence status are still not given access to early years learning in all Member States;

Or. de

Amendment 46
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Highlights that the provision of maternity and paternity leave of sufficient length **is an essential component** in effective ECEC policy;

Amendment

10. Highlights that the provision of maternity and paternity leave of sufficient length, **as well as the implementation of efficient and flexible labour market policies, are essential components** in effective ECEC policy;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Highlights that the provision of maternity and paternity leave of sufficient length is an essential component in effective ECEC policy;

Amendment

10. Highlights that the provision of maternity and paternity leave of sufficient length is an essential component in effective ECEC policy, **and stresses that regulating the length and form of that leave should be a matter for the Member States;**

Or. pl

Amendment 48
Nadja Hirsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

10a. Calls on the Member States to provide the children of asylum seekers, refugees and persons with subsidiary protection status or leave to remain on humanitarian grounds with access to early childhood education so as not to

Amendment

restrict their life chances at the outset;

Or. de

Amendment 49
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Integrated and holistic approach

Better integration of services

Or. en

Amendment 50
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Encourages Member States to integrate ECEC services, with better ***coordination*** between the different ministries working on early childhood policies and programmes;

11. Encourages Member States to integrate ECEC services, with better ***cooperation*** between the different ministries working on early childhood policies and programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Silvia Costa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Encourages Member States to integrate ECEC services, with better coordination

11. Encourages Member States to integrate ECEC services, with better coordination

between the different *ministries* working on early childhood policies and programmes;

between the different *institutions* working on early childhood policies and programmes;

Or. it

Amendment 52
Olga Sehnalová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Encourages Member States to integrate ECEC services, *with* better coordination between the different ministries working on early childhood policies and programmes;

Amendment

11. Encourages Member States to integrate ECEC services, *providing support for their development and activities and, at the same time*, better coordination between the different ministries working on early childhood policies and programmes;

Or. cs

Amendment 53
Milan Zver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

11a. Encourages the Member States to allow ECEC services sufficient autonomy to retain their uniqueness and creativity in seeking solutions for the wellbeing of children;

Amendment

Or. sl

Amendment 54
Milan Zver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Highlights the importance of innovative ECEC services, which are local in character and which bring together community members from the health, social, education and other sectors;

Amendment

12. Highlights the importance of innovative ECEC services, which are local in character and which bring together community members from the health, social, education, **arts** and other sectors;

Or. sl

Amendment 55
Silvia Costa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Calls on the Member States, in synergy with local authorities and private-sector social services, to promote and finance measures and projects to provide ECEC services to children from disadvantaged social groups, monitoring and assessing them;

Or. it

Amendment 56
Nadja Hirsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls for the development of a European framework for ECEC services

Amendment

deleted

with shared goals and values;

Or. de

Amendment 57
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Calls for the development of a European framework for ECEC services with shared goals and values;

deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 58
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Calls for the development of a European framework for ECEC services **with** shared goals and values;

13. Calls for the development of a European framework for ECEC services **that respects Member States' cultural diversity and highlights** shared goals and values;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Nadja Hirsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Recognises that account needs to be taken of the variety of families' differing life situations and the concomitant diversity of their needs, and looks to see a diverse, flexible and innovative range of early childhood education and care provision;

Or. de

Amendment 60
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Regrets that in an unstable economic climate ECEC policies are easily neglected; **highlights that Member States should devote appropriate resources to ECEC services;**

14. Regrets that in an unstable economic climate ECEC policies are easily neglected;

Or. pl

Amendment 61
Milan Zver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. **Regrets** that **in an** unstable economic climate ECEC **policies are easily neglected**; highlights that Member States should devote appropriate resources to ECEC services;

14. **Stresses** that **despite the current** unstable economic climate **we must not neglect to invest substantially in** ECEC **services**; highlights that Member States should devote appropriate resources to ECEC services;

Amendment 62
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Regrets that in an unstable economic climate ECEC policies are easily neglected; highlights that Member States *should* devote appropriate resources to ECEC services;

Amendment

14. Regrets that in an unstable economic climate ECEC policies are easily neglected **and that the cuts in education budgets being implemented by several Member States are leading to the loss of posts for ECEC professionals among others; calls for the reinstatement of the posts which have been cut and** highlights that Member States *must* devote appropriate resources to ECEC services;

Amendment 63
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Restates that investment in ECEC has been proven to have later economic benefits, such as increased tax contributions through a strengthened workforce, as well as reduced future health costs, lower crime rates and fewer instances of antisocial behaviour;

Amendment

15. Restates that investment in ECEC has been proven to have later economic benefits, such as increased tax contributions through a strengthened workforce, as well as reduced future health costs, lower crime rates and fewer instances of antisocial behaviour; **stresses that prevention is a more effective tool, and more cost efficient, than intervention at a later stage;**

Amendment 64
Hella Ranner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Restates that investment in ECEC has been proven to have later economic benefits, such as increased tax contributions through a strengthened workforce, as well as reduced future health costs, lower crime rates and fewer instances of antisocial behaviour;

Amendment

15. Restates that investment in ECEC has been proven to have later economic **and social** benefits, such as increased tax contributions through a strengthened workforce, as well as reduced future health costs, lower crime rates and fewer instances of antisocial behaviour;

Or. de

Amendment 65
Malika Benarab-Attou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Recognises that quality early years education can help reduce early school leaving, *which affects society as a whole; notes that young people from vulnerable social groups such as migrant backgrounds, especially males, are particularly at risk;*

Amendment

16. Recognises that quality early years education can help reduce early school leaving;

Or. fr

Amendment 66
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Recognises that quality early years education can help reduce early school leaving, *which affects society as a whole; notes that young people from vulnerable social groups such as migrant backgrounds, especially males, are particularly at risk;*

Amendment

16. Recognises that quality early years education can help reduce early school leaving, *combat the educational disadvantages of children from disadvantaged social and cultural groups and reduce the resulting social and cultural inequalities;*

Or. fr

Amendment 67
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Recognises that quality early years education can help reduce early school leaving, which affects society as a whole; notes that young people from vulnerable social groups *such as migrant backgrounds, especially males,* are particularly at risk;

Amendment

16. Recognises that quality early years education can help reduce early school leaving, which affects society as a whole; notes that young people from vulnerable social groups are particularly at risk;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Highlights that high-quality ECEC services are a complement to, not a substitute for, a strong welfare system incorporating a broad range of anti-poverty tools; *calls on Member States to*

Amendment

17. Highlights that high-quality ECEC services are a complement to, not a substitute for, a strong welfare system incorporating a broad range of anti-poverty tools;

implement financial redistribution measures, child and family benefits, and other social expenditure in order to address societal poverty;

Or. pl

Amendment 69
Malika Benarab-Attou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Highlights that high-quality ECEC services are a complement to, not a substitute for, a strong welfare system incorporating a broad range of anti-poverty tools; ***calls on Member States to implement financial redistribution measures, child and family benefits, and other social expenditure in order to address societal poverty;***

Amendment

17. Highlights that high-quality ECEC services are a complement to, not a substitute for, a strong welfare system incorporating a broad range of anti-poverty tools;

Or. fr

Amendment 70
Nadja Hirsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Highlights that high-quality ECEC services are a complement to, not a substitute for, a strong welfare system incorporating a broad range of anti-poverty tools; ***calls on Member States to implement financial redistribution measures, child and family benefits, and other social expenditure in order to address societal poverty;***

Amendment

17. Highlights that high-quality ECEC services are a complement to, not a substitute for, a strong welfare system incorporating a broad range of anti-poverty tools; ***notes the UNICEF studies on combating child poverty, which show that investment in infrastructure does more to address child poverty than individual financial benefits, which often do not***

reach the children;

Or. de

Amendment 71
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Highlights that high-quality ECEC services are a complement to, not a substitute for, a strong welfare system incorporating a broad range of anti-poverty tools; calls on Member States to ***implement financial redistribution measures, child and family benefits, and other social expenditure in order to*** address societal poverty;

Amendment

17. Highlights that high-quality ECEC services are a complement to, not a substitute for, a strong welfare system incorporating a broad range of anti-poverty tools; calls on Member States to address societal poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Milan Zver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Highlights that high-quality ECEC services are a complement to, not a substitute for, a strong welfare system incorporating a broad range of anti-poverty tools; calls on Member States to implement financial redistribution measures, child and family benefits, and other social expenditure in order to address societal poverty;

Amendment

17. Highlights that high-quality ECEC services are a complement to, not a substitute for, a strong welfare system incorporating a broad range of anti-poverty tools; calls on Member States to implement financial redistribution measures, child and family benefits, and other social expenditure in order to address societal poverty ***and to develop suitable mechanisms to ensure that child and family benefits are used for the children's benefit and prevent the abuse of those***

resources, for example by parents with addiction problems;

Or. sl

Amendment 73
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Recognises that having qualified and well-trained staff working with young children *has the most notable impact on the quality of ECEC services*, and as such calls on Member States to raise professional standards *by introducing recognised qualifications for those working in the ECEC field;*

Amendment

18. Recognises that having qualified and well-trained staff working with young children *is beneficial* and, as such, calls on Member States to raise professional standards,

Or. en

Amendment 74
Silvia Costa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Recognises that having qualified and well-trained staff working with young children has the most notable impact on the quality of ECEC services, and as such calls on Member States to raise professional standards by introducing recognised qualifications for those working in the ECEC field;

Amendment

18. Recognises that having qualified and well-trained staff working with young children has the most notable impact on the quality of ECEC services, and as such calls on Member States to raise professional standards by introducing recognised qualifications for those working in the ECEC field *and to provide continuous training in order to increase and update specific skills;*

Or. it

Amendment 75
Nadja Hirsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Recognises that having qualified and well-trained staff working with young children has the most notable impact on the quality of ECEC services, and as such calls on Member States to raise professional standards by introducing recognised qualifications for those working in the ECEC field;

Amendment

18. Recognises that having qualified and well-trained staff working with young children has the most notable impact on the quality of ECEC services, and as such calls on Member States to raise professional standards by introducing recognised qualifications for those working in the ECEC field; ***calls, in the implementation of the EQF, for account to be taken of the quality of education and thus of learning outcomes, rather than of the level of formal educational qualifications;***

Or. de

Amendment 76
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Recognises that having qualified and well-trained staff working with young children has the most notable impact on the quality of ECEC services, and as such calls on Member States to raise professional standards by introducing recognised qualifications for those working in the ECEC field;

Amendment

18. Recognises that having qualified and well-trained staff working with young children has the most notable impact on the quality of ECEC services, and as such calls on Member States to raise professional standards by introducing recognised qualifications for those working in the ECEC field; ***notes that other factors, including staff to child ratio, group sizes and curriculum content, can also affect quality;***

Or. en

Amendment 77
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Recognises the need for more connections and transfers of approaches between ECEC educators and primary school teachers, focusing on the continuity of learning methods;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Encourages Member States to ensure that all qualified ECEC staff are ideally paid a salary in line with that of primary school teachers;

deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 79
Milan Zver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Encourages Member States to ensure that all qualified ECEC staff are ideally paid a salary in line with that of primary

deleted

school teachers;

Or. sl

Amendment 80
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Encourages Member States to ensure that all qualified ECEC staff are *ideally* paid a salary *in line with that of primary school teachers;*

Amendment

19. Encourages Member States to ensure that all qualified ECEC staff are paid a *fair* salary;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on Member States to address the problem of the gendering of care work by implementing policies to increase the numbers of men on ECEC courses, ensuring where possible that at least 20% are male;

Amendment

deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 82
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on Member States to address the problem of the gendering of care work by implementing policies to increase the numbers of men on ECEC courses, ***ensuring where possible that at least 20% are male;***

Amendment

20. Calls on Member States to address the problem of the gendering of care work by implementing policies to increase the numbers of men on ECEC courses,

Or. en

Amendment 83
Milan Zver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on Member States to address the problem of the gendering of care work by implementing policies to increase the numbers of men on ECEC courses, ***ensuring where possible that at least 20% are male;***

Amendment

20. Calls on Member States to address the problem of the gendering of care work by implementing policies to increase the numbers of men on ECEC courses;

Or. sl

Amendment 84
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

20a. Notes that the positive effects of early intervention programmes can only be sustained in the long term if they are followed up with high-quality primary and secondary education;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 85
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. Calls on Member States to develop mechanisms to evaluate provision and ensure that quality standards are respected, in order to improve ECEC services;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. **Regrets** the *lack* of empirical data on *young children*; calls for *more extensive* research across the EU, *taking* into account the cultural diversity of Member States;

21. **Points out that despite** the *existence* of *vast amounts of* empirical data on *the subject (National Association for the Education of Young Children, UNICEF, International Early Years Education Journal, OECD etc.)*, *there is still a need to better understand childhood development in early years education*; calls for *further investigation and* research across the EU *which takes* into account the cultural diversity of Member States,

Or. en

Amendment 87
Hella Ranner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Regrets the lack of empirical data on young children; calls for more extensive research ***across the EU***, taking into account the cultural diversity of Member States;

Amendment

21. Regrets the lack of empirical data on young children ***in some Member States***; calls ***therefore*** for more extensive research ***and for an EU-wide exchange of results***, taking into account the cultural diversity of Member States;

Or. de

Amendment 88
Mary Honeyball

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Welcomes the Commission's intention to promote the identification and exchange of good policies and practices through the open method of coordination, as mentioned in the Communication on ECEC;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Recommends that a dedicated unit within the Commission develops a resource base profiling Member States' ECEC provision in order to facilitate the exchange of best practices and to build on and improve existing ECEC targets;

deleted

Amendment 90
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Recommends that ***a dedicated unit within the Commission develops a resource base profiling*** Member States' ***ECEC provision in order to facilitate the exchange of best practices and to build on and improve existing ECEC targets;***

Amendment

23. Recommends that Member States ***cooperate and*** exchange best practices ***in order*** to improve existing ECEC ***programmes,***

Or. en

Amendment 91
Malika Benarab-Attou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Recommends that ***a dedicated unit within*** the Commission develops a resource base profiling Member States' ECEC provision in order to facilitate the exchange of best practices and to build on and improve existing ECEC targets;

Amendment

23. Recommends that the Commission develops a resource base profiling Member States' ECEC provision in order to facilitate the exchange of best practices and to build on and improve existing ECEC targets;

Or. fr