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Draft opinion
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on the Agenda for new skills and jobs
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Amendment 1
Elie Hoarau

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Welcomes the Agenda for new skills and jobs as part of the 2020 strategy, pointing out that ***only a workforce that is skilled*** is of fundamental importance for the development of a competitive, sustainable and innovative economy;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Agenda for new skills and jobs as part of the 2020 strategy, pointing out that ***it*** is of fundamental importance for the development of a competitive, sustainable and innovative economy ***that white-collar and blue-collar workers living in the European Union are able to benefit from training throughout their professional careers, allowing them to continually improve their skills;***

Or. fr

Amendment 2
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Welcomes the Agenda for new skills and jobs as part of the 2020 strategy, pointing ***to the need for increasingly high skills so that this factor can play a key part in*** the development of a competitive, sustainable and innovative economy;

Or. es

Amendment 3
Petru Constantin Luhan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Welcomes the Agenda for new skills and jobs as part of the 2020 strategy, pointing out that ***concrete and consistent measures for the training of a skilled workforce*** are of fundamental importance for the development of a competitive, sustainable and innovative economy;

Or. ro

Amendment 4
Viktor Uspaskich

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Welcomes the Agenda for new skills and jobs as part of the 2020 strategy, pointing out that only a workforce that is skilled is of fundamental importance for the development of a competitive, sustainable and innovative economy ***and that it must be effectively integrated into the labour market;***

Or. lt

Amendment 5
Iosif Matula

Draft opinion
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out that only a workforce that is skilled is of fundamental importance for the development of a competitive, sustainable and innovative economy;

out that only a workforce that is skilled is of fundamental importance for the development of a competitive, sustainable and innovative economy; ***in the context of the lessons to be learned from the present economic crisis, insists on the need to adapt the agenda for new skills and jobs to the post-crisis period and devise a mechanism for preventing the recurrence of such phenomena;***

Or. ro

Amendment 6
Luís Paulo Alves

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Welcomes the Agenda for new skills and jobs as part of the 2020 strategy, pointing out that only a workforce that is skilled is of fundamental importance for the development of a competitive, sustainable and innovative economy, ***and development policies should be created geared to upgrading the system for science and innovation, promoting improved employability, growth and social cohesion;***

Or. pt

Amendment 7
Juozas Imbrasas

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jobs as part of the 2020 strategy, pointing out that only a workforce that is skilled is of fundamental importance for the development of a competitive, sustainable and innovative economy; ***underlines that the EU must achieve its employment objective: to ensure a 75% employment rate for its population aged between 20 and 64 by 2020;***

Or. It

Amendment 8
Elisabeth Schroedter

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Welcomes the Agenda for new skills and jobs as part of the 2020 strategy, pointing out that a workforce that is skilled is of fundamental importance for the development of a competitive, sustainable and innovative economy, ***underlines that the promotion of a resource-efficient, ecological, competitive and social economy is one of the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy;***

Or. en

Amendment 9
Iosif Matula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(1) Stresses the need to improve and diversify employment services for both jobseekers and employers, and, in

particular, to develop personalised public employment services for the unemployed, young people and vulnerable groups;

Or. ro

Amendment 10
Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 – point a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(a) Calls for greater attention to be paid to the issue of reducing unemployment among young people, many of whom are very well-educated and highly qualified but are unable to find jobs owing to factors such as a lack of experience, and for real and effective action to be taken towards this end; points out that this situation could result in long-term distortion of the EU labour market;

Or. pl

Amendment 11
Iosif Matula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 – point 2 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(2) Calls on the Member States to create a set of instruments to facilitate labour market access for older people that will ensure better working and living conditions;

Or. ro

Amendment 12
Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 – point b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(b) Draws attention to the fact that female unemployment is rising, affecting even women who are highly qualified and highly skilled, and calls on the Commission to seek to ensure that women and men have equal opportunities on the labour market;

Or. pl

Amendment 13
Iosif Matula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 – point 3 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(3) Supports the promotion of integrated approaches involving the main players at national, regional and local level, with a view to stimulating ongoing training, improving training quality and developing enterprise culture;

Or. ro

Amendment 14
Nuno Teixeira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. *Endorses* the more effective use of funds *for the development of new skills*

2. *Supports* the more effective use of *the various structural* funds *within the*

and the creation of new jobs, including in the burgeoning 'green economy'; this involves principally the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Fund for Regional Development (EFRD), the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the Lifelong Learning programme and the Progress programme;

cohesion policy, such as the European Fund for Regional Development (EFRD), the European Social Fund (ESF) and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), as well as greater coordination of these funds with other European financial instrument geared to the development of new skills and job creation, such as the Lifelong Learning programme and the Progress programme, so as to promote synergies between the various financial instruments and between the various European policies in order to achieve the Agenda's objectives;

Or. pt

Amendment 15
Viktor Uspaskich

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Endorses the more effective use of funds for the development of new skills and the creation of new jobs, including in the burgeoning 'green economy'; this involves principally the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Fund for Regional Development (EFRD), the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the Lifelong Learning programme and the Progress programme;

Amendment

2. Endorses the more effective use of funds for the development of new skills and ***greater participation by national governments in boosting*** the creation of new jobs, including in the burgeoning 'green economy'; this involves principally ***the greatest possible mobilisation of funds:*** the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Fund for Regional Development (EFRD), the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the Lifelong Learning programme and the Progress programme;

Or. It

Amendment 16
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. **Endorses** the *more* effective use of funds for the development of new skills and the creation of new jobs, including in the burgeoning 'green economy'; this involves principally the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Fund for Regional Development (EFRD), the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the Lifelong Learning programme and the Progress programme;

Amendment

2. **Highlights the need to ensure** the effective use of funds for the development of new skills and the creation of new jobs, including in the burgeoning 'green economy'; this involves principally the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Fund for Regional Development (EFRD), the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the Lifelong Learning programme and the Progress programme;

Or. es

Amendment 17
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Endorses the more effective use of funds for the development of new skills and the creation of new jobs, including in the burgeoning 'green economy'; this involves principally the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Fund for Regional Development (EFRD), the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the Lifelong Learning programme and the Progress programme;

Amendment

2. Endorses the more effective use of funds for the development of new skills and the creation of new jobs, including in the burgeoning 'green economy'; this involves principally the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Fund for Regional Development (EFRD), the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the Lifelong Learning programme and the Progress programme; ***underlines in this regard the importance of a decentralized approach when using these funds;***

Or. en

Amendment 18
Iosif Matula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Endorses the more effective use of funds for the development of new skills and the creation of new jobs, including in the burgeoning 'green economy'; this involves principally the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Fund for Regional Development (EFRD), the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the Lifelong Learning programme and the Progress programme;

Amendment

2. Endorses the more effective use of funds for the development of new skills and the creation of new jobs, including in the burgeoning 'green economy'; this involves principally the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Fund for Regional Development (EFRD), the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the Lifelong Learning programme and the Progress programme; ***supports using the INTERREG programmes for the acquisition of new skills for workers and stimulating employment;***

Or. ro

Amendment 19
Alain Cadec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Endorses the more effective use of funds for the development of new skills and the creation of new jobs, including in the burgeoning 'green economy'; this involves principally the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Fund for Regional Development (EFRD), the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the Lifelong Learning programme and the Progress programme;

Amendment

2. Endorses the more effective use of funds for the development of new skills and the creation of new jobs, including in the burgeoning 'green economy'; this involves principally the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Fund for Regional Development (EFRD), the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the Lifelong Learning programme and the Progress programme; ***stresses the importance of synergies between the various European funds;***

Amendment 20
Juozas Imbrasas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Endorses the more effective use of funds for the development of new skills and the creation of new jobs, including in the burgeoning 'green economy'; this involves principally the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Fund for Regional Development (EFRD), the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the Lifelong Learning programme and the Progress programme;

Amendment

2. Endorses the more effective use of funds for the development of new skills and the creation of new jobs, including in the burgeoning 'green economy'; this involves principally the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Fund for Regional Development (EFRD), the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the Lifelong Learning programme and the Progress programme; ***believes there is also a need to give individuals and enterprises suitable incentives to invest in training to improve staff skills in order to respond to labour market requirements;***

Amendment 21
Elisabeth Schroedter

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Endorses the more effective use of funds for the development of new skills and the creation of new jobs, including in the burgeoning 'green economy'; this involves principally the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Fund for Regional Development (EFRD), the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the Lifelong Learning

Amendment

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programme and the Progress programme;

programme and the Progress programme;
in this regard highlights the contribution of Cohesion Policy to the resource efficient Europe flagship initiative and its potential for sustainable growth to be considered; underlines the potential of a new sustainable economy and the specific need to develop green skills in order to allow workers to profit by this potential and to use the knowledge of civil society stakeholders on ecological and environmental issues by involving them in the drafting, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of the National Reform Programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Petru Constantin Luhan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Amendment

2. Endorses the more effective use of funds for the development of new skills and the creation of new jobs, including in the burgeoning 'green economy'; *advocates use of the social economy as a means of creating jobs for the less-favoured social groups;* this involves principally the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Fund for Regional Development (EFRD), the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the Lifelong Learning programme and the Progress programme;

Or. ro

Amendment 23
Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(1) Welcomes the launch of the pilot project 'First job - EURES', aimed at young jobseekers in the 27; believes this project should involve local authorities and organisations responsible for young people's integration, irrespective of their social or geographical origins;

Or. ro

Amendment 24
Nuno Teixeira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Highlights the importance of the regional dimension in implementing the Agenda for new skills and jobs; takes the view that the participation of the European regions will help to make the Agenda a genuine success and calls for this dimension to be strengthened;

Or. pt

Amendment 25
Elie Hoarau

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Agrees with enhancing the impact of the cohesion policy instruments, including the ESF, by focusing on concentrating

deleted

financial resources on a smaller number of priorities, strengthening conditionality for institutional reforms, emphasising clear and measurable targets and establishing development and partnership investment contracts between the Commission and the Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 26
Elisabeth Schroedter

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Agrees with enhancing the impact of the cohesion policy instruments, including the ESF, by focusing on concentrating financial resources on a smaller number of priorities, strengthening conditionality for institutional reforms, emphasising clear and measurable targets and establishing development and partnership investment contracts between the Commission and the Member States;

Amendment

3. Agrees with enhancing the impact of the cohesion policy instruments, including the ESF, by focusing on concentrating financial resources on a smaller number of priorities, strengthening conditionality for institutional reforms, ***reinforcing the partnership principle***, emphasising clear and measurable targets and establishing development and partnership investment contracts between the Commission and the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Rolandas Paksas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Stresses the fact that the ESF is a multiannual programme which plays a key role in improving employability and also contributes to the goal of social

integration and strengthening the competitiveness of Europe's regions; therefore proposes allocating more of the ESF's funds to horizontal priorities, at the same time taking political action in the field of employment;

Or. lt

Amendment 28
Kerstin Westphal

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Supports policies designed to promote job creation taking into account the needs of small and medium-sized enterprises, which provide two thirds of all jobs in the private sector;

Amendment

4. Supports policies designed to promote job creation taking into account the needs of small and medium-sized enterprises, which provide two thirds of all jobs in the private sector; *points out, in this connection, that advantage should also be taken of the knowledge and experience of older people, for example through coaching projects;*

Or. de

Amendment 29
Luís Paulo Alves

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Supports policies designed to promote job creation taking into account the needs of small and medium-sized enterprises, which provide two thirds of all jobs in the private sector;

Amendment

4. Supports policies designed to promote job creation taking into account the needs of small and medium-sized enterprises, which provide two thirds of all jobs in the private sector, *and takes the view that training mechanisms tailored to business needs should also be created;*

Or. pt

Amendment 30
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Supports policies designed to promote job creation taking into account the needs of small and medium-sized enterprises, which provide two thirds of all jobs in the private sector;

Amendment

4. Supports policies designed to promote job creation taking into account ***as a priority*** the needs of small and medium-sized enterprises, which provide two thirds of all jobs in the private sector;

Or. es

Amendment 31
Alain Cadec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Supports policies designed to promote job creation taking into account the needs of small and medium-sized enterprises, which provide two thirds of all jobs in the private sector;

Amendment

4. Supports policies designed to promote job creation taking into account the needs of small and medium-sized enterprises, which provide two thirds of all jobs in the private sector; ***stresses the importance of private sector funding for training and job creation;***

Or. fr

Amendment 32
Juozas Imbrasas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Supports policies designed to promote job creation taking into account the needs of small and medium-sized enterprises, which provide two thirds of all jobs in the private sector;

Amendment

4. Supports policies designed to promote job creation taking into account the needs of small and medium-sized enterprises, which provide two thirds of all jobs in the private sector; ***believes reform of the labour market should be encouraged in order to improve its flexibility and flexicurity; stresses the need to develop the skills needed for work in today's and tomorrow's world, improve job quality, ensure better working conditions and enable the creation of new jobs;***

Or. It

Amendment 33
Elisabeth Schroedter

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Supports policies designed to promote job creation taking into account the needs of small and medium-sized enterprises, which provide two thirds of all jobs in the private sector;

Amendment

4. Supports policies designed to promote job creation taking into account the needs of small and medium-sized enterprises, which provide two thirds of all jobs in the private sector; ***calls on the Member States and the Commission to address in particular women's entrepreneurship which has remained stagnant over the last decade, to provide them with a friendly environment for job creation and safeguarding of jobs and to improve their access to finance;***

Or. en

Amendment 34
Petru Constantin Luhan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Supports policies designed to promote job creation taking into account the needs of small and medium-sized enterprises, which provide two thirds of all jobs in the private sector;

Amendment

4. Supports policies designed to promote job creation taking into account the needs of small and medium-sized enterprises, which provide two thirds of all jobs in the private sector; ***advocates innovative measures for creating new skills, especially in the context of SMEs;***

Or. ro

Amendment 35
Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 – point a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(a) Believes that, in view of the ageing of Europe's population, more vigorous action should be taken to facilitate the employment of people over the age of 55, for example in the form of incentives for employers; stresses the importance of such persons receiving further training and gaining new qualifications that will enable them to get back into the labour market;

Or. pl

Amendment 36
Rolandas Paksas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Draws attention to the importance of implementing the principles of flexicurity; calls for the creation of a system of coordinated employment and training, income support and a balance between professional and private life which would ensure a flexible job market, worker safety and job security and improve the balance of these factors on the labour market;

Or. It

**Amendment 37
Viktor Uspaskich**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Calls on the Commission to review the existing framework of EU direct enterprise support schemes and to study the possibility of allocating the lion's share of the support to job creation in enterprises, developing workers' skills and implementing further training programmes;

Or. It

**Amendment 38
Elie Hoarau**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Attaches importance to effective

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incentives and cost-sharing schemes with the aim of increasing public and private investment in the systematic training of workers *and in Lifelong Learning* focusing on ICT and digital literacy;

incentives and cost-sharing schemes with the aim of increasing public and private investment in the systematic training of *white-collar and blue-collar* workers, in *education and in integrating the most disadvantaged into the world of work*, focusing *inter alia* on ICT and digital literacy;

Or. fr

Amendment 39
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Attaches importance to effective incentives and cost-sharing schemes with the aim of increasing public and private investment in the systematic training of workers and in Lifelong Learning focusing on ICT and digital literacy;

Amendment

5. Attaches **vital** importance to effective incentives and cost-sharing schemes with the aim of increasing public and private investment in the systematic training of workers and in Lifelong Learning focusing on ICT and digital literacy;

Or. es

Amendment 40
Viktor Uspaskich

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. **Attaches importance** to effective incentives and cost-sharing schemes with the aim of increasing public and private investment in the systematic training of workers and in Lifelong Learning focusing on ICT and digital literacy;

Amendment

5. **Draws attention to the** importance of effective incentives and cost-sharing schemes with the aim of increasing public and private investment in the systematic training of workers and in Lifelong Learning focusing on ICT and digital literacy, **and to language learning, developing planning, analysis,**

organisational, problem-solving and communication skills and to the development of the ability to adapt to new situations;

Or. It

Amendment 41
Elisabeth Schroedter

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Attaches importance to effective incentives and cost-sharing schemes with the aim of increasing public and private investment in the systematic training of workers and in Lifelong Learning focusing on ICT and digital literacy;

Amendment

5. Attaches importance to effective incentives and cost-sharing schemes with the aim of increasing public and private investment in the systematic training of workers and in Lifelong Learning focusing on ICT and digital literacy; ***underlines the importance to improve the access of people to ICT independent from their place of residence and social situation;***

Or. en

Amendment 42
Petru Constantin Luhan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

5a. Believes that support for private enterprise in the R & D context will generate new jobs and enable the development of new skills in response to market needs;

Or. ro

Amendment 43
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses that the exchange of **experience** and the creation of networks between higher education institutions, research establishments and business centres is important for raising skills levels and adapting to the needs of the labour market;

Amendment

6. Stresses that the exchange of **experiences, best practices** and the creation of networks **and coordination mechanisms** between higher education institutions, research establishments and business centres is important for raising skills levels and adapting to the needs of the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses that the exchange of experience and the creation of networks between higher education institutions, research establishments and business centres is **important** for raising skills levels and adapting to the needs of the labour market;

Amendment

6. Stresses that the exchange of experience and the creation of networks between higher education institutions, research establishments and business centres is **essential** for raising skills levels and adapting to the needs of the labour market;

Or. es

Amendment 45
Iosif Matula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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and the creation of networks between higher education institutions, research establishments and business centres is important for raising skills levels and adapting to the needs of the labour market;

and the creation of networks between higher education institutions, research establishments and business centres is important for raising skills levels and adapting to the needs of the labour market;
emphasises the need to consolidate employers' networks and encourage exchanges of best practices among them; insists on the importance of a stable supply/demand balance between employers and training institutions;

Or. ro

Amendment 46
Viktor Uspaskich

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses that the exchange of experience and the creation of networks between higher education institutions, research establishments and business centres is important for raising skills levels and adapting to the needs of the labour market;

Amendment

6. Stresses that the exchange of experience and the creation of networks ***at national and pan-European level*** between higher education institutions, research establishments and business centres is important for raising skills levels and adapting to the needs of the labour market;

Or. It

Amendment 47
Juozas Imbrasas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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important for raising skills levels and adapting to the needs of the labour market;

important for raising skills levels and adapting to the needs of the labour market; *believes there is a need to ensure labour market conditions which will facilitate job creation, such as a reduction in the administrative burden or taxes linked to work and mobility, which are particularly important in fast-growing sectors that depend heavily on technological research and development; considers that entrepreneurship should be encouraged, for example by sharing best practices in the development of entrepreneurship and implementing the Erasmus programme for young entrepreneurs;*

Or. It

Amendment 48
Elisabeth Schroedter

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses that the exchange of experience and the creation of networks between higher education institutions, research establishments and business centres is important for raising skills levels and adapting to the needs of the labour market;

Amendment

6. Stresses that the exchange of experience and the creation of networks between higher education institutions, research establishments and business centres *as well as public institutions and local authorities* is important for raising skills levels and adapting to the needs of the labour market; *calls on local and regional authorities to promote the European Eco-Management & Audit Scheme (EMAS) and to encourage all economic sectors to strive to achieve EMAS registration; calls for the setting up of vocational guidance programmes for local and regional administrations in order to increase the general knowledge on ecological and environmental issues with a view to promote the development of a sustainable economy;*

Amendment 49
Viktor Uspaskich

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. Calls for the possibility of setting up a single European system of higher education criteria to be considered in order to ensure that all European students participate in the labour market under equal conditions and to improve the operation of universities through sharing best practices;

Or. lt

Amendment 50
Elisabeth Schroedter

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to promote European centres of excellence within new academic specialisations for tomorrow's jobs; underlines that, especially in urban areas, regional and local authorities are the best positioned and most capable of creating the conditions necessary for the growth of clusters of innovative enterprises; points out that such clustering can act as a decisive spur to local economic development and can create new jobs in regions;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

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7. Points out the main responsibility for achieving the aims of the Agenda for new skills and jobs lies with the Member States, and that it is therefore essential for the Commission to ensure that the aims of the Agenda are adopted by each Member State;

Amendment

7. Points out the main responsibility for achieving the aims of the Agenda for new skills and jobs lies with the Member States **and its regions**, and that it is therefore essential for the Commission to ensure that the aims of the Agenda are adopted by each Member State;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Elie Hoarau

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

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8. Calls on the Commission to adopt measures to remove administrative and legal obstacles in order to increase labour mobility, **both in** the recognition of qualifications **and in** the portability of supplementary pension rights.

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to adopt measures to remove administrative and legal obstacles in order to increase **the** mobility **of white-collar and blue-collar** workers, **with regard to** the recognition of qualifications, the portability of **pension rights and** supplementary pension rights **and the portability of rights in respect of public or private health insurance**.

Or. fr

Amendment 53
Iosif Matula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the Commission to adopt measures to remove administrative and legal obstacles in order to increase labour mobility, both in the recognition of qualifications and in the portability of supplementary pension rights.

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to adopt measures to remove administrative and legal obstacles in order to increase labour mobility, both in the recognition of qualifications and in the portability of supplementary pension rights; ***stresses the need to boost workforce mobility between EU Member States, as a potential means of reducing regional imbalances and fulfilling the objectives of cohesion policy;***

Or. ro

Amendment 54
Elisabeth Schroedter

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 55
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Takes the view that, given the speed of changes in technologies and production systems, an ongoing procedure should be established to assess the Agenda in the light of these changes;

Or. es

Amendment 56
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. Calls for regional and local actors to be involved in the processes of assessing, adapting and defining changes in the Agenda's implementation.

Or. es

Amendment 57
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 a. Considers it important to promote and support guidance and activation of older people in the light of the Innovation

Partnership Active & Healthy Ageing;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Lambert van Nistelrooij

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a . Calls for wide support to be given to providing employment opportunities for older workers, given that, at present, business is less interested in older workers;

Or. nl

Amendment 59
Viktor Uspaskich

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 a. Urges the Commission to draw up a policy document setting out clearly the minimum proportion of Member States' GDP which should be spent on job creation and further training programmes;

Or. lt