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Amendment 1
Andrzej Grzyb

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Welcomes the Commission's recognition of the need of promoting entrepreneurship and self-employment; is of the opinion that establishment of proper environment and incentives for creation and sustaining of the businesses is crucial but not enough for the development of the European economy; therefore stresses that the proper training of entrepreneurial skills is needed on both middle and higher education levels so that Europe does not lag behind other actors; underlines the role of European Institute of Technology in fostering business creation and development through innovation driven research and strong emphasis on entrepreneurship;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Jean-Pierre Audy

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Welcomes the Commission's first priority of giving a new impetus to flexicurity by strengthening its four components: flexible and reliable contractual arrangements, active labour-market policies, lifelong learning and training and modern social security systems;

Amendment 3
Philippe Lamberts

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Member States and, where warranted, the regions to set up an employment monitoring centre focusing on future needs so as to anticipate the latter and provide qualifications that will maximise the likelihood of finding employment, particularly for young people;

Amendment 4
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Reiterates that the five Union headline targets are promoting employment, improving the conditions for innovation, research and development, meeting climate change and energy objectives, improving education levels and promoting social inclusion;

Amendment 5
Bendt Bendtsen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that employment policy is an area of national competence and that labour markets are structurally different;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Philippe Lamberts

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Calls on the European Social Dialogue Committees to assist in better matching existing training to present and future demand through a road map setting out clear objectives and indicators for monitoring progress;

Or. fr

Amendment 7
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Underlines that more focus should be placed on promoting entrepreneurial mindsets among students and researchers, making available new financial instruments for start-ups and fast growing firms and supporting the introduction of successful technologies on the EU market;

Amendment 8
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Considers that the process of training employees to high skills levels is one which takes time, and therefore calls on the Commission to make a regular assessment of the Union's needs in terms of skills, in line with the medium- and long-term strategies pursued, and to publicise it by all relevant means;

Or. ro

Amendment 9
Philippe Lamberts

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Draws attention to the Commission's finding that the new technologies and developments in work organisation seem to result in a significant expansion in jobs at both ends of the job spectrum and that these shifts in labour-market demand are likely to increase wage differentiation between jobs;

Or. fr

Amendment 10
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Regrets the fact that at a time of crisis Member States have reduced their education and training budgets, and urges the Commission and the Member States to invest more in education and training systems;

Or. ro

Amendment 11
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1d. Draws attention to the lack of progress in reducing the numbers of people who, despite being employed, are living under the poverty threshold; points out that temporary and part-time work can create a long-term risk of poverty; calls on the Commission and the Member States to promote quality jobs that are well-paid and offer secure and healthy working conditions;

Or. ro

Amendment 12
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses the need to involve employers

in the management of education institutions, in the development of courses, teaching methods, apprenticeships, assessment and qualification; underlines the importance of incentives to employers who offer training for low skilled or unskilled people and consequently opportunities to acquire practical experience directly in the workplace;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Philippe Lamberts

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Points to the fact, also recognised by the Commission, that significant investment in green skills need to be made to ensure that Europe meets its 2020 objectives for green collar workers and to ensure that its economic system can operate in more sustainable way and thus remain competitive in the future;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Andrzej Grzyb

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Underlines the need for the education aimed at innovation; stresses that both non-schematic and abstract thinking should be promoted as well as the

technical education to match the needs of the future;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Britta Thomsen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses that efforts should be made to ensure that all children develop fundamental IT skills at an early age, that IT should therefore be included in primary school education and that all Europeans should have cheap and easy access to the internet;

Or. da

Amendment 16
Zigmantas Balčytis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission to support the 'Knowledge Alliances' in order to develop new training programmes that will bridge innovation skills gaps and meet job market needs;

Or. It

Amendment 17
Krišjānis Kariņš

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. notes that to achieve the goals of EU 2020 the response of the member states to the demands of industry in terms of the needed workforce has to be more flexible;

Or. en

**Amendment 18
Silvia-Adriana Țicău**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Believes that, in the context of the strategy for prolonging active life, not enough is being done to help older people acquire IT skills, and urges the Commission and the Member States to develop broad-based educational programmes for this group;

Or. ro

**Amendment 19
Marian-Jean Marinescu**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to strengthen the provision of Vocational Education and Training across Europe in order help providing new skills needed in the labour market;

Amendment 20
Daniël van der Stoep

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Observes that labour mobility among EU countries remains low, and calls on the Commission to consider the establishment of a pan-European service to direct skilled labour force to vacant posts across Europe, supporting a labour market of European added value. In this context, calls for the full implementation of the 2012 Single Market projects proposed by the Commission;

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Or. nl

Amendment 21
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Observes that labour mobility among EU countries remains low, and calls on the Commission to consider the establishment of a pan-European service to direct skilled labour force to vacant posts across Europe, supporting a labour market of European added value. In this context, calls for the full implementation of the 2012 Single Market projects proposed by the Commission;

Amendment

3. Observes that labour mobility among EU countries remains low, and calls on the Commission to consider the establishment of a pan-European service to direct skilled labour force to vacant posts across Europe, supporting a labour market of European added value. In this context, ***urges the Member States to eliminate the barriers to the free movement of workers and*** calls for the full implementation of the 2012 Single Market projects proposed by the Commission;

Amendment 22
Bendt Bendtsen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Observes that labour mobility among EU countries remains low, and calls on the Commission to consider ***the establishment of a pan-European service*** to direct skilled labour force to vacant posts across Europe, supporting a labour market of European added value. In this context, calls for the full implementation of the 2012 Single Market projects proposed by the Commission;

Amendment

3. Observes that labour mobility among EU countries remains low, and calls on the Commission to consider ***means*** to direct skilled labour force to vacant posts across Europe, supporting a labour market of European added value. In this context, calls for the full implementation of the 2012 Single Market projects proposed by the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Draft opinion

underlines the importance of a broader strategy combining job creation, meeting new and emerging needs on the European labour-market, and eliminating labour restrictions inside the EU and remaining barriers within the EU internal market.

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 24
Philippe Lamberts

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Supports the Commission's proposal that European Sector Councils on employment and skills should be established to collect information held by the Member States and the regions in order to help coordinate the efforts of all parties concerned;

Or. fr

Amendment 25
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Member States to eliminate the legal and administrative barriers to the completion of the internal market in labour and full mobility throughout the Union;

Or. ro

Amendment 26
Andrzej Grzyb

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses the need of further matching skills with labour market needs; welcomes Commission's initiative in the matter;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Given that it is estimated that in 2015 there will be a shortfall of IT professionals extending to between 384 000 and 700 000 jobs, while the estimated deficit for the health sector is of some one million professionals and that for researchers is another one million, calls on the Commission and the Member States to take measures to ensure the necessary level of skilled human resources in these fields;

Or. ro

Amendment 28
Philippe Lamberts

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Underlines the importance of SMEs and their contribution to job creation, and welcomes measures, such as cutting down red tape, to help in the setting up of new businesses. Highlights the important role that the EIB could play, in particular by fostering programmes such as JASMINE and JEREMIE, which can provide sustainable support for SMEs' needs;

4. Underlines the importance of SMEs and their contribution to job creation, and welcomes measures, such as cutting down red tape, to help in the setting up of new businesses. Highlights the important role that the EIB could play, in particular by fostering programmes such as JASMINE and JEREMIE, which can provide sustainable support for SMEs' needs;
Stresses in the need to providing support to SMEs not only to find people with the right skills but also to upgrade their skills; In the context of the Roadmap toward resource efficient Europe SMEs needs

support for upgrade their competences for sustainable development and to research and innovation;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Andrzej Grzyb

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Is of the opinion that SME's can play and are playing very important role in training in both: highly specialised, innovative sectors as well as in those that require basic manual skills needed for many services; therefore there is a need of close cooperation of SME with educational establishments; facilitation of financial assistance for internships and practical training in SME sector should also be considered;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Lena Ek

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses the importance of a free and intelligently regulated internet for new entrepreneurs and job creators; considers that internet users' confidence in the system and their trust that its integrity will not be compromised is crucial for new internet business models;

Amendment 31
Zigmantas Balčytis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Points out that the European Union does not have enough R&D intensive innovative firms and that the serious lack of skills in innovation and digital literacy means that SMEs cannot adopt innovative smart business models and new technologies;

Or. It

Amendment 32
Bendt Bendtsen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses that current labour market trends in Member States are influenced by structural issues in that country, and that consequently initiatives at the European level should take national specificities into consideration;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Zigmantas Balčytis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Calls on the Commission to observe the Think Small First principle and take the needs of SMEs into account when drawing up employment legislation;

Or. It

Amendment 34
Bogdan Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Recognises that the proposed reduction in non-wage labour costs will assist the creation of jobs, but notes that the resulting loss of revenue for social insurances should be financed by the new funding methods proposed by the European Commission, with the lowest impact on industry competitiveness.

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Or. pl

Amendment 35
Daniël van der Stoep

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Recognises that the proposed reduction in non-wage labour costs will assist the creation of jobs, but notes that the resulting loss of revenue for social insurances should be financed by the new funding methods proposed by the European Commission, with the lowest

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impact on industry competitiveness.

Or. nl

Amendment 36
Andrzej Grzyb

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recognises that the proposed reduction in non-wage labour costs will assist the creation of jobs, **but notes that the resulting loss of revenue for social insurances should be financed by the new funding methods proposed by the European Commission, with the lowest impact on industry competitiveness.**

Amendment

5. Recognises that the proposed reduction in non-wage labour costs will assist the creation of jobs, **therefore asks the Commission to present concrete measures, taking into account that they should cause the lowest possible impact on industry competitiveness.**

Or. en

Amendment 37
Philippe Lamberts

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recognises that the proposed reduction in non-wage labour costs will assist the creation of jobs, but notes that the resulting loss of revenue for social insurances should be financed by the new funding methods proposed by the European Commission, with the lowest impact on industry competitiveness.

Amendment

5. Recognises that the proposed reduction in non-wage labour costs will assist the creation of jobs, but notes that the resulting loss of revenue for social insurances should be financed by the new funding methods proposed by the European Commission, with the lowest impact on industry competitiveness **and without affecting the level of workers social protection;**

Or. en

Amendment 38
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. In the face of rising unemployment, calls on the Member States to step up staffing levels for employment offices in order to deal with the increasing numbers of jobseekers; believes that public employment offices can play a greater role as lifelong service providers, offering facilities for evaluating skills, establishing profiles and providing training, individual professional guidance and consultation services for clients (both workers and employers);

Or. ro

Amendment 39
Bendt Bendtsen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Recalls that the increased outsourcing of R&D activities and production activities to third countries is linked to each other; recognises that certain policy objectives are counterproductive to combating this trend and that the adoption of internal targets for the reduction of CO2 can combat this trend;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Jean-Pierre Audy

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Commission, pursuant to Article 152 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, to step up promotion of the role of management and labour in each industrial sector across Europe, while respecting their autonomy;

Or. fr

Amendment 41
Britta Thomsen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Considers that the Agenda for New Skills and Jobs should be seen in conjunction with the EU's Research Framework Programme, and that synergies between the two could create growth and jobs;

Or. da

Amendment 42
Jean-Pierre Audy

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Supports, pursuant to Article 155 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), dialogue between management and labour and

encourages them to enter into contractual relations, including agreements; recommends that in implementing agreements concluded at European level, management and labour in each industrial sector use the procedure laid down in Article 155(2) TFEU for matters covered by Article 153 TFEU;

Or. fr

Amendment 43
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Stresses the importance of partnerships at regional and local level bringing together public services, education and training providers and employers, from the viewpoint of reducing unemployment at regional and local level;

Or. ro

Amendment 44
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 c. Emphasises the role of the social dialogue in reducing unemployment and anticipating and satisfying skills needs on the labour market;

Or. ro

