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The role of minimum income in combating poverty and promoting an inclusive society in Europe
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Amendment 1

Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) adopted in 1979,

Or. en

Amendment 2

Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution

Citation 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, reconfirmed during the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights, in particular Articles 3, 16, 18, 23, 25, 26 and 29,

– having regard to the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, reconfirmed during the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights, in particular **Articles 3, 16, 18, 23, 25, 26, 27 and 29,**

Or. en

Amendment 3

Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution

Citation 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to International Labour Organization (ILO) Conventions Nos 26 and 131 on minimum wage fixing,

– having regard to International Labour Organization (ILO) Conventions Nos 26 and 131 on minimum wage fixing **and No 29 and 105 on the abolishment of forced labour,**

Or. en

Amendment 4

Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution

Citation 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the ILO report "A global alliance against forced labour. Global report under the follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work. Report of the Director-General, 2005",

Or. en

Amendment 5

Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution

Citation 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**– having regard to Articles 34, 35 and 36 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, which specifically define the right to social and housing assistance, a high level of human health protection and access to services of general economic interest¹,
¹(OJ C 303, 14.12.2007, p. 1.)**

Or. en

Amendment 6

Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution

Citation 5 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the report of the

***Committee on Employment and Social
Affairs and the opinion of the Committee
on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
(A6-0364/2008),***

Or. en

**Amendment 7
Karima Delli**

**Motion for a resolution
Citation 16**

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to its resolution of 6 May 2009 on the active inclusion of people excluded from the labour market ,

Amendment

– having regard to ***the Commission Recommendation COM(2008) 0639 of 3 October 2008 and*** its resolution of 6 May 2009 on the active inclusion of people excluded from the labour market ,

Or. en

**Amendment 8
Frédéric Daerden, Kathleen Van Brempt**

**Motion for a resolution
Citation 16 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Commission Communication of 3 October 2008 on a Commission Recommendation on the active inclusion of people excluded from the labour market,

Or. fr

**Amendment 9
Licia Ronzulli**

**Motion for a resolution
Citation 16 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the Commission recommendation of 3 October 2008 on the active inclusion of people excluded from the labour market,

Or. it

Amendment 10

Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution

Citation 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to its Written Declaration n°0111/2007 of 22 April 2008 on ending street homelessness,

Or. en

Amendment 11

Kinga Göncz, Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution

Citation 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the Commission proposal of 27 April 2010 for a Council decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States,

Or. en

Amendment 12

Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas poverty and social exclusion are violations of human dignity and fundamental human rights, and the central objective of income support schemes must be to lift people out of poverty and enable them to live in dignity,

Or. en

Amendment 13

Kinga Göncz, Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas, despite all the statements on eliminating poverty, social inequalities have worsened and, at the end of 2008, 17% of the population (i.e. around 85 million people) were living below the poverty threshold, even after social transfers¹¹, while in 2005 the figure was 16% and in 2000 it was 15% in the EU-15,

Amendment

B. whereas, despite ***the economic prosperity and*** all the statements on eliminating poverty, social inequalities have worsened and, at the end of 2008, 17% of the population (i.e. around 85 million people) were living below the poverty threshold, even after social transfers¹¹, while in 2005 the figure was 16% and in 2000 it was 15% in the EU-15,

Or. en

Amendment 14

Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 15
Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas growth and jobs alone have not succeeded in reducing poverty; whereas social transfers have a significant role to play in reducing poverty and acting as an automatic stabiliser during the crisis - reducing poverty risks by 38% (2008 data) although the degree to which they do so varies substantially across Member States, ranging from a poverty reduction effect of 50% or more in some countries to one of 17% or less in others, reflecting differences in the size of expenditure, from 12% to 30% of GDP and the efficiency and effectiveness of the social protection schemes,

Or. en

Amendment 16
Kinga Göncz, Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas the at-risk-of-poverty rate for children and young people up to 17 years is higher than for the total population, reaching 20% in 2008 in the EU-27, with the highest ***rates being recorded in Romania (33%), Bulgaria (26%), Italy and Latvia (both 25%), Spain (24%), Greece, Portugal, Lithuania and the United Kingdom (all 23%) and Poland***

C. whereas the at-risk-of-poverty rate for children and young people up to 17 years is higher than for the total population, reaching 20% in 2008 in the EU-27, with the highest ***rate of 33%***,

(22%),

Or. en

Amendment 17

Kinga Göncz, Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas elderly people also face a higher risk of poverty than the general population, reaching a rate of around 19% of those aged 65 years and over in 2008 in the EU-27,

Amendment

D. whereas elderly people also face a higher risk of poverty than the general population, reaching a rate of around 19% of those aged 65 years and over in 2008 in the EU-27, ***while in 2005 the figure was 19% and in 2000 it was 17%,***

Or. en

Amendment 18

Kinga Göncz, Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the ***proliferation*** of precarious employment and low wages ***means*** that the percentage of workers at risk of poverty is ***increasing***; whereas, in 2008, the at-risk-of-poverty rate for those in employment was 8% on average in the EU-27, ***with the highest rates being recorded in Romania (17%), Greece (14%), Poland and Portugal (both 12%), Spain and Latvia (both 11%),***

Amendment

E. whereas the ***constantly high level*** of precarious employment and low wages ***in certain sectors mean*** that the percentage of workers at risk of poverty is ***stagnating on a high level***; whereas, in 2008, the at-risk-of-poverty rate for those in employment was 8% on average in the EU-27, ***while in 2005 the figure was 8% and in 2000 it was 7% in the EU-15,***

Or. en

Amendment 19
Licia Ronzulli

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas in Recommendation 92/441/EEC of 24 June 1992 the Council recommends Member States to recognise the basic right of a person to sufficient resources and social assistance to live in a manner compatible with human dignity; whereas in Recommendation 92/442/EEC of 27 July 1992 the Council recommends that Member States guarantee a decent standard of living; whereas in the conclusions of 17 December 1999 the Council endorsed promoting social inclusion as one of the objectives of modernising and improving social protection,

Or. it

Amendment 20
Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas women ***form the majority of the population*** at risk of poverty, due to unemployment, precarious and low-paid jobs, wage discrimination and lower pensions,

F. whereas women ***represent an important segment*** at risk of poverty, due to unemployment, precarious and low-paid jobs, wage discrimination and lower pensions,

Or. en

Amendment 21
Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas women form the majority of the population at risk of poverty, due to unemployment, precarious and low-paid jobs, wage discrimination and lower pensions,

Amendment

F. whereas women form the majority of the population at risk of poverty, due to unemployment, ***non-shared caring responsibilities***, precarious and low-paid jobs, wage discrimination and lower pensions,

Or. en

Amendment 22

Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas there are no official EU data on situations of extreme poverty such as homelessness, and it is therefore difficult to follow recent trends,

Or. en

Amendment 23

Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas the risk of falling into extreme poverty is greater for women than for men; whereas the persistent trend towards feminisation of poverty in European societies today demonstrates that the current framework of social protection systems and the wide range of social, economic and employment policies in the Union are not designed to meet women's needs or to address the differences in women's work; whereas poverty among women and their social exclusion in Europe requires specific,

multiple and gender-specific policy responses,

Or. en

Amendment 24

Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution

Recital F b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fb. whereas the risk of falling into extreme poverty is greater for women than for men, particularly in old age, because social security systems are often based on the principle of continuous remunerated employment; whereas an individualised right to a poverty preventing minimum income should not be conditional on employment related contributions,

Or. en

Amendment 25

Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution

Recital F b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fb. whereas youth unemployment has risen to unprecedented levels, reaching 21.4% in the European Union, ranging from 7.6% in the Netherlands to 44.5% in Spain and 43.8% in Latvia, and apprenticeships and internships offered to young people are often unpaid or poorly remunerated,

Or. en

Amendment 26
Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution
Recital F c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fc. whereas the financial and economic crisis has lead to a shrinking supply of jobs, estimates pointing to more than 5 million jobs lost since September 2008, and increasing precarity,

Or. en

Amendment 27
Franz Obermayr

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas the European Year for Combating Poverty should have a crucial impact in raising awareness of social exclusion and promoting active inclusion, which requires a *fair* redistribution of *income and* wealth and necessitates measures ensuring effective economic and social cohesion,

whereas the European Year for Combating Poverty should have a crucial impact in raising awareness of *poverty and the resulting* social exclusion and promoting active inclusion, which requires a *fairer* redistribution of wealth and necessitates measures ensuring effective economic and social cohesion,

Or. de

Amendment 28
Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas the European Year for Combating Poverty should have a crucial impact in raising awareness *of* social exclusion *and promoting* active inclusion, *which* requires a fair redistribution of

G. whereas the European Year for Combating Poverty should have a crucial impact in raising awareness *and improving policy responses to* social exclusion, *promote* active inclusion, *ensuring an*

income and wealth and necessitates measures ensuring effective economic and social cohesion,

adequate income, access to quality services and supportive approaches into decent work, and requires a fair redistribution of income and wealth and necessitates measures ensuring effective economic and social cohesion,

Or. en

Amendment 29
Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the European Year for Combating Poverty *should have a crucial impact in raising awareness* of social exclusion and *promoting active inclusion, which requires a fair redistribution of income and wealth and necessitates measures ensuring effective* economic and social *cohesion*,

Amendment

G. whereas the European Year for Combating Poverty *needs to raise awareness* of social exclusion and *promote the instruments and policies to be used in order to fight* economic and social *discrepancies among European Regions*,

Or. en

Amendment 30
Livia Járóka

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the European Year for Combating Poverty should have a crucial impact in raising awareness of social exclusion and promoting active inclusion, which requires a fair redistribution of income and wealth and necessitates measures ensuring effective economic and social cohesion,

Amendment

G. whereas the European Year for Combating Poverty should have a crucial impact in raising awareness of social exclusion and promoting active inclusion, which requires a fair redistribution of income and wealth and necessitates measures ensuring effective economic and social cohesion, *and minimum income can provide a proper safety net for marginalized and vulnerable people facing poverty and social exclusion*,

Amendment 31
Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ha. whereas the economic and financial climate in EU 27 has to be correctly assessed in order to encourage Member States in establishing a minimum income threshold, that would help the augmentation of living standards and still foster competitive behaviour,

Or. en

Amendment 32
Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

J. whereas account should be taken of the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, the ***existence of particularly vulnerable population groups (children, women and elderly people), which also include people with disabilities, immigrants, large or single-parent families, the chronically ill and the homeless, as well as the*** need to incorporate ***action to prevent and combat*** poverty and exclusion in other policies, with a ***guarantee of universal*** access to public services, ***high-quality jobs with rights and an income allowing people to live with dignity,***

J. whereas account should be taken of the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, the need to incorporate ***measures and instruments for preventing and combating*** poverty and exclusion in other ***European*** policies, ***establishing guidelines for Member States with a view to including them into national policies, assuring*** access to public services, ***fair socio-economic environment, working conditions and rights that will allow a fair remuneration and will foster competitive markets,***

Or. en

Amendment 33
Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas account should be taken of the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, the existence of particularly vulnerable population groups (children, women **and** elderly people), which also include people with disabilities, immigrants, large or single-parent families, the chronically ill and the homeless, as well as the need to incorporate action to prevent and combat poverty and exclusion in other policies, with a guarantee of universal access to public services, high-quality jobs with rights and an income allowing people to live with dignity,

Amendment

J. whereas account should be taken of the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, the existence of particularly vulnerable population groups (children, women, elderly people, **people with disabilities and others**), which also include people with disabilities, immigrants, **including undocumented migrants, ethnic minorities including Roma**, large or single-parent families, the chronically ill and the homeless, as well as the need to incorporate action to prevent and combat poverty and exclusion in other policies, with a guarantee of **quality social security and social protection systems**, universal access to **quality** public services, high-quality jobs with rights and an income allowing people to live with dignity,

Or. en

Amendment 34
Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas account should be taken of the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, the existence of particularly vulnerable population groups (children, women and elderly people), which also include people with disabilities, immigrants, large or single-parent families, the chronically ill and the homeless, as well as the need to incorporate action to prevent and combat poverty and exclusion in other policies, with a guarantee of

Amendment

J. whereas account should be taken of the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, the existence of particularly vulnerable population groups (children, women and elderly people), which also include people with disabilities, immigrants, large or single-parent families, the chronically ill and the homeless, as well as the need to incorporate action to prevent and combat poverty and exclusion in other policies, with a guarantee of

universal access to public services, high-quality jobs with rights and *an* income *allowing* people to *live with* dignity,

universal access to public *infrastructure and* services *of general interest*, high-quality jobs with rights and *a poverty preventing guaranteed minimum* income *enabling* people to *social, cultural and political participation and a life in* dignity,

Or. en

Amendment 35 **Ádám Kósa**

Motion for a resolution **Recital J**

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas account should be taken of the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, the existence of particularly *vulnerable* population groups (children, women and elderly people), which also include people with disabilities, immigrants, large or single-parent families, the chronically ill and the homeless, as well as the need to incorporate action to prevent and combat poverty and exclusion in other policies, with a guarantee of universal access to public services, high-quality jobs with rights and an income allowing people to live with dignity,

Amendment

J. whereas account should be taken of the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, the existence of particularly *needy* population groups (children, women and elderly people), which also include people with disabilities, immigrants, large or single-parent families, the chronically ill and the homeless, as well as the need to incorporate action to prevent and combat poverty and exclusion in other policies, with a guarantee of universal access to *accessible* public services, high-quality jobs with rights and an income allowing people to live with dignity,

Or. hu

Amendment 36 **Kinga Göncz**

Motion for a resolution **Recital J**

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas account should be taken of the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, the existence of particularly vulnerable population groups

Amendment

J. whereas account should be taken of the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, the existence of particularly vulnerable population groups

(children, women and elderly people), which also include people with disabilities, immigrants, large or single-parent families, the chronically ill and the homeless, as well as the need to incorporate action to prevent and combat poverty and exclusion in other policies, with a guarantee of universal access to public services, high-quality jobs with rights and an income allowing people to live with dignity,

(children, women and elderly people), which also include people with disabilities, immigrants, ***minorities, in particular the Roma***, large or single-parent families, the chronically ill and the homeless, as well as the need to incorporate action to prevent and combat poverty and exclusion in other policies, with a guarantee of universal access to public services, high-quality jobs with rights and an income allowing people to live with dignity,

Or. en

Amendment 37

Kinga Göncz, Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution

Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas account should be taken of the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, the existence of particularly vulnerable population groups (children, women and elderly people), which also include people with disabilities, immigrants, large or single-parent families, the chronically ill and the homeless, as well as the need to incorporate action to prevent and combat poverty and exclusion in other policies, with a guarantee of universal access to public services, ***high-quality*** jobs with rights and an income allowing people to live with dignity,

Amendment

J. whereas account should be taken of the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, the existence of particularly vulnerable population groups (children, women and elderly people), which also include people with disabilities, immigrants, large or single-parent families, the chronically ill and the homeless, as well as the need to incorporate action to prevent and combat poverty and exclusion in other policies, with a guarantee of universal access to public services, ***decent*** jobs with rights and an income allowing people to live with dignity,

Or. en

Amendment 38

Sergio Gaetano Cofferati, Silvia Costa

Motion for a resolution

Recital J a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ja. whereas the enormous poverty level does not only affects social cohesion within Europe, but also on our economy since excluding large parts of our society on a permanent bases weakens the competitiveness of our economy and increases the pressure on our public households,

Or. en

Amendment 39

Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution

Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas a global objective needs to be established, prioritising economic and social cohesion and the protection of fundamental human rights, which implies a balance between economic, employment, social and environmental policies and a fair redistribution of income and wealth,

Amendment

K. whereas a global objective needs to be established, ***particularly in the Europe 2020 strategy***, prioritising economic and social cohesion and the protection of fundamental human rights, which implies a balance between economic, employment, social and environmental policies and a fair redistribution of income and wealth,

Or. en

Amendment 40

Kinga Göncz, Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution

Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas a global objective needs to be established, prioritising economic and social cohesion and the protection of fundamental human rights, which implies a balance between economic, employment, social and environmental policies and a fair redistribution of income and wealth,

Amendment

K. whereas a global objective needs to be established, prioritising economic and social ***and territorial*** cohesion and the protection of fundamental human rights, which implies a balance between economic, employment, social, ***regional*** and environmental policies and a fair redistribution of income and wealth,

Amendment 41
Franz Obermayr

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas a global objective needs to be established, prioritising economic and social cohesion and the protection of fundamental human rights, which implies a balance between economic, employment, social and environmental policies and a *fair* redistribution of *income and* wealth,

Amendment

whereas a global objective needs to be established, prioritising economic and social cohesion and the protection of fundamental human rights, which implies a balance between economic, employment, social and environmental policies and a *fairer* redistribution of wealth,

Amendment 42
Frédéric Daerden

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas a global objective needs to be established, prioritising economic and social cohesion and the protection of fundamental human rights, which implies a balance between economic, employment, social and environmental policies and a fair redistribution of income and wealth,

Amendment

K. whereas a global objective needs to be established, prioritising economic and social cohesion and the protection of fundamental human rights, which implies a balance between economic, employment, social and environmental policies and a fair redistribution of income and wealth, *hence the need to draw up social impact studies for all decisions and to apply the horizontal social clause contained in the Lisbon Treaty,*

Amendment 43
Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas a global objective needs to be established, prioritising economic and social cohesion and the protection of fundamental human rights, which implies a balance between economic, employment, social and environmental policies and a fair redistribution of income and wealth,

Amendment

K. whereas a global objective needs to be established, prioritising economic and social cohesion and the protection of fundamental human rights, which implies a balance between economic, employment, social and environmental policies and a fair redistribution of income and wealth, ***taking account of dramatic changes in dependency rates,***

Or. hu

Amendment 44

Licia Ronzulli

Motion for a resolution

Recital K a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ka. whereas respect for human dignity is one of the founding principles of the European Union, whose action is intended to promote full employment and social progress, to combat social exclusion and discrimination and to promote justice and social protection,

Or. it

Amendment 45

Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution

Recital K a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ka. whereas the main objective in combating poverty and social exclusion should be job creation, granting the possibility of fair income for decent jobs,

Or. en

Amendment 46
Thomas Mann

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas the application, increase and better use of structural funds needs to be guaranteed in order to promote social inclusion and create high-quality jobs,

Amendment

whereas the application, increase and better use of structural funds needs to be guaranteed in order to promote social inclusion and create high-quality jobs ***with rights***,

Or. de

Justification

The twin concept of 'high-quality' jobs 'with rights' referred to in Recital J should also be cited here, using the same wording. Equal emphasis must be placed on both aspects of this concept.

Amendment 47
Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas the application, increase and better use of structural funds needs to be guaranteed in order to promote social inclusion and create high-quality jobs,

Amendment

L. whereas the application, increase and better use of structural funds needs to be guaranteed in order to promote social inclusion and create high-quality ***barrier-free*** jobs,

Or. hu

Amendment 48
Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas the application, increase and better use of structural funds needs to be guaranteed in order to promote social inclusion and create high-quality jobs,

Amendment

L. whereas the application, increase and better use of structural funds needs to be guaranteed in order to ***prevent poverty***, promote social inclusion and create high-quality jobs,

Or. en

Amendment 49
Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

Motion for a resolution

M. whereas the role of social protection systems is to ensure the level of social cohesion needed for development guaranteeing social inclusion, which ***also*** implies improving the level of ***training*** of those ***people excluded*** from the labour market and guaranteeing equal opportunities ***in the exercise of fundamental rights***,

Amendment

M. whereas the role of social protection systems is to ensure the level of social cohesion needed for development guaranteeing social inclusion, which implies improving the level of ***skills and education*** of those ***facing the risk of exclusion*** from the labour market ***due to market competitive pressures*** and ***also*** guaranteeing equal opportunities ***for entering and exiting the labour market***,

Or. en

Amendment 50
Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

Motion for a resolution

M. whereas the role of social protection systems is to ensure the level of social cohesion needed for development guaranteeing social inclusion, which ***also*** implies improving the level of training of those people excluded from the labour market and guaranteeing equal

Amendment

M. whereas the role of social protection systems is to ensure the level of social cohesion needed for development guaranteeing social inclusion, which implies ***a poverty preventing individually guaranteed minimum income***, improving the level of ***education*** training of those

opportunities in the exercise of
fundamental rights,

people excluded from the labour market
and guaranteeing equal opportunities in the
exercise of fundamental rights,

Or. en

Amendment 51

Frédéric Daerden, Sergio Gaetano Cofferati

Motion for a resolution

Recital M

Motion for a resolution

M. whereas the role of social protection systems is to ensure the level of social cohesion needed for development guaranteeing social inclusion, which also implies improving the level of training of those people excluded from the labour market and guaranteeing equal opportunities in the exercise of fundamental rights,

Amendment

M. whereas the role of social protection systems is to ensure the level of social cohesion needed for development guaranteeing social inclusion ***and mitigating the social repercussions of the financial crisis***, which also implies improving the level of training of those people excluded from the labour market and guaranteeing equal opportunities in the exercise of fundamental rights,

Or. fr

Amendment 52

Sergio Gaetano Cofferati, Silvia Costa, Raffaele Baldassarre

Motion for a resolution

Recital M a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ma. whereas introducing and strengthening minimum income schemes is an important and effective way to overcome poverty by supporting social integration and access to the labour market and allowing people to have a decent living,

Or. en

Amendment 53
Corina Crețu

Motion for a resolution
Recital M a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ma. whereas one in five under-25s in the EU are unemployed, while workers aged over 55 are the European citizens most affected by unemployment and also have to face the specific and grave problem of the decreasing likelihood of obtaining a job as they become older,

Or. ro

Amendment 54
Sergio Gaetano Cofferati, Silvia Costa, Raffaele Baldassarre

Motion for a resolution
Recital M b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Mb. whereas minimum income schemes are an important tool to offer security for people needing to overcome the consequences of social exclusion and unemployment and to support the access to the labour market, whereas such minimum income schemes play a relevant role in redistributing wealth and ensuring solidarity and social justice and, especially in times of crisis, a counter-cyclical role by providing additional resources to strengthen demand and consumption in the internal market,

Or. en

Amendment 55
Corina Crețu

Motion for a resolution
Recital N a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Na. having regard to the painful social effects of the economic crisis, which has put over 6 million European citizens out of work in the last two years,

Or. ro

Amendment 56
Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution
Recital N a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Na. having regard to the gravity of the economic and social crisis and its impact in terms of growing poverty and exclusion and rising unemployment (from 6.7% at the beginning of 2008 to 9.5% at the end of 2009), with one-third of the jobless being affected by long-term unemployment, a situation that is worse in the more economically vulnerable Member States,

Or. pt

Amendment 57
Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution
Recital N b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Nb. whereas certain Member States are under pressure from the Council and Commission and from international bodies such as the IMF to undertake the short-term reduction of their budget deficits, which have been worsened by the crisis, and to make cuts in spending, including social expenditure, thus

*undermining the welfare state and
exacerbating poverty,*

Or. pt

Amendment 58
Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution
Recital N c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Nc. having regard to increasing social inequality in certain Member States, the result above all of economic inequality in terms of income and wealth distribution, labour market inequalities, social insecurity, and unequal access to the social functions of the state such as welfare, health, education, the legal system, etc;

Or. pt

Amendment 59
Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution
Recital N d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Nd. having regard to the application of the EU's policy for social inclusion, and in particular the objectives and European programme adopted under the Lisbon strategy at the beginning of the 2000 decade, with the implementation of the Open Method of Coordination and the common objectives to be achieved under the National Action Plans,

Or. pt

Amendment 60
Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution
Recital N e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ne. whereas most of the Member States now have large numbers of homeless, thanks to diverse factors, and this calls for specific measures for those people's social integration,

Or. pt

Amendment 61
Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Highlights the need for concrete measures to ***effectively and significantly reduce*** poverty and social exclusion, ensuring a fair redistribution of income and wealth ***and also*** giving meaning and content to the European Year for Combating Poverty and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including guaranteeing ***an adequate*** minimum income throughout the European Union;

1. Highlights the need for concrete measures to ***eradicate*** poverty and social exclusion, ensuring a fair redistribution of income and wealth, ***thereby*** giving meaning and content to the European Year for Combating Poverty and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including guaranteeing ***poverty preventing and socially including*** minimum income ***schemes*** throughout the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Licia Ronzulli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Highlights the need for concrete measures to ***effectively and*** significantly reduce poverty and social exclusion,

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ensuring a fair redistribution of income and wealth and also giving meaning and content to the European Year for Combating Poverty and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, *including guaranteeing an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union*;

adequate income and also giving meaning and content to the European Year for Combating Poverty and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals; *encourages Member States to take a fresh look at policies to guarantee an adequate income*;

Or. it

Amendment 63

Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights the need for concrete measures to effectively and significantly reduce poverty and social exclusion, ensuring a fair redistribution of income and wealth and also *giving meaning and content* to the European Year for Combating Poverty and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including guaranteeing an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union;

Amendment

1. Highlights the need for concrete measures to effectively and significantly reduce poverty and social exclusion, ensuring a fair redistribution of income and wealth and also *ensuring a strong political legacy* to the European Year for Combating Poverty and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including guaranteeing an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union, *and working actively to promote adequate income and social protection systems globally*;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Franz Obermayr

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights the need for concrete measures to effectively and significantly reduce poverty and social exclusion, ensuring a *fair redistribution of income and wealth* and also giving meaning and content to the European Year for

Amendment

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Combating Poverty and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including guaranteeing an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union;

to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including guaranteeing an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union;

Or. de

Amendment 65
Pascale Gruny

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights the need for concrete measures to effectively and significantly reduce poverty and social exclusion, ***ensuring a fair redistribution of income and wealth*** and also giving meaning and content to the European Year for Combating Poverty and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including guaranteeing an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union;

Amendment

1. Highlights the need for concrete measures to effectively and significantly reduce poverty and social exclusion, ***by exploring ways of reintegrating people into the labour market*** and also giving meaning and content to the European Year for Combating Poverty and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including guaranteeing an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union;

Or. fr

Amendment 66
Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights the need for concrete measures to effectively and significantly reduce poverty and social exclusion, ***ensuring a fair redistribution of income and wealth and also*** giving meaning and content to the European Year for Combating Poverty and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including guaranteeing an adequate minimum income ***throughout the European Union***;

Amendment

1. Highlights the need for concrete measures to effectively and significantly reduce poverty and social exclusion, giving ***genuine*** meaning and content to the European Year for Combating Poverty and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including guaranteeing an adequate minimum income ***on the basis of national rules or collective agreements***;

Amendment 67

Ole Christensen, Liisa Jaakonsaari, Olle Ludvigsson

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights the need for concrete measures to effectively and significantly reduce poverty and social exclusion, ensuring a fair redistribution of income and wealth and also giving meaning and content to the European Year for Combating Poverty and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, ***including guaranteeing an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union;***

Amendment

1. Highlights the need for concrete measures to effectively and significantly reduce poverty and social exclusion, ensuring a fair redistribution of income and wealth and also giving meaning and content to the European Year for Combating Poverty and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, ***in accordance with different practices, collective bargaining and national law in the member states;***

Or. en

Amendment 68

Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights the need for concrete measures to effectively and significantly reduce poverty and social exclusion, ensuring a fair redistribution of income and wealth and also giving meaning and content to the European Year for Combating Poverty and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including guaranteeing an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union;

Amendment

1. Highlights the need for concrete measures to effectively and significantly reduce poverty and social exclusion, ensuring a fair redistribution of income and wealth and also giving meaning and content to the European Year for Combating Poverty and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including guaranteeing an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union: ***in other words, combating poverty begins with the creation of 'good' jobs - in particular for groups at a disadvantage on the labour market; emphasises that full-time employment must provide workers with a living wage, so that welfare policy***

is inseparable from an active labour market policy;

Or. de

Amendment 69
Frédéric Daerden

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights the need for concrete measures to effectively and significantly reduce poverty and social exclusion, ensuring a fair redistribution of income and wealth and also giving meaning and content to the European Year for Combating Poverty and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including guaranteeing an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union;

Amendment

1. Highlights the need for concrete measures to effectively and significantly reduce poverty and social exclusion, ensuring a fair redistribution of income and wealth and also giving meaning and content to the European Year for Combating Poverty and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including guaranteeing an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union, *in keeping with national collective bargaining practices or national law*;

Or. fr

Amendment 70
Licia Ronzulli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

1a. Draws attention to the fact that the recent economic slowdown, with rising unemployment and fewer job opportunities, puts many people at risk of poverty and social exclusion; points out that this is particularly the case in some Member States that suffer from long-term unemployment or inactivity;

Or. it

Amendment 71
Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Demands that real progress is made on the adequacy of Minimum Income Schemes, so as to be capable of lifting every child, adult and older person out of poverty and delivering on their right to a dignified life;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Kinga Göncz, Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Stresses the differences in various areas (health, housing, education, income and employment) among the social groups living in poverty, calls the Commission and the Member States to take those differences into consideration in their targeted measures, emphasizes that the most effective way to reduce poverty is to make the labour market accessible to all;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Highlights the need to attach particular importance to lifelong learning programmes as a basic tool with which to combat poverty and social exclusion, by

boosting employability and access to knowledge and the labour market; considers it necessary to provide incentives for increased participation in lifelong learning by workers, unemployed people and all vulnerable social groups, and to take effective action against the factors that lead people to drop out, as well as improving the level of professional qualifications and acquisition of new skills, which may lead to faster reintegration in the labour market, increase productivity and help people to find a better job;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Highlights the need for action at Member States level in establishing a threshold for minimum income, based on relevant indicators in order to guarantee social-economic cohesion, reducing the risk of uneven levels of remuneration for the same activities, lowering the risk of having poor population throughout the European Union as well as stronger recommendation from the European Union regarding these types of actions;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Licia Ronzulli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1b. Emphasises that employment must be viewed as the most effective safeguard against poverty and, consequently, that measures should be adopted to encourage the employment of women and the setting of qualitative objectives for the jobs that are offered;

Or. it

**Amendment 76
Konstantinos Poupakis**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1b. Highlights the need to establish a transparent and fair tax system that will guarantee full harmonisation between tax burdens and ability to pay, and that will make provision for tax cuts for families, socially vulnerable groups (elderly people, people with disabilities, etc.) and the middle and lower classes so that they are not faced with the risk of poverty;

Or. el

**Amendment 77
Konstantinos Poupakis**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 c (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1c. Highlights the need for action at both European and national level to protect citizens and consumers against unfair terms relating to the repayment of loans and credit cards, and to lay down conditions governing access to loans

aimed at preventing households from falling into excessive debt and hence into poverty and social exclusion;

Or. el

Amendment 78

Ole Christensen, Liisa Jaakonsaari, Olle Ludvigsson

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, and highlights the social dimension and social sustainability of macroeconomic policies, as an integral part of the crisis exit strategy and economic and social cohesion, *and the fact this implies changing the monetary priorities and policies, among others, of the Stability and Growth Pact, and also competition policies, internal market policies, and budgetary and fiscal policies;*

Amendment

2. Stresses the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, and highlights the social dimension and social sustainability of macroeconomic policies, as an integral part of the crisis exit strategy and economic and social cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, and highlights the social *dimension* and social sustainability of macroeconomic policies, as an integral part of the *crisis* exit strategy and *economic and social cohesion, and the fact this implies changing the* monetary priorities and policies, among others, of the Stability and Growth Pact, and also competition policies, internal market policies, and budgetary and fiscal policies;

Amendment

2. Stresses the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, and highlights the *need to ensure the mainstreaming of* social *objectives* and social sustainability of macroeconomic policies, *promoting economic and social cohesion,* as an integral part of the exit *strategies to the crisis and as part of the Europe 2020 strategy. This implies ensuring a cross-cutting social guideline and effective social impact assessment which ensure that* monetary priorities and

policies, among others, of the Stability and Growth Pact, and also competition policies, internal market policies, and budgetary and fiscal policies ***contribute and do not hinder social cohesion***;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Sylvana Rapti

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, and highlights the social dimension and social sustainability of macroeconomic policies, as an integral part of the crisis exit strategy and economic and social cohesion, and the fact this implies changing the monetary priorities and policies, among others, of the Stability and Growth Pact, and also competition policies, internal market policies, ***and*** budgetary and fiscal policies;

Amendment

2. Stresses the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, and highlights the social dimension and social sustainability of macroeconomic policies, ***paying particular attention to the most vulnerable sectors of the population***, as an integral part of the crisis exit strategy and economic and social cohesion, and the fact this implies changing the monetary priorities and policies, among others, of the Stability and Growth Pact, and also competition policies, internal market policies, budgetary and fiscal policies ***and the adoption of effective policies to support those states whose need is greatest, through the appropriate mechanisms***;

Or. el

Amendment 81

Kinga Göncz, Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, and highlights the social dimension and social sustainability of macroeconomic policies,

Amendment

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as an integral part of the crisis exit strategy and economic and **social** cohesion, and the fact this implies changing the monetary priorities and policies, among others, of the Stability and Growth Pact, and also competition policies, internal market policies, and budgetary and fiscal policies;

as an integral part of the crisis exit strategy and economic, **social** and **territorial** cohesion, and the fact this implies changing the monetary priorities and policies, among others, of the Stability and Growth Pact, and also competition policies, internal market policies, and budgetary and fiscal policies;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, and highlights the social dimension and social sustainability of macroeconomic policies, as an integral part of the crisis exit strategy and economic and social cohesion, and **the fact** this implies **changing** the monetary priorities and policies, among **others, of** the Stability and Growth Pact, and **also competition policies, internal market policies, and budgetary and fiscal policies;**

Amendment

2. Stresses the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, and highlights the social dimension and social sustainability of macroeconomic policies, as an integral part of the crisis exit strategy and economic and social cohesion, and this implies **redefining** the monetary priorities and policies **such as labour policies, competition, social, macro-economic policies** , among **which** the Stability and Growth Pact, and **then assuring the implementation of such measures;**

Or. en

Amendment 83
Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, and highlights the social dimension and social sustainability of macroeconomic policies, as an integral part of the crisis exit strategy and economic and social cohesion, and the

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fact this implies changing the monetary priorities and policies, among others, of the Stability and Growth Pact, and also competition policies, internal market policies, *and* budgetary and fiscal policies;

fact this implies changing the monetary priorities and policies, among others, of the Stability and Growth Pact, and also competition policies, internal market policies, budgetary and fiscal and *equal opportunity* policies;

Or. hu

Amendment 84
Veronica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, and highlights the social dimension and social sustainability of macroeconomic policies, as an integral part of the crisis exit strategy and economic and social cohesion, and the fact this implies changing the monetary priorities and policies, among others, of the Stability and Growth Pact, and also competition policies, internal market policies, and budgetary and fiscal policies;

Amendment

2. Stresses the multidimensional nature of poverty and social exclusion, and highlights the social dimension and social sustainability of macroeconomic policies, as an integral part of the crisis exit strategy and economic and social cohesion, and the fact this implies changing the monetary priorities and policies, among others, of the Stability and Growth Pact, and also competition policies, internal market policies, and budgetary and fiscal policies, *with the aim of finding a stable way out of the crisis, ensuring a return to fiscal consolidation and undertaking the reforms the economy needs for a return to growth and job creation;*

Or. es

Amendment 85
Sergio Gaetano Cofferati, Silvia Costa, Raffaele Baldassarre

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Asks the Commission to present a European framework directive on Minimum Income with the aim to

introduce minimum income schemes in the EU, such a directive should:
- require all EU Member States to introduce minimum income schemes,
- define a minimum standard for the level of the economic supply, taking into account the different socio-economic situations of the Member States and leaving up to the Member States to decide whether to provide only financial assistance or also support for housing costs, purchase of food, clothing and other essentials,
- establish methods to monitor the implementation of the directive and introduce incentives,
- determine that the social partners, people living in poverty and other relevant stakeholders are to be involved when establishing or reforming the national minimum income schemes;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Corina Crețu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Considers that job creation must be a priority for the Commission and the Member State governments, as a first step towards reducing poverty;

Or. ro

Amendment 87
Sergio Gaetano Cofferati, Silvia Costa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Considers that minimum income schemes should be embedded in a

strategic approach towards social integration, involving both general policies and targeted measures - in terms of housing, health care, education and training, social services - helping people to recover from poverty and to activate themselves towards social inclusion and access to the labour market; believes that the real objective of minimum income schemes is not simply to assist but mainly to accompany the beneficiaries to move from situations of social exclusion to active life;

Or. en

Amendment 88

Frédéric Daerden, Sergio Gaetano Cofferati

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission to use its right of initiative to propose a framework directive establishing the principle of an adequate minimum income in Europe, to be determined on the basis of criteria common to all the Member States and in keeping with national collective bargaining practices or national law;

Or. fr

Amendment 89

Frédéric Daerden

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Emphasises the need, when the levels of minimum incomes are determined, for due account to be taken of the fact that workers have dependants, in particular children, the aim being to break the vicious circle of child poverty; takes the

view, further, that the Commission should draw up an annual report on progress in the fight against child poverty;

Or. fr

Amendment 90

Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Insists on the need to revise the austerity policies being imposed in some Member States to fight the crisis, and stresses the importance of effective action for solidarity, including reinforcement, mobility, anticipation of transfer and reduction of cofinancing in respect of budgetary funding for creating decent jobs, supporting productive sectors and fighting poverty and social exclusion, rather than creating new forms of dependence or increasing the debt still further;

Or. pt

Amendment 91

Sergio Gaetano Cofferati, Silvia Costa, Raffaele Baldassarre

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2b. Believes that introducing minimum income schemes in all EU Member States - consisting of specific measures supporting people whose income is insufficient with an economic supply and facilitated access to services - is one of the most effective way to combat poverty, guarantee an adequate standard of living and foster social integration;

Amendment 92

Frédéric Daerden, Sergio Gaetano Cofferati

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2b. Takes the view that adequate minimum income schemes must set minimum incomes at a level equivalent to at least 60% of average income in the Member State concerned;

Or. fr

Amendment 93

Frédéric Daerden

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2b. Calls on the Council to adopt, by means of a statement, a clear position in favour of an adequate minimum income in Europe;

Or. fr

Amendment 94

Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2b. Stresses the need for an evaluation of social inclusion policy, the application of the Open Method of Coordination, fulfilment of the joint objectives and the National Action Plans in the context of

the development of poverty, with a view to more committed action at European and national level and fighting poverty by means of policies that are more inclusive and coherent and better articulated, aimed at eradicating absolute poverty and child poverty by 2015, as well as substantially reducing relative poverty;

Or. pt

Amendment 95

Sergio Gaetano Cofferati, Silvia Costa, Raffaele Baldassarre

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2c. Reiterates that, however important, minimum income schemes need to be accompanied by a coordinated strategy at national and EU level focusing on broad actions and specific measures such as active labour market policies for those groups furthest away from the labour market, education and training for the least skilled, minimum salaries, social housing policies and the provision of affordable, accessible and high quality public services;

Or. en

Amendment 96

Frédéric Daerden, Sergio Gaetano Cofferati

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2c. Notes that, if no Commission legislative proposal is forthcoming, the concept of an adequate minimum income can be promoted by means of closer cooperation among the Member States which support the idea and/or through

incentives, such as a stipulation that the provision of assistance under the Structural Funds will be made contingent on the existence of such a minimum income in the Member State concerned;

Or. fr

Amendment 97

Sergio Gaetano Cofferati, Silvia Costa, Raffaele Baldassarre

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2d. Is convinced that if no agreement is found within the Council on adopting such a directive, the emergence of a group of countries moving ahead in the framework of an enhanced cooperation should be envisaged;

Or. en

Amendment 98

Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration *and* inclusion, *in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights*, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, *vocational* education *and training, housing and* social protection, *in addition to* employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and *an* adequate income *for everyone*;

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration, inclusion, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, *compulsory* education, social protection, employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and adequate income;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Csaba Sógor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone;

Amendment

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee **effective** protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Veronica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring **universal** access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone;

Amendment

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring **better** access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone;

Or. es

Amendment 101
Kinga Göncz, Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone;

Amendment

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, ***human dignity in particular***, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to ***the labour market***, public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to employment with rights, ***fair*** wages, ***decent*** pensions and ***an adequate*** income for everyone;

Amendment

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, ***education***, vocational education and training, housing and ***energy provision, and*** social protection, in addition to employment with rights, ***and*** wages, pensions and ***minimum*** income ***schemes*** for everyone ***that guarantees freedom from poverty and ensures social, cultural and political inclusion***;

Amendment 103

Thomas Mann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to **employment** with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone;

Amendment

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to **high-quality jobs** with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone;

Or. de

Justification

The twin concept of 'high-quality' jobs 'with rights' referred to in Recital J should also be cited here, using the same wording. Equal emphasis must be placed on both aspects of this concept.

Amendment 104

Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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ensuring universal access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone;

ensuring universal access ***which is free from physical and communication barriers*** to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to ***barrier-free*** employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone;

Or. hu

Amendment 105

Pascale Gruny

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone;

Amendment

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to employment with rights, fair wages, ***a basic old-age allowance which ensures that people who have worked all their lives enjoy a dignified retirement***, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone;

Or. fr

Amendment 106

Birgit Sippel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone; ***only in this way can each individual's right to participate in social, political and cultural life be guaranteed;***

Or. de

Amendment 107

Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone;

Amendment

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone, ***in which connection access to education - from pre-school education to completion of undergraduate studies - should as far as possible be free;***

Or. de

Amendment 108

Frédéric Daerden, Sergio Gaetano Cofferati

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone;

Amendment

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate **minimum** income for everyone, ***in keeping with national collective bargaining practices or national law; notes, further, that in the long term the more the Member States invest in these various policies the less need there will be for a system based on a minimum household income;***

Or. fr

Amendment 109
Licia Ronzulli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone;

Amendment

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone; ***points out that such measures should be adopted in strict compliance with the principle of subsidiarity;***

Amendment 110

Ole Christensen, Liisa Jaakonsaari, Olle Ludvigsson

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone;

Amendment

3. Calls for the promotion of social integration and inclusion, in order to guarantee protection of fundamental human rights, and clear commitments to draw up EU and national policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, by ensuring universal access to public health services, vocational education and training, housing and social protection, in addition to employment with rights, fair wages, decent pensions and an adequate income for everyone ***in accordance with different practices, collective bargaining and national law in the member states;***

Or. en

Amendment 111

Licia Ronzulli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Draws attention to the needs of young people who encounter specific problems in finding their place in economic and social life and run the risk of leaving school at an early age; calls on the Member States to ensure that combating youth unemployment is made a specific objective, with its own priorities, involving specific actions and professional training measures, support for Community programmes (Lifelong Learning, Erasmus Mundus) and entrepreneurship

incentives;

Or. it

Amendment 112
Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Points out that the school drop-out rate and restricted access to higher and university-level education are basic factors in the emergence of a high long-term unemployment rate and represent a blight on social cohesion; given that action to combat these two problems figures among the Commission's priority objectives in the document on the 2020 Strategy, a basis will have to be created for the introduction of specific actions and policies on young people's access to education through scholarships, student grants, student loans and initiatives to make school education more dynamic;

Or. el

Amendment 113
Franz Obermayr

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Points out that there are a number of reasons for the serious poverty experienced by immigrants in the European Union: on the one hand, because of the current economic situation there are not enough decent jobs available, and, on the other, immigrants are often sorely lacking in qualifications, language skills and willingness to

integrate; emphasises that if poverty in the European Union is to be combated, more targeted immigration is needed; takes the view that unskilled immigrants with little chance of finding a job should be barred from entering the European Union, so that the problems of unemployment, poverty and social exclusion are dealt with even before they arise;

Or. de

Amendment 114
Frédéric Daerden

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Takes the view that the Commission should study the impact which a legislative proposal it might submit concerning the introduction of an adequate minimum income at European level would have in each Member State; suggests, in particular, that any such study should examine the difference between the adequate minimum income and the minimum wage in the Member State concerned and the implications for jobseekers of the introduction of an adequate minimum income;

Or. fr

Amendment 115
Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Demands that minimum income is provided as a right, that universal access

and take up are guaranteed and that the minimum income may not be reduced to below the poverty threshold when conditions are imposed to individuals;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Pascale Gruny

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Emphasises the importance of introducing rules on the level of unemployment benefits which serve to keep recipients out of poverty and of urging the Member States to take measures to encourage people returning to the labour market to take unpopular jobs, for example by facilitating mobility within the European Union;

Or. fr

Amendment 117
Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Takes the view that appropriate taxation of very high salaries could contribute to the funding of social protection systems and the minimum income;

Or. fr

Amendment 118
Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Stresses that investments in Minimum Income schemes constitute a key element in the prevention and reduction of poverty; stresses that even in times of crisis, Minimum Income schemes should not be regarded as a cost factor but as a core element of combating the crisis; stresses that early investments to combat poverty bring a major return in reducing long term costs for society;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Pascale Gruny

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Emphasises the role of social protection, in particular in the form of sickness insurance, family allowances, pensions and disability allowances, and calls on the Member States to pay special attention to the most vulnerable members of society by guaranteeing them a minimum set of rights even if they are unemployed;

Or. fr

Amendment 120
Licia Ronzulli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3c. Maintains that having sufficient resources and benefits to live a decent life is a fundamental human right to be enjoyed within the wider context of comprehensive, coherent measures to combat social exclusion and of an active strategy to promote social inclusion; calls on the Member States to adopt national policies to foster the economic and social integration of the persons concerned;

Or. it

Amendment 121

Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3c. Points to the increasing number of working poor and to the need to tackle this new challenge by combining different instruments; demands that a living wage must always be above the poverty threshold; demands that workers who for multiple reasons remain below the poverty threshold receive top-ups that are unconditional and easy to take up; points to good experiences in the United States with negative income tax to lift low wage workers above the poverty threshold;

Or. en

Amendment 122

Frédéric Daerden, Sergio Gaetano Cofferati, Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that the European Commission, in its 'Europe 2020' strategy document, announces that removing the risk of poverty for 20 million people is one of the EU's five headline targets; believes that this target should be at least **doubled** and made more credible with appropriate measures;

Amendment

4. Notes that the European Commission, in its 'Europe 2020' strategy document, announces that removing the risk of poverty for 20 million people is one of the EU's five headline targets; believes that this **absolute** target should be **combined with a target of reducing poverty by at least 25% in each Member State, in order to encourage every Member State to contribute to the task of achieving it**, and made more credible with appropriate measures;

Or. fr

Amendment 123

Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that the European Commission, in its "Europe 2020" strategy document, announces that removing the risk of poverty for 20 million people is one of the EU's five headline targets; **believes** that this target **should be at least doubled** and **made more credible with appropriate** measures;

Amendment

4. Notes that the European Commission, in its 'Europe 2020' strategy document, announces that removing the risk of poverty for 20 million people is one of the EU's five headline targets; **reminds** that this target **falls behind the initial ambitions of the Lisbon Strategy (overcome poverty), believes that poverty and social exclusion must be eradicated by credible, concrete and binding** measures;

Or. en

Amendment 124

Ádám Kósa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that the European Commission, in its 'Europe 2020' strategy document, announces that removing the risk of poverty for 20 million people is one of the EU's five headline targets; believes that this target should be at least doubled and made more credible with appropriate measures;

Amendment

4. Notes that the European Commission, in its 'Europe 2020' strategy document, announces that removing the risk of poverty for ***at least*** 20 million people is one of the EU's five headline targets; believes that this target should be at least doubled and made more credible with appropriate measures, ***particularly as regards the effectiveness of policies targeting those in need***;

Or. hu

Amendment 125
Licia Ronzulli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that the European Commission, in its 'Europe 2020' strategy document, announces that removing the risk of poverty for 20 million people is one of the EU's five headline targets; believes that this target should be ***at least doubled and*** made more credible with appropriate measures;

Amendment

4. Notes that the European Commission, in its 'Europe 2020' strategy document, announces that removing the risk of poverty for 20 million people is one of the EU's five headline targets; believes that this target should be made more credible with appropriate measures;

Or. it

Amendment 126
Sergio Gaetano Cofferati, Silvia Costa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that the European Commission, in its "Europe 2020" strategy document, announces that removing the risk of poverty for 20 million people is one of the

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EU's five headline targets; believes that this target should be *at least doubled* and *made more credible with* appropriate measures;

EU's five headline targets; believes that this target should be *achieved through concrete* and appropriate measures, *in particular by introducing minimum income schemes in all EU Member States*,

Or. en

Amendment 127

Jutta Steinruck, Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that the European Commission, in its 'Europe 2020' strategy document, announces that removing the risk of poverty for 20 million people is one of the EU's five headline targets; believes that this target *should be at least doubled* and *made more credible with* appropriate measures;

Amendment

4. Notes that the European Commission, in its 'Europe 2020' strategy document, announces that removing the risk of poverty for 20 million people is one of the EU's five headline targets; believes that this target *is too low* and *that the objective of a poverty-free Europe must not be abandoned*; appropriate measures *should be taken to achieve that objective*;

Or. de

Amendment 128

Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Believes that priority should be given to fighting social inequality, especially in the context of economic inequality in terms of income and wealth distribution, labour market inequalities, social insecurity, and unequal access to the social functions of the state such as welfare, health, education, the legal system, etc;

Or. pt

Amendment 129

Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Council and the EU Member States to base the "Europe 2020" headline target to tackle poverty on the relative poverty indicator (60% of the median income threshold), as endorsed by the Laeken European Council in December 2001, because this indicator sets the reality of poverty within the context of each member state, as it reflects an understanding of poverty as a relative condition;

Or. en

Amendment 130

Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Calls upon Member States to translate the EU headline target on poverty in concrete and achievable national targets on priority issues of the EU social inclusion strategy, such as an end to street homelessness by 2015 in accordance with the Written Declaration n°0111/2007;

Or. en

Amendment 131

Gabriele Zimmer, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Recalls, in respect of the poverty reduction target, its earlier proposals for the following targets:

- The need to set up an EU target for minimum income schemes and contributory replacement income schemes providing income support of at least 60% of national median equalised income, and agreement on a timetable for achieving this target in all Member States;**
- The need to set up an EU target for minimum wages (statutory, collective agreements at national, regional or sectoral level) to provide for remuneration of at least 60% of the relevant (national, sectoral, etc.) average wage, and agreement on a timetable for achieving that target in all Member States;**
- The need for the EU to agree on an EU-wide target to end street homelessness by 2015 and for all Member States to develop integrated homelessness strategies with a view to ending homelessness;**

Or. en

Amendment 132

Pascale Gruny

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Regards it as the duty of every Member State to take all appropriate measures to protect their citizens against extreme financial vulnerability by ensuring that they do not take on excessive levels of debt, in particular in the form of bank loans, for example by taxing the banks and financial institutions which agree to lend to persons who are not creditworthy;

Amendment 133

Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Calls on the European Commission to present as outcome of the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion a draft Council framework directive on Minimum Income based on Council Recommendation 92/441/EEC, setting out criteria for the adequacy of and the access to Minimum Income schemes;

Or. en

Amendment 134

Gabriele Zimmer, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Calls for further real progress on the adequacy of Minimum Income Schemes, so as to be capable of lifting every child, adult and older person out of poverty and delivering on their right to a dignified life; calls on the Council to reach agreement on a common EU definition of adequacy and of common methods to establish adequacy, which should inform an EU Framework Directive on Minimum Income to achieve higher level social standards;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Gabriele Zimmer, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4c. Considers that an explicit commitment must be made by Member States to implement Active Inclusion: reducing conditionality, investing in supportive activation, defending adequate minimum income and preserving social standards by outlawing cuts to key public services so that the poor will not pay for the crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Licia Ronzulli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; ***therefore calls on the European Commission to prepare an initiative supporting these experiments, taking into account best practices and ensuring an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union as a means to prevent poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;***

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion;

Or. it

Amendment 137

Sergio Gaetano Cofferati, Silvia Costa, Raffaele Baldassarre

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to *prepare an initiative supporting these experiments, taking into account best practices and ensuring an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union as a means to prevent poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;*

Amendment

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission: to *develop an action plan, meant to accompany the implementation of the European framework directive on Minimum Income in the EU Member States, in order to elaborate:*

- *common standards and indicators on the eligibility and accessibility conditions of the minimum income schemes*
- *criteria to evaluate which institutional and territorial levels - including the involvement of social partners and relevant stakeholders - could be more appropriate to implement the minimum income schemes measures,*
- *common indicators and benchmark for the assessment of results, outcomes and effectiveness of policy against poverty,*
- *to ensure follow up and effective exchange of best practices,*

Or. en

Amendment 138

Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that *this is a further essential way* of combating

Amendment

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes *and with a guaranteed basic income for everyone*, accompanied by social integration

poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to ***prepare an initiative supporting these*** experiments, taking into account ***best*** practices and ***ensuring an adequate*** minimum income throughout the European Union as a means to ***prevent*** poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;

measures, show that ***these are effective ways*** of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to ***support further*** experiments, taking into account ***proven*** practices and ***championing various models for the introduction of a*** minimum ***or basic*** income throughout the European Union as a means to ***combat*** poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;

Or. de

Amendment 139

Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to prepare an initiative supporting these experiments, taking into account best practices and ensuring ***an adequate*** minimum income throughout the European Union as a means to ***prevent*** poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, ***without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;***

Amendment

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by ***additional*** social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to prepare an initiative supporting these experiments, taking into account best practices and ensuring ***individually guaranteed poverty preventing*** minimum income ***schemes*** throughout the European Union as a means to ***eradicate*** poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all;

Or. en

Amendment 140

Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to prepare an initiative supporting these experiments, taking into account best practices and ***ensuring an adequate*** minimum income ***throughout*** the European Union as a means to prevent poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;

Amendment

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to prepare an initiative supporting these experiments, taking into account best practices and ***the*** minimum income ***in*** the European Union as a means to prevent poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;

Or. nl

Amendment 141

Kinga Göncz, Jutta Steinruck

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to prepare an initiative supporting these experiments, taking into account best practices and ensuring an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union as a means to prevent poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;

Amendment

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to prepare an initiative supporting these experiments ***in order to provide decent life for all***, taking into account best practices and ensuring an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union as a means to prevent poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;

Or. en

Amendment 142
Veronica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to prepare an initiative supporting these experiments, taking into account best practices and ***ensuring an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union*** as a means to prevent poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;

Amendment

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to prepare an initiative supporting these experiments, taking into account best practices and ***promoting them*** as a means to prevent poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;

Or. es

Amendment 143
Csaba Sógor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to prepare an initiative supporting these experiments, taking into account best practices and ensuring an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union as a means to ***prevent*** poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;

Amendment

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration ***and protection*** measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to prepare an initiative supporting these experiments, taking into account best practices and ensuring an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union as a means to ***combat*** poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;

Amendment 144

Ole Christensen, Olle Ludvigsson, Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to prepare an initiative supporting these experiments, taking into account best practices and ***ensuring an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union*** as a means to prevent poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;

Amendment

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to prepare an initiative supporting these experiments, taking into account best practices ***in accordance with different practices, collective bargaining and national law in the member states*** as a means to prevent poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;

Amendment 145

Thomas Mann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to prepare an initiative supporting these experiments, taking into account best practices and ensuring an adequate minimum income ***throughout the European Union*** as a means to prevent

Amendment

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to prepare an initiative supporting these experiments, taking into account best practices and ensuring an adequate minimum income as a means to prevent poverty and guarantee social justice and

poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;

equal opportunities for *every individual whose need can be established on the basis of the relevant regional yardstick*, without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;

Or. de

Justification

1. In the social policy sphere the European Union does not have the power to impose a minimum income throughout Europe. 2. The call for a minimum income which enables people to participate in cultural and social life must be clearly linked to each individual recipient's need. The aim must not be to introduce a guaranteed basic income or citizens' income.

Amendment 146 **Franz Obermayr**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 5**

Motion for a resolution

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to prepare an initiative supporting these experiments, taking into account best practices and ensuring an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union as a means to prevent poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;

Amendment

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to prepare an initiative supporting these experiments, taking into account best practices and ensuring an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union as a means to prevent poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, *in keeping with the subsidiarity principle and* without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;

Or. de

Amendment 147

Frédéric Daerden, Sergio Gaetano Cofferati

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to prepare an initiative supporting these experiments, taking into account best practices and ensuring an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union as a means to prevent poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State;

Amendment

5. Believes that the various experiments with minimum incomes, accompanied by social integration measures, show that this is a further essential way of combating poverty and social exclusion; therefore calls on the European Commission to prepare an initiative supporting these experiments, taking into account best practices and ensuring an adequate minimum income throughout the European Union as a means to prevent poverty and guarantee social justice and equal opportunities for all, without calling into question the specific situations in each Member State, ***in keeping with national collective bargaining practices or national law***;

Or. fr

Amendment 148

Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Believes that particular attention and additional measures are needed for the homeless on the part of both the Member States and the Commission, with a view to their full integration into society by 2015; this will require collecting comparable data and reliable statistics at Community level, as well as their annual publication, together with an account of the progress achieved and the objectives defined in the respective national and Community strategies for fighting poverty and social

exclusion;

Or. pt

Amendment 149
Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Agrees with the Council, that the implementation of Recommendation 92/441/EEC needs to be improved in relation to minimum income and that social transfers must provide an adequate minimum income for a dignified life; recalls the Commission Recommendation on Active Inclusion that highlights that "in most Member States and for most family types, social assistance alone is not sufficient to lift beneficiaries out of poverty" (COM(2008) 639 final) and demands that all schemes meant to provide a minimum income (such as pensions or social security schemes) must be set at least at the level of the relative poverty threshold, calculated as 60% of median equivalised income; reaffirms its demand in the EP Resolution to agree an EU target for minimum income schemes and contributory replacement income schemes at least at this level, and calls for a timetable for achieving this target in all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 150
Birgit Sippel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Emphasises that an adequate

minimum income is fundamental to a dignified life and that without an adequate minimum income and a stake in society individuals cannot develop their potential to the full and participate in the democratic shaping of society; stresses, in addition, that the fact that people earn a living wage serves to boost the economy and thus safeguard prosperity;

Or. de

Amendment 151
Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Stresses the need to introduce a minimum wage in all the Member States, in line with the specific characteristics of each individual Member State, so as to ensure a guaranteed minimum income as a way of combating the phenomenon of the working poor, social exclusion and educational inequalities; stresses the need for compliance with the wage limits laid down in collective and sectoral labour agreements as a means of ensuring a minimum income for workers;

Or. el

Amendment 152
Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Believes that the Commission initiative on a guaranteed minimum income should take account of Recommendation 92/441/EEC, which

recognises 'the fundamental right of the individual to sufficient resources in respect of human dignity', while insisting that the central objective of income support schemes should be that of taking people out of poverty and allowing them to live a decent life, decent invalidity and retirement pensions being included; with this in view, recommends that the Commission consider establishing a common method for calculating a minimum survival income and a cost-of-living minimum (a 'shopping-basket' of goods and services), with a view to ensuring the availability of comparative measurements of poverty levels and establishing means of social intervention;

Or. pt

Amendment 153
Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Emphasizes the need to address the lack of clarity on what constitutes an adequate minimum income to live a life in dignity, and calls on the European Commission and Member States to agree common criteria to meet the requirement of the Council Recommendation 92/441/EEC and the Commission Recommendation (COM (2008) 639), to initiate urgently a national debate to build consensus on a necessary level for a dignified life drawing on participative standard budget methodologies, which could provide the basis for reporting and monitoring Member States delivery; calls on the Commission to develop an EU framework directive on minimum income, which shall incorporate these criteria, in line with the recommendations of the

*Synthesis Report of the EU Network of
Independent Experts on Social Inclusion
(Social OMC Independent Experts
Report);*

Or. en

Amendment 154
Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Stresses the need to adopt specific provisions at both European and national level to ensure, by setting a minimum working time, that all workers in flexible and atypical forms of employment receive a guaranteed minimum income, given that the number of 'working poor' in the EU, a large proportion of whom are 'flexible' workers, now exceeds 19 million;

Or. el

Amendment 155
Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5c. Calls on Member States to take urgent action to improve take-up of benefits, monitor levels of non take-up and causes, recognizing that non take-up accounts for between 20-40% of benefits according to OECD, through increasing transparency, by providing more effective information and advice facilities and simplifying procedures, and by putting in place effective measures and policies to fight stigma and discrimination associated with

minimum income recipients;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5c. Stresses the importance of the existence of unemployment benefit that guarantees a decent standard of living for beneficiaries, and also the need to reduce the length of absences from work, inter alia by making state employment services more efficient;

Or. el

Amendment 157
Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5d. Stresses the need to adopt rules on insurance so as to establish a link between the minimum pension paid in each Member State and the corresponding poverty threshold;

Or. el

Amendment 158
Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5d. Criticizes Member States where minimum income schemes do not meet the relative poverty threshold; reaffirms its demand to Member States to remedy this situation as soon as possible; demands that good and bad practices are addressed by the Commission in the evaluation of National Action Plans;

Or. en

Amendment 159

Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5e. Points to major age discrimination regarding Minimum Income schemes such as setting the Minimum Income for children to below the poverty threshold or such as excluding young people from Minimum Income schemes due to a lack of social security contributions; stresses that this undermines the unconditionality and decency of Minimum Income schemes;

Or. en

Amendment 160

Frédéric Daerden, Sergio Gaetano Cofferati

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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education, income *and* employment), which will allow the progress made in combating poverty and promoting social inclusion to be monitored and measured; states that these indicators should be presented annually on International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17 October), should evolve as necessary and should include gender, age ranges, households, disability situations, immigration, chronic illness and various income levels (60% of median income; 50% of median income; 40% of median income) in order to take account of relative poverty, extreme poverty and the most vulnerable groups;

housing, education, income (*for example the Gini coefficient, which can be used to measure income gap trends*), *material privation or* employment, which will allow the progress made in combating poverty and promoting social inclusion to be monitored and measured; states that these indicators should be presented annually on International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17 October), should evolve as necessary and should include gender, age ranges, households, disability situations, immigration, chronic illness and various income levels (60% of median income; 50% of median income; 40% of median income) in order to take account of relative poverty, extreme poverty and the most vulnerable groups;

Or. fr

Amendment 161

Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

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Amendment

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poverty, extreme poverty and the most vulnerable groups;

Or. en

Amendment 162

Csaba Sógor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 163

Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

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Or. en

Amendment 164
Jutta Steinruck, Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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poverty and the most vulnerable groups;

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details of these key socioeconomic indicators should be set out in an annual report forwarded to the Member States and the European Parliament for discussion and with a view to determining the scope for further action;

Or. de

Amendment 165

Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Insists on the need for specific additional provisions for less-favoured groups (those with disabilities or chronic illnesses, single-parent families and families with large numbers of children) who incur additional costs, in particular related to personal assistance, use of specific facilities, medical care and social support;

Or. pt

Amendment 166

Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission and the EU Member States to examine how different models of unconditional and poverty precluding basic incomes for all could contribute to social, cultural and political inclusion, taking especially into account their non-stigmatising character and their ability to prevent cases of concealed poverty;

Amendment 167
Frédéric Daerden

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Takes the view that, in addition to measurements of reductions in poverty, and looking ahead to a possible Commission proposal on the introduction of an adequate minimum income, eligibility for this income should also be measured by means of common European indicators, on the understanding that such eligibility cannot be made contingent on nationality or age;

Or. fr

Amendment 168
Frédéric Daerden, Sergio Gaetano Cofferati

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Takes the view that, in respect of the poverty reduction policies which accompany the establishment of an adequate minimum income in the Member States, the open method of coordination should be revised in order to make for a genuine exchange of best practices among the latter;

Or. fr

Amendment 169

Lívia Járóka

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Notes that minimum income will only achieve its objective in combating poverty if it is tax-free and recommends to consider attaching the level of the minimum income to the fluctuations of utility charges;

Or. en

Amendment 170

Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6b. Recalls that the risk of falling into extreme poverty is greater for women than for men, given the shortcomings of the welfare systems and continuing discrimination, especially on the labour market; these factors necessitate a whole range of specific policies, which should be both gender-oriented and attentive to circumstances;

Or. pt

Amendment 171

Ilda Figueiredo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6c. Believes that poverty affecting people in employment implies inequitable

working conditions, and calls for efforts to change this state of affairs so that pay levels in general and minimum wage levels in particular, whether laid down in law or agreed via collective bargaining, can ensure a decent standard of living:

Or. pt

Amendment 172

Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. ***Urges those people in a state of*** poverty and their representative organisations ***to participate*** in the preparation and ***application*** of policies, measures and indicators at European, national, regional and local levels;

Amendment

7. ***Calls for an integration of*** people ***experiencing*** poverty and their representative organisations ***and networks*** in the preparation, ***application*** and ***monitoring*** of policies, measures and indicators at European, national, regional and local levels;

Or. en

Amendment 173

Licia Ronzulli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Urges those people in a state of poverty and their representative organisations to participate in the preparation and application of policies, measures and indicators at European, national, regional and local levels;

Amendment

7. ***Calls on the Member States and the Commission to develop a dialogue with*** organisations ***representing those in a state of poverty with a view to devising concrete*** policies ***and measures for implementation*** at European, national, regional and local level;

Or. it

Amendment 174
Karima Delli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Urges *those* people *in a state of* poverty *and* their representative organisations to participate in the preparation and application of policies, measures and indicators at European, national, regional and local levels;

Amendment

7. Urges *the Commission and Member States to ensure that* people *experiencing* poverty, their representative organisations *and the organisations providing services for them are made key stakeholders and provided with adequate financial and other resources and support to enable them to* participate in the preparation and application of policies, measures and indicators at European, national, regional and local levels, *particularly in relation to the National Reform Programmes of Europe 2020 and in the Open Method of Coordination of Social Protection and Social Inclusion*;

Or. en

Amendment 175
Birgit Sippel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. *Urges* those people in a state of poverty and their representative organisations to participate in the preparation and application of policies, measures and indicators at European, national, regional and local levels;

Amendment

7. *Emphasises the need for* those people in a state of poverty and their representative organisations to participate in the preparation and application of policies, measures and indicators at European, national, regional and local levels;

Or. de

Amendment 176
Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Urges those people in a state of poverty and their representative organisations to participate in the preparation and application of policies, measures and indicators at European, national, regional and local levels;

Amendment

7. Urges those people in a state of poverty and their representative organisations to participate in the preparation and application of policies, measures and indicators at European, national, regional and local levels; ***calls, in that connection, for extra support to be given to measures to foster the integration of such people into the labour market;***

Or. nl

Amendment 177
Frédéric Daerden, Sergio Gaetano Cofferati

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Urges those people in a state of poverty ***and*** their representative organisations to participate in the preparation and application of policies, measures and indicators at European, national, regional and local levels;

Amendment

7. Urges those people in a state of poverty, their representative organisations ***and the social partners*** to participate in the preparation and application of policies, measures and indicators at European, national, regional and local levels;

Or. fr

Amendment 178
Lívia Járóka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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participate in the preparation and application of policies, measures and indicators at European, national, regional and local levels;

participate in the preparation and application of policies, measures and indicators at European, national, regional and local levels, ***stresses furthermore the need to step up against employers who illegally employ marginalized groups for less than the minimum income;***

Or. en

Amendment 179

Licia Ronzulli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Considers that sustained and extensive efforts must be made to combat poverty and social exclusion, in order to improve the situation of people at greatest risk of poverty and exclusion, such as people in precarious employment, the unemployed, single-parent families, elderly people living alone, women, disadvantaged children, ethnic minorities and people who are ill or differently-abled;

Or. it

Amendment 180

Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Deeply regrets that some Member States appear not to have regard to Council Recommendation 92/441/EEC, which recognises the 'basic right of a person to sufficient resources and social assistance to live in a manner compatible with human dignity';

Amendment 181
Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Insists that the social partners should be fully involved on an equal footing in drawing up national action plans to combat poverty and setting reference targets at each level of governance;

Or. el

Amendment 182
Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. Stresses the need to plan and implement targeted interventions, through active employment policies at geographical, sectoral and business level, and with the active involvement of the social partners, in order to boost access to the labour market for people from sectors or geographical regions with particularly high rates of unemployment;

Or. el

Amendment 183
Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7c. Stresses the need to focus on selected sections of the population (migrants, women, unemployed people of pre-retirement age, etc.) with the aim of improving skills, preventing unemployment and strengthening the fabric of social integration;

Or. el

Amendment 184
Licia Ronzulli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission, and to the governments and parliaments of the Member States.

Amendment

8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the parliaments and governments of the Member States and ***of the candidate countries.***

Or. it

Amendment 185
Corina Crețu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8a (new)

Motion for a resolution

8a. Urges the Member States and the Commission to take measures for the integration of younger and older people into the labour market, since these are vulnerable groups that are severely affected by the lack of jobs in the present recession;

Or. ro

Amendment 186

Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Stresses that minimum income schemes must cover fuel costs to allow poor households affected by energy poverty to pay their energy bills; minimum income schemes must be calculated on the basis of realistic assessments of how much it costs to heat a home related to the specific household needs – e.g. family with children, older people and disabled persons.

Or. en

Amendment 187

Gabriele Zimmer, Ilda Figueiredo, Thomas Händel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. Points out that most Member States in EU-27 have national minimum income schemes, but several do not; encourages the Member States to provide for poverty preventing guaranteed minimum income schemes for social inclusion, and urges them to exchange best practice; recognises that, where there is provision of social assistance, Member States have a duty to ensure that citizens understand and are able to obtain their entitlements.

Or. en