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Draft opinion
Luís Paulo Alves
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Amendment 1
Dimitar Stoyanov

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Is concerned at the **level of** youth unemployment and, in particular, the **considerable asymmetries** in youth unemployment from one Member State to another, with variations from less than 15 % to over 55 %; is also concerned at the number of young people **not in education, training or employment (14 million NEETs)** between the ages of 15 and 30), which **undermines the existence of the European project, endangering** the economic development **and viability** of a Europe united in its quality of life and working conditions, as well as the EU's economic, social and territorial cohesion, as defined under Article 174 TFEU;

Amendment

1. Is concerned at the **unprecedented rises in** youth unemployment and, in particular, the **uneven spread** in youth unemployment from one Member State to another, with variations from less than 15 % to over 55 %; is also concerned at the number of young people **who have no access to education or training, which means they cannot obtain the necessary working experience as members of society (15 million young people)** between the ages of 15 and 29), which **poses a serious risk to the competitiveness and** economic development of a Europe united in its quality of life and working conditions, as well as the EU's economic, social and territorial cohesion, as defined under Article 174 TFEU;

Or. bg

Amendment 2
Andreas Mölzer

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between the ages of 15 and 30), which ***reflects the differing levels of efficiency and competitiveness of national economies; recommends rapid and far-reaching structural reforms in crisis-hit countries, given that the wide discrepancies endanger*** the economic development and viability of a Europe united in its quality of life and working conditions, as well as the EU's economic, social and territorial cohesion, as defined under Article 174 TFEU;

Or. de

Amendment 3 Younous Omarjee

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Amendment

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Amendment 4
Verónica Lope Fontagné

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Or. es

Amendment 5
Patrice Tirolien

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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European Union, with variations from less than 10% to over 60%; is also concerned at the number of young people not in education training or employment (14 million NEETs between the ages of 15 and 30), which undermines the existence of the European project, endangering the economic development and viability of a Europe united in its quality of life and working conditions, as well as the EU's economic, social and territorial cohesion, as defined under Article 174 TFEU;

Or. fr

Amendment 6
Justina Vitkauskaite Bernard

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Or. en

Amendment 7
Patrice Tirolien

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses the importance of the regional dimension in formulating training and support strategies for the young and the unemployed in line with the real needs of local employment markets and of closer contact with those concerned;

Or. fr

Amendment 8
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Takes the view that, owing to the socio-economic structure, young people constitute one of the most vulnerable groups in the Union in relation to employment, particularly in the current situation of economic and financial crisis, given the number of young people on the labour market and given that they face the most serious employment problems; stresses the need, therefore, to seek solutions that will enable Europe's young people, who have already stopped believing in traditional solutions to employment problems (education and work), to find a way out of this impasse and find specific answers to their various circumstances, adjusting policies to meet their needs rather than the other way

around;

Or. es

Amendment 9
Petru Constantin Luhan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Highlights the fact that the youth unemployment reached unimaginable levels and this requires more efficient actions at EU, national and regional level; therefore considers that at a time when the European Union is facing many difficulties and challenges, the need for strong and innovative youth, ready to face the challenges presented to them, is greater than ever;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Patrice Tirolien

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Emphasises that, ***although the need to revitalise economic activity is a prerequisite for any solution involving the creation of sustainable and lasting employment***, this situation is caused by structural issues arising from education and employment policy which need to be ***corrected, and that this calls for a new generation of*** more attractive teaching strategies, ***with better regional insertion, to promote the use of more efficient strategies for*** transition to active life (*with*

2. Emphasises that, ***over and above the economic crisis affecting Europe***, this situation is caused by structural issues arising from education and employment policy which need to be ***improved; stresses the need*** for new ***and*** more attractive ***and comprehensive*** teaching strategies ***to promote effective*** transition to active life ***for young school-leavers*** and the creation of more secure career paths;

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paths;

Or. fr

Amendment 11
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Emphasises that, although the need to revitalise economic activity is a prerequisite for any solution involving the creation of sustainable and lasting employment, ***this situation is caused by structural issues arising from education and employment policy which need to be corrected, and that this calls for a new generation of more attractive teaching strategies, with better regional insertion, to promote*** the use of more efficient strategies for transition to active life (with strong links between school and work) and the creation of more secure career paths;

Amendment

2. Emphasises that, although the need to revitalise economic activity is a prerequisite for any solution involving the creation of sustainable and lasting employment, ***the structural issues deriving from education and employment policy must be corrected; takes the view that more attractive teaching strategies are needed, with better regional insertion, taking account of varying situations and allowing for flexible use in line with regions' specific needs and characteristics, promoting*** the use of more efficient strategies for transition to active life (with strong links between school and work) and the creation of more secure career paths;

Or. es

Amendment 12
Karima Delli, Ana Miranda

Draft opinion
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employment, this situation is caused by structural issues arising from education and employment policy which need to be corrected, **and that this calls for a new generation of more attractive teaching strategies, with better regional insertion**, to promote the use of more efficient strategies for transition to active life (with strong links between school and work) and the creation of more secure career paths;

employment, this situation is caused by structural issues arising **among others** from education and employment policy which need to be corrected to promote the use of more efficient strategies for transition to active life (with strong links between school and work) and the creation of more secure career paths;

Or. en

Amendment 13 Younous Omarjee

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

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Amendment 14
Dimitar Stoyanov

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Emphasises that, **although** the need to revitalise economic activity is a prerequisite for any solution involving the creation of sustainable and lasting employment, this situation is caused by structural issues arising from education and employment policy which need to be corrected, **and that this calls for** a new generation of more attractive teaching strategies, with better regional insertion, to promote the use of more efficient strategies for transition to active life (with strong links between school and work) **and the creation of more secure career paths**;

Amendment

2. Emphasises that the need to revitalise economic activity is a prerequisite for any solution involving the creation of sustainable, **stable** and lasting employment, **and that** this situation is caused by structural issues arising from education and employment policy which need to be corrected **through the creation of** a new generation of more attractive teaching strategies **that meet business needs**, with better regional insertion, to promote the use of more efficient strategies for transition to active life (with strong links between school and work);

Or. bg

Amendment 15
Maria do Céu Patrão Neves

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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for transition to active life (with strong links between school and work) and the creation of more secure career paths;

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considers it important, in addition to these factors, to define the priority areas for the development of each region and to shape or create entrepreneurship programmes for young people in these areas;

Or. pt

Amendment 16
Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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including compulsory traineeships in all subject areas during the study period, in order to provide initial professional experience in the field;

Or. ro

Amendment 17
Marietje Schaake

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Or. en

Amendment 18

Justina Vitkauskaite Bernard

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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creation of more secure career paths;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Underlines the importance of addressing geographical mismatches between supply and demand of jobs both within and between Member States, in particular through reforms of EURES, in order to improve youth employment opportunities;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Takes the view that, by bolstering and supplementing Member States' efforts to revitalise economic activity and foster employment across their territory, in particular in the worst affected regions, European regional policy represents a fundamental tool with which the Union can help overcome the present situation, guiding and shaping the implementation of the necessary structural reforms and concentrating investment on priority actions; considers coordinated action under the five Common Strategic Framework Funds (ERDF, ESF,

Cohesion Fund, EAFRD and EMFF) to be crucial in order jointly to promote competitiveness and convergence, setting the most appropriate priorities for investment in each European country and region and providing support for all financial instruments capable of boosting private investment and at the same time multiplying the impact of national investment;

Or. es

Amendment 21
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Stresses that securing economic, social and territorial cohesion across the EU requires making investments in the less-favoured regions; takes the view that the structural funds must help to bring these investments about, preventing a situation where some regions have zero or very scant activity and thereby promoting private investment and economic and regional development;

Or. es

Amendment 22
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Highlights the importance of promoting mobility among European

young people at both national and European level, which will offer them both personal and professional development;

Or. es

Amendment 23
Patrice Tirolien

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Understands *the need, given that 15 % of jobs cease to exist every year, and as many again are created, for a global approach able to anticipate changes as part of a truly effective employment policy; considers it essential to create qualifications policies able to effectively promote the start-to-finish tailoring of skills to business and enterprise needs in all regions of the EU;*

Amendment

3. Understands that *the employment market is characterised by the disappearance and creation of jobs in various economic sectors, necessitating ongoing efforts in respect of training and measures for the protection and support of the unemployed, so as to help undertakings and employees as effectively as possible in this climate of structural instability; considers that an effective employment policy must accordingly focus on qualifications and skills in line with the needs of regional business sectors in the EU;*

Or. fr

Amendment 24
Karima Delli, Ana Miranda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Understands the need, *given that 15 % of jobs cease to exist every year, and as many again are created, for a global*

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approach able to anticipate changes as part of a truly effective employment policy; considers it essential to create qualifications policies able to effectively promote the start-to-finish tailoring of skills to business and enterprise needs in all regions of the EU;

employment policy drawing special attention to most marginalised groups of the population and at highest risk of unemployment, combined with specific territorial disadvantages; considers it essential to create qualifications policies able to effectively promote the start-to-finish tailoring of skills to business and enterprise needs in all regions of the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Understands the need, given that 15 % of jobs cease to exist every year, and as many again are created, for a global approach able to anticipate changes *as part of a truly effective employment policy*; considers *it essential to create* qualifications policies able to effectively promote the start-to-finish tailoring of skills to business and enterprise needs in all regions of the EU;

Amendment

3. Understands the need, given that 15 % of jobs cease to exist every year, and as many again are created, for a global approach able to anticipate *the changes needed to achieve genuinely sustainable growth and* employment; *takes the view that measures will be effective only if they are all closely linked so that productivity increases, private investment is boosted and sectors with a high growth potential are promoted, in particular those linked to the green economy and ICT*; considers *it crucial in this context to develop the skills of human capital, creating* qualifications policies able to effectively promote the start-to-finish tailoring of skills to business and enterprise needs in all regions of the EU;

Or. es

Amendment 26
Nuno Teixeira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Amendment

3. Understands the need, given that 15 % of jobs cease to exist every year, and as many again are created, for a global approach able to anticipate changes as part of a truly effective employment policy; ***Underlines the importance of closing the gap between higher education and the labour market, and stresses that the mismatch between education skills and today's jobs, needs to be fixed mainly from the side of Education Institutions. Calls on EU Education Ministers and Higher Education Institutions in the EU, to add apprenticeships and traineeships as integral parts of the curricula of all relevant studies and courses;*** considers it essential to create qualifications policies able to effectively promote the start-to-finish tailoring of skills to business and enterprise needs in all regions of the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Or. ro

Amendment 28
Dimitar Stoyanov

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls for greater job stability and security and for the creation of protective mechanisms to prevent the exploitation of young Europeans by employers which is taking place in some Member States ;

Or. bg

Amendment 29
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Points out that SMEs are the engine of Europe, the cornerstone of employment and the main way out of the crisis; considers it necessary, therefore, to improve access to financing and the business environment in which they operate;

Or. es

Amendment 30
Petru Constantin Luhan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Considers that alongside the EU

employment strategies, cities and regions must play a more important role in assessing local employment markets and tailoring programmes for young people;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Dimitar Stoyanov

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Encourages the Member States and regional and local authorities to **increase the effectiveness of education and employment policies**, which should be based on three fundamental aspects: a forward-looking approach, in order to better **anticipate** changes in the labour market and link them with education and training; greater involvement of all relevant players; and a regional approach, allowing the creation of mechanisms to better identify problems and improve decision-making and to provide a clear view of training needs;

Amendment

4. Encourages the Member States and regional and local authorities to **develop education and training strategies and strategies to broaden the job market, through a strengthening of interregional cooperation**, which should be based on: a forward-looking approach, in order to better **assess** changes in the labour market and link them with education and training; greater involvement of all relevant players **and local partners**; and a regional approach, allowing the creation of mechanisms to better identify problems and improve decision-making and to provide a clear view of training needs;

Or. bg

Amendment 32
Karima Delli, Ana Miranda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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forward-looking approach, in order to better anticipate changes in the labour market and link them with education and training; greater involvement of all relevant players; and a regional approach, allowing the creation of mechanisms to better identify problems and improve decision-making and to provide a clear view of training needs;

- a forward-looking approach, in order to better anticipate changes in the labour market and link them with education and training; *calls in this respect the Commission to work more closely with Member States to set medium and long-term forecasts on the skills required by the local and regional labour market;*

- greater involvement of all relevant players *including youth organisations;*

- and a regional approach *within the framework of integrated territorial development strategies taking into account local needs and territorial specificities, enabling a better identification of future-oriented jobs, in particular in innovative sectors such as green segments and social business,* allowing the creation of mechanisms to better identify problems and improve decision-making and to provide a clear view of training needs;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Justina Vitkauskaitė Bernard

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Encourages the Member States and regional and local authorities to increase the effectiveness of education and employment policies, which should be

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4. Encourages the Member States and regional and local authorities to ***implement the measures elaborated in the frames of Youth Guarantee Scheme, to promote***

based on three fundamental aspects: a forward-looking approach, in order to better anticipate changes in the labour market and link them with education and training; greater involvement of all relevant players; and a regional approach, allowing the creation of mechanisms to better identify problems and improve decision-making and to provide a clear view of training needs;

exchanges of successful models that resulted in positive trends in terms of reduction of youth unemployment and NEETs group and to increase the effectiveness of education and employment policies, which should be based on three fundamental aspects: a forward-looking approach, in order to better anticipate changes in the labour market and link them with education and training; greater involvement of all relevant players; and a regional approach, allowing the creation of mechanisms to better identify problems and improve decision-making and to provide a clear view of training needs;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Encourages the Member States and regional and local authorities to increase the effectiveness of education and employment policies, which should be based on three fundamental aspects: a forward-looking approach, in order to better anticipate changes in the labour market and link them with education and training; greater involvement of all relevant players, *in particular the private sector*; and a regional approach, allowing the creation of mechanisms to better identify problems and improve decision-making and to provide a clear view of training needs;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Karima Delli, Ana Miranda

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on Member States to encourage mobility of young people on the basis of a better recognition of skills and qualifications, better coordination between social security schemes and better access to affordable housing, including social housing, and financial credits;

Or. en

**Amendment 36
Alain Cadec**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses the importance of lifelong training in facilitating professional readjustment; stresses in this connection the effectiveness of European programmes, which must be upheld and consolidated over the next financial programming period;

Or. fr

**Amendment 37
Patrice Tirolien**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Member States and regions to launch strategies to combat

early school leaving and encourage the resumption of studies by those young people affected; stresses the need for major efforts in many Member States to provide student support and guidance at secondary school and university level;

Or. fr

Amendment 38
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Urges Member States to remove existing barriers for cross-border apprenticeships, traineeships and internships to better match supply and demand of work-based training opportunities for youths, thereby improving mobility and employability, particularly in border regions;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Petru Constantin Luhan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls the Member States to avoid major cuts in important areas such as education and innovation because together with the other negative effects of the economic and financial crisis, these cuts represent a serious barrier in combating youth unemployment;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Maria do Céu Patrão Neves

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Encourages the Member States and regional and local authorities, bearing in mind that the European Union Programme for Social Change and Innovation (2014-2020) highlights insufficient knowledge as a factor hampering the development of social innovation in the Union, both to promote the dissemination of programmes to support young entrepreneurs and to take specific regional characteristics into account in existing entrepreneurship programmes, given that they may dictate the success or failure of young people's initiatives, particularly in the outermost regions;

Or. pt

Amendment 41
Alain Cadec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Calls on the Member States to promote within the their respective educational systems preparation for careers which are currently undervalued in school and university curricula but nevertheless have great employment potential in the Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 42
Petru Constantin Luhan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Highlights that the EU programmes and especially structural and cohesion funds were the most efficient instruments for creating new jobs among young people and therefore further additional attention should be given to these programs and each region should make full use of the available EU funding to the benefit of young people;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Karima Delli, Ana Miranda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls for joint action by the European funds, in particular the instruments of cohesion policy, the ESF and ERDF, to find an urgent answer to this worrying situation;

5. Calls for joint action by the European funds, in particular the instruments of cohesion policy, the ESF and ERDF, to find an urgent answer to this worrying situation; ***stresses the imperative need for the 2014-2020 programming period to dedicate at least 25% of the Cohesion Policy allocation to ESF as well as to earmark at least 20% of ESF on the EU 2020 flagship initiative on "promotion of social inclusion and fight against poverty" under which youth unemployment would be a priority; invites Members States and local and regional authorities to set integrated territorial development strategies - and use new instruments supporting them - including training and employment components, in particular to build employment pathways***

for young people and to support the construction and refurbishment of accessible social infrastructures;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Nuno Teixeira

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for joint action by the European funds, in particular the instruments of cohesion policy, the ESF and ERDF, to find an urgent answer to this worrying situation;

Amendment

5. Calls for joint action by the European funds, in particular the instruments of cohesion policy, the ESF and ERDF, to find an urgent answer to this worrying situation; ***emphasises that Cohesion Policies, mainly ESF, may contribute to help companies hiring young people and reduce youth unemployment. ESF shall also contribute to reduce taxation for companies that employ young people, in order to stimulate young job creation and avoid bureaucracy when companies have to apply for European funds;***

Or. en

Amendment 45

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for joint action by the European funds, in particular the instruments of cohesion policy, the ESF and ERDF, to find an urgent answer to this worrying situation;

Amendment

5. Calls for joint action by the European funds, in particular the instruments of cohesion policy, the ESF and ERDF, to find an urgent answer to this worrying situation, ***taking the measures necessary for the labour market, education and training in order to support workers' transition to the needs of the productive***

sector and new skills and jobs (including, inter alia, green jobs, jobs required as a result of demographic trends, new technologies, and the diversification of employment in rural areas);

Or. es

Amendment 46
Younous Omarjee

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for joint action by the European funds, in particular the instruments of cohesion policy, the ESF and ERDF, to find an urgent answer to this worrying situation;

Amendment

5. Calls for joint action by the European funds, in particular the instruments of cohesion policy, the ESF and ERDF, to find an urgent answer to this worrying situation; ***calls for particular attention to be given to those regions hardest hit by youth unemployment, which in certain cases exceeds 50%, thereby aggravating regional disparities;***

Or. fr

Amendment 47
Dimitar Stoyanov

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for joint action by the European funds, in particular the instruments of cohesion policy, the ESF and ERDF, to ***find an urgent answer to this worrying situation;***

Amendment

5. Calls for joint action by the European funds, in particular the instruments of cohesion policy, the ESF and ERDF, to ***combat youth unemployment;***

Or. bg

Amendment 48
Justina Vitkauskaite Bernard

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for joint action by the European funds, in particular the instruments of cohesion policy, the ESF and ERDF, to find an urgent answer to this worrying situation;

Amendment

5. Calls for joint action by the European funds, in particular the instruments of cohesion policy, the ESF and ERDF, to ***mobilize the structural funds in order to stimulate investments for growth and jobs and to*** find an urgent answer to this worrying situation;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Andreas Mölzer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for joint action by the European funds, in particular the instruments of cohesion policy, the ESF and ERDF, to ***find an urgent answer to this worrying situation;***

Amendment

5. Calls for joint action by the European funds, in particular the instruments of cohesion policy, the ESF and ERDF, to ***support the fight against youth unemployment;***

Or. de

Amendment 50
Nuno Teixeira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Defends that it is deeply important to revitalise economic activity and support young job creation; calls on the Commission and Member States to

develop and invest in a Europe-wide business incubator project, in which business incubators in all Member States allow young entrepreneurs to start up their company in a protected environment, while creating a sense of unity through the pan-European scale of the incubator project; considers in addition that, a suitable environment for venture capitals should be created, especially in terms of taxation in order to support the development of this new market;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Karima Delli, Ana Miranda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Encourages the European Investment Bank to invest in job creation for young people provided that it avoids spin-off benefits and it grants loans primarily in SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Patrice Tirolien

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Welcomes the announcement by the European Council at its meeting of 8 and 9 February 2013 of the launching of the Youth Employment Initiative for regions where youth unemployment is 25% above

the Union average; stresses again the need to find a means of limiting necessary administrative obstacles; hopes that this initiative will primarily boost funding for EU youth employment guarantee measures under ESF Regulation[.../...];

Or. fr

Amendment 53
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Stresses that, in order to ensure that intervention by the Common Strategic Framework funds is effective and to maximise the impact of investment and European funding on the socio-economic situation of a country and its regions, it should be concentrated on a limited number of priorities, particularly where national fiscal consolidation efforts are significant;

Or. es

Amendment 54
Younous Omarjee

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Welcomes the Commission's announcement of a package to combat youth unemployment by June 2013 which will, alongside the EU's Youth Employment Initiative and, especially, the Youth Guarantee and *in line with the EU*

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2020 Strategy, put forward solutions to encourage the creation of sustainable jobs, reduce job insecurity, strengthen mobility programmes within the EU and promote increased inter-regional cooperation, as part of a roadmap for the future of a more economically, socially and territorially cohesive economic and monetary union.

solutions to encourage the creation of sustainable jobs, reduce job insecurity, strengthen mobility programmes within the EU and promote increased inter-regional cooperation, as part of a roadmap for the future of a more economically, socially and territorially cohesive economic and monetary union; **notes, however, that funding to combat youth unemployment is inadequate; stresses that the proposed EUR 6 billion funding package for the 2014-2020 EU Youth Employment initiative is far from enough to have any significant impact on the situation of young people; points out that, according to the International Labour Organisation, a package of EUR 21 billion would be necessary for the effective launching of the or 2014-2020 Youth Guarantee initiative.**

Or. fr

Amendment 55
Patrice Tirolien

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Welcomes the Commission's announcement of a package to combat youth unemployment by June 2013 which **will, alongside the EU's Youth Employment Initiative and, especially, the Youth Guarantee and** in line with the EU 2020 Strategy, put forward solutions to encourage the creation of sustainable jobs, reduce job insecurity, strengthen mobility programmes within the EU and promote increased inter-regional cooperation, as part of a roadmap for the future of a more economically, socially and territorially cohesive economic and monetary union.

Amendment

6. Welcomes the Commission's announcement of a package to combat youth unemployment by June 2013 which **should**, in line with the EU 2020 Strategy, put forward solutions to encourage the creation of sustainable jobs, reduce job insecurity, strengthen mobility programmes within the EU and promote increased inter-regional cooperation, as part of a roadmap for the future of a more economically, socially and territorially cohesive economic and monetary union.

Amendment 56
Justina Vitkauskaite Bernard

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Welcomes the Commission's announcement of a package to combat youth unemployment by June 2013 which will, alongside the EU's Youth Employment Initiative and, especially, the Youth Guarantee and in line with the EU 2020 Strategy, put forward solutions to encourage the creation of sustainable jobs, reduce job insecurity, strengthen mobility programmes within the EU and promote increased inter-regional cooperation, as part of a roadmap for the future of a more economically, socially and territorially cohesive economic and monetary union.

Amendment

6. Welcomes the Commission's announcement of a package to combat youth unemployment by June 2013 which will, alongside the EU's Youth Employment Initiative and, especially, the Youth Guarantee and in line with the EU 2020 Strategy, put forward solutions to encourage the creation of sustainable jobs ***and equal opportunities for young people promoting social inclusion***; reduce job insecurity, strengthen mobility programmes within the EU and promote increased inter-regional cooperation, as part of a roadmap for the future of a more economically, socially and territorially cohesive economic and monetary union.

Amendment 57
Karima Delli, Ana Miranda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Urges Members States to quickly implement the Youth Guarantee and to establish more efficient and accessible public employment services in order to provide adequate jobs and trainings to young people; requests the Commission to support regions and Member States wishing to introduce Youth Guarantee schemes at national and regional level;

calls the Council of the EU to significantly increase the financial dotation of the initiative, following the figure of EUR 21 billion recommended by the ILO to implement it;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Petru Constantin Luhan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Considers that new programmes should be drawn up with a view to providing young people with a high-quality technological education and promoting opportunities for them to specialise or to work in another Member State;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Karima Delli, Ana Miranda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Stresses that investment into youth guarantee programs should be exempt from austerity cuts;

Or. en