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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Liadh Ní Riada
(PE580.580v01-00)

on how best to harness the job creation potential of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs)
(2015/2320(INI))

Amendment 1
Nils Torvalds

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Underlines the necessity to increase investment into research, innovation, qualified training and development in order to spur the qualitative growth and job creation potential of European SMEs;

Amendment

1. Underlines the necessity to increase investment into research, innovation, qualified training and development in order to spur the qualitative growth and job creation potential of European SMEs; ***welcomes the fact that EUR 75 billion have been earmarked to support SMEs under the EFSI;***

Or. en

Amendment 2
Clare Moody

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Welcomes the move towards using financial instruments for SME support but believes grant funding should be maintained where it plays a critical and necessary role in the promotion of innovation, development and research which are critical for job creation and the future economic success of Europe ;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Paul Rübigen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recalls that the European Union committed itself to the strengthening of its industrial base, by setting a target of at least 20% in industrial production as part of the European GDP until 2020, which should be increased to 30% until 2030; considers that this is an essential prerequisite for effectively improving the employment situation in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Clare Moody

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Notes that SMEs in Member States that do not have public investment banks may be at a disadvantage compared to those in countries with functioning publicly owned investment banks as an assessment of public interest is not a priority for private banking institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Clare Moody

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Would welcome smart simplification initiatives to improve

application processes and the ex-anti assessment of projects; particularly in the case of microfinance; would further welcome accountability measures targeted at financial intermediaries which don't overburden SMEs or unreasonably increase costs;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Nils Torvalds

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Insists that both public and private support to young people – *that channels* investment into education and skills, *helps young people acquire* entrepreneurship skills and *matches* SMEs' demand for skilled workers – should be strengthened;

Amendment

2. Insists that both public and private support to *people – with a focus on* young people - *in channelling* investment into education and skills, *helping in acquiring* entrepreneurship skills and *matching* SMEs' demand for skilled workers, should be strengthened;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Paul Rübzig

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Insists that both public and private support to young people – that channels investment into education and skills, helps young people acquire *entrepreneurship* skills and matches SMEs' demand for skilled workers – should be strengthened;

Amendment

2. Insists that both public and private support to young people – that channels investment into education and skills, helps young people acquire *entrepreneurial and financial* skills and matches SMEs' demand for skilled workers – should be strengthened; *notes that it needs further incentives especially for females and migrants to become entrepreneurs in*

order to boost the creation of employment;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Esteban González Pons

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Insists that both public and private support to young people – that channels investment into education and skills, helps young people acquire entrepreneurship skills and matches SMEs' demand for skilled workers – should be strengthened;

Amendment

2. Insists that both public and private support to young people – that channels investment into education and skills, helps young people acquire entrepreneurship skills and matches SMEs' demand for skilled workers – should be strengthened; *stresses that this support should be granted both for setting up a business and for improving the running and management of businesses already set up, in particular for businesses carrying out or intending to carry out their commercial activity outside the EU's borders;*

Or. es

Amendment 9
Paul Rübig

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

2a. Believes in the huge potential offered by the Digital Single Market towards job creation and thinks that EU policies should respond to new labour market demands spurred by the digitalization of industry;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Clare Moody

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Notes also that women entrepreneurs often face additional barriers and emphasises that more should be done to unlock their potential as job creators and drivers of economic growth; this should be considered by the Commission as a measure of success or failure in its reports to the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Esteban González Pons

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to provide further support for female entrepreneurship, given that women still have to overcome considerable gender barriers in order to start up and develop a business;

Or. es

Amendment 12
Nils Torvalds

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. ***Draws attention to*** regional disparities and imbalances in SMEs' access to funding from national promotional banks, EU funded programmes and other private and public funding institutions; ***calls for a correction mechanism at EU level to ensure a level playing field for all SMEs – with special focus on poorer regions and on countries that have been under financial and economic constraints – in accessing funding from EU-supported financial instruments while using intermediaries;***

Amendment

3. ***Notes that*** regional disparities and imbalances in SMEs' access to funding from national promotional banks, EU funded programmes and other private and public funding institutions ***exist;***

Or. en

Amendment 13
Esteban González Pons

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Draws attention to regional disparities and imbalances in SMEs' access to funding from national promotional banks, EU funded programmes and other private and public funding institutions; calls for a correction mechanism at EU level to ensure a level playing field for all SMEs – with special focus on poorer regions and on countries that have been under financial and economic constraints – in accessing funding from EU-supported financial instruments while using intermediaries;

Amendment

3. Draws attention to regional disparities and imbalances in SMEs' access to funding from national promotional banks, EU funded programmes and other private and public funding institutions; calls for a correction mechanism at EU level to ensure a level playing field for all SMEs – with special focus on poorer regions and ***regions facing serious problems of depopulation and/or dispersion, as well as*** on countries that have been under financial and economic constraints – in accessing funding from EU-supported financial instruments while using intermediaries;

Or. es

Amendment 14
Clare Moody

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Draws attention to regional disparities and imbalances in SMEs' access to funding from national promotional banks, EU funded programmes and other private and public funding institutions; calls for a correction mechanism at EU level to ensure a level playing field for all SMEs – with special focus on poorer regions **and** on countries that have been under financial and economic constraints – in accessing funding from EU-supported financial instruments while using intermediaries;

Amendment

3. Draws attention to regional disparities and imbalances in SMEs' access to funding from national promotional banks, EU funded programmes and other private and public funding institutions; calls for a correction mechanism at EU level to ensure a level playing field for all SMEs – with special focus on **less developed**, poorer **and more remote** regions **as well as** on countries that have been under financial and economic constraints – in accessing funding from EU-supported financial instruments while using intermediaries;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Paul Rübzig

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Amendment

3. Draws attention to regional disparities and imbalances in SMEs' access to funding from national promotional banks, EU funded programmes and other private and public funding institutions; calls for **establishing** a level playing field for all SMEs – with special focus on poorer regions and on countries that have been under financial and economic constraints – in accessing funding from EU-supported financial instruments while using intermediaries;

Amendment 16
Jean-Paul Denanot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Amendment

3. Draws attention to regional disparities and imbalances in SMEs' access to funding from national promotional banks, EU funded programmes and other private and public funding institutions; calls for a correction mechanism at EU level to ensure a level playing field for all SMEs – with special focus on poorer regions and *isolated areas, and* on countries that have been under financial and economic constraints – in accessing funding from EU-supported financial instruments while using intermediaries;

Or. fr

Amendment 17
Esteban González Pons

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Invites the Commission, before it initiates a full-fledged debate with Parliament on the future Financial Framework and on cohesion policy in the post-2020 period, to carry out the quantitative studies necessary to gauge the impact of SME support policies and instruments, which would make it possible to carry out preparatory work by monitoring results and assessing their effectiveness compared with that of other

*forms of assistance not geared towards
businesses below a given size;*

Or. es

Amendment 18
Jean-Paul Denanot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the EIB to keep Parliament informed of the concrete measures taken so far to enhance the access to funding of cooperatives, which, together with SMEs, can play an important role in creating more sustainable and decent quality jobs;

Amendment

4. Calls on the EIB to keep Parliament informed of the concrete measures taken so far to enhance the access to funding of cooperatives, which, together with SMEs, can play an important role in creating more sustainable and decent quality jobs ***with indefinite work contracts;***

Or. fr

Amendment 19
Paul Rübige

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the EIB to keep Parliament informed of the concrete measures taken so far to enhance the access to funding of cooperatives, which, together with SMEs, can play an important role in creating more sustainable and decent quality jobs;

Amendment

4. Calls on the EIB ***and the European Commission*** to keep Parliament informed of the concrete measures taken so far to enhance the access to funding of cooperatives, which, together with SMEs, can play an important role in creating more sustainable and decent quality jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Esteban González Pons

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the EIB to keep Parliament informed of the concrete measures taken so far to enhance the access to funding of *cooperatives*, which, together with SMEs, can play an important role in creating more sustainable and decent quality jobs;

Amendment

4. Calls on the EIB to keep Parliament informed of the concrete measures taken so far to enhance the access to funding of *social economy enterprises*, which, together with SMEs, can play an important role in creating more sustainable and decent quality jobs;

Or. es

Amendment 21
Liadh Ní Riada

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Highlights that further efforts should be made in overcoming the migrant and asylum seekers crisis; considers, in particular, that within the specific measures being taken to help Member States in their efforts to foster the settlement and integration of the migrant communities, the enhancement and facilitation of the possibilities for the migrants, benefitting from international protection, to set-up micro-enterprises, social enterprises and SMEs beyond ensuring them access to the labour market, would help on the EU objectives of a higher degree of local,

Or. en

Amendment 22
Esteban González Pons

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to boost information and training channels for small businesses and entrepreneurs on the various European funding possibilities that they can access, so that they can acquire information on all the financial instruments provided for them by the European budget; calls for the greatest possible simplification in terms of both documents and procedures in order to facilitate access to these financial instruments, as well as greater flexibility in this regard;

Or. es

Amendment 23
Nils Torvalds

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Member States to provide guarantees to address SME job losses and to ensure a level playing field for SMEs in progressive taxation systems.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 24
Paul Rübig

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Member States to provide guarantees to address SME job losses and to ensure a level playing field for SMEs in progressive taxation systems.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 25

Paul Rübzig

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Stresses that an investment of EUR 75bn is expected to be triggered under the SME Window of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI); welcomes the successful implementation of SME financing under the EFSI among the approved projects so far;

Or. en

Amendment 26

Jean-Paul Denanot

Draft opinion

Recital A

Draft opinion

Amendment

A. whereas the EU budget shall contribute to boost the creation of long-term quality and qualified employment and to the potential of SMEs to create decent and sustainable jobs;

A. whereas the EU budget shall contribute to boost the creation of long-term quality and qualified employment, ***through the structural funds, in particular the European Social Fund***, and to the potential of SMEs to create decent and sustainable jobs;

Or. fr

Amendment 27
Nils Torvalds

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the EU budget shall contribute to boost the creation of long-term quality and qualified employment and to the potential of SMEs to create *decent and sustainable* jobs;

Amendment

A. whereas the EU budget shall contribute to boost the creation of long-term quality and qualified employment and to the potential of SMEs to create jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Paul Rübzig

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas access to finance is one of the main barriers to the creation and growth of SMEs;

Amendment

B. whereas access to finance is *still* one of the main barriers to the creation and growth of SMEs; , *given inter alia the lack of a sufficiently diversified range of equity instruments and risk capital across the Union, which is needed along the growth path of a company;*

Or. en

Amendment 29
Esteban González Pons

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

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Amendment

B. whereas access to finance is one of the main barriers to the creation and

growth of SMEs;

growth of SMEs, *particularly in the case of social economy enterprises*;

Or. es

Amendment 30
Esteban González Pons

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas SMEs play an important role in cohesion *and can further help integrate youth in employment, and inclusively integrate migrants in the EU*;

Amendment

C. whereas SMEs play an important role in *strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion, while also contributing to more intelligent, sustainable and inclusive growth*;

Or. es

Amendment 31
Jean-Paul Denanot

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas SMEs play an important role in cohesion and can further help integrate youth in employment, and inclusively integrate migrants in the EU;

Amendment

C. whereas SMEs play an important role in cohesion and can further help integrate youth in employment, *in particular through training*, and inclusively integrate migrants in the EU;

Or. fr

Amendment 32
Esteban González Pons

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas SMEs contribute to the integration of young people and women into the labour market, and may also help improve the inclusion of migrants in the Union;

Or. es

Amendment 33
Esteban González Pons

Draft opinion
Recital C b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Cb. whereas even though 90% of global growth is occurring outside the EU, only 13% of SMEs have been internationally active outside the EU;

Or. es