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The Sixth Report on Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion: Investment
for jobs and growth
(2014/2245(INI))

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Amendment 1

Liadh Ní Riada

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

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1. Recalls that in order to contribute efficiently to combating the high levels of youth unemployment, EU cohesion policy needs to **be fully in line with the Europe 2020 strategy, and in particular the headline targets for education of** reducing school drop-out rates to below 10 % and increasing the share of young people with a third-level degree or diploma to at least 40 %, and with the benchmark for an average of at least 15 % of adults to participate in lifelong learning;

Amendment

1. Recalls that in order to contribute efficiently to combating the high levels of youth unemployment, EU cohesion policy needs to **tackle education issues, in particular** reducing school drop-out rates to below 10 % and increasing the share of young people with a third-level degree or diploma to at least 40 %, and with the benchmark for an average of at least 15 % of adults to participate in lifelong learning; **is deeply concerned by the high levels of unemployment in EU Member States, especially in the Southern Europe;**

Or. en

Amendment 2

Zdzisław Krasnodębski

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Recalls that in order to contribute efficiently to combating the high levels of youth unemployment, EU cohesion policy needs to be **fully** in line with the Europe 2020 strategy, **and in particular the headline targets** for education of reducing school drop-out rates to below 10 % and increasing the share of young people with a third-level degree or diploma to at least 40 %, and with the benchmark for an average of at least 15 % of adults to participate in lifelong learning;

Amendment

1. Recalls that in order to contribute efficiently to combating the high levels of youth unemployment, EU cohesion policy needs **not only** to be in line with the Europe 2020 strategy, **but also, at the implementation stage, to take into consideration the specific character of each national labour market; beside setting measurable goals** for education, **that is** reducing school drop-out rates to below 10 % and increasing the share of young people with a third-level degree or

diploma to at least 40 %, and with the benchmark for an average of at least 15 % of adults to participate in lifelong learning, ***EU cohesion policy could provide support to nation states wishing to change the secondary education structure depending on demographic forecasts and national labour markets' evolution by, for instance, restoring a pillar of vocational education and training systems;***

Or. en

Amendment 3
Isabella Adinolfi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Recalls that ***the EU must commit itself to making an active contribution to solving the terrible problem*** of youth unemployment; ***to that end***, EU cohesion policy needs to be fully in line with the Europe 2020 strategy, and in particular the headline targets for education of reducing school drop-out rates to below 10 % and increasing the share of young people with a third-level degree or diploma to at least 40 %, and with the benchmark for an average of at least 15 % of adults to participate in lifelong learning;

Or. it

Amendment 4
Andrea Bocskor, Sabine Verheyen, Therese Comodini Cachia, Norbert Erdős, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

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Or. en

Amendment 5
Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Or. fr

Amendment 6
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Points out that, in order to achieve the Europe 2020 strategy targets and particularly those for education and the reduction of school drop-out rates, there is a need to improve access to education infrastructure and the quality of socio-cultural services in the EU's regions, especially those affected by economic stagnation;

Or. bg

Amendment 7
Milan Zver

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Points to the importance of education in bringing about greater social and regional cohesion and enhancing democratic consciousness and participation among young people;

Or. sl

Amendment 8
Therese Comodini Cachia, Sabine Verheyen, Bogdan Brunon Wentz, Andrea Bocskor, Norbert Erdős

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Highlights the fact that 12% of the 18-24 year old population are early school leavers and calls on the EU to identify the main factors leading to early school leaving and monitor the characteristics of the phenomenon at national, regional and local level as the foundation for targeted and effective evidence-based policies. Policies to reduce early school leaving must address a range of factors including educational and social challenges that might be possibly leading to such a phenomenon;

Or. en

**Amendment 9
Milan Zver**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Points out that without good cooperation between educational institutions and labour market players it will be impossible to remedy the high unemployment among young graduates in the EU; stresses in particular that through teaching of the knowledge and skills needed on the labour market the youth employment rate has been raised and social differences have narrowed;

Or. sl

**Amendment 10
Isabella Adinolfi**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

2. Highlights the fact that ***meeting labour market demands and preventing educational mismatches require*** greater investment ***into*** the modernisation of ***educational*** systems ***and*** the strengthening of links between education, research and employment at regional and local level;

Amendment

2. Highlights the fact that ***there needs to be*** greater investment ***in*** the modernisation of ***school buildings and education and training*** systems, ***as well as in*** the strengthening of links between education, research and employment at regional and local level;

Or. it

Amendment 11

Andrea Bocskor, Sabine Verheyen, Therese Comodini Cachia, Norbert Erdős, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

**Draft opinion
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2. Highlights the fact that meeting labour market demands and preventing educational mismatches require greater investment into the modernisation of educational systems and ***the strengthening of*** links between education, research and ***employment*** at regional ***and*** local level;

Amendment

2. Highlights the fact that meeting labour market demands and preventing educational mismatches require greater investment into the modernisation of educational systems and ***calls on the Member States to act on education-related country-specific recommendations (CSRs) in the European Semester and other Commission recommendations as soon as possible; also stresses the need to strengthen the*** links between education, research and ***business*** at regional, local, ***national and supranational*** level;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Zdzisław Krasnodębski

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2**

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2. Highlights the fact that meeting labour market demands and preventing educational mismatches require greater investment into the **modernisation** of educational systems and the strengthening of links between education, research and employment at regional and local level;

Amendment

2. Highlights the fact that meeting labour market demands and preventing educational mismatches require greater investment into the **reform** of educational systems and the strengthening of links between education, research and employment at regional and local level;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Jill Evans

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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2. Highlights the fact that meeting labour market demands and preventing educational mismatches require greater investment into the modernisation of educational systems **and** the strengthening of links between education, research and employment at regional and local level;

Amendment

2. Highlights the fact that meeting labour market demands and preventing educational mismatches require greater investment into the modernisation of educational systems, **in particular vocational training and formal and informal education, and** the strengthening of links between education, research and employment at regional and local level.
Notes that the Commission recognises that insufficient funding is allocated to education at present;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Fernando Maura Barandiarán, Yana Toom, Mircea Diaconu

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 15

Fernando Maura Barandiarán, Yana Toom, Mircea Diaconu

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Highlights the importance of lifelong learning and better working conditions for researchers and professors - in order to attract and retain qualified teaching staff - as key factors for economic growth;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Angel Dzhambazki

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Emphasises that, with a view to realising human-resources potential and

stemming negative demographic and migratory processes, the improvement of education provision and quality should be among the main cohesion policy priorities;

Or. bg

Amendment 17
Marc Joulaud

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Points out how important it is that young people acquire digital skills, and that teachers are trained accordingly, since such skills are becoming increasingly important on the European labour market;

Or. fr

Amendment 18
Marlene Mizzi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses that labour market needs are changing rapidly and young people face increasing difficulties in their transition from education to work and therefore are usually more vulnerable to unemployment; reiterates the importance of investing in human capital and people and in particular in Europe's youth in order to enhance their employability and pathway of professional qualifications; calls for the development of a job's radar

to identify the jobs and skills needed and accordingly remodel the education and training systems of Member States so that people will be provided with the right skills for the right job;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Jill Evans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses the need to promote partnerships between the educational world and employment policies by involving all stakeholders including social partners, decision makers, training providers and employers;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Liadh Ní Riada
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. *Welcomes* the Youth Guarantee Scheme *as an efficient means of reducing youth unemployment*; calls on Member States to establish strong partnerships with stakeholders and to make full use of the European Social Fund and other structural funds when implementing the scheme and creating an infrastructure therefor;

3. *Would welcome* the Youth Guarantee Scheme *if it would secure the future of Europe's youth by guaranteeing them real rights to qualified, adequately paid and stable employment and social security, the right to housing, and the establishment of an "autonomy allowance" mechanism in the context of a European minimum wage*; calls on Member States to establish strong partnerships with stakeholders and

to make full use of the European Social Fund and other structural funds when implementing the scheme and creating an infrastructure therefor;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Isabella Adinolfi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. ***Welcomes*** the Youth Guarantee Scheme ***as an efficient means of*** reducing youth unemployment; calls on Member States to establish strong partnerships with stakeholders and ***to make full use of*** the European Social Fund and other structural funds ***when implementing the scheme and creating an infrastructure therefor***;

Amendment

3. ***Calls for*** the Youth Guarantee Scheme ***to be reviewed and revised, with a view to making it more effective in*** reducing youth unemployment; calls on Member States to establish strong partnerships with stakeholders and to use the European Social Fund and ***the*** other structural funds ***effectively and in synergy with other national policies in this area, and to make impact indicators clear and readily understandable so that their contribution to growth and employment may be properly gauged***;

Or. it

Amendment 22
Andrea Bocskor, Therese Comodini Cachia, Sabine Verheyen, Norbert Erdős, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Welcomes the Youth Guarantee Scheme as an efficient means of reducing youth unemployment; calls on Member States to establish strong ***partnerships*** with

Amendment

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stakeholders *and* to make full use of the European Social Fund and other structural funds when implementing the scheme and creating an infrastructure *therefor*;

term; calls on Member States to establish strong *cooperation* with stakeholders, to make full use of the European Social Fund, *Youth Employment Initiative* and other structural funds when implementing the scheme and creating an infrastructure *therefore; emphasizes the need for the development of entrepreneurial skills within the framework of the Youth Guarantee Schemes; nevertheless early intervention and activation and, in many cases, reforms are needed such as improving vocational education and training systems, and exchange of best practices related to the dual education system could contribute to structural changes in the labour market and lead to higher levels of employment*;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Zdzisław Krasnodębski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Welcomes the Youth Guarantee Scheme as *an efficient* means of reducing youth unemployment; calls on Member States to establish strong partnerships with stakeholders and to make full use of the European Social Fund and other structural funds when implementing the scheme and creating an infrastructure *therefor*;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the Youth Guarantee Scheme as *one of the* means of reducing youth unemployment; calls on Member States to establish strong partnerships with stakeholders, *employers and SMEs*, and to make full use of the European Social Fund and other structural funds when implementing the scheme and creating an infrastructure;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Welcomes the Youth Guarantee Scheme *as* an efficient means of reducing youth unemployment; calls on Member States to establish strong partnerships with stakeholders and to make full use of the European Social Fund and other structural funds when implementing the scheme and creating an infrastructure therefor;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the ***Youth Employment Initiative introduced to enhance the Youth Guarantee Scheme in regions with youth unemployment of over 25%, and points out that this is*** an efficient means of reducing youth unemployment; calls on Member States to establish strong partnerships with stakeholders and to make full use of the European Social Fund and other structural funds when implementing the scheme and creating an infrastructure therefor;

Or. fr

Amendment 25
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment 26
Jill Evans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Amendment

3a. Points out that the budgeted funds for the Youth Guarantee expire on 31 December 2015; calls on the Commission to do what is necessary to ensure that the programme can continue;

Or. es

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Calls on the Commission to help ensure the Youth Guarantee Scheme is implemented efficiently by exchange of examples of good practice;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Welcomes the new European Fund for Strategic Investments; hopes that education and training are considered to be strategic investments and are therefore part of one of the priority actions;

Or. es

Amendment 28
Zdzisław Krasnodębski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Urges the Commission to recognise the full potential of culture in contributing to economic development and in improving social cohesion; stresses, in particular, the role of Cultural and Creative Industries (CCIs) and the digitisation of cultural heritage as drivers for regional development, and ***highlights the importance of*** cohesion policy instruments ***in*** improving and increasing the number of

4. Urges the Commission to recognise the full potential of culture in contributing to economic development and in improving social cohesion; stresses, in particular, the role of Cultural and Creative Industries (CCIs) and the digitisation of cultural heritage as drivers for regional development, and ***seeks to direct*** cohesion policy instruments ***towards*** improving and increasing the number of jobs in the

jobs in the cultural and creative sectors;

cultural and creative sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Urges the Commission to recognise the full potential of culture in contributing to economic development and in improving social cohesion; stresses, in particular, the role of Cultural and Creative Industries (CCIs) and the digitisation of cultural heritage as drivers for regional development, and highlights the importance of cohesion policy instruments in improving and increasing the number of jobs in the cultural and creative sectors;

Amendment

4. Urges the Commission to recognise the full potential of culture in contributing to economic development and in improving social cohesion; stresses, in particular, the role of Cultural and Creative Industries (CCIs) and the digitisation of cultural heritage as *strategic* drivers for *economic recovery and growth in the EU and for* regional development, *since they currently generate – directly or indirectly – more than 7 million jobs; emphasises, furthermore, the importance of this sector in combating youth unemployment, since the cultural and creative sectors are very attractive to young people and offer more job opportunities for that section of the population;* highlights the importance of cohesion policy instruments in improving and increasing the number of jobs in the cultural and creative sectors;

Or. es

Amendment 30
Julie Ward

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Urges the Commission to recognise the full potential of culture in contributing to

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sustainable economic development and in improving social cohesion; stresses, in particular, the role of Cultural and Creative Industries (CCIs) and the digitisation of cultural heritage as drivers for regional development, *recalls the role played by culture in generating more and better employment through education, skills development, training and informal learning*, and highlights the importance of cohesion policy instruments in improving and increasing the number of jobs in the cultural and creative sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. hr

Amendment 32
Yana Toom, Fernando Maura Barandiarán, Ilhan Kyuchyuk

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Urges the Commission to recognise the full potential of culture in contributing to economic development and in improving social cohesion; stresses, in particular, the role of Cultural and Creative Industries (CCIs) and the digitisation of cultural heritage as drivers for regional development, and highlights the importance of cohesion policy instruments in improving and increasing the number of jobs in the cultural and creative sectors;

Amendment

4. Urges the Commission to recognise the full potential of culture in contributing to **regions' competitiveness**, economic development and in improving social cohesion; stresses, in particular, the role of Cultural and Creative Industries (CCIs) and the digitisation of cultural heritage as drivers for regional development, and highlights the importance of cohesion policy instruments in improving and increasing the number of jobs in the cultural and creative sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Isabella Adinolfi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. it

Amendment 34
Petra Kammerevert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission to evaluate the scope for using EU Regional Development and Social Fund monies to promote cultural activities, and especially to promote the creative sector, in the Member States; asks the Commission to submit a report on the findings of the evaluation to the European Parliament, at the latest alongside the Creative Europe programme mid-term report, i.e. by 31 December 2017;

Or. de

Amendment 35
Isabella Adinolfi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Recalls that culture and cultural heritage are key elements for the attractiveness of cities and regions and for economic development through cultural tourism; ***calls on the EU's cities and regions to use the cohesion policy instruments efficiently in order to boost*** cultural and socioeconomic development that draws on the cultural distinctiveness of European countries, regions and cities.

5. Recalls that culture and cultural heritage are key elements for the attractiveness of cities and regions and for economic development through cultural tourism; ***calls on the Commission to commit itself to taking all necessary steps to ensure effective protection for the tangible and intangible goods that make up Europe's cultural heritage and are of fundamental importance for boosting*** cultural and socioeconomic development that draws on the cultural distinctiveness of European countries, regions and cities; ***calls on the EU's cities and regions to use the cohesion policy instruments for this purpose.***

Or. it

Amendment 36
Zdzisław Krasnodębski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls that culture and cultural heritage are key elements for the attractiveness of cities and regions and for economic **development** through cultural tourism; calls on the EU's cities and regions to use the cohesion policy instruments **efficiently** in order to boost cultural and socioeconomic development that draws on the cultural distinctiveness of European countries, regions and cities.

Amendment

5. Recalls that culture and cultural heritage are key elements for the attractiveness **and development** of cities and regions and for economic **growth** through cultural tourism; calls on the EU's cities and regions to use the cohesion policy instruments in order to **help** boost cultural and socioeconomic development that draws on the cultural distinctiveness of European countries, regions and cities.

Or. en

Amendment 37
Julie Ward

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls that culture and cultural heritage are key elements for the attractiveness of cities and regions and for economic development through cultural tourism; calls on the EU's cities and regions to use the cohesion policy instruments efficiently in order to boost cultural and socioeconomic development that draws on the cultural distinctiveness of European countries, regions and cities.

Amendment

5. Recalls that culture and cultural heritage are key elements for **sustainable urban and rural regeneration and** the attractiveness of cities and regions and for economic development through cultural tourism **and creative SMEs**; calls on the EU's cities and regions to use the cohesion policy instruments efficiently in order to boost cultural and socioeconomic development that draws on the cultural distinctiveness of European countries, regions and cities.

Or. en

Amendment 38

Yana Toom, Fernando Maura Barandiarán, Ilhan Kyuchyuk

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 39

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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Amendment

5. Recalls that culture and ***tangible and intangible*** cultural heritage are key elements for the attractiveness of cities and regions and for economic development through cultural tourism; calls on the EU's cities and regions to use the cohesion policy instruments efficiently in order to boost cultural and socioeconomic development that draws on the cultural distinctiveness of European countries, regions and cities.

Or. hr

Amendment 40
Bogdan Andrzej Zdrojewski, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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Amendment

5. Recalls that culture and cultural heritage are key elements for the attractiveness of cities and regions and for economic development through cultural tourism; calls on the EU's cities and regions to use the cohesion policy instruments efficiently in order to boost cultural and socioeconomic development that draws on the cultural distinctiveness of European countries, regions and cities; ***calls on the Commission, in this connection, to review the decision to place a ceiling of EUR 5 million (or EUR 10 million of the total cost where sites on the UNESCO list are involved) on ERDF funding for cultural heritage projects; stresses that there is no legal basis for this approach in EU law; emphasises that setting such a low ceiling for support reduces the scope for many types of investment that are of vital importance to social and economic development in the EU.***

Or. pl

Amendment 41
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Member States to allocate a larger share of their budgets and of regional development funding to culture and the cultural heritage with a view to making regions attractive, promoting their effective and comprehensive development

and tapping their potential.

Or. bg

Amendment 42

Silvia Costa

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Highlights the importance of simplification, and recommends that the Commission and the Member States should continue their efforts to simplify implementation of the cohesion policy, in order to improve targeting of policy outcomes and cut red tape at all levels; stresses the importance of platforms for sharing best practice in the various areas of implementation.

Or. it

Amendment 43

Marc Joulaud

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. To this end, calls for the establishment of regional cultural hubs in which towns, cities and regions can work together to promote and preserve their cultural heritage and turn it into an economic asset.

Or. fr

Amendment 44

Silvia Costa

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Calls on the Commission to clarify, in the thematic guides, the interpretation of Article 3(e) of Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013 (ERDF) with regard to investment in the development of endogenous potential through fixed investment in equipment and small-scale infrastructure for culture and sustainable tourism.

Takes the view, in this connection, that the EUR 5 million ceiling adopted by the Commission on the basis of total project costs is overly rigid and will result in less support for the cultural heritage, not least because it makes no provision for the deduction of documentation and management costs and of non-reducible expenditure (e.g. VAT). Believes, furthermore, that it reduces the scope for public and private partnerships and for investment in culture.

Or. it