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## **AMENDMENTS**

### **7 - 46**

**Draft opinion**  
**Hannu Takkula**  
(PE452.767v01-00)

on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council  
on the European Year for Active Ageing (2012)

Proposal for a decision  
(COM(2010)0462 – C7-0253/2010 – 2010/0242(COD))

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**Amendment 7**  
**Malika Benarab-Attou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Title 1 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Proposal for a DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the European Year for Active Ageing (2012) (text with EEA relevance)

*Amendment*

Proposal for a DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the European Year for Active Ageing **and Intergenerational Solidarity** (2012) (text with EEA relevance)

Or. fr

**Amendment 8**  
**Malika Benarab-Attou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(3a) The part of the population of the European Union comprised of persons over the age of 50 will increase at a much faster rate than ever before. The largest increase is expected to occur during the period 2015-2035, when the population aged 60 and over will be increasing by 2 million people per year. This increase is very positive, as it is a logical consequence of improvements in health care and quality of life. Nevertheless, owing to the reality of demographic change, the EU faces a number of challenges such as a shrinking population and the unattractive nature of certain areas.***

Or. fr

## Amendment 9

Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska

### Proposal for a decision

#### Recital 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(4) Successive European Councils have recognised the need to tackle the effect of ageing populations on European social models. A key response to this rapid change in the age structure consists in promoting active ageing and thus ensuring that the baby boom cohorts, who are, on the whole, healthier and better educated than any such cohort before them, have good opportunities for employment and active participation in society.

*Amendment*

(4) Successive European Councils have recognised the need to tackle the effect of ageing populations on European social models. A key response to this rapid change in the age structure consists in promoting active ageing and thus ensuring that the baby boom cohorts, who are, on the whole, healthier and better educated than any such cohort before them, have good opportunities for employment and active participation in society. ***In particular, voluntary work by older people should be promoted as an activity that is beneficial both to society and to the individuals involved, drawing on the achievements of the European Year of Volunteering 2011.***

Or. pl

## Amendment 10

Emma McClarkin

### Proposal for a decision

#### Recital 4 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(4a) The demographic changes currently occurring in Europe are the most significant to have taken place in the last 50 years or more; due to improved healthcare systems, treatments, and lifestyle choices, it is possible for a growing population of elderly people to be economically, socially, and creatively active for far longer, and Member States and the Union should harness the benefits of this***

**Amendment 11**  
**Malika Benarab-Attou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(5) The growing proportion of older people in Europe makes it more **important** than ever to **promote healthy ageing**. **Healthy ageing can help raise labour market participation of older people, enable them to be active in society for longer**, improve their individual quality of life and curb the strains on health and social care systems.

*Amendment*

(5) The growing proportion of older people in Europe makes it more **essential** than ever to **preserve intergenerational solidarity**. **Such solidarity must be based on improving social and intergenerational cohesion and promoting a good quality of life in order to combat social exclusion**. **Enabling those older people who so desire to stay in employment, even part-time, can be a vehicle for social inclusion, giving such people a positive image thanks to their participation and in some cases making it possible to** improve their individual quality of life and curb the strains on health and social care systems.

**Amendment 12**  
**Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(5) The growing proportion of older people in Europe makes it more important than ever to promote healthy ageing. Healthy ageing can help raise labour market participation of older people, enable them to be active in society for longer, improve their individual quality of life and curb the strains on health and social care systems.

*Amendment*

(5) The growing proportion of older people in Europe makes it more important than ever to promote healthy ageing **by ensuring universal and equal access to healthcare**. Healthy ageing **with maximum functional ability** can help raise labour market participation of older people, enable them to be active in society for longer, improve their individual quality of life and curb the strains on health and

social care systems. *With a view to achieving this, fitness classes and sporting activities should be promoted among older people, who should accordingly be afforded easier access to public sports facilities.*

Or. pl

**Amendment 13**  
**Emma McClarkin**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 5 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(5a) Member States should be encouraged to develop programmes that enable elderly people to continue working beyond their retirement age on a voluntary basis.*

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Doris Pack**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(7) The Council adopted on 22 February 2007 a resolution on ‘Opportunities and challenges of demographic change in Europe: the contribution of older people to economic and social development’, which emphasised the need to increase the possibilities of active participation by older people, the new economic opportunities ("silver economy") created by the growing demand of older people for certain goods and services as well as the importance of a positive public image of older people.

(7) The Council adopted on 22 February 2007 a resolution on ‘Opportunities and challenges of demographic change in Europe: the contribution of older people to economic and social development’, which emphasised the need to increase the possibilities of active participation by older people, the new economic opportunities ("silver economy") created by the growing demand of older people for certain goods and services as well as the importance of a positive public image of older people. ***In the context of the enlargement, neighbourhood and development policies,***

*a 'senior service' of retired experts, such as already exists in many countries, could prove extremely useful.*

Or. de

## Amendment 15

Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska

### Proposal for a decision

#### Recital 7

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##### *Amendment*

(7) The Council adopted on 22 February 2007 a resolution on ‘Opportunities and challenges of demographic change in Europe: the contribution of older people to economic and social development’, which emphasised the need to increase the possibilities of active participation by older people, ***including in the form of voluntary work***, the new economic opportunities ("silver economy") created by the growing demand of older people for certain goods and services as well as the importance of a positive public image of older people.

Or. pl

## Amendment 16

Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska

### Proposal for a decision

#### Recital 8

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(8) The Council adopted on 8 June 2009 Conclusions on ‘Equal opportunities for women and men: active and dignified ageing’, which recognises that, **throughout the EU, older women and men face serious challenges as they seek to live active lives and to age with dignity**, and proposes a number of

##### *Amendment*

(8) The Council adopted on 8 June 2009 Conclusions on ‘Equal opportunities for women and men: active and dignified ageing’, which recognises that, throughout the EU, older women and men face serious challenges as they seek to live active lives and to age with dignity, and proposes a number of measures to Member States and

measures to Member States and the Commission.

the Commission. *The measures planned for older people should include cultural activities and activities to promote general well-being, with a view to shielding older people against social exclusion and loneliness by including and involving them.*

Or. pl

## Amendment 17

Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska

### Proposal for a decision

#### Recital 10

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(10) The Commission emphasised *it* its Communication on ‘Europe 2020 - A strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth’ the importance to the European Union of promoting a healthy and active ageing population in the interests of social cohesion and higher productivity. It proposed a flagship initiative ‘An agenda for new skills and jobs’, under which Member States should notably promote active ageing policies, and a flagship initiative on a ‘European Platform against Poverty’. Achieving these policy goals requires action from all levels of government and various non-governmental stakeholders; they can in turn be supported, at the Union level, by European Year activities aimed at raising awareness and fostering the exchange of good practice. National coordinators should see to it that national action is coordinated and is consistent with the overall objectives of the European Year. The participation of other institutions and stakeholders is also planned.

##### *Amendment*

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and stakeholders is also planned.

Or. pl

## **Amendment 18**

**Malika Benarab-Attou**

### **Proposal for a decision**

#### **Recital 10**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(10) The Commission emphasised in its Communication on 'Europe 2020 — A strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth' the importance to the European Union of promoting a healthy and active ageing population in the interests of social cohesion *and higher productivity*. It proposed a flagship initiative 'An agenda for new skills and jobs', under which Member States should notably promote active ageing policies, and a flagship initiative on a 'European Platform against Poverty'. Achieving these policy goals requires action from all levels of government and various non-governmental stakeholders; they can in turn be supported, at the Union level, by European Year activities aimed at raising awareness and fostering the exchange of good practice. National coordinators should see to it that national action is coordinated and is consistent with the overall objectives of the European Year. The participation of other institutions and stakeholders is also planned.

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Or. fr

## **Amendment 19**

**Malika Benarab-Attou**

### **Proposal for a decision**

#### **Recital 15**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(15) Active ageing is targeted by several Union programmes, such as the European Social Fund, the European Regional and Development Fund, the PROGRESS programme, the Life Long Learning Programme, the Public Health Programme, the specific programmes on information and communication technologies and on socio-economic sciences and humanities in the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Development, the Action Plan on ‘Ageing well in the information society’, the Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) Joint Programme for research and innovation, the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme with pilot deployment projects on ICT for Ageing Well and the Action Plan on urban mobility. Union co-financing of European Year activities will be in accordance with the priorities and rules applying, on an annual or multi-annual basis, to existing programmes and autonomous budget lines in the field of employment, social affairs and equal opportunities. Where appropriate, programmes and policies in other fields, such as education and culture, health, research, the information society, regional policy and transport policy, may support the European Year.

*Amendment*

(15) Active ageing is targeted by several Union programmes, such as the European Social Fund, the European Regional and Development Fund, the PROGRESS programme, the Life Long Learning Programme, the Public Health Programme, the specific programmes on information and communication technologies and on socio-economic sciences and humanities in the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Development, the Action Plan on ‘Ageing well in the information society’, the Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) Joint Programme for research and innovation, the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme with pilot deployment projects on ICT for Ageing Well and the Action Plan on urban mobility. Union co-financing of European Year activities will be in accordance with the priorities and rules applying, on an annual or multi-annual basis, to existing programmes and autonomous budget lines in the field of employment, social affairs and equal opportunities. Where appropriate, programmes and policies in other fields, such as education and culture, health, research, the information society, regional policy and transport policy, may support the European Year. ***In various sectors, therefore, the European Year will also afford an opportunity to raise public awareness and mobilise stakeholders to combat social exclusion, financial security and poverty among older people, inter alia as part of the Europe 2020 Strategy flagship initiative on a ‘European Platform against Poverty’.***

Or. fr

## Amendment 20

Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska

### Proposal for a decision

#### Recital 15

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

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##### *Amendment*

(15) Active ageing is targeted by several Union programmes, such as the European Social Fund, the European Regional and Development Fund, the PROGRESS programme, the Life Long Learning Programme, ***and in particular the Grundtvig programme***, the Public Health Programme, the specific programmes on information and communication technologies and on socio-economic sciences and humanities in the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Development, the Action Plan on ‘Ageing well in the information society’, the Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) Joint Programme for research and innovation, the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme with pilot deployment projects on ICT for Ageing Well and the Action Plan on urban mobility. Union co-financing of European Year activities will be in accordance with the priorities and rules applying, on an annual or multi-annual basis, to existing programmes and autonomous budget lines in the field of employment, social affairs and equal opportunities. Where appropriate, programmes and policies in other fields, such as education and culture, health, research, the information society, regional policy and transport policy, may support the European Year.

Or. pl

## Amendment 21

Seán Kelly

### Proposal for a decision

#### Recital 15

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(15) Active ageing is targeted by several Union programmes, such as the European Social Fund, the European Regional and Development Fund, the PROGRESS programme, the Life Long Learning Programme, the Public Health Programme, the specific programmes on information and communication technologies and on socio-economic sciences and humanities in the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Development, the Action Plan on ‘Ageing well in the information society’, the Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) Joint Programme for research and innovation, the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme with pilot deployment projects on ICT for Ageing Well, ***the CALYPSO Preparatory Action on Social Tourism*** and the Action Plan on urban mobility. Union co-financing of European Year activities will be in accordance with the priorities and rules applying, on an annual or multi-annual basis, to existing programmes and autonomous budget lines in the field of employment, social affairs and equal opportunities. Where appropriate, programmes and policies in other fields, such as education and culture, health, research, the information society, regional policy and transport policy, may support the European Year.

Or. en

##### *Justification*

*The CALYPSO Preparatory Action on Social Tourism seeks to stimulate the silver economy by offering more opportunities for groups such as senior citizens to engage in tourism.*

**Amendment 22**  
**Emma McClarkin**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 15 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(15a) Given the number of funding programmes available for the European Year, any extra funding should derive from these existing programmes and Member States should not be required to provide additional financial assistance.***

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Hella Ranner**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 16 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(16a) in accordance with the established case-law of the European Court of Justice, the compulsory retirement of women between the ages of 60 and 65 is prohibited, it should be possible - if so desired - to continue in gainful employment after attaining the national retirement age, on a part-time basis, for example.***

Or. de

**Amendment 24**  
**Malika Benarab-Attou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The year 2012 shall be designated as the European Year for Active Ageing (hereafter referred to as ‘the European Year’).

*Amendment*

The year 2012 shall be designated as the European Year for Active Ageing **and Intergenerational Solidarity** (hereafter referred to as ‘the European Year’).

Or. fr

**Amendment 25**

**Malika Benarab-Attou**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 2 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The overall purpose of the European Year shall be to encourage and support the efforts of Member States, their regional and local authorities, social partners and civil society to promote **active ageing and to do more to mobilise the potential of the rapidly growing population in their late 50s and above, thereby preserving solidarity between generations. Active ageing means creating** better opportunities and working conditions **to enable** older **workers** to play their part in the labour market, combating social exclusion by fostering active participation in society, and encouraging healthy ageing. On this basis, the objectives shall be:

*Amendment*

The overall purpose of the European Year shall be to encourage and support the efforts of Member States, their regional and local authorities, social partners and civil society to **take practical steps to promote better social inclusion of people over the age of 50, bearing in mind the contribution they can make in economic, social and cultural terms to preserving intergenerational solidarity. Efforts to promote the social inclusion of older people must take account of their specific needs on the basis of a residential approach. To this end, it is key for the European Year to support and leverage local and regional projects in order to promote intergenerational mixing, appropriate housing modifications and access to public services and care, in a manner able to be tailored to urban and rural environments and demographic trends in a given area. Coupled with the creation of** better opportunities and working conditions, **these measures will serve as a basis for enabling older people** to play their part in the labour market **and volunteering activities, and for combating** social exclusion by fostering active participation in society and encouraging

healthy ageing. On this basis, the objectives shall be:

Or. fr

**Amendment 26**  
**Olga Sehnalová**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The overall purpose of the European Year shall be to encourage and support the efforts of Member States, their regional and local authorities, social partners and civil society to promote active ageing and to do more to mobilise the potential of the rapidly growing population in their late 50s and above, thereby preserving solidarity between generations. Active ageing means creating better opportunities and working conditions to enable older workers to play their part in the labour market, combating social exclusion by fostering active participation in society, and encouraging healthy ageing. On this basis, the objectives shall be:

*Amendment*

The overall purpose of the European Year shall be to encourage and support the efforts of Member States, their regional and local authorities, social partners and civil society to promote active ageing and to do more to mobilise the potential of the rapidly growing population in their late 50s and above, thereby preserving solidarity between generations, ***promoting the perception of older people as a natural and integral part of society and highlighting the contribution that the invaluable experience they have gained over the course of their lives makes to society as a whole***. Active ageing means creating better opportunities and working conditions to enable older workers to play their part in the labour market, combating social exclusion by fostering active participation in society, and encouraging healthy ageing. On this basis, the objectives shall be:

Or. cs

**Amendment 27**  
**Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The overall purpose of the European Year shall be to encourage and support the efforts of Member States, their regional and local authorities, social partners and civil society to promote active ageing and to do more to mobilise the potential of the rapidly growing population in their late 50s and above, thereby preserving solidarity between generations. Active ageing means creating better opportunities and working conditions to enable older workers to play their part in the labour market, combating social exclusion by fostering active participation in society, and encouraging healthy ageing. On this basis, the objectives shall be:

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Or. pl

**Amendment 28**

**Marco Scurria**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 2 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The overall purpose of the European Year shall be to encourage and support the efforts of Member States, their regional and local authorities, social partners and civil society to promote active ageing and to do more to mobilise the potential of the rapidly growing population in their late 50s and above, thereby preserving solidarity between generations. Active ageing means creating better opportunities and working conditions to enable older workers to play their part in the labour market, combating social exclusion by fostering active participation in society, and encouraging healthy ageing. On this basis, the objectives shall be:

*Amendment*

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the objectives shall be:

Or. it

## **Amendment 29**

**Malika Benarab-Attou**

### **Proposal for a decision**

#### **Article 2 – point 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) to raise general awareness of the value of active ageing in order to highlight the useful contribution older persons make to society and the economy, to promote active ageing *and* to do more to ***mobilise the potential of older persons***;

*Amendment*

(1) to raise general awareness ***at all administrative levels in Member States, cities and regions*** of the value of active ageing in order to highlight the useful contributions older persons make to society and the economy ***by passing on their knowledge and skills***, to promote active ageing, to do more to ***combat isolation, financial insecurity and social exclusion, and to put intergenerational solidarity high up on the policy agenda of stakeholders at national, regional and local level***;

Or. fr

## **Amendment 30**

**Hella Ranner**

### **Proposal for a decision**

#### **Article 2 – point 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) to raise general awareness of the value of active ageing in order to highlight the useful contribution older persons make to society and the economy, to promote active ageing and to do more to mobilise the potential of older persons;

*Amendment*

(1) to raise general awareness ***among the population*** of the value of active ageing in order to highlight the useful contribution older persons make to society and the economy, to promote active ageing and to do more to mobilise the potential of older persons

Or. de

**Amendment 31**  
**Marco Scurria**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – point 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) to raise general awareness of the value of active ageing in order to highlight the useful contribution older persons make to society and the economy, to promote active ageing and to do more to mobilise the potential of older persons;

*Amendment*

(1) to raise general awareness of the value of active ageing in order to highlight the useful contribution older persons make to society and the economy, to promote active ageing and to do more to mobilise the potential of older persons, ***in particular by fostering the passing on of expertise in traditional trades***;

Or. it

**Amendment 32**  
**Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – point 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) to raise general awareness of the value of active ageing in order to highlight the useful contribution older persons make to society and the economy, to promote active ageing and to do more to mobilise the potential of older persons;

*Amendment*

(1) to raise general awareness of the value of active ageing ***and combat negative stereotypes about old age*** in order to highlight the useful contribution older persons make to society and the economy, to promote active ageing and to do more to mobilise the potential of older persons;

Or. pl

**Amendment 33**  
**Malika Benarab-Attou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – point 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) to stimulate debate and develop mutual

*Amendment*

(2) to stimulate debate ***and support*** and

learning between *Member States* and *stakeholders* at *all levels* in order to promote active ageing policies, to identify and disseminate good practice and to encourage cooperation and synergies;

develop mutual learning between *public and private actors* and *civil society* at *national, regional and local level* in order to promote active ageing policies *more successfully*, to identify and disseminate good practices and to encourage cooperation and synergies;

Or. fr

**Amendment 34**  
**Georgios Papanikolaou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – point 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) to stimulate debate and develop mutual learning between Member States and stakeholders at all levels in order to promote active ageing policies, to identify and disseminate good practice and to encourage cooperation and synergies;

*Amendment*

(2) to stimulate debate, *exchange information* and develop mutual learning between Member States and stakeholders at all levels in order to promote active ageing policies, to identify and disseminate good practice and to encourage cooperation and synergies;

Or. el

**Amendment 35**  
**Georgios Papanikolaou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – point 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) to offer a framework for commitment and concrete action to enable Member States and stakeholders at all levels to develop policies through specific activities and to commit to specific objectives related to active ageing.

*Amendment*

(3) to offer a framework for commitment and concrete action to enable Member States and stakeholders at all levels to develop policies through specific activities and to commit to specific objectives related to active ageing *and to regularly assess the effectiveness of the framework and the specific activities and objectives*,

Or. el

**Amendment 36**  
**Malika Benarab-Attou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – point 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) to offer a framework for commitment and concrete action to enable Member States and stakeholders at all levels to develop policies through specific activities and to commit to specific objectives related to active ageing.

*Amendment*

(3) to offer a framework for commitment and concrete action to enable Member States and stakeholders at all levels to develop policies through specific activities and to commit to specific, **concrete** objectives related to active ageing **by devising long-term strategies**.

Or. fr

**Amendment 37**  
**Emma McClarkin**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – point 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(3a) to ensure that Member States encourage groups of all ages to interact and cooperate with one another and to engender a collegial relationship between all generations, thereby combating discrimination and exploitation.**

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – indent 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

– conferences, events and initiatives to

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promote debate, raise awareness and foster the making of specific commitments;

promote debate *and a review of relevant experience*, raise awareness and foster the making of specific commitments;

Or. pl

#### **Amendment 39**

**Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

#### **Article 3 – paragraph 1 – indent 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

– information, promotion and educational campaigns;

*Amendment*

– information, promotion and educational campaigns *to disseminate the message of the European Year, using new media and the internet in order to do so*;

Or. pl

#### **Amendment 40**

**Malika Benarab-Attou**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

#### **Article 3 – paragraph 1 – indent 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*– the promotion of volunteering among older people, while ensuring that EU policies and funding programmes are based on solidarity between generations and encompass such solidarity; the organisation of training activities enhanced by the contributions of older volunteers, together with the collection of accurate, comparable statistics on the scale, scope and socio-economic benefits of volunteering;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 41**  
**Malika Benarab-Attou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – indent 2 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**– wider access to lifelong education and training, and expansion of the Grundtvig programme;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 42**  
**Malika Benarab-Attou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – indent 2 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**– the promotion of intergenerational cultural and artistic activities, and the creation of a prize for the best intergenerational project in 2012;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 43**  
**Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – indent 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

– exchange of information, experience and good practices;

– exchange of information, experience and good practices ***through national coordinators and networks of contacts set up by stakeholders working to achieve the goals of the European Year;***

Or. pl

**Amendment 44**  
**Emma McClarkin**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***2a. The Commission and Member States shall be encouraged to provide greater opportunities for those who volunteer to support elderly people and engage in fund raising programmes, thereby putting their enthusiasm and experience to positive use.***

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Georgios Papanikolaou**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

3. The Commission and the Member States shall take account of gender mainstreaming in the running of the European Year.

3. The Commission and the Member States shall take account of gender mainstreaming ***and the disabled*** in the running of the European Year.

Or. el

**Amendment 46**  
**Seán Kelly**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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coordinated *and that civil society organisations are fully involved in the design and implementation of the European Year at local, regional and national level.*

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*There are numerous civil society organisations involved on the local and regional level in the field of active ageing. Their experience, expertise and resources could provide significant multipliers to the efforts by public bodies. Therefore they must be engaged and involved from start to finish at all levels of activity in the European Year.*