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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Miguel Viegas
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Minimum income policies as a tool to tackle poverty
(2016/2270(INI))

Amendment 1
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

Amendment

A. *whereas, in 2015, 23.7% of the population and 12.5% of employed people over the age of 18 in the EU-28 were at risk of poverty and social exclusion¹ ;*

deleted

¹ Eurostat.

Or. en

Amendment 2
Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

Amendment

A. *whereas, in 2015, 23.7% of the population and 12.5% of employed people over the age of 18 in the EU-28 were at risk of poverty and social exclusion¹ ;*

deleted

¹ Eurostat.

Or. en

Amendment 3
Werner Langen

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

Amendment

A. *whereas, in 2015, 23.7% of the population and 12.5% of employed people over the age of 18 in the EU-28 were at*

A. *whereas, in 2015, 17.3% of the population in the EU-28 were at risk of poverty¹; whereas according to Eurostat*

*risk of poverty and social exclusion*¹ ;

this indicator does not measure prosperity or poverty, but shows that an individual has - by comparison with other persons in the same country - a low income, which cannot necessarily be equated with a low standard of living;

¹ Eurostat.

¹ Eurostat.

Or. de

Amendment 4

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A a. whereas the cumulated number of people at risk of poverty and social exclusion has increased by 1,6 million in the EU (+5,5 million in the Euro area) between 2008 and 2015, contrasting with the EU2020 target of reducing it by 20 million by 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 5

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Sylvie Goulard, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A a. whereas Europe is one of the wealthiest regions in the world, although recent data on income poverty highlights the rising of poverty and severe poverty in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Jonás Fernández

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A a. Having regard to the Declaration of 9 May 1950, which called for 'the equalisation and improvement of the living conditions of workers',

Or. en

Amendment 7
Enrique Calvet Chambon, Sylvie Goulard, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A b. whereas income poverty is only a part of the overall concept of poverty, therefore poverty does not only refer to material resources, but also to social resources, notably education, health and access to services;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A b. whereas 10 % of Europeans are unable to make ends meet and up to 20 % in 6 Member States ^{1a};

Or. en

Amendment 9
Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

Amendment

B. *whereas a number of Member States have been coerced into reducing budget deficits and cutting their social spending, which has undermined public health, education, social security and housing systems;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 10
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

Amendment

B. *whereas a number of Member States have been coerced into reducing budget deficits and cutting their social spending, which has undermined public health, education, social security and housing systems;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 11
Markus Ferber

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas a number of Member States have ***been coerced into reducing budget deficits and cutting their social spending, which has undermined public health, education, social security and housing systems;***

Amendment

B. whereas a number of Member States have ***budget deficits whose existence can partly be explained by the fact that they run welfare systems which are not sustainably funded;***

Or. de

Amendment 12
Werner Langen

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas a number of Member States ***have been coerced into reducing budget deficits and cutting their social spending, which has undermined public health, education, social security and housing systems;***

Amendment

B. whereas a number of Member States ***which for decades ran up ever increasing debts have recognised the need to reduce their budget deficits and hence have cut their social spending; whereas these decisions were taken by elected national governments and national parliaments;***

Or. de

Amendment 13
Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas a number of Member States have ***been coerced into reducing budget deficits and cutting their social spending, which has undermined public health, education, social security and housing systems;***

Amendment

B. whereas a number of Member States have ***reduced budget deficits and cut their social spending, but not nearly sufficiently;***

Or. en

Amendment 14
Bernd Lucke

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas ***a number of*** Member States have ***been coerced into reducing*** budget deficits ***and cutting their*** social spending, ***which has undermined public health, education, social security and housing systems;***

Amendment

B. whereas ***certain*** Member States have ***to deal with severe*** budget deficits, ***increased debt levels and, as a result, cuts on*** social spending; ***whereas - unlike investment - transfers and government consumption should never be debt-financed;***

Or. en

Amendment 15
Esther de Lange

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas a number of Member States ***have been coerced into reducing*** budget deficits and ***cutting their*** social spending, ***which has undermined*** public health, education, social security and housing systems;

Amendment

B. whereas ***for*** a number of Member States, ***it was necessary to reduce*** budget deficits and ***cut*** social spending ***in order to be able to secure*** public health, education, social security and ***sustainable*** housing systems ***in the long term;***

Or. en

Amendment 16
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas ***a number of Member States*** have been ***coerced into reducing***

Amendment

B. whereas ***salaries, pensions and social spending*** have been ***slashed,***

budget deficits and cutting their social spending, which *has undermined* public health, education, social security and housing systems;

particularly in those Member States, such as Greece and Portugal, to which the Memorandum provisions apply, thereby undermining public health, education, social security and housing systems;

Or. el

Amendment 17

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas a number of Member States have been coerced into reducing budget deficits and cutting their social spending, which has undermined public health, education, social *security* and housing *systems*;

Amendment

B. whereas a number of Member States have been coerced into reducing budget deficits and cutting their social spending, which has undermined public health, education, social *protection* and housing *system and in particular the access to, adequacy, availability and quality of the related services*;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Sylvie Goulard

Draft opinion

Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas a number of Member States have *been coerced into reducing* budget deficits *and cutting* their social spending, which has *undermined* public health, education, social security and housing systems;

Amendment

B. whereas, *in order to respect their treaty obligations*, a number of Member States have *reduced their* budget deficits; *some Member States decided to achieve this goal in part by reducing* their social spending, which has *often resulted in the degradation of* public health, education, social security and housing systems, *which has had a disproportionate impact on the most deprived members of society in those Member States*;

Amendment 19
Thomas Mann

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas a number of Member States have been coerced into reducing budget deficits and cutting their social spending, which has undermined public health, education, social security and housing systems;

Amendment

B. whereas a number of Member States have been coerced into reducing budget deficits and cutting their social spending, which has undermined public health, education, social security and housing systems; ***whereas consolidated budgets and structural reforms in the Member States are important components of sustainable economic and social policies;***

Or. de

Amendment 20
Emmanuel Maurel

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas structural labour market reforms and fiscal consolidation have backfired to the extent that they have widened the gaps among Member States as regards living standards and disposable household income, leading to disparity within the EU; whereas, for example, the median living standard of the poorest 10% of households in France is higher than that of the Portuguese population as a whole, and the median living standard of the richest 1% of Luxembourg households is 75 times higher than that of the poorest 10% in Romania;

Or. fr

Amendment 21
Markus Ferber

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas, in keeping with the subsidiarity principle, social policy is a Member State matter;

Or. de

Amendment 22
Emmanuel Maurel

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas inflation in 2015, though low, was still higher than the increase in purchasing power, which stands at the dangerously low level of 0.3%;

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Emmanuel Maurel

Draft opinion
Recital B c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bc. whereas the IMF in 2013, followed later by the OECD, admitted that fiscal multipliers were being underestimated and were very probably greater than 1; whereas, that being the case, minimum income policies are a tool for sustainable growth;

Amendment 24
Emmanuel Maurel

Draft opinion
Recital B d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bd. whereas minimum income policies act as an automatic stabiliser and whereas the recession has been less severe in countries which have solid systems to support disposable household income;

Or. fr

Amendment 25
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

Amendment

C. whereas tax avoidance and tax evasion schemes have deprived countries of revenue that is essential for a robust social state and public welfare policies, leading to worsening poverty;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 26
Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

Amendment

C. whereas tax avoidance and tax evasion schemes have deprived countries of revenue that is essential for a robust social state and public welfare policies,

deleted

leading to worsening poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Bernd Lucke

Draft opinion

Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas tax avoidance and tax evasion schemes have *deprived countries of revenue that is essential for a robust social state and public welfare policies, leading to worsening poverty;*

Amendment

C. whereas tax avoidance and tax evasion schemes have *reduced government revenue which could be spent on better conditions for economic growth, rising incomes and social policies;*

Or. en

Amendment 28

Werner Langen

Draft opinion

Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas tax avoidance and tax evasion schemes *have deprived* countries of revenue *that is essential for a* robust social state and public welfare policies, *leading to worsening poverty;*

Amendment

C. whereas tax avoidance and tax evasion schemes *are depriving* countries of *large volumes of* revenue, *a phenomenon which constitutes a serious problem for the EU, but does not pose a threat to* robust social state and public welfare policies;

Or. de

Amendment 29

Sylvie Goulard

Draft opinion

Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas tax avoidance and tax evasion schemes have deprived countries of revenue that *is essential for a* robust social *state* and public welfare policies, *leading to worsening* poverty;

Amendment

C. whereas tax avoidance and tax evasion schemes *create an un-level playing field within the European Union and* have deprived countries of revenue that *helps to contribute to sufficient funding for* robust social and public welfare policies; *whereas this has often resulted in increasing levels of poverty in these Member States in recent years*;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Recital F

Draft opinion

C. whereas tax avoidance and tax evasion *schemes have* deprived countries of revenue that is essential for a robust social state and public welfare policies, leading to worsening poverty;

Amendment

C. whereas *the absence of any strategy for the eradication of* tax avoidance and tax evasion *has* deprived countries of revenue that is essential for a robust social state and public welfare policies, leading to worsening poverty;

Or. el

Amendment 31
Michał Marusik

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas tax avoidance and tax evasion schemes have deprived countries of revenue that is essential for a robust social state and public welfare policies, *leading to worsening poverty*;

Amendment

C. whereas tax avoidance and tax evasion schemes have deprived countries of revenue that is essential for a robust social state and public welfare policies;

Or. pl

Amendment 32
Luke Ming Flanagan, Miguel Viegas

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas tax avoidance and tax evasion schemes have deprived countries of revenue that is essential for a robust social state and public welfare policies, leading to worsening poverty;

Amendment

C. whereas tax avoidance and tax evasion schemes have deprived countries of revenue that is essential for a robust social state and public welfare policies, leading to worsening poverty; ***these schemes are operating right around the globe, including within the EU itself, and those negative impacts are likewise felt right around the globe, and likewise also within the EU itself;***

Or. en

Amendment 33
Bernard Monot

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas wealth inequalities, in Europe and all over the world, have risen to a level that is both unprecedented and unacceptable, as can be seen from the fact that a handful of multibillionaires own more than the majority of the population;

Or. fr

Amendment 34
Bernard Monot

Draft opinion
Recital C b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Cb. whereas this situation is a direct result of globalisation and of the liberal market deregulation policies advocated by the EU, which are enabling multinationals to take advantage of the lowest production costs, a worldwide market, and the possibility of escaping tax with the aid of tax planning;

Or. fr

Amendment 35
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

Amendment

D. whereas, according to the ILO², transfers and social benefits are the most powerful factor for reducing inequalities;

deleted

² *Decomposing income inequality into factor income components: Evidence from selected G20 countries, p. 1.*

Or. en

Amendment 36
Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

Amendment

D. whereas, according to the ILO², transfers and social benefits are the most powerful factor for reducing inequalities;

deleted

² *Decomposing income inequality into factor income components: Evidence*

from selected G20 countries, p. 1.

Or. en

Amendment 37

Bernd Lucke

Draft opinion

Recital D

Draft opinion

D. whereas, according to *the ILO*², *transfers and social benefits are the most powerful factor for reducing* inequalities;

² Decomposing income inequality into factor income components: Evidence from selected G20 countries, p. 1.

Amendment

D. whereas, according to *a ILO*² *research paper made on 13 G20 nations, redistributive social transfer and tax policies were important factors for mitigating income* inequalities; *whereas this is not at all surprising*;

² Decomposing income inequality into factor income components: Evidence from selected G20 countries, p. 1.

Or. en

Amendment 38

Markus Ferber

Draft opinion

Recital D

Draft opinion

D. whereas, *according to the ILO*², *transfers and social benefits are the most powerful factor for* reducing *inequalities*;

² *Decomposing income inequality into factor income components: Evidence from selected G20 countries, p. 1.*

Amendment

D. whereas *an efficient and flexible labour market makes the greatest contribution to* reducing *poverty*;

Or. de

Amendment 39
Michal Marusik

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

D. whereas, *according to the ILO², transfers and social benefits are the most powerful factor for* reducing inequalities;

² *Decomposing income inequality into factor income components: Evidence from selected G20 countries, p. 1.*

Amendment

D. whereas *reducing tax pressure is the most powerful factor in increasing the wealth of society, as well as in* reducing *discrimination and material* inequalities;

Or. pl

Amendment 40
Werner Langen

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

D. whereas, *according to the ILO², transfers and social benefits are the most powerful factor for* reducing inequalities;

² *Decomposing income inequality into factor income components: Evidence from selected G20 countries, p. 1.*

Amendment

D. whereas *the most effective welfare policy consists of a sound employment policy and a fair tax policy which lower the unemployment rate, reduce inequalities and cut poverty*;

Or. de

Amendment 41
Sylvie Goulard

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

D. whereas, according to the ILO², transfers and social benefits are ***the most*** powerful ***factor*** for reducing inequalities;

² Decomposing income inequality into factor income components: Evidence from selected G20 countries, *p. 1*.

Amendment

D. whereas, according to the ILO², ***education***, transfers and social benefits are powerful ***factors*** for reducing inequalities;

² Decomposing income inequality into factor income components: Evidence from selected G20 countries,
http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---inst/documents/publication/wcms_499918.pdf

Or. en

Amendment 42
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Draft opinion
Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D a. whereas minimum income schemes are generally defined as guaranteed income levels for those who cannot work or whose employment income is below the poverty line of 60% of the national median equivalised disposable income; whereas a more comprehensive framework for minimum income schemes should also include non-monetary benefits such as education, healthcare, childcare, housing and mobility^{3a};

^{3a} ***European Commission (2015) Towards adequate and accessible Minimum Income Schemes in Europe: Analysis of Minimum Income Schemes and roadmaps in 30 countries participating in the EMIN project (p. 15). European Commission (2016) Minimum Income Schemes in Europe: A study of national policies (p. 9).***

Amendment 43
Bernd Lucke

Draft opinion
Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D a. whereas reducing inequality by redistributive policies may entail serious disincentives for the productive use of labor and capital, thereby increasing unemployment and reducing the fiscal scope for social policies;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D a. whereas poverty may also be a cause for economic instability by containing internal demand and/or leading to a bust of household debt and by contributing to the production of an excess of liquidity;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Bernard Monot

Draft opinion
Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Da. whereas the share-out of wealth created within the economy needs to be substantially adjusted in favour of labour;

Or. fr

Amendment 46

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Sylvie Goulard, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion

Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D a. whereas the concept of minimum income must not be confused with the concept of a minimum wage, which is fixed by collective agreement or by legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Emmanuel Maurel

Draft opinion

Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Da. whereas a European citizens' initiative calling for basic subsistence security was launched in January 2013;

Or. fr

Amendment 48

Romana Tomc

Draft opinion

Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D a. E. Whereas an open economy with

low unemployment is still the most effective tool for combating poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion
Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D a. whereas monetary inflation increases inequality drastically;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital D b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D b. considering the different propensity to consume of the various quintiles of income^{1b} where it appears that policies supporting the most deprived social sectors in the EU will benefit the whole economy and will tend to be budgetary neutral; whereas the IMF concluded that "if the income share of the top 20 percent increases by 1 percentage point, GDP growth is actually 0.08 percentage point lower in the following five years. Instead, a similar increase in the income share of the bottom 20 percent (the poor) is associated with 0.38 percentage point higher growth^{1c} ;

^{1b} ECB, *The distribution of wealth and the marginal propensity to consume, 2014*

Or. en

Amendment 51

Bernd Lucke

Draft opinion

Recital D b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D b. whereas some member states are launching pilot projects for testing universal basic income policies, such as in Finland, where a random sample of 2,000 unemployed persons will receive an unconditional sum of EUR 560 per month, which should produce an adequate incentive to accept temporary and part-time work;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Romana Tomc

Draft opinion

Recital D b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D b. F. whereas the introduction and strengthening of the minimum income policies, if properly combined with other measures and policies on social and labour markets, can present a way of tackling poverty, supporting social inclusion and access to the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Draft opinion
Recital D b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D b. whereas a number of studies show poverty negatively affecting economic growth^{4a};

^{4a} World Bank (2006) Poverty Reduction and Growth: The Virtuous and Vicious Circle. OECD (2014) Trends in Income Inequality and its Impact on Economic Growth.

Or. en

Amendment 54
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital D c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D c. whereas establishing and strengthening income support schemes is an effective way to overcome poverty as well as in line with the European Commission's Social Investment Package;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Recital D c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D c. G. whereas ensuring a minimum

income for those who do not have enough resources for a decent life, or do not receive adequate pay for their work, is covered by the first pillar of social rights;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Bernd Lucke

Draft opinion
Recital D c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D c. whereas universal basic income could be one of the solutions for reforming social security, cutting red tape, poverty and unemployment;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Draft opinion
Recital D c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D c. whereas minimum income schemes can act as macroeconomic automatic stabilizers in response to economic shocks;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Draft opinion
Recital D d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D d. whereas the effectiveness of minimum income schemes to alleviate poverty, foster labour market integration especially for the young, and act as automatic stabilisers varies significantly between member states;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital D d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D d. whereas well-designed income support systems do not act as disincentives to work^{1d} ;

^{1d} European Commission, Employment and Social Developments in Europe 2013, January 2014

Or. en

Amendment 60
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital D e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D e. whereas according to the Parliament's Resolution of 2010, adequate minimum income schemes must set minimum incomes at a level equivalent to at least 60% of average income in the member state concerned;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Draft opinion
Recital D e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D e. whereas every fourth child under 16 years is affected by poverty in Europe^{5a}; whereas the socio-economic background is determining too often the opportunities of children;

^{5a} ***Eurostat.***

Or. en

Amendment 62
Markus Ferber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. ***Stresses that urgent practical steps need to be taken to eradicate poverty and social exclusion and promote the fair distribution of income and wealth;***

1. ***Calls on the Member States to take suitable measures to eradicate poverty and social exclusion;***

Or. de

Amendment 63
Michal Marusik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Stresses that urgent practical steps need to be taken to ***eradicate poverty and social exclusion and promote the fair***

1. Stresses that urgent practical steps need to be taken to ***reduce the tax burden on citizens and companies, and to simplify***

distribution of income and wealth;

tax systems;

Or. pl

Amendment 64

Bernd Lucke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that ***urgent*** practical steps need to be taken to ***eradicate*** poverty and social exclusion ***and promote the fair distribution of income and wealth;***

Amendment

1. Stresses that practical steps need to be taken to ***further mitigate*** poverty and social exclusion;

Or. en

Amendment 65

Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that urgent practical steps need to be taken to eradicate poverty ***and social exclusion and promote the fair distribution of income and wealth;***

Amendment

1. Stresses that urgent practical steps need to be taken to eradicate poverty ***by defining poverty in absolute terms instead of defining it as a household income below 60 percent of median income;***

Or. en

Amendment 66

Sylvie Goulard, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that urgent practical steps need to be taken to eradicate poverty and

Amendment

1. Stresses that urgent practical steps need to be taken to eradicate poverty and

social exclusion *and promote the fair distribution of income and wealth*;

social exclusion; *stresses that these steps need to be undertaken at the appropriate level - with actions at national and European level according to the division of competencies for the relevant policies*;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that urgent practical steps need to be taken to eradicate poverty and social exclusion and *promote the fair distribution of income and wealth*;

Amendment

1. Stresses that urgent practical steps need to be taken to eradicate poverty and social exclusion and *reduce inequalities that will help to ensure economic and territorial cohesion and an equilibrium between economic and social objectives*;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Werner Langen

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that *urgent practical steps need to be taken* to eradicate poverty and social exclusion *and* promote the fair distribution of income and wealth;

Amendment

1. Stresses that *the most effective measure* to eradicate poverty and social exclusion *is job creation, which serves to* promote the fair distribution of income and wealth; *calls on the Commission to continue to tailor its policies in this area towards the promotion of employment, in particular for young people*;

Or. de

Amendment 69
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that urgent practical steps need to be taken to eradicate poverty and social exclusion and promote *the fair distribution of income and wealth*;

Amendment

1. Stresses that urgent practical steps need to be taken to eradicate poverty and social exclusion and promote *effective social safety nets. Also stresses, that the provision of minimum income means additional burden to member states. The member states are developed differently, with different economic power and with different ability to provide financial resources*;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Luke Ming Flanagan, Miguel Viegas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that urgent practical steps need to be taken to eradicate poverty and social exclusion and *promote the fair distribution of income and wealth*;

Amendment

1. Stresses that urgent practical steps need to be taken to eradicate poverty and social exclusion and *to greatly reduce the current hugely unequal distribution of income and wealth, with just eight men owning the same wealth as the 3.6 billion people (half the world's population), according to a Jan 2017 report by Oxfam¹.*
¹<https://www.oxfam.org/en/research/economy-99>

Or. en

Amendment 71
Jonás Fernández

Draft opinion

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Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that urgent practical steps need to be taken to eradicate poverty and social exclusion and promote the fair distribution of income and wealth;

Amendment

1. Stresses that urgent practical steps need to be taken **by the Union and the Member States** to eradicate poverty and social exclusion and promote the fair distribution of income and wealth;

Or. es

Amendment 72 Notis Marias

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that urgent practical steps need to be taken to eradicate poverty and social exclusion and promote the fair distribution of income and wealth;

Amendment

1. Stresses that urgent practical steps need to be taken **here and now** to eradicate poverty and social exclusion and promote the fair distribution of income and wealth;

Or. el

Amendment 73 Ernest Urtasun on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that urgent practical steps need to be taken to eradicate poverty and social exclusion and promote the fair distribution of income and wealth;

Amendment

1. Stresses that urgent practical steps need to be taken to eradicate poverty and social exclusion and promote the fair distribution of income and wealth; ***Insists that more attention be given by the Commission to this issue when it proposes the country-specific recommendations and that, on the occasion of the review of the EU economic governance, the pertaining EU2020 target be made more binding;***

Amendment 74
Gabriel Mato, Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(1) *Considers that minimum income schemes are the responsibility of the national authorities and that their introduction or development should accordingly take into account the economic and social situation, as well as the production system, in each case; recommends that, with their possible introduction, guarantees be given to safeguard incentives for (re) integration into the labour market;*

Or. es

Amendment 75
Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. *Reinforces that the best way to reduce poverty and avoid social exclusion is to boost sustainable growth and to create favourable framework conditions for European companies - notably avoiding excessive administrative burdens as well as ensuring access to finance - in order to allow them to create jobs;*

Or. en

Amendment 76
Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Supports the European Commission's social investment approach which views well-designed social policies as contributing to economic growth, whilst protecting people from poverty and acting as economic stabilisers ^{2a} ;

^{2a} European Commission Communication on “Towards Social Investment for Growth and Cohesion – including implementing the European Social Fund 2014-2020”, European Commission “Social Investment in Europe: A study of national policies 2015”

Or. en

Amendment 77
Sylvie Goulard

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Welcomes reflections and studies concerning how to improve the fair distribution of income and wealth within our societies;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 b. Stresses that a key factor impeding the development of a social investment approach by Member states is the impact of the economic crisis and a policy environment dominated by austerity;^{2b}

^{2b} European Commission “Social Investment in Europe: A study of national policies 2015”

Or. en

Amendment 79
Werner Langen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Calls for priority to be given, when shaping macroeconomic policies, to reducing social inequalities and guaranteeing universal free access to public social services; ***deleted***

Or. de

Amendment 80
Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Calls for priority to be given, when shaping macroeconomic policies, to reducing social inequalities and guaranteeing universal free access to public social services; ***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 81

Bernd Lucke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls for *priority to be given, when shaping macroeconomic policies, to reducing social inequalities and guaranteeing universal free access to public social services*;

Amendment

2. Calls for *reducing social inequalities by enabling people to make best use of their gifts and capabilities, calls for focusing social support on those which are both poor and unable to earn a sufficient income by their own efforts*;

Or. en

Amendment 82

Sylvie Goulard

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls *for priority to be given, when shaping macroeconomic policies, to reducing social inequalities and guaranteeing universal free access to public social services*;

Amendment

2. Calls, *when shaping macroeconomic policies, for due attention to be paid to the need to reduce social inequalities and to the impact of the aforementioned macroeconomic policies on the most deprived in society*;

Or. en

Amendment 83

Michał Marusik

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls for priority to be given, when shaping macroeconomic policies, to *reducing social inequalities and*

Amendment

2. Calls for priority to be given, when shaping macroeconomic policies, to *lowering the level of taxation and*

guaranteeing universal free access to public social services;

simplifying tax systems;

Or. pl

Amendment 84
Markus Ferber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls for *priority* to be *given*, when shaping macroeconomic policies, *to reducing social inequalities and guaranteeing universal free access to public social services;*

Amendment

2. Calls for *due account* to be *taken*, when shaping macroeconomic policies, *of access to effective, efficient and sustainably funded* public social services;

Or. de

Amendment 85
Gabriel Mato, Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls for *priority* to be *given, when shaping macroeconomic policies, to reducing social inequalities and guaranteeing universal free access to public* social services;

Amendment

2. Calls for *account* to be *taken of the need to reduce poverty and social exclusion and guarantee decent and affordable* social services *when shaping macroeconomic policies;*

Or. es

Amendment 86
Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Calls for priority to be given, when shaping macroeconomic policies, to reducing social inequalities and guaranteeing universal *free* access to public social services;

2. Calls for priority to be given *now*, when shaping macroeconomic policies, to reducing social inequalities and guaranteeing universal access to public social services, *thus tackling poverty*;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls for priority to be given, when shaping macroeconomic policies, to reducing social inequalities and guaranteeing universal free access to public social services;

Amendment

2. Calls for priority to be given *consistently*, when shaping macroeconomic policies, to reducing social inequalities and guaranteeing universal free access to public social services;

Or. el

Amendment 88
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls for priority to be given, when shaping macroeconomic policies, to reducing social inequalities and guaranteeing universal free access to public social services;

Amendment

2. Calls for priority to be given, when shaping macroeconomic policies, to reducing social inequalities and guaranteeing universal free access *of all social groups* to public social services. *Successfully implemented structural reforms have, in many countries, reduced the number of unemployed and therefore contributed in eradication of poverty*;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Jonás Fernández

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls for priority to be given, when shaping macroeconomic policies, to reducing social inequalities and guaranteeing universal free access to public social services;

Amendment

2. Calls for priority to be given, when shaping macroeconomic policies, to reducing social inequalities and guaranteeing universal free access to public social services, ***as part of a binding European Pillar of Social Rights:***

Or. es

Amendment 90
Bernd Lucke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Points out that social policies may use as instruments either minimum income or minimum wages but not both, points out that social policies are an obligation of the state and not an obligation of private employers; points out that minimum wage laws are at risk of contributing to the loss of jobs for low-skilled workers;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Bernd Lucke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(1) Points out that social support must always be distinctively lower than wage income for those who work;

Amendment 92
Emmanuel Maurel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission to incorporate the following indicators into the European Semester: fiscal multiplier levels by country, the European Semester purchasing power trend, and interdecile and interpercentile household income ranges, and to translate them into targets in the country-specific recommendations;

Or. fr

Amendment 93
Renato Soru

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Points to the importance of factoring income inequality indicators into policy-making, not least where the European Semester is concerned;

Or. it

Amendment 94
Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Respects the sovereign right of any Member State to democratically choose

their own economic policy;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Emmanuel Maurel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. *Points out that recent experience of reforms based on tax exemptions shows that it is preferable to finance minimum income policies using budget support rather than through tax incentives;*

Or. fr

Amendment 96
Emmanuel Maurel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. *Notes that the implementation of universal basic income is being discussed in several Member States and that the French Senate has recommended that schemes of this kind be tested at local level; calls on the Commission to make an assessment once the current trials have been completed in Finland;*

Or. fr

Amendment 97
Emmanuel Maurel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2d. Calls on the Commission to hold a public consultation on universal minimum income with a view to following up the trials now taking place and the European citizens' initiative launched in 2013;

Or. fr

Amendment 98
Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Points out that an increase in social transfers and progressive, fair and redistributive tax systems, alongside measures to combat tax avoidance and tax evasion, are prerequisites for economic, social and territorial cohesion;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 99
Werner Langen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Points out that an increase in social transfers and progressive, fair and redistributive tax systems, alongside measures to combat tax avoidance and tax evasion, are prerequisites for economic, social and territorial cohesion;

3. Emphasises that combating tax avoidance and tax evasion is a key task which the European Union must carry out in order to reduce the burden on State budgets and help to bring about social justice;

Or. de

Amendment 100
Michal Marusik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Points out that *an increase in* social transfers *and progressive, fair and redistributive tax systems, alongside measures to combat tax avoidance and tax evasion*, are prerequisites for economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Amendment

3. Points out that *reducing* social transfers, *reducing and simplifying taxation, and cutting administrative costs* are prerequisites for economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Or. pl

Amendment 101
Bernd Lucke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Points out that *an increase in* social transfers *and progressive, fair and redistributive tax systems*, alongside measures to combat tax avoidance and tax evasion, *are prerequisites for* economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Amendment

3. Points out that social transfers, alongside measures to combat tax avoidance and tax evasion, *can increase* economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Markus Ferber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Points out that *an increase in social transfers and progressive, fair and redistributive* tax systems, alongside measures to combat tax avoidance and tax evasion, are prerequisites for economic,

Amendment

3. Points out that *efficient, effective and sustainably funded welfare systems and fair* tax systems, alongside measures to combat tax avoidance and tax evasion, are prerequisites for economic, social and

social and territorial cohesion;

territorial cohesion;

Or. de

Amendment 103
Esther de Lange

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Points out that ***an increase in*** social transfers and progressive, fair and redistributive tax systems, alongside measures to combat tax avoidance and tax evasion, ***are prerequisites for*** economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Amendment

3. Points out that social transfers and progressive, fair and redistributive tax systems, alongside measures to ***strengthen competitiveness and*** combat tax avoidance and tax evasion, ***all have the potential to contribute to*** economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Points out that an increase in social transfers and progressive, fair and redistributive tax systems, alongside measures to combat tax avoidance and tax evasion, are prerequisites for economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Amendment

3. Points out that an increase in social transfers and progressive, fair and redistributive tax systems, alongside ***practical*** measures to combat tax avoidance and tax evasion, are prerequisites for economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Or. el

Amendment 105
Sylvie Goulard

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. **Points out** that an increase in social transfers and progressive, fair and redistributive tax systems, alongside measures to combat tax avoidance and tax evasion, are prerequisites for economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Amendment

3. **Underlines** that an increase in **education**, social transfers and progressive, fair and redistributive tax systems, alongside measures to combat tax avoidance and tax evasion, are prerequisites for economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Points out that an increase in social transfers and progressive, fair and redistributive tax systems, alongside measures to combat tax avoidance and tax evasion, are prerequisites for economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Amendment

3. Points out that an increase in social transfers and progressive, fair and redistributive tax systems, alongside measures to combat tax avoidance and tax evasion, are prerequisites for economic, social and territorial cohesion. **Stresses that, in some countries, expansionary fiscal policy is a part of a problem that contributes to the reduced amount of social services related spending;**

Or. en

Amendment 107
Thomas Mann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Points out that an increase in social transfers and progressive, fair and redistributive tax systems, alongside measures to combat tax avoidance and tax evasion, are prerequisites for economic,

Amendment

3. Points out that an increase in social transfers and progressive, fair and redistributive tax systems, alongside measures to combat tax avoidance and tax evasion, are prerequisites for economic,

social and territorial cohesion;

social and territorial cohesion; *emphasises that tax policy is a Member State matter;*

Or. de

Amendment 108
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Points out that redistribution schemes alone will not bring people into work; reinforces also that having a job is always the best way to protect someone from the risk of poverty and a powerful mean of social integration; Stresses that to avoid a class of assisted people, labour market and business environment reforms need to be conducted and monitored;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Markus Ferber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Argues that minimum income schemes are essential transitional instruments in reducing and fighting poverty, and they should be seen as a social investment;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 110
Michal Marusik

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Argues that minimum income schemes are essential transitional instruments in reducing and fighting poverty, and they should be seen as a social investment;

deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 111 Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Argues that minimum income schemes are essential transitional instruments in reducing and fighting poverty, and they should be seen as a social investment;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 112 Romana Tomc

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Argues that minimum income schemes are essential transitional instruments in reducing and fighting poverty, and they should be seen as a social investment;

4. Stresses, that introducing and strengthening minimum income policy is important for people who find themselves in financial difficulties, this income should constitute a last resort and not ordinary income. It urges that the maintaining a balance between the minimum income and other types of income is key;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Sylvie Goulard

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. *Argues that minimum income schemes are essential transitional instruments in reducing and fighting poverty, and they should be seen as a social investment;*

Amendment

4. *Believes that further study and research into potential different minimum income scheme models could be a useful tool in the battle to reduce and fight poverty and social exclusion, stresses that it is essential that any potential schemes and models must be created with the active involvement of Europe's most deprived, as they are an under-used and under-represented resource with in-depth knowledge and experience which must be harnessed;*

Or. en

Amendment 114
Werner Langen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. *Argues that minimum income schemes are essential transitional instruments in reducing and fighting poverty, and they should be seen as a social investment;*

Amendment

4. *Argues that non-market-oriented minimum income schemes would place a serious strain on State budgets, would burden future generations with high levels of debt and would in no way constitute investments;*

Or. de

Amendment 115
Bernd Lucke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Argues that minimum income schemes are *essential* transitional instruments in reducing and fighting poverty, *and they should be seen as a social investment*;

Amendment

4. Argues that minimum income schemes are transitional instruments in reducing and fighting poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 116

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Argues that minimum income schemes *are essential* transitional instruments in reducing and fighting poverty, and they should be seen as a social investment;

Amendment

4. Argues that minimum income schemes *could act as* transitional instruments in reducing and fighting poverty, *social exclusion and inequalities*, and they should be seen *not only* as a social *but also as an economic* investment; *Notes the counter-cyclical effects of minimum incomes schemes*;

Or. en

Amendment 117

Esther de Lange

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Argues that minimum income schemes are *essential* transitional instruments in reducing and fighting poverty, and they *should* be seen as a social investment;

Amendment

4. Argues that *national* minimum income schemes are *possible* transitional instruments in reducing and fighting poverty, and they *could* be seen as a social investment;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Gabriel Mato, Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Argues that minimum income schemes are essential transitional instruments in reducing and fighting poverty, and they should be seen as a social investment;

Amendment

4. Argues that minimum income schemes ***combined with active employment policies*** are essential transitional instruments in reducing and fighting poverty, and they should be seen as a social investment;

Or. es

Amendment 119
Marco Zanni

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Argues that minimum income schemes are essential transitional instruments in reducing and fighting poverty, and they should be seen as a social investment;

Amendment

4. Argues that minimum income schemes are essential transitional instruments in reducing and fighting poverty, and they should be seen as a social investment; ***takes the view, however, that their use should not serve to establish a model disregarding the right to a job, thus devaluing it; takes the view that schemes of this kind should not be employed as a quick fix for the failure – stemming from the wrong policies and decisions – to create the jobs necessary for growth and employment;***

Or. it

Amendment 120
Bernard Monot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. *Points out that no redistribution policy is possible unless the number of beneficiaries remains reasonably constant and that mass migration, combined with equal access to social entitlements, would spell the swift collapse of any welfare system, the only way out in such a situation being colossal borrowing, which would, however, eventually prove unsustainable;*

Or. fr

Amendment 121
Marco Zanni

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. *Points out that, because of the euro and the single market, national labour markets can no longer be shielded by flexible exchange rates; notes that the countries hardest hit by the crisis are in that way compelled to apply wage deflation policies;*

Or. it

Amendment 122
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. *Believes that minimum income schemes should be temporary and always accompanied with active policies of inclusion in labour market;*

Or. en

Amendment 123
Renato Soru

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls for assessment of the minimum income experiments being carried out in some Member States;

Or. it

Amendment 124
Bernard Monot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Considers that the way to eradicate poverty is not to open borders in order to import poverty into Europe, but, rather, to help create the conditions for development in countries of origin, not least by halting the plundering of their natural resources by greedy multinationals and corrupt governments;

Or. fr

Amendment 125
Marco Zanni

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Points out in any event that the prime aim of policy action should be to create properly paid jobs;

Amendment 126

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Sylvie Goulard, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 b. Calls on the Commission and Member States to exchange best practices from minimum income schemes;

Or. en

Amendment 127

Thomas Mann

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median equivalised disposable income, taking due account of each country's specific characteristics.

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 128

Markus Ferber

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median

deleted

equivalised disposable income, taking due account of each country's specific characteristics.

Or. de

Amendment 129

Michał Marusik

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median equivalised disposable income, taking due account of each country's specific characteristics. *deleted*

Or. pl

Amendment 130

Marco Zanni

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median equivalised disposable income, taking due account of each country's specific characteristics. *deleted*

Or. it

Amendment 131

Romana Tomc

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median equivalised disposable income, taking due account of each country's specific characteristics.

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 132
Bernd Lucke**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median equivalised disposable income, taking due account of each country's specific characteristics.

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 133
Beatrix von Storch**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median equivalised disposable income, taking due account of each country's specific

deleted

characteristics.

Or. en

Amendment 134

Gabriel Mato, Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median equivalised disposable income, taking due account of each country's specific characteristics.

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 135

Esther de Lange

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median equivalised disposable income, taking due account of each country's specific characteristics.

5. MS which have not yet done so should consider the creation of national minimum schemes, of which the level is set by the individual Member States and which is in accordance with national legislation and practices, and corresponds to the socioeconomic situation of the respective Member State.

Or. en

Amendment 136

Werner Langen

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. *Calls on the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median equivalised disposable income, taking due account of each country's specific characteristics.*

Amendment

5. *Emphasises that social policy is a Member State matter and that the European Union should confine itself to implementing structural and employment policies which increase prosperity in all countries;*

Or. de

Amendment 137

Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. *Calls on the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median equivalised disposable income, taking due account of each country's specific characteristics.*

Amendment

5. *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to evaluate the manner and the means of providing an adequate minimum income in all Member States and to consider further steps in support of social convergence across the EU, taking due account of each country's specific characteristics, as well as national practices and traditions;*

Or. en

Amendment 138

Sylvie Goulard, Enrique Calvet Chambon

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. *Calls on the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median equivalised disposable income, taking due account of*

Amendment

5. *Calls on the Commission, after further study and reflection, to evaluate the potential positive impact of a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes for all Member States,*

each country's specific characteristics.

taking due account of each country's specific characteristics.

Or. en

Amendment 139

Jonás Fernández

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median equivalised disposable income, *taking due account of each country's specific characteristics.*

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median equivalised disposable income, *as part of the European Social Rights Pillar;*

Or. es

Amendment 140

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median equivalised disposable income, taking due account of each country's specific characteristics.

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median equivalised disposable income, taking due account of each country's specific characteristics, *notably the role of social partners; is of the opinion that a framework of this kind should contain common rules and indicators as well as concrete methods for monitoring the implementation of such schemes;*

Or. en

Amendment 141
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median equivalised disposable income, taking due account of each country's specific characteristics.

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing ***comprehensive and accessible*** minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median equivalised disposable income, taking due account of each country's specific characteristics;

Or. en

Amendment 142
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. ***Calls on*** the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median equivalised disposable income, taking due account of each country's specific characteristics.

Amendment

5. ***Strongly urges*** the Commission to propose a framework directive establishing minimum income schemes set at above 60% of national median equivalised disposable income, taking due account of each country's specific characteristics.

Or. el

Amendment 143
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. 6. Calls on the Commission, that it should, before submitting any proposal in this field, take into account the fact that this area is of Member States competence

and to extensively evaluate the impact of planned measures on the economic and social situation of individual countries examine the appropriateness of the selected instruments to deal with related social and economic problems and limit the potential negative consequences of minimum income,

Or. en

Amendment 144

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Calls for reference budgets to be used to test the robustness of the level of minimum income and of the 60% threshold; points out that reference budgets can help setting the level of minimum income necessary to meet people's fundamental needs, including also non-monetary aspects, such as access to education and lifelong learning, decent housing, quality healthcare services, leisure and social activities or civic participation;

Or. en

Amendment 145

Jonás Fernández

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Stresses that establishing minimum income schemes is only a step in the fight against poverty and social exclusion; calls on the Commission to

*urgently put forward concrete proposals
to achieve a true and binding European
Pillar of Social Rights;*

Or. en

Amendment 146
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

*5 a. Reiterates the importance of equal
access to minimum income schemes
without discrimination by ethnicity,
gender, education, nationality, sexual-
orientation, religion, disability, age,
political or socio-economic background;*

Or. en

Amendment 147
Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

*5 a. Calls on the Commission to respect
the Member States' different approaches
to social policy; insists that a Europe
united in diversity ceases to exist when
social policy is harmonised;*

Or. en

Amendment 148
Emmanuel Maurel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Suggests that the future fiscal capacity of the euro area, for the purpose of supporting automatic stabilisers, could be used to finance minimum income policies.*

Or. fr

Amendment 149
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. *Calls on the Commission to examine funding possibilities based on European solidarity to help every Member States to establish a minimum income schemes in every Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 150
Ernest Urtasun, Philippe Lamberts

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. *Calls on the Commission:*
-to evaluate the experiences of basic income that were launched at the municipal, regional or national level and to identify and disseminate best practices in cooperation with civil society, in particular NGOs fighting against poverty and social exclusion;
- to assess researches which indicate that basic income policies would necessitate moderate marginal tax increases and will be mainly founded on the elimination of

various tax expenditures, such as deductions and personal exemptions, towards fairer and more transparent tax systems;

- to consider the issuance of a Green Book and the organisation of a public consultation on a European framework on basic income at EU level.

Or. en

Amendment 151
Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Warns that any transfers between Member States brought about by harmonising social policy will inevitably lead to even stronger rejection of the European Union and possibly to more Member States leaving it.

Or. en

Amendment 152
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

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Amendment

5 b. Notes that minimum income schemes ought to be implemented and evaluated in context of the overall national systems of social services, i.e. education, health care, childcare, housing and mobility;

Or. en

Amendment 153
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Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 c. *Stresses the advantages of a European unemployment insurance or re-insurance scheme that would stand to enhance the resilience of national welfare states faced with asymmetric shocks and resilience of monetary union overall;*

Or. en

Amendment 154
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Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 d. *Underlines the need for adapting existing minimum income schemes to better address the challenge of youth unemployment;*

Or. en

Amendment 155
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 e. *Draws attention to the problem of child poverty and calls for minimum income schemes to take the needs of children into special consideration;*

Or. en

