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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
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Combating inequalities as a lever to boost job creation and growth
(2016/2269(INI))

Amendment 1
Barbara Kappel

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

Amendment

A. *whereas inequality is usually* **deleted**
approached merely as a social problem or,
worse, as a social consideration, which
can be harmful for good economic policy
design; whereas although in some
economic theories inequality concerns are
set against efficiency, we on the contrary
would argue that equality policies can
help foster growth and job creation;
whereas equality can, under the right
conditions, be both a cause and a
consequence of good economic
performance;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

Amendment

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approached merely as a social problem or,
worse, as a social consideration, which
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economic theories inequality concerns are
set against efficiency, we on the contrary
would argue that equality policies can
help foster growth and job creation;
whereas equality can, under the right
conditions, be both a cause and a
consequence of good economic
performance;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas inequality is usually approached merely as a social problem or, worse, as a social consideration, which can be harmful for good economic policy design; whereas *although* in some economic theories inequality concerns are set against efficiency, *we on the contrary would argue that equality policies can help foster growth and job creation; whereas equality can, under the right conditions, be both a cause and a consequence of good economic performance;*

Amendment

A. whereas inequality is usually approached merely as a social problem or, worse, as a social consideration, which can be harmful for good economic policy design; whereas in some economic theories inequality concerns are set against efficiency; *whereas a properly functioning economy and an efficient labour market remain the most effective means of tackling unemployment and thereby reducing inequality;*

Or. sl

Amendment 4
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas *inequality is usually approached merely as a social problem or, worse, as a social consideration, which can be harmful for good economic policy design;* whereas *although in some economic theories inequality concerns are set against efficiency, we on the contrary would argue that equality policies can help foster growth and job creation;* whereas equality can, under the right conditions, be both a cause and a consequence of good economic performance;

Amendment

A. whereas *rising inequality in the EU harms economic development;* whereas *policies fighting* inequality help foster growth and job creation; whereas equality can, under the right conditions, be both a cause and a consequence of good economic performance;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Fulvio Martusciello

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas inequality *is usually* approached *merely as a social problem or, worse, as a social consideration, which can be harmful for* good economic policy design; whereas although in some economic theories inequality concerns are set against efficiency, *we on the contrary would* argue that equality policies can help foster growth and job creation; whereas equality can, under the right conditions, be both a cause and a consequence of good economic performance;

Amendment

A. whereas inequality *has been* approached *as a* problem *significantly reducing a* good economic policy design; whereas although in some economic theories inequality concerns are set against efficiency, *some* argue that equality policies can help foster growth and job creation; whereas equality can, under the right conditions, be both a cause and a consequence of good economic performance;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Esther de Lange

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas inequality is *usually* approached merely as a social problem *or, worse, as a social consideration*, which can be harmful for good economic policy design; whereas although in some economic theories inequality concerns are set against efficiency, *we on the contrary would* argue that equality policies can help foster growth and job creation; whereas equality can, under the right conditions, be both a cause and a consequence of good economic performance;

Amendment

A. whereas inequality is *sometimes* approached merely as a social problem, which can be harmful for good economic policy design; whereas although in some economic theories inequality concerns are set against efficiency, *some would also* argue that equality policies can help foster growth and job creation; whereas equality can, under the right conditions, be both a cause and a consequence of good economic performance;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Neena Gill

Draft opinion

Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas inequality is usually approached merely as a social problem or, worse, as a social consideration, which can be harmful for good economic policy design; whereas although in some economic theories inequality concerns are set against efficiency, we on the contrary would argue that equality policies *can help* foster growth and job creation; whereas equality can, under the right conditions, be both a cause and a consequence of good economic performance;

Amendment

A. whereas inequality is usually approached merely as a social problem or, worse, as a social consideration, which can be harmful for good economic policy design; whereas although in some economic theories inequality concerns are set against efficiency, we on the contrary would argue that equality policies *helps* foster growth and job creation; whereas equality can, under the right conditions, be both a cause and a consequence of good economic performance;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Alfred Sant

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A a. Whereas many policy areas that are decisive for reducing inequalities in the EU remain primarily in the hands of the Member States, such as employment, education, taxation and the design of welfare systems, product and services markets, public administration and the judicial system; underlines that the European Semester should remain a core vehicle for further steps towards stronger convergence and more effective coordination of such policies across EU Member States, but suggests that new initiatives will be necessary in order to achieve this aim;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Stanisław Ożóg
on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A a. Whereas, according to the Treaties, responsibility for the employment and social policies lies primarily with national governments, whilst EU funding and cooperation support and complement their efforts;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A a. Whereas global inequalities are decreasing thanks to trade globalisation and millions of people have escaped poverty the last decades.

Or. en

Amendment 11
Barbara Kappel

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A a. Whereas inequality is not a good indicator of economic performance and growth perspectives for the working poor;

Amendment 12
Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A a. whereas economic inequality cannot be regulated away and has to be accepted by any economic policy as a fact;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A a. Whereas the austerity polices did not help, but demolished the potential for growth and deepened inequality;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Draft opinion
Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A b. Whereas the majority of nations in the world, including EU member states, now show a U shaped pattern of inequality, with rising inequality ^{1a};

^{1a} ***Gottschalk, P., Smeeding, T.M. (2000). "Empirical Evidence on Income***

*Inequality in Industrialized Countries", in
A. B. Atkinson and F. Bourguignon(eds),
Handbook of Income Distribution. Vol. 1,
261–308, Amsterdam, North-Holland.*

Or. en

Amendment 15
Barbara Kappel

Draft opinion
Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

*A b. Whereas the root causes of people
lagging behind on the social ladder are
financial illiteracy and high indebtedness,
as well as centralist public policies;*

Or. en

Amendment 16
Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion
Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

*A b. whereas any policy aiming at
complete economic equality will fail;*

Or. en

Amendment 17
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Draft opinion
Recital A c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

*A c. Whereas widening income
inequality since the 1980s in EU has had*

a negative impact on growth and economic performance ^{1b}; whereas the drastic increase in incomes and bonuses at the top and the down-ward pressure on salaries on the lower-end due to high unemployment and constrained budgetary policies have exacerbated income inequality;

^{1b} Trends in Income Inequality and its Impact on Economic Growth. OECD Social, Employment and Migration Working Papers. <http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/docserver/download/5jxrjncw xv6j-en.pdf?expires=1498463761&id=id&name=guest&sum=416EA90162FB53EE49C32544FE1578FE>

Or. en

Amendment 18
Fulvio Martusciello

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas public and private investment are key elements *of any policy geared* towards reducing inequality;

Amendment

B. whereas public and private investment are key elements *and can contribute* towards reducing inequality; *whereas a point that needs to be stressed out is the presence of structural deficiencies, that needs to be properly addressed;*

Or. en

Amendment 19
Barbara Kappel

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas **public and** private investment **are key elements** of any policy geared towards reducing inequality;

Amendment

B. whereas private investment **is a key element** of any policy geared towards reducing inequality;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas public and private investment are key elements of any policy geared towards reducing inequality;

Amendment

B. whereas public and private investment are key elements of any policy geared towards reducing inequality;
whereas EFSI has laid down the first building block for European investment strategy which needs to be further developed.

Or. en

Amendment 21
Neena Gill

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas public and private investment are key elements of any policy geared towards reducing inequality;

Amendment

B. whereas **more** public and private investment are key elements of any policy geared towards reducing inequality;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Renato Soru

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. *whereas the processes of globalisation and technological change constitute an element which, if it is not sufficiently guided, may be a source of potential inequality because it will increasingly call into question the typology of skills that people must possess in order to confront these far-reaching transformations without being left behind on an increasingly competitive and constantly changing labour market;*

Or. it

Amendment 23
Emmanuel Maurel

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. *whereas tax evasion and aggressive tax optimisation are practices that aggravate disparities of income and assets, and whereas a just, progressive and redistributive tax system is best suited to correcting the inequalities that have already arisen;*

Or. fr

Amendment 24
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

B a. *Whereas the three lowest quintiles (0-60 % of the population) detain 12,9 % while the richest 20 % of Europeans have*

68,4 % of the total net wealth;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

***B b.** Whereas the FMI found an inverse relationship between the income share accruing to the top 20 percent and economic growth, meaning 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, suggesting that the benefits do not trickle down; whereas on the contrary, a similar increase in the income share of the bottom 20 percent is associated with 0.38 percentage point higher growth, showing a positive relationship between disposable income shares and higher growth rates;*

Or. en

Amendment 26

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Recital B c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

***B c.** Whereas the concentration of wealth may increase financial instability as it increases the savings rate of households harming demand and creating more liquid financial capital;*

Or. en

Amendment 27
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital B d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

B d. Whereas combating inequalities can be a lever to boost job creation and growth and at the same time reduce poverty; whereas 47,5 percent of all unemployed persons in the European Union was at risk of poverty in 2015 ^{1a}

^{1a} ***Eurostat***
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Income_distribution_statistics

Or. en

Amendment 28
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital B e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

B e. Whereas inequality is a multifaceted phenomenon not restricted to a monetary issue but also concerns the opportunities that people face differently in function of their gender, ethnic origin, sexual preferences, geographical location or age for example;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital B f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

B f. Whereas there exists a strong and significant correlation between inequality (S80/S20 ratio) and the perception of the efficiency of democracy;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital B g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

B g. Whereas the large disparities in employment, income levels and social well-being are major factors underlying population movement within the EU, especially in and from Central and Eastern Member States; whereas such development aggravates on the one hand the difficulties of regions experimenting outward migration and their outlook and on the other hand, the populist pressure in regions facing inward migration;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital B h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

B h. Whereas the reduction of

inequality is not an objective as such of the EU Jobs & Growth Strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Points out that investment creates jobs *and that* unemployment is *obviously one of the main causes of inequality both between the employed and unemployed, but also among workers themselves; notes that it is well known that high levels of unemployment exert downward pressure on wages and working conditions;*

Amendment

1. Points out that investment creates jobs; *notes that high levels of unemployment exert a downward pressure on wages and working conditions; stresses that promoting investment in new technologies and development is essential for creating more and better jobs and thereby reducing inequality; stresses, in particular, the importance of promoting a suitable business environment for small and medium-sized enterprises, which are important for creating new jobs;*

Or. sl

Amendment 33
Fulvio Martusciello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Points out that investment *creates jobs* and that unemployment is *obviously one of the main causes of inequality both between the employed and unemployed, but also among workers themselves; notes that it is well known that high levels of unemployment exert downward pressure on wages and working conditions;*

Amendment

1. Points out that *a supportive business environment combined with private investment supports job creation, and that unemployment is an important factor conditioning inequality; a relevant point would be to analyze how to create jobs, which is key to have citizens participating and involved; whereas the role of competition can make a significant contribution to make services, jobs, etc. more accessible;*

Amendment 34
Esther de Lange

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Points out that *investment creates jobs and that unemployment is obviously one of the main causes of inequality both between the employed and unemployed, but also among workers themselves*; notes *that it is well known* that high levels of unemployment exert downward pressure on wages and working conditions;

Amendment

1. Points out that *investments, under the right conditions, have the ability to stimulate job creation; points out that unemployment is one of the main causes of inequality*; notes that high levels of unemployment exert downward pressure on wages and *can, in some cases, also have a detrimental effect on* working conditions;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Barbara Kappel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Points out that investment creates jobs and that unemployment is *obviously one* of the *main* causes of inequality both between the employed and unemployed, but also among *workers* themselves; *notes that it is well known that high levels of unemployment exert downward pressure on wages and working conditions*;

Amendment

1. Points out that investment creates jobs and that unemployment is of the causes of inequality both between the employed and unemployed, but also among *employees* themselves;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. ***Points out that investment creates jobs and that unemployment is obviously one of the main causes of inequality both between the employed and unemployed, but also among workers themselves; notes that it is well known that high levels of unemployment exert downward pressure on wages and working conditions;***

Amendment

1. ***Stresses the necessity to close the investment gap by creating an environment conducive to investment in certain strategic areas in order to reduce inequalities, revive growth, fight unemployment, promote the development of a strong, sustainable and competitive industry and attaining long-term EU policy objectives; Underlines that the lack of investment and high unemployment are the main causes of inequality both between the employed and unemployed, but also among workers themselves; underlines moreover that high levels of unemployment exert downward pressure on wages and working conditions;***

Or. en

Amendment 37

Renato Soru

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Points out that investment creates jobs ***and that unemployment is obviously one of the main causes of inequality both between the employed and unemployed, but also among workers themselves;*** notes that it is well known that high levels of unemployment exert downward pressure on wages and working conditions;

Amendment

1. Points out that investment creates jobs; notes that it is well known that high levels of unemployment exert downward pressure on wages and working conditions;

Or. it

Amendment 38

Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

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Draft opinion

1. Points out that investment creates jobs and that unemployment is obviously one of the main causes of inequality both between the employed and unemployed, ***but also among workers themselves***; notes that it is well known that high levels of unemployment exert downward pressure on wages and working conditions;

Amendment

1. Points out that investment creates jobs and that unemployment is obviously one of the main causes of inequality both between the employed and unemployed; ***believes that lowering corporate and labour-related taxes could be a useful tool to enhance employment***; notes that it is well known that high levels of unemployment exert downward pressure on wages and working conditions;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Emmanuel Maurel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Points out that investment creates jobs and that unemployment is obviously one of the main causes of inequality both between the employed and unemployed, but also among workers themselves; notes that it is well known that high levels of unemployment exert downward pressure on wages and working conditions;

Amendment

1. Points out that investment creates jobs and that unemployment is obviously one of the main causes of inequality both between the employed and unemployed, but also among workers themselves; notes that it is well known that high levels of unemployment exert downward pressure on wages and working conditions; ***stresses, however, that low unemployment by itself does not prevent big disparities of income and assets from existing, as certain Member States show***;

Or. fr

Amendment 40
Neena Gill

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Points out that investment creates jobs and that unemployment is obviously one of the main causes of inequality both between the employed and unemployed, but also among workers themselves; notes that it is well known that high levels of unemployment exert downward pressure on wages and working conditions;

Amendment

1. Points out that ***public and private*** investment creates jobs and that unemployment is obviously one of the main causes of inequality both between the employed and unemployed, but also among workers themselves; notes that it is well known that high levels of unemployment exert downward pressure on wages and working conditions ***and leads to general societal losses.***

Or. en

Amendment 41
Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Points out that investment creates jobs and that unemployment is obviously one of the main causes of inequality both between the employed and unemployed, but also among workers themselves; notes that it is well known that high levels of unemployment exert downward pressure on wages and working conditions;

Amendment

1. Points out that ***private*** investment creates jobs and that unemployment is obviously one of the main causes of inequality both between the employed and unemployed, but also among workers themselves; notes that it is well known that high levels of unemployment exert downward pressure on wages and working conditions;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Marco Zanni

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Observes that the neoliberal and mercantilist project of the European Union as provided for by the Treaties has significantly aggravated inequalities both

between countries and within them;

Or. it

Amendment 43
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Stresses that better tax justice, the fight against illicit financial flows and measures against intracommunity VAT fraud will help reduce inequalities and eradicate poverty, while also bringing an end to tax havens for multinational companies; Underlines that tax revenue must contribute to strengthen the investment capacity to finance infrastructure, public services, healthcare and education which in turn leads to more equal societies and better economic performance;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Stanisław Ożóg
on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. 1. Reiterates that national authorities must keep the leading role in monitoring their social situation, identifying current needs of the citizens and thus shaping their employment and social policies, whilst the EU should only support and enhance these efforts;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Barbara Kappel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Points out that uncontrolled immigration leads to an enormous reserve of working poor;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. stresses that unemployment needs to be tackled by reforming the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Stanisław Ożóg
on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 b. 2. Advices against further harmonization and over-unification of the employment and social policies, including the introduction of new binding legal instruments with no proper impact assessment; reiterates that, according to the principles of better legislation, any legal initiative or action must be based on

evidence of the impact assessment as well as should keep to a minimum regulatory burdens on businesses, citizens and public administration;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 b. acknowledges that inadequate welfare policies can contribute to unemployment;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Argues that investment in public services is essential to close the qualification dimension of inequality; emphasises that the attainment of higher levels of education for the general population contributes not only to reducing income inequality, but also to fighting social and cultural exclusion;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 50
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. ***Argues that investment in public services is essential to close the qualification dimension of inequality; emphasises*** that the attainment of higher levels of education for the general population contributes not only to reducing income inequality, but also to fighting social and cultural exclusion;

Amendment

2. ***Emphasises*** that the attainment of higher levels of education for the general population contributes not only to reducing income inequality, but also to fighting social and cultural exclusion; ***highlights the need to monitor anticipated labour market requirements and to adapt education programmes to the new realities;***

Or. sl

Amendment 51
Fulvio Martusciello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Argues that ***investment*** in public services is essential to close the qualification dimension of inequality; emphasises that the attainment of higher levels of education for the general population contributes ***not only*** to reducing income inequality, ***but also to fighting social and cultural exclusion;***

Amendment

2. Argues that ***investments and efficient structures*** in public ***and private*** services is essential to close the qualification dimension of inequality; emphasises that the attainment of higher levels of education ***and skills*** for the general population contributes to reducing income inequality;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Barbara Kappel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. ***Argues that investment in public services is essential to close the qualification dimension of inequality;*** emphasises that the attainment of higher levels of education for the general

Amendment

2. Emphasises that the attainment of higher levels of education for the general population contributes not only to reducing ***financial illiteracy and high indebtedness,*** but also to fighting social and cultural

population contributes not only to reducing **income inequality**, but also to fighting social and cultural exclusion;

exclusion, ***therefore increasing their chances to climb up the social ladder***;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Neena Gill

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Argues that investment in public services is essential to close the qualification dimension of inequality; emphasises that the attainment of higher levels of education for the general population contributes not only to reducing income inequality, but also to fighting social and cultural exclusion;

Amendment

2. Argues that ***more*** investment in public services is essential to close the qualification dimension of inequality; emphasises that the attainment of higher levels of education for the general population contributes not only to reducing income inequality, but also to fighting social and cultural exclusion; ***invites the Commission to monitor more closely the impact of these investments undertaken by Member States and private investors in the framework of the EU semester.***

Or. en

Amendment 54

Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Argues that investment in public services is essential to close the qualification dimension of inequality; emphasises that the attainment of higher levels of education for the general population contributes not only to reducing income inequality, but also to fighting social and cultural exclusion;

Amendment

2. Argues that investment in public services is essential to close the qualification dimension of inequality; emphasises that the attainment of higher levels of education, ***especially in the field of financial and digital literacy*** for the general population contributes not only to reducing income inequality, but also to fighting social and cultural exclusion;

Amendment 55

Marco Zanni

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Stresses that the euro and the single market mean that it is no longer possible to isolate individual national labour markets through the instrument of flexible change, thus compelling those countries which are most in crisis to apply wage deflation policies;

Or. it

Amendment 56

Alfred Sant

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Recognises the potential of the European Pillar of Social Rights for the development of a stronger social dimension of the European Monetary Union if steps are taken to ensure its effective implementation across the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Alfred Sant

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Believes that a European Union budget that is dedicated to the implementation of robust and effective measures to reduce the divergences in economic performance and outcomes between different territories in the EU could play a key role in lowering inequalities within the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Considers retraining of workers a basic tool to combat unemployment to ensure that technology advancement does not become a source of inequalities.

Or. en

Amendment 59
Marisa Matias, Rina Ronja Kari, Fabio De Masi, Miguel Viegas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Underlines that modern societies are facing crucial social challenges that involve inequality issues; stresses that dealing with these challenges is **both** a responsibility **for** public **policy-making** **and an opportunity for private investors.**

3. Underlines that modern societies are facing crucial social challenges that involve inequality issues; stresses that dealing with these challenges is a responsibility public **services and policy - making.**

Or. en

Amendment 60
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Underlines that modern societies are facing crucial social challenges that involve inequality issues; stresses that dealing with these challenges is both a responsibility for public policy-making and an opportunity for private investors.

Amendment

3. Underlines that modern societies are facing crucial social challenges that involve inequality issues; stresses that dealing with these challenges is both a responsibility for public policy-making and an opportunity for private investors. ***Agrees with the Commission that tackling income inequality and poverty requires a comprehensive set of preventive and mitigating policies, including equal access to education and health care, improved labour market opportunities and earnings prospects, affordable quality services and well-designed tax and benefit systems;***

Or. en

Amendment 61
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Underlines that modern societies are facing crucial social challenges that involve inequality issues; stresses that dealing with these challenges is both a responsibility for public policy-making and an opportunity for private investors.

Amendment

3. Underlines that modern societies are facing crucial social challenges that involve inequality issues; stresses that dealing with these challenges is both a responsibility for public policy-making and an opportunity for private investors; ***points out that EU social policy-making needs to take account of the level of economic development of each Member State and allow them to design social systems which match their own circumstances;***

Or. sl

Amendment 62

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Neena Gill

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Underlines that modern societies are facing crucial social challenges that involve inequality issues; stresses that dealing with these challenges is both a responsibility for public policy-making and an opportunity for private investors.

Amendment

3. Underlines that modern societies are facing crucial social challenges that involve inequality issues; stresses that dealing with these challenges is both a responsibility for public policy-making and an opportunity for private investors. ***invites the Commission to monitor more closely how Member States have dealt with these challenges in the framework of the EU semester.***

Or. en

Amendment 63
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Underlines that modern societies are facing crucial social challenges that involve inequality issues; stresses that dealing with these challenges is both a responsibility for public policy-making and an opportunity for private investors.

Amendment

3. Underlines that modern societies are facing crucial social challenges that involve inequality issues ***even though its consequences are very much nuanced by the existence of the welfare state***; stresses that dealing with these challenges is both a responsibility for public policy-making and an opportunity for private investors.

Or. en

Amendment 64
Marco Zanni

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Stresses furthermore that the austerity policies imposed by the European Union in recent years have accentuated and aggravated the economic and social gap in Europe;

Or. it

Amendment 65
Fulvio Martusciello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(1) 4.Imposing penalties for regions that do not spend European funds or for those that have not been sufficiently vigilant over their use;

Or. it

Amendment 66
Marisa Matias, Rina Ronja Kari, Fabio De Masi, Miguel Viegas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Notes the crucial role of tax policies and their redistributive function in correcting inequalities of income and wealth;Highlights in this regard that tax evasion and elision and tax dumping are not just detrimental to public finances and policies but also have a highly assymetrical impact between higher and lower levels of income;Tax evasion and dumping favour a race to bottom on corporate taxes which harms public services and shifts the tax burden toward labour income.

Or. en

Amendment 67
Emmanuel Maurel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Urges the Commission to extend the scope of the European Semester and the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure (MIP) by adding new binding indicators to estimate individual imbalances in inequalities as a way of linking economic coordination with employment and social performance;

Or. fr

Amendment 68
Renato Soru

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses the importance of education and training as instruments for learning, increasing and reinforcing the skills required in order to participate in the labour market successfully and to reduce inequalities, with particular reference to soft and digital skills geared to the changes that are currently occurring in the socioeconomic context;

Or. it

Amendment 69
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. *Believes that in order to lower the investment gap, the deepening of financial markets through the capital markets union is fundamental to attract and fund innovative projects that can boost employment.*

Or. en

Amendment 70

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. *Calls on Member States to adopt progressive national tax systems in order to reduce inequality;*

Or. en

Amendment 71

Renato Soru

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. *Recognises that many of these skills may also be acquired and consolidated outside the traditional education system, and therefore considers it necessary to adopt appropriate lifelong learning policies, on-the-job training and training for adults to promote refreshment of skills and conversion of workers, particularly those who possess low to medium-level skills and those who are most exposed to the risk of social inequality; stresses furthermore the importance of digital technologies in*

implementing these policies.

Or. it

Amendment 72
Emmanuel Maurel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. *Considers that the European pillar of social rights launched by the Commission paves the way for coordination of measures to combat inequalities of income by establishing social security safety nets; calls on the Commission to propose a framework directive on minimum wage systems and a framework directive on minimum income systems linked to active employment policies;*

Or. fr

Amendment 73
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. *Calls on Member States to intensify the fight against tax evasion and tax avoidance to increase states' budgets for public expenditures and to adopt a common minimum corporate tax rate;*

Or. en

Amendment 74
Philippe Lamberts

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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 c. *Calls upon the Commission to assess and publish the impact on the one hand of national redistributive policies, including the progressivity of national tax systems and on the other hand its own draft country-specific recommendations in terms of inequalities;*

Or. en

Amendment 75
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 d. *Calls on the Commission and member States to make the fight against inequality a key priority of the European Semester supported by a specific quantified objective and to align country-specific recommendations with this overall objective;*

Or. en

Amendment 76
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 e. *Calls upon the Commission that in its future review of the economic*

governance, it proposes that distributional impacts of public spending and tax policies be highlighted in the National Reform Programmes or Stability (Convergence) Programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Philippe Lamberts
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 f. Calls upon the Commission to evaluate the implementation of the various pieces of legislation dealing with inequality and to propose their forthwith review in case shortcomings are identified; to estimate the shadow price (lost GDP, jobs, welfare...) of the non-respect of these provisions by Member States; Calls on the Commission to ensure that European competition policies reduce inequalities by ensuring protection of consumers and fighting cartels or incompatible state aids which distort prices and the functioning of the internal market;

Or. en