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AMENDMENT

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Draft opinion
Momchil Nekov
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The Implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in the Member States
(2017/2039(INI))

Amendment 1
Isabella Adinolfi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. ***Highlights the crucial*** role of the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) in ***facilitating*** the implementation of the Youth Guarantee (YG), and thus in ***tackling***, on a Union-wide basis, the phenomenon of youth unemployment, which is reported to stand at around twice the average overall unemployment rate; ***welcomes, in this regard, the fact that despite the slow take-up of YEI, by October 2016 the number of unemployed young persons had significantly decreased;***

Amendment

1. ***Acknowledges the*** role of the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) in the implementation of the Youth Guarantee (YG), and thus in ***trying to tackle***, on a Union-wide basis, the phenomenon of youth unemployment, which is reported to stand at around twice the average overall unemployment rate;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Dominique Bilde

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights the ***crucial*** role of the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) ***in facilitating*** the implementation of the Youth Guarantee (YG), and thus ***in tackling, on a Union-wide basis***, the phenomenon of youth unemployment, which is reported to stand at around twice the average overall unemployment rate; ***welcomes, in this regard, the fact that despite the slow take-up of YEI, by***

Amendment

1. Highlights the role of the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) ***which is intended to facilitate*** the implementation of the Youth Guarantee (YG) and thus ***to provide financial aid to Member States in combating*** the phenomenon of youth unemployment, which is reported to stand at around twice the average overall unemployment rate; ***notes that, while the number of unemployed young persons***

October 2016 *the number of unemployed young persons had significantly decreased;*

significantly decreased by October 2016, *there is still much to be done;*

Or. fr

Amendment 3
Isabella Adinolfi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Notes that, despite the overall employment rates have slightly decreased, the number of unemployed young persons, with particular regard to Southern European Member States, e.g. Italy, Greece, Portugal and Spain, still remain very high and therefore Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) and the Youth Guarantee (YG), which did not meet the expected goals, cannot be considered the most effective solution to this phenomenon;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Jill Evans

Draft opinion
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Amendment

2. Reminds that the main objective of YEI is to reach out to all *those* who are not in employment, education or training (NEETs), and therefore urges the Member States to invest more efforts in *identifying and targeting all* the NEET population, especially the most vulnerable young people such as those with disabilities,

2. Reminds that the main objective of YEI is to reach out to all *young people* who are not in employment, education or training (NEETs), and therefore urges the Member States to invest more efforts in *improving measures within education systems to help young persons at risk to remain protected, and calls on the MS to*

taking account of their specific needs;

develop a better knowledge of the NEET population, especially the most vulnerable young people such as those with disabilities, *migrants, refugees, ethnic and religious minorities, and young LGBTI people in order to take better* account of their specific needs;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Isabella Adinolfi

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2. Reminds that the main objective of YEI is to reach out to all those who are not in employment, education or training (NEETs), and therefore urges the Member States to *invest more efforts in identifying and targeting* all the NEET population, especially the most vulnerable young people such as those with disabilities, taking account of their specific needs;

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2. Reminds that the main objective of YEI is to reach out to all those who are not in employment, education or training (NEETs), and therefore urges the Member States to *identify and target, through specific and effective measures*, all the NEET population, especially the most vulnerable young people such as those with disabilities, taking account of their specific needs;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Dominique Bilde

Draft opinion
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especially the most vulnerable young people such as those with disabilities, taking account of their specific needs;

population, especially the most vulnerable young people such as those with disabilities, taking account of their specific needs; ***and calls on the Member States to promote manual work among NEETs, in particular by developing apprenticeship courses;***

Or. fr

Amendment 7
Momchil Nekov, Jill Evans

Draft opinion
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2. Reminds that the main objective of YEI is to reach out to all those who are not in employment, education or training (NEETs), and therefore urges the Member States to invest more efforts in identifying and targeting all the NEET population, especially the most ***vulnerable*** young people such as those with disabilities, taking account of their specific needs;

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2. Reminds that the main objective of YEI is to reach out to all those who are not in employment, education or training (NEETs), and therefore urges the Member States to invest more efforts in identifying and targeting all the NEET population, especially the most ***disadvantaged*** young people such as those with disabilities, taking account of their specific needs; ***calls on Member States to adopt tailored measures and to provide personalised support in order to reach all NEETs with the objective of registering them; further underlines the need to assess the specific needs and obstacles of each target group and to target measures accordingly;***

Or. en

Amendment 8
Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Angel Dzhambazki

Draft opinion
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2. Reminds that the main objective of YEI is to reach out to all those who are not in employment, education or training (NEETs), and therefore urges the Member States to invest more efforts in *effectively* identifying and targeting all the NEET population *with efficient outreach strategies*, especially the most vulnerable young people such as those with disabilities *in obtaining good quality offers*, taking account of their specific needs *and skills*;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Momchil Nekov, Jill Evans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment 10
Momchil Nekov, Jill Evans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. *Underlines in this respect the important role of youth organisations in reaching out to the most vulnerable young people and their capacity to be intermediaries between young people and the public employment services;*

Or. en

Amendment

2b. *Reiterates the need to set up comprehensive communication strategies*

such as awareness campaigns by using both traditional and modern media channels like social networks;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Momchil Nekov, Jill Evans

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3. Notes with concern that the most recent assessment reports¹ point out that the first implementation phase of YEI tended to focus mostly on highly educated NEETs, rather than those who are low-skilled, inactive and not registered by the public employment services;

¹ European Court of Auditors: Special report No 5/2017 on the implementation of the Youth Guarantee and the Youth Employment Initiative; first results of the Youth Employment Initiative - Final Report; European Commission: Youth Employment Initiative: European Implementation Assessment, October 2016; EPRS In-Depth Analysis, Jan Tymowski, June 2017.

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¹ European Court of Auditors: Special report No 5/2017 on the implementation of the Youth Guarantee and the Youth Employment Initiative; first results of the Youth Employment Initiative - Final Report; European Commission: Youth Employment Initiative: European Implementation Assessment, October 2016; EPRS In-Depth Analysis, Jan Tymowski, June 2017.

Or. en

Amendment 12
Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Angel Dzhambazki

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¹ European Court of Auditors: Special report No 5/2017 on the implementation of the Youth Guarantee and the Youth Employment Initiative; first results of the Youth Employment Initiative - Final Report; European Commission: Youth Employment Initiative: European Implementation Assessment, October 2016; EPRS In-Depth Analysis, Jan Tymowski, June 2017.

Or. en

Amendment 13
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¹ European Court of Auditors: Special report No 5/2017 on the implementation of the Youth Guarantee and the Youth Employment Initiative; first results of the Youth Employment Initiative - Final Report; European Commission: Youth Employment Initiative: European Implementation Assessment, October 2016; EPRS In-Depth Analysis, Jan Tymowski, June 2017.

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Or. en

Amendment 14

Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Marc Joulaud, Santiago Fisas Aixelà

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Recognises that the YEI is an important financial instrument and that greater efforts from the Member States to provide a better link between educational systems and labour markets by promoting long-term partnerships in order to avoid skills mismatches are highly necessary;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Silvia Costa, Momchil Nekov

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. *Stresses in this regard the importance of synergies with the European Social Fund (ESF) for the provision of high-level postgraduate training courses, which will enable the effective implementation of the YEI in all Member States;*

Or. it

Amendment 16

Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Marc Joulaud, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. *Stresses the importance of an increased cooperation between educational institutions and employers aimed at providing young people with good employment opportunities, including cross-border and EU-wide partnerships; stresses the need to increase the cohesion between the educational systems of the Member States in order to facilitate a greater cross-border and EU-wide mobility of job-seeking graduates;*

Or. en

Amendment 17

Isabella Adinolfi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

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4. Underlines the difficulties of properly assessing the results of the

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implementation of YEI in view of the lack of well-functioning monitoring and reporting systems, and calls on Member States to *focus more closely on the development of* follow-up measures with a view to implementing more evidence-based and sustained youth policies;

implementation of YEI in view of the lack of well-functioning monitoring and reporting systems, and *therefore* calls on Member States to *address this substantial shortcoming by developing specific, inter alia*, follow-up measures with a view to implementing more evidence-based, *effective* and sustained youth policies;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Jill Evans

Draft opinion
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4. Underlines the difficulties of properly assessing the results of the implementation of YEI in view of the lack of well-functioning monitoring and reporting systems, and calls on Member States to focus more closely on the development of follow-up measures with a view to implementing more evidence-based and sustained youth policies;

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Or. en

Amendment 19
Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Marc Joulaud, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission to explore a potential extension of the YEI in

order to provide students with early advice on their educational and career choices that would be in line with the anticipated demand for skills on the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Momchil Nekov, Jill Evans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission to identify and diffuse good practices in monitoring and reporting based on its overview of the existing systems across Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Momchil Nekov, Jill Evans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Asks Member States to establish an overview of the cost of implementing the Youth Guarantee in order to secure adequate funding and to better reach the objectives of the scheme;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Dominique Bilde

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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5. Calls on Member States to establish ‘one-stop shops’ with the aim of providing high-quality services and guidance for young people at a single location;

Amendment

5. Calls on Member States to establish ‘one-stop shops’ with the aim of providing high-quality services and guidance for young people at a single location, ***while ensuring that the geographic distribution of these ‘one-stop shops’ does not create new inequalities;***

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Isabella Adinolfi

Draft opinion
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Draft opinion

5. Calls on Member States to establish ‘one-stop shops’ with the aim of providing high-quality services and guidance for young people at a single location;

Amendment

5. Calls on Member States to establish ***effective and easily accessible*** ‘one-stop shops’ with the aim of providing high-quality services and guidance for young people at a single location;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Jill Evans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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Amendment

5. Calls on Member States to establish ‘one-stop shops’ with the aim of providing high-quality services and guidance for young people at a single location; ***reiterates the necessity to make all measures and tools accessible to all,***

through all possible means of communication;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Momchil Nekov, Jill Evans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Calls on Member States to make sure their legislation allows all young people within the identified age group to register and participate effectively in the YEI^{1a};*

^{1a} The legislative framework of some countries considers some young people, in particular those with severe disabilities, to be ‘unable to work’. They are not able to register to public employment services and therefore unable to participate in the Youth Employment Initiative.

Or. en

Amendment 26
Isabella Adinolfi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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Amendment

6. Recalls the importance of improving the quality of offers, and *further* underlines the need to *extend the eligible age limit from 25 to 29 in order to better reflect the reality that many young graduates and labour market entrants are in their late 'twenties*;

6. Recalls the importance of improving the quality *and sustainability* of offers, and underlines the need to *implement measures able to avoid labour market segmentation and to favour long-term employment*;

Amendment 27
Dominique Bilde

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls the importance of improving the quality of offers, and further underlines the need to extend the eligible age limit from 25 to 29 in order to better reflect the reality that *many young graduates and labour market entrants are* in their late 'twenties;

Amendment

6. Recalls the importance of improving the quality of offers, and further underlines the need to extend the eligible age limit from 25 to 29 in order to better reflect the reality that *it is not only the 15-25 age group that is particularly affected by unemployment but all young people, including those* in their late 'twenties;

Or. fr

Amendment 28
Momchil Nekov, Jill Evans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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6. Recalls the importance of improving the quality of offers, *and* further underlines the need to extend the eligible age limit from 25 to 29 in order to better reflect the reality that many young graduates and labour market entrants are in their late 'twenties;

Amendment

6. Recalls the importance of improving the quality of offers; further *stresses the need to address quality in terms of mentoring and coaching, the quality and adequacy of the actual individual training, traineeship or job, as well as the quality of the outcome according to the fixed objectives;* underlines *in this respect the necessity to ensure the application of the already existing quality frameworks, such as the European Quality Framework, under the YEI; it is of the opinion that young people should be also involved in the monitoring of the quality of the offers;* recalls the need to extend the eligible age limit from 25 to 29 in order to better reflect the reality

that many young graduates and labour market entrants are in their late 'twenties;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Bogdan Andrzej Zdrojewski

Draft opinion
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Or. pl

Amendment 30
Isabella Adinolfi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. ***Stresses the need to extend the YEI beyond 2020 and to secure adequate funding for the next MFF, with a view to achieving*** sustainable results.

Amendment

7. ***Calls on the Commission to carry out a thorough assessment and to develop accordingly specific measures able to achieve effective*** sustainable results.

Or. en

Amendment 31
Momchil Nekov, Jill Evans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Stresses the need to extend the YEI beyond 2020 and to secure adequate funding for the next MFF, with a view to achieving sustainable results.

Amendment

7. Stresses the need to extend the YEI beyond 2020 and to secure adequate ***and sustained*** funding for the next MFF, with a view to achieving sustainable results.

Or. en

Amendment 32
Bogdan Andrzej Zdrojewski

Draft opinion
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7. Stresses the need to extend the YEI beyond 2020 and to secure adequate funding for the next MFF, with a view to achieving sustainable results.

Amendment

7. Stresses the need to extend the YEI beyond 2020 and to secure adequate funding for the next MFF, ***taking account of real needs and the resources necessary for ensuring that the goals of the initiative are met***, with a view to achieving sustainable results.

Or. pl

Amendment 33
Michaela Šojdrová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Stresses, in connection with the proposed regulation on the European Solidarity Corps (ESC)^{1a}, that the Youth Employment Initiative should fully reflect the proposed objectives of the ESC insofar as it relates to the professional development of young people via

internships and solidarity-based employment; takes the view that the initiative's capacities and resources should be increased accordingly, in particular if the objectives cannot be met in the future by the European Solidarity Corps.

^{1a} COM(2017) 262 final

Or. cs

Amendment 34
Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Angel Dzhambazki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Notes that high unemployment rates of young people are the result, among others, of a poor connection between the labour market and education systems therefore underlines, that structural reforms should push for and require a reinvigorated and a strong cooperation between educational institutions and the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Silvia Costa, Momchil Nekov

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Stresses also the need to ensure adequate funding of the European Social Fund (ESF) under the next MFF;

Or. it

Amendment 36
Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Angel Dzhambazki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

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Amendment

7b. Stress that it is essential to introduce better mechanisms to ensure that young people receive offers of high quality; draws attention to the lack of regulation of traineeships offers in the open market as regards transparency of hiring, duration and recognition and points out that only a few Member States have set up minimum quality criteria, including for the purpose of monitoring the Youth Guarantee and Youth Employment Initiative;

Or. en