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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Deirdre Clune
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2018 Budget - Mandate for the Trilogue
(2017/2043(BUD))

Amendment 1
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Recalls that growth *is the key to more jobs and increased prosperity and that it is necessary to direct the structural funds more effectively towards promoting growth;*

Amendment

1. Recalls that, *despite European Union efforts to boost them, rates of growth and job creation remain very low; points out that, in order to achieve increased prosperity, the use of the structural funds needs to be objectively evaluated so as to pinpoint those sectors and initiatives where they are making a real and positive contribution to European citizens' well-being; believes that a lucid evaluation of the situation on the ground will enable the funds to be used more effectively towards promoting growth;*

Or. fr

Amendment 2
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López, Georgi Pirinski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Recalls that growth *is the key to more jobs and increased prosperity* and that it is necessary to direct the structural funds more effectively towards promoting growth;

Amendment

1. Recalls that *robust recovery and sustainable growth are key factors to create quality jobs, to increase prosperity and to boost upward social convergence and* that it is necessary to direct the *European structural and investment funds more effectively towards promoting inclusive growth, fostering social cohesion and reducing inequalities; recalls that the EU budget should financially support the achievement of the Europe 2020 targets in the social and employment area;*

Or. en

Amendment 3
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Recalls that **growth is** the key to more jobs and increased prosperity and that it is necessary to direct the structural funds more effectively towards promoting **growth**;

Amendment

1. Recalls that **sound investment in business, public services and human capital are** the key to more jobs and increased prosperity and that it is necessary to direct the structural funds more effectively towards promoting **economic development**;

Or. en

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Marian Harkin, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Ivo Vajgl, Jasenko Selimovic, Robert Rochefort, Yana Toom

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Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Recalls that growth **is** the key to **more jobs** and increased prosperity and that it is necessary to direct the structural funds more effectively towards promoting growth;

Amendment

1. Recalls that **sustainable growth and investment are** the key to **job creation** and increased prosperity and that it is necessary to direct the structural funds more effectively towards promoting growth;

Or. en

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Lampros Fountoulis

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Paragraph 1

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1. Recalls that growth is the key to

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more jobs and increased prosperity and that it is necessary to direct the structural funds more effectively towards promoting growth;

more jobs and increased prosperity, *while always giving priority to safeguarding workers' rights and focusing on the creation of quality jobs*, and that it is necessary to direct the structural funds more effectively towards promoting growth;

Or. el

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Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

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Draft opinion

2. Emphasises that the 2018 budget *must* play a key role in *enhancing the Union's contribution to* growth and *jobs*, especially in combating youth unemployment;

Amendment

2. Emphasises that the 2018 budget *could* play a key role in *helping the Member States to boost their* growth and *employment rates, and* especially in combating youth unemployment, *provided that it is properly used and invested, and is not squandered in ineffective programmes*;

Or. fr

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2. Emphasises that the 2018 budget must play a key role in enhancing the Union's contribution to growth *and jobs*, especially in *combating* youth unemployment;

Amendment

2. Emphasises that the 2018 budget must play a key role in enhancing the Union's contribution to *sustainable* growth, *jobs and social inclusion*, especially in *the areas of* youth unemployment *and inequality*;

Or. en

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Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López

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Paragraph 2

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2. Emphasises that the 2018 budget must play a key role in enhancing the Union's contribution to growth and jobs, especially in combating youth unemployment;

Amendment

2. Emphasises that the 2018 budget must play a key role in enhancing the Union's contribution to ***sustainable and inclusive*** growth and ***quality*** jobs, especially in combating youth ***and long-term*** unemployment, ***poverty including in-work poverty, rising inequalities and social exclusion; in this regard, stresses that the budget 2018 can not be understood out of the MFF 2014-2020 which needs to be revised upwards by the end of this year at the latest;***

Or. en

Amendment 9

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

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Amendment

2 a. Highlights the necessity to provide resources for combating poverty, especially child poverty and for supporting measures addressing children's basic needs such as food supplies, housing, education and healthcare;

Or. en

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Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López

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Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 b. *Insists that adequate commitment and especially payment appropriations are ensured in Budget 2018 for the European Social Fund given that the ESF is entering a period of intense implementation and payment requests by Member States will increase;*

Or. en

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Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López

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Paragraph 2 c (new)

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Amendment

2 c. *Stresses, as stated by OECD, that more educated people contribute to more democratic societies and sustainable economies, and are less dependent on public aid and less vulnerable to economic downturns; therefore points out that the EU budget should foster investment in quality education, vocational training and innovation as a key not only to fight unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, but also for the EU to compete successfully in the global markets;*

Or. en

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Amendment

3. Recalls that youth unemployment

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rates remain very high in the Union and that the situation of unemployed young people, especially NEETS (not in education, employment, or training), is particularly worrying; *emphasises* that, in order to address this issue, it is of the utmost importance to ensure the proper and timely funding of the Youth Guarantee schemes through the *European Youth Initiative* and the European Social Fund;

rates remain very high in the Union and that the situation of unemployed young people, especially NEETS (not in education, employment, or training), is particularly worrying; *emphasizes* that, in order to address this issue, it is of the utmost importance to ensure the proper and timely funding of the Youth Guarantee schemes through the *Youth Employment Initiative* and the European Social Fund, *bearing in mind that funding for YEI remains insufficient; highlights that long-term solutions are also needed especially regarding quality and accessibility of tertiary education systems and ensuring availability of quality jobs also for young people, in this sense, stresses that more financial and administrative efforts need to be done to increase the access to Erasmus + to help delete barriers to mobility for applicants from lower-income regions that have been more heavily hit by the economic crisis and the cuts;*

Or. en

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3. Recalls that youth unemployment rates remain *very* high in the Union and that the situation of unemployed young people, especially NEETS (not in education, employment, or training), is particularly worrying; emphasises that, in order to address this issue, it is of the utmost importance to ensure the *proper* and timely funding of *the* Youth Guarantee schemes through the *European Youth Initiative* and the European Social Fund;

Amendment

3. Recalls that youth unemployment rates remain *unacceptably* high in the Union^{1a} and that the situation of unemployed young people, especially NEETS (not in education, employment, or training), is particularly worrying; emphasises that, in order to address this issue, it is of the utmost importance to ensure the *adequate* and timely funding of Youth Guarantee schemes through the Youth *Employment Initiative* and the European Social Fund; *in this regard, highlights the importance of continuing the YEI up to the end of the current*

MFF; also notes the Court of Auditors statement that it is not possible to address the whole NEET population with the resources available from the EU budget alone^{1b};

*^{1a} In March 2017, the youth unemployment rate was 17.2% in the EU28 and 19.4% in the euro area, compared with 19.1% and 21.3% respectively in March 2016 - Eurostat, 2nd May 2017:
<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/2995521/8002525/3-02052017-AP-EN.pdf/94b69232-83a9-4011-8c85-1d4311215619>*

^{1b} Special report No 5/2017: Youth unemployment – have EU policies made a difference?, p. 8

Or. en

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3. Recalls that youth unemployment rates remain very high in the Union and that the situation of unemployed young people, especially NEETS (not in education, employment, or training), is particularly worrying; emphasises that, in order to address this issue, it is of the utmost importance to ***ensure the proper and timely funding of the Youth Guarantee schemes through the European Youth Initiative and the European Social Fund;***

Amendment

3. Recalls that youth unemployment rates remain very high in the Union and that the situation of unemployed young people, especially NEETS (not in education, employment, or training), is particularly worrying; emphasises that, in order to address this issue, it is of the utmost importance to ***evaluate objectively how the budgets and programmes for combating youth unemployment are being used and to make sure that the most effective schemes receive adequate, targeted and timely funding;***

Or. fr

Amendment 15
Lampros Fountoulis

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3. Recalls that youth unemployment rates remain very high in the Union and that the situation of unemployed young people, especially NEETS (not in education, employment, or training), is particularly worrying; emphasises that, in order to address this issue, it is of the utmost importance to ensure the proper and timely funding of the Youth Guarantee schemes through the European Youth Initiative and the European Social Fund;

Amendment

3. Recalls that youth unemployment rates remain very high in the Union, ***despite the actions taken to date, which have not proved to be particularly effective***, and that the situation of unemployed young people, especially NEETS (not in education, employment, or training), is particularly worrying; emphasises that, in order to address this issue, it is of the utmost importance to ensure the proper and timely funding of the Youth Guarantee schemes through the European Youth Initiative and the European Social Fund;

Or. el

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Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

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3. Recalls that youth unemployment rates remain very high in the Union and that the situation of unemployed young people, especially NEETS (not in education, employment, or training), is particularly worrying; emphasises that, in order to address this issue, it is of the utmost importance to ensure the proper and timely funding of the Youth Guarantee schemes through the European Youth Initiative and the European Social Fund;

Amendment

3. Recalls that youth unemployment rates remain very high in the Union and that - ***despite 24 years of European policies to combat unemployment*** - the situation of unemployed young people, especially NEETS (not in education, employment, or training), is particularly worrying; emphasises that, in order to address this issue, it is of the utmost importance to ensure the proper and timely funding of the Youth Guarantee schemes through the European Youth Initiative and the European Social Fund;

Or. fr

Amendment 17

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López

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Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3 a. Underlines the importance of the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) for tackling poverty and social exclusion and asks for appropriate resources to be allocated in the Budget 2018 to allow needs of the target groups and Fund's objectives to be adequately met;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Marian Harkin, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Ivo Vajgl, Jasenko Selimovic, Robert Rochefort, Yana Toom

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Believes it is essential that the Youth Employment Initiative continues to be adequately funded and stresses in the context of the Multiannual Financial Framework mid-term review that the Council must adopt the agreed increase of EUR 500 million;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

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4. Underlines the importance of sufficient funding and good budgetary management of the *programmes within the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework that aim* to address unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, *such as the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the different axes of the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD)*; insists, therefore, that *for 2018 these programmes' resources should at least be maintained at the levels of the previous EU budget*;

4. Underlines the importance of sufficient funding and good budgetary management of the *most efficient programmes* to address unemployment, poverty and social exclusion; *points out, however, that funds such as the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), are passive funds used solely for dealing with the consequences of the crisis rather than its causes*; insists, therefore, that *resources be directed, as a priority, to programmes and initiatives that aim to address the causes of unemployment, poverty and social exclusion*;

Or. fr

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4. Underlines the importance of sufficient funding and good budgetary management of the programmes within the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework that aim to address unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, such as the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the different axes of the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD); insists, therefore, that for 2018 these programmes' resources should at least be maintained at the levels of the previous EU budget;

4. Underlines the importance of sufficient funding and good budgetary management of the programmes within the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework that aim to address unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, such as the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the different axes of the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD); insists, therefore, that for 2018 these programmes' resources should at least be maintained at the levels of the previous EU budget; *notes that payment amounts for this year's budget were limited as the structural funds have not been absorbed as quickly as expected*

and stresses that adequate payment appropriations be provided for in budget 2018;

Or. en

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Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López, Georgi Pirinski

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4. Underlines the importance of sufficient funding and good budgetary management of the programmes within the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework that aim to address unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, such as the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the different axes of the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD); insists, therefore, that for 2018 these programmes' resources should at least be maintained at the levels of the previous EU budget;

Amendment

4. Underlines the importance of sufficient funding and good budgetary management of the programmes within the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework that aim to address unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, such as the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the different axes of the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) ***with a special regard to the Eures axis, the three autonomous Budget Headings in support for European Social Dialogue and Workers' Organisations*** and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD); insists, therefore, that for 2018 these programmes' resources should ***be increased or*** at least be maintained at the levels of the previous EU budget;

Or. en

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Lampros Fountoulis

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4. Underlines the importance of sufficient funding and good budgetary

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management of the programmes within the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework that aim to address unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, such as the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the different axes of the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD); insists, therefore, that for 2018 these programmes' resources should at least be maintained at the levels of the previous EU budget;

management **and control** of the programmes within the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework that aim to address unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, such as the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the different axes of the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD); insists, therefore, that for 2018 these programmes' resources should at least be maintained at the levels of the previous EU budget;

Or. el

Amendment 23

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Takes the view that the EU budget **should also** support vocational training and professional qualification measures; **highlights, in this respect, that proper funding for the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) is paramount;**

Amendment

5. Takes the view that ***it is not the role of*** the EU budget ***to*** support vocational training and professional qualification measures, ***which should fall primarily within the remit of the Member States and address their specific needs;***

Or. fr

Amendment 24

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Calls also on the Commission to examine funding possibilities to help every Member State to establish a minimum income scheme and to set up an

appropriate European Fund, if necessary, in a temporary way, to work as an instrument of cohesion policy and European solidarity;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Marian Harkin, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Ivo Vajgl, Robert Rochefort, Yana Toom

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Takes the view that the EU budget should *also support vocational training and professional qualification measures; highlights, in this respect, that proper funding for the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) is paramount;*

Amendment

5. Takes the view that the EU budget should *ensure the adequate financial and human resourcing of EUROFOUND, CEDEFOP, ETF and EU-OSHA in order to allow them to fulfil their respective remits and ensure the best possible results in support of EU legislative and policy objectives;*

Or. en

Amendment 26

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López

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Draft opinion

5. Takes the view that the EU budget should also support vocational training and professional qualification measures; *highlights, in this respect, that proper funding for the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) is paramount;*

Amendment

5. Takes the view that the EU budget should also support vocational training and professional qualification measures *promoting in particular the Upskilling Pathways initiative recently adopted by the Council (targeting low-skilled adults) as well as to promote mobility among apprentices, as is already being done for students under the Erasmus programme;*

Or. en

Amendment 27
Lampros Fountoulis

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Draft opinion

5. Takes the view that the EU budget should also support vocational training and professional qualification measures; highlights, in this respect, that proper funding for the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) is paramount;

Amendment

5. Takes the view that the EU budget should also support vocational training and professional qualification measures, **but points out that training alone will not solve the unemployment problem**; highlights, in this respect, that proper funding for the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) is paramount;

Or. el

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Deirdre Clune

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Draft opinion

5. Takes the view that the EU budget should also support vocational training and professional qualification measures; highlights, in this respect, that proper funding for the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) is paramount;

Amendment

5. Takes the view that the EU budget should also support vocational training and professional qualification measures **with a particular emphasis on upskilling and sectorial-specific skills gap**; highlights, in this respect, that proper funding for the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) is paramount;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. *Emphasises the need for additional funding for the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND) in order to balance the substantial increase of the Irish country coefficient over recent years which makes it increasingly difficult to maintain the level of research done by the Agency; stresses the need for additional funding, particularly, to secure the work on the pan-European surveys and to allow for additional work in relation to 'Undeclared Work' and 'Integration of Refugees and Migrants into the Labour Market';*

Or. en

Amendment 30
Javi López

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. *Emphasises the need for additional funding for the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND) in order to balance the substantial increase of the Irish country coefficient over recent years which makes it more and more difficult to maintain the level of research done by the Agency; stresses the need for additional funding, particularly, to secure the work on the pan-European surveys and to allow for additional work in relation to 'Undeclared Work' and 'Integration of Refugees and Migrants into the Labour Market'*

Or. en

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Paragraph 5 a (new)

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Amendment

5 a. Highlights the important contribution that all the employment and social affairs Agencies (CEDEFOP, ETF, Eurofound, EU-OSHA) have when dealing with EMPL related issues, as well as their potential to address a wide range of problems such as quality job creation, new forms of employment, vocational training support and professional qualification measures or occupational safety and health and safety, therefore calls for sufficient financial resources to be ensured for both the Agencies and staff;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
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Amendment

6. Points out that micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises are a major source of employment in the Union and that one of the main **problems** in setting up such enterprises and keeping them going is that of obtaining finance; underlines **that the 2018 budget should support measures promoting entrepreneurship in those enterprises, including social entrepreneurship and innovative social enterprises and self-employment; stresses, in this respect, that the** budget 2018 should **in particular** facilitate access to micro-credits available through the microfinance and social entrepreneurship axis of the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme;

6. Points out that micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises are a major source of employment in the Union and that one of the main **obstacles** in setting up such enterprises and keeping them going is that of obtaining finance; underlines, **in this regard, that, as well as significantly reducing the financial and administrative burden on SMEs, the 2018** budget should facilitate access to micro-credits available, **inter alia**, through the microfinance and social entrepreneurship axis of the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme;

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Marian Harkin, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Martina Dlabajová, Ivo Vajgl, Robert Rochefort, Yana Toom

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6. Points out that micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises are ***a major source of employment*** in the ***Union and that one of the main problems in setting up such enterprises and keeping them going*** is that of obtaining finance; underlines that the 2018 budget should support measures promoting entrepreneurship ***in those enterprises***, including social entrepreneurship ***and*** innovative social enterprises and self-employment; stresses, in this respect, that the budget 2018 should in particular facilitate access to micro-credits available through the microfinance and social entrepreneurship axis of the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme;

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6. Points out that micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises are ***the backbone of Europe's economy, representing 99% of all businesses*** in the ***EU***; ***notes*** that one of the main problems in setting up ***and maintaining such enterprises*** is that of obtaining finance; underlines that the 2018 budget should support measures promoting entrepreneurship, including social entrepreneurship, innovative social enterprises and self-employment; stresses, in this respect, that the budget 2018 should in particular facilitate access to micro-credits available through the microfinance and social entrepreneurship axis of the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 6**

Draft opinion

6. Points out that micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises are a major source of employment in the Union and that one of the main problems in setting up such enterprises and keeping them going is that of obtaining finance; underlines that the 2018 budget should support measures promoting entrepreneurship in those

Amendment

6. Points out that micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises, ***including social enterprises***, are a major source of employment in the Union and that one of the main problems in setting up such enterprises and keeping them going is that of obtaining finance; underlines that the 2018 budget should support measures

enterprises, including social entrepreneurship and innovative social enterprises and self-employment; stresses, in this respect, that the budget 2018 should in particular facilitate access to micro-credits available through the microfinance and social entrepreneurship axis of the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme;

promoting entrepreneurship in those enterprises, including social entrepreneurship and innovative social enterprises, ***employee financial participation*** and self-employment; stresses, in this respect, that the budget 2018 should in particular facilitate access to micro-credits available through the microfinance and social entrepreneurship axis of the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme; ***stresses that the amount of grants available for SMEs and social enterprises should be guaranteed in order to maintain their competitiveness and potential for job-creation;***

Or. en

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Draft opinion

6. Points out that micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises are a major source of employment in the Union and that one of the main problems in setting up such enterprises and keeping them going is that of obtaining finance; underlines that the 2018 budget should support measures promoting entrepreneurship in those enterprises, including social entrepreneurship and innovative social enterprises and self-employment; stresses, in this respect, that the budget 2018 should in particular facilitate access to micro-credits available through the microfinance and social entrepreneurship axis of the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme;

Amendment

6. Points out that micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises are a major source of employment in the Union and that one of the main problems in setting up such enterprises and keeping them going is that of obtaining finance; ***encourages in that regard the 'Think Small First Principle'***; underlines that the 2018 budget should support measures promoting entrepreneurship in those enterprises, including social entrepreneurship and innovative social enterprises and self-employment; stresses, in this respect, that the budget 2018 should in particular facilitate access to micro-credits available through the microfinance and social entrepreneurship axis of the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Lampros Fountoulis

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6. Points out that micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises are a major source of employment in the Union and that one of the main problems in setting up such enterprises and keeping them going is that of obtaining finance; underlines that the 2018 budget should support measures promoting entrepreneurship in those enterprises, including social entrepreneurship and innovative social enterprises and self-employment; stresses, in this respect, that the budget 2018 should in particular facilitate access to micro-credits available through the microfinance and social entrepreneurship axis of the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme;

Amendment

6. Points out that micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises are a major source of employment in the Union and that one of the main problems in setting up such enterprises and keeping them going is that of obtaining finance; underlines that the 2018 budget should support measures promoting entrepreneurship in those enterprises, ***provided that this funding is closely linked to the creation of new jobs,*** including social entrepreneurship and innovative social enterprises and self-employment; stresses, in this respect, that the budget 2018 should in particular facilitate access to micro-credits available through the microfinance and social entrepreneurship axis of the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme;

Or. el

Amendment 37
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

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7. Urges that financial support be provided for programmes creating jobs for ***those with multiple disadvantages on the labour market, such as*** the long-term unemployed, ***people with disabilities and people from minority backgrounds***;

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7. Urges that financial support be provided for programmes creating jobs for ***young Europeans and*** the long-term unemployed;

Or. fr

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7. Urges that financial support *be provided for programmes creating jobs for those with multiple disadvantages* on the labour market, such as the long-term unemployed, people with disabilities and people from minority backgrounds;

Amendment

7. Urges that financial support *from EU funds reaches as many targeted beneficiaries as possible in particular for those furthest from* the labour market, such as the long-term unemployed, people with disabilities and people from minority backgrounds;

Or. en

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Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López

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7. Urges that financial support be provided for programmes creating *jobs for* those with multiple disadvantages on the labour market, such as the long-term unemployed, people with disabilities and people from minority backgrounds;

Amendment

7. Urges that financial support be provided for programmes creating *adequate conditions (job creation and support measures) so that* those with multiple disadvantages on the labour market, such as *women*, the long-term unemployed, *the elderly unemployed*, people with disabilities and people from minority backgrounds, *can find and maintain employment; recommends that sufficient funding through the ESF and EaSI be provided for the implementation of the measures identified in the Council's Recommendation on the integration of the long-term unemployed in the labour market;*

Or. en

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7. Urges that financial support be provided for programmes creating jobs for those with multiple disadvantages on the labour market, such as the long-term unemployed, people with disabilities **and people from minority backgrounds**;

Amendment

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Or. el

Amendment 41
Deirdre Clune

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Urges that financial support be provided for programmes creating jobs for those with multiple disadvantages on the labour market, such as the long-term unemployed, people with disabilities and people from minority backgrounds;

Amendment

7. Urges that financial support be provided for programmes creating jobs, **and programmes for job-retention**, for those with multiple disadvantages on the labour market, such as the long-term unemployed, **the over 50 year olds, people with long term, metastatic and chronic illnesses, people with mental ill health**, people with disabilities and people from minority backgrounds; **stresses that employment has a positive impact on the recovery process of persons with physical and mental ill health and funding should target evidence-based models such as Place and Train schemes**;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

8. Reiterates that ***pilot projects and preparatory actions are very valuable tools to initiate new activities and policies; stresses that several ideas of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs have been implemented successfully in the past as pilot projects/preparatory actions; is of the opinion***, therefore, that ***that committee will make further use of those instruments in 2018; encourages the full use of the margins available under each heading; calls for Parliament to be given regular, detailed updates on the various stages in the implementation of pilot projects and preparatory actions by the Commission.***

8. Reiterates that ***monies earmarked for employment and anti-poverty programmes and/or initiatives should not, under any circumstances, be reallocated to other projects in the course of a financial year; points out***, therefore, that ***the role of the European Social Fund (ESF) is to help European citizens to secure employment and that it should not be tapped into or diverted for other purposes under other programmes.***

Or. fr

Amendment 43**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López****Draft opinion****Paragraph 8**

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8. Reiterates that pilot projects and preparatory actions are very valuable tools to initiate new activities and policies; stresses that several ideas of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs have been implemented successfully in the past as pilot projects/preparatory actions; ***calls on the Commission to continue with this "think out of the box" approach when selecting the PP/PAs with European added value***; is of the opinion, therefore, that that committee will make further use of those instruments in 2018; encourages the full use of the margins available under each heading; calls for Parliament to be given regular, detailed updates on the various stages in the implementation of pilot projects and preparatory actions by the Commission; ***calls on the Commission in the implementation of the PP and PAs***

to respect their content as agreed and approved by the EP and the Council;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Marian Harkin, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Ivo Vajgl, Jasenko Selimovic, Robert Rochefort, Yana Toom

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

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Amendment

8. Reiterates that pilot projects and preparatory actions are very valuable tools to initiate new activities and policies ***in the fields of employment and social inclusion***; stresses that several ideas of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs have been implemented successfully in the past as pilot projects/preparatory actions; encourages the full use of the margins available under each heading; calls for Parliament to be given regular, detailed updates on the various stages in the implementation of pilot projects and preparatory actions by the Commission.

Or. en

Amendment 45

Deirdre Clune

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

8 a. Stresses that the 2018 budget should promote a high level of worker protection and a culture of prevention across the EU and help to address the new challenges to physical and mental health and safety at work that continue to take place- in this respect, proper funding for

Amendment

OSHA and the physical and mental health and safety at work strand in the PROGRESS axis of the EaSI programme should be ensured;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Javi López

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 a. Regrets the decision of the Commission to transform the Preparatory Action "Child Guarantee Scheme", adopted in the Budget 2017, into project under EaSI and to transfer to EaSI the appropriations dedicated to this Preparatory Action; asks in this regard the Commission to present its Working Programme for EaSI 2018 before the EMPL vote on draft budget 2018;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Deirdre Clune

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 b. Stresses that the EU budget should support efforts to promote the completion of the single market, competitiveness and social convergence, the development of a policy on socially responsible enterprises, and the monitoring of the application of statutory social standards by enterprises in order to ensure the creation of jobs and growth;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Deirdre Clune

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 c. *Calls for a sustained effort to be made through the budget to provide for appropriate training and re-skilling in sectors with labour shortages and in key sectors with high job-creation potential;*

Or. en

Amendment 49
Deirdre Clune

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 d. *Calls for Parliament's delegation to emphasise the importance of full implementation of the budget lines dedicated to employment and social affairs;*

Or. en

Amendment 50
Deirdre Clune

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 e. *Points out that changes that reduce the budgetary programming for these lines must be rejected and that a proper balance between commitment and payment appropriations must be found in*

order to allow these policies to reach their full potential;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Deirdre Clune

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 f. Recalls that decentralised agencies whose missions fall within the remit of the Committee on the Employment and Social Affairs play a major role, and stresses that their tasks are constantly growing and that those agencies must therefore be given the necessary financial and human resources to fulfil their mandate and execute such tasks; strongly supports, a case-by-case approach to assessing the individual needs of decentralised agencies.

Or. en

Amendment 52
Deirdre Clune

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 g. Considers that the parameters of programmes such as the European Globalisation Fund are unfairly prohibitive on smaller Member States, suggests that the criteria for eligibility be flexible in this regard as redundancies and closures have the ability to affect smaller regions to a greater extent than others;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Deirdre Clune

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 h. calls on the European Council to complete the review of the Multiannual Financial Framework as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Deirdre Clune

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 i (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 i. calls on the Member States to complete the accreditation of all responsible management authorities to ensure efficient operational functioning of the ESF

Or. en