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# **OPINION**

of the Committee on Culture and Education

for the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council  
on the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)  
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## AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Culture and Education calls on the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, as the committee responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

### Amendment 1

#### Proposal for a regulation

##### Recital 1

###### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) On 17 November 2017, the European Pillar of Social Rights was jointly proclaimed by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission as a response to social challenges in Europe. The twenty key principles of the pillar are structured around three categories: equal opportunities and access to the labour market; fair working conditions; social protection and inclusion. The twenty principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights should guide the actions under the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+). In order to contribute to the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights the ESF+ should support investments in people and systems in the policy areas of employment, education and social inclusion, thereby supporting economic, territorial and social cohesion in accordance with Article 174 TFEU.

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#### Proposal for a regulation Recital 3

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

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relevant Integrated Guidelines and relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU and, where appropriate, at national level, the national reform programmes underpinned by national strategies. The ESF+ should also contribute to relevant aspects of the implementation of key Union initiatives and activities, in particular the "Skills Agenda for Europe" and the European Education Area, relevant Council Recommendations and other initiatives such as the Youth Guarantee, Upskilling Pathways and on Integration of the long-term unemployed.

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#### Amendment 4

##### Proposal for a regulation Recital 4

###### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(4) On 20 June 2017, the Council endorsed the Union response to the 'UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' - a sustainable European future. The Council underlined the importance of achieving sustainable development across the three dimensions (economic, social and environmental), in a balanced and integrated way. It is vital that sustainable development is mainstreamed into all Union internal and external policy areas, and that the Union is ambitious in the policies it uses to address global challenges. The Council welcomed the Commission Communication on "Next steps for a sustainable European future" of 22 November 2016 as a first step in mainstreaming the Sustainable Development Goals and applying sustainable development as an essential guiding principle for all Union policies, including through its financing

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*particular contribution to implementing the Sustainable Development Goals by tackling relative poverty and eradicating extreme forms of poverty (goal 1); ensuring quality and inclusive education (goal 4), promoting gender equality (goal 5), promoting sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all (goal 8), and reducing inequality (goal 10) as well as to implementing the Paris Agreement, amongst others.*

## Amendment 5

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 5

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(5) The Union is confronted with structural challenges arising from economic globalisation, the management of migration flows and the increased security threat, clean energy transition, technological change and an increasingly ageing workforce and growing skills and labour shortages in some sectors and regions, experienced especially by SMEs. Taking into account the changing realities of the world of work, the Union should be prepared for the current and future challenges by investing in relevant skills, making growth more inclusive and by improving employment and social policies, including in view of labour mobility.

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(5) The Union is confronted with structural challenges arising from ***social inequalities, e.g. unequal access to education and social protection, demographic challenges***, economic globalisation, the management of migration flows and ***related inclusion challenges, the impact of the economic and financial crisis***, the increased security threat, clean energy transition, technological change and an increasingly ageing workforce and growing skills and labour shortages in some sectors and regions, experienced especially by SMEs. Taking into account the changing realities of the world of work, the Union should be prepared for the current and future challenges by investing in ***quality and inclusive education and training, lifelong learning and relevant skills, competences and knowledge***, making ***labour markets and growth more inclusive and our societies more cohesive*** and by improving ***education***, employment and social policies, including in view of labour mobility, ***and by fighting against gender gaps***.

## Amendment 6

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 5 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(5a) The cultural and creative sectors in particular play an important role in this context. They make a significant contribution to the Union's competitive advantage, to growth, to job creation in particular for young people and to non-technological and social innovation. Creative competences and capabilities boost people's self-esteem, promote their creativity and thereby contribute to innovative products, services and processes. Furthermore, culture is a key contributor to combating marginalisation and poverty and promoting a more cohesive, inclusive and innovative society. Cultural engagement empowers groups at risk of social exclusion, such as economically disadvantaged, ageing, disabled people, and minority groups to become active citizens. Cultural participation is beneficial to society as a whole as it fosters intercultural dialogue and facilitates integration of displaced people. It contributes as well to the promotion and preservation of European cultural and linguistic diversity.***

## Amendment 7

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 10

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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(10) In view of this wider scope of the ESF+ it is appropriate to foresee that the aims to enhance the effectiveness of labour markets and promote access to quality employment, to improve the access to and the quality of education and training ***as well as*** to promote social inclusion and

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## Amendment 8

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 12

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(12) This Regulation lays down a financial envelope for the ESF+. Parts of this financial envelope should be used for actions to be implemented in direct and indirect management under the Employment and Social Innovation and Health strands.

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## Amendment 9

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 13

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(13) The ESF+ should aim to promote employment through active interventions enabling (re)integration into the *labour market*, notably for youth, the long-term unemployed *and* the inactive, as well as through promoting self-employment and the social economy. The ESF+ should aim to improve the functioning of labour markets by supporting the modernisation of labour market institutions such as the Public Employment Services in order to improve their capacity to provide

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(13) The ESF+ should aim to promote *quality* employment through active interventions enabling (re)integration into the *education system and the world of work*, notably for youth, *in particular young people not in employment, education or training*, the long-term unemployed, *minorities, migrants*, the inactive *and people with disabilities*, as well as through promoting self-employment, *with the accompanying adaptation of social protection systems*

intensified targeted counselling and guidance during the job search and the transition to employment and to enhance workers' mobility. The ESF+ should promote women's participation in the labour market through measures aiming to ensure, amongst others, improved work/life balance and access to childcare. The ESF + should also aim to provide a healthy and well-adapted working environment in order to respond to health risks related to changing forms of work and the needs of the ageing workforce.

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## Amendment 10

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 14

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(14) The ESF+ should provide support to improving the quality, **effectiveness** and labour market relevance of education and training systems in order to facilitate the acquisition of key competences notably as regards digital skills which all individuals need for personal fulfilment and development, employment, social inclusion and active citizenship. The ESF+ should help progression within education and training and transition to work, support lifelong learning and employability, and contribute to competitiveness and societal and economic innovation by supporting scalable and sustainable initiatives in these fields. This could be achieved for example through work-based learning and apprenticeships, lifelong guidance, skills anticipation in cooperation with industry,

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(14) The ESF+ should provide support to improving the quality, **accessibility** and labour market relevance **as well as the inclusive nature** of education and training systems in order to facilitate the acquisition of key competences notably as regards **cultural awareness and expression skills, digital and media skills, including data protection and information governance, transversal skills, language skills and citizenship** skills which all individuals need for personal fulfilment and development, employment, social inclusion and active citizenship. The ESF+ should help progression **and flexibility** within education and training and transition to work, support lifelong learning and employability, and contribute to **social cohesion**, competitiveness and societal and

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## Amendment 11

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 14 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(14a) In light of the digitisation of all parts of society, e. g. banking, welfare services and education, the acquisition of new key competences, notably digital skills, becomes the precondition of effective civic participation. Local actors, community and cultural spaces including museums, libraries, archives, theatres and other cultural artistic and creative heritage institutions and sectors, play a key role, also in partnerships with schools, universities, and cultural and creative SMEs, in providing access to digital devices and the Internet to the most disadvantaged and marginalised groups, as well as in fostering digital skills among EU citizens at basic and more advanced levels. The ESF+ should therefore support these actors in the training of their staff members so that they can keep**

*pace with the changing demands upon their services as well as in providing training and education of digital skills, such as media literacy, to the people.*

## Amendment 12

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 15

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(15) Support through the ESF+ should be used to promote equal access for all, in particular for disadvantaged groups, to **quality**, non-segregated and inclusive education and training, from early childhood education and care through general and vocational education and training and to tertiary level, as well as adult education and learning, thereby fostering permeability between education and training sectors, preventing early school leaving, improving health literacy, reinforcing links with non-formal and informal learning and facilitating learning mobility for all. Synergies with the Erasmus programme, notably to facilitate the participation of disadvantaged learners in learning mobility, should be supported within this context.

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(15) Support through the ESF+ should be used to promote equal access for all, in particular for disadvantaged groups, to **high-quality**, non-segregated and inclusive education and training, from early childhood education and care through general and vocational education and training and to tertiary level **and re-integration into the education system**, as well as adult education and learning **and to cultural activities**, thereby **preventing the inter-generational transfer of poverty**, fostering permeability between education and training sectors, preventing early school leaving **and social exclusion**, improving health literacy, reinforcing links with non-formal and informal learning, **namely in the field of arts** and facilitating learning mobility for all. **Special attention should be given to early childhood education as the early years are the most formative in human life and they greatly influence people's education, employment and integration prospects.** Synergies with the Erasmus programme, **to upscale innovative practices and** notably to facilitate the participation of disadvantaged learners in learning mobility, should be supported within this context. **Moreover, policy coherence and complementarity between the Erasmus programme and the ESF+ should ensure a decent support to design and implement measures such as learning mobility for disadvantaged learners, particularly young people in vulnerable situations, adult learners and**

*persons with disabilities or chronic diseases, in order to properly prepare them for mobility experiences abroad and increase their participation in the Erasmus programme.*

#### **Amendment 13**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Recital 15 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(15a) The Commission, within the framework of Strategy 2020, has set the target for 95% of pre-school children up to four years of age or older to participate in pre-school education. It should be noted, however, that thousands of children are excluded annually from pre-school education structures due to the lack of resources of the competent national authorities.*

#### **Amendment 14**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Recital 15 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(15b) Synergies with the Asylum and Migration Fund should ensure that the ESF+ can mainstream and upscale equal access to high-quality, non-segregated and inclusive education and training, as well as social inclusion, integration into the labour market and access to healthcare for third-country nationals with special attention to the needs of women and children.*

#### **Amendment 15**

##### **Proposal for a regulation Recital 15 c (new)**

**(15c) Support provided through the ESF + should be used to promote broad access to culture, participation in cultural life and the exploitation of artistic and creative expression, in particular by developing synergies with the Creative Europe programme, also with reference to quality labels.**

## **Amendment 16**

### **Proposal for a regulation Recital 15 d (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(15d) With a view to fully tapping into the potential of cross-sectoral cooperation, to improving synergies and coherence with other policy fields and to achieving its general objectives, the ESF+ should be able to support innovative actions that through sport and physical activity as well as culture, aim to promote social inclusion, in particular of marginalised and/or disadvantaged groups as well as the promotion of a healthy lifestyle and the prevention of diseases.**

## **Amendment 17**

### **Proposal for a regulation Recital 16**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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(16) The ESF+ should promote flexible upskilling and reskilling opportunities for all, **notably** digital skills and key enabling technologies, with a view to providing people with skills adjusted to digitalisation, technological change, innovation and social and economic change, facilitating

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career transitions, mobility and supporting in particular low-skilled and/or poorly qualified adults, in line with the Skills Agenda for Europe.

*formal, non-formal and informal settings with skills, **competences and knowledge** adjusted to digitalisation, technological change, innovation and social and economic change, facilitating **transitions from education and training to employment for young people** career transitions, mobility and supporting in particular low-skilled and/or poorly qualified adults, in line with the Skills Agenda for Europe. **In this context, special attention should be paid to local actors, community and cultural spaces including museums, libraries, theatres and other cultural heritage institutions, that play an important role in supporting individuals to acquire skills, especially digital skills and media literacy***

## Amendment 18

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 17

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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## Amendment 19

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 17 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(17a) Synergies with the Creative Europe programme should ensure that the ESF+ can mainstream and scale up innovative projects that aim at equipping***

*people with the skills and competences needed for the jobs of the future as well as for the active participation in society, at connecting all layers of society and at fostering social inclusion.*

## Amendment 20

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 18

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(18) The ESF+ should support Member States' efforts to tackle poverty with a view to breaking the cycle of disadvantage across generations and promote social inclusion by ensuring equal opportunities for all, tackling discrimination and addressing health inequalities. This implies mobilising a range of policies targeting the most disadvantaged people regardless of their age, including children, marginalised communities such as the Roma, **and** the working poor. The ESF+ should promote the active inclusion of people far from the labour market with a view to ensuring their socio-economic integration. The ESF+ should be also used to enhance timely and equal access to affordable, sustainable and high quality services such as healthcare and long-term care, in particular family and community-based care services. The ESF+ should contribute to the modernisation of social protection systems with a view in particular to promoting their accessibility.

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*employed workers.*

## Amendment 21

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 18 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(18a) To strengthen the European dimension of the programme, the ESF+ should also support transnational actions and activities, with due simplification of rules and procedures, in order to foster peer learning and the exchange of good practices.***

## Amendment 22

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 21

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(21) The ESF+ should support policy and system reforms in the fields of employment, social inclusion, healthcare and long-term care, and education and training. In order to strengthen alignment with the European Semester, Member States should allocate an appropriate amount of their resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management to implement relevant country-specific recommendations relating to structural challenges which it is appropriate to address through multiannual investments falling within the scope of the ESF+. The Commission and the Member States should ensure coherence, coordination and complementarity between the shared-management and Health strands of ESF+ and the Reform Support Programme, including the Reform Delivery Tool and the Technical Support Instrument. In particular, the Commission and the Member State should ensure, in all stages

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## Amendment 23

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 22

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(22) To ensure that the social dimension of Europe as set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights is duly put forward and that a minimum amount of resources is targeting those most in need Member States should allocate at least **25%** of their national ESF+ resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management to fostering social inclusion.

#### *Amendment*

(22) To ensure that the social dimension of Europe as set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights is duly put forward and that a minimum amount of resources is targeting those most in need Member States should allocate at least **30%** of their national ESF+ resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management to fostering social inclusion **and fighting absolute poverty**.

## Amendment 24

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 22 a (new)

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

#### *Amendment*

***(22a) Moreover, in light of the persistently high levels of child poverty and social exclusion in the EU (26.4% in 2017) the ESF+ should support actions promoting effective interventions that contribute to the realisation of children's rights, in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the 2013 European Commission Recommendation Investing in children.***

## Amendment 25

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 23

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(23) In the light of persistently high levels of youth unemployment and inactivity in a number of Member States and regions, in particular affecting young people who are neither in employment, nor in education or training, it is necessary that those Member States continue to invest sufficient resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management towards actions to promote youth employment including through the implementation of Youth Guarantee schemes. Building on the actions supported by the Youth Employment Initiative in the 2014-2020 programming period targeting individual persons, Member States should further promote employment and education reintegration pathways and outreach measures for young people by prioritising, where relevant, long-term unemployed, inactive and disadvantaged young people including through youth work. Member States should also invest in measures aimed at facilitating school-to-work transition as well as reforming and adapting employment services with a view to providing tailor-made support to young people. Member States concerned should therefore allocate at least **10%** of their national resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management to support youth employability.

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## Amendment 26

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 24

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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**Amendment 27**

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**Recital 25**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(25) In accordance with ***Article 349*** TFEU and Article 2 of Protocol No 6 to the 1994 Act of Accession, the outermost regions ***and*** the northern sparsely populated regions are entitled to specific measures under common policies and EU programmes. Due to the permanent constraints these regions require specific support.

(25) In accordance with ***Articles 349 and 174*** TFEU and Article 2 of Protocol No 6 to the 1994 Act of Accession, the outermost regions, the northern sparsely populated regions ***and islands*** are entitled to specific measures under common policies and EU programmes. Due to the permanent constraints these regions require specific support.

**Amendment 28**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 26**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(26) Efficient and effective implementation of actions supported by the ESF+ depends on good governance and partnership between all actors at the relevant territorial levels and the socio-economic actors, in particular the social partners and civil society. It is therefore essential that Member States ***encourage*** the participation of social partners and civil society in the implementation of the ESF+ under shared management.

(26) Efficient and effective implementation of actions supported by the ESF+ depends on good governance and partnership between all actors at the relevant territorial levels and the socio-economic actors, in particular the social partners and civil society. It is therefore essential that Member States ***ensure*** the participation of social partners and civil society in the implementation ***and monitoring*** of the ESF+ under shared management.

## Amendment 29

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 27

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(27) With a view to rendering policies more responsive to **social** change and to encourage and support innovative solutions, support for social innovation **is crucial. In particular, testing and evaluating innovative solutions before scaling them up is instrumental in improving the efficiency of the policies and thus justifies specific support from the ESF+.**

*Amendment*

(27) With a view to rendering policies more responsive to **societal** change and to encourage and support innovative solutions, support for social innovation, **for example with culture-based measures,** is **crucial.** In particular, testing and evaluating innovative solutions before scaling them up is instrumental in improving the efficiency of the policies and thus justifies specific support from the ESF+.

## Amendment 30

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 28

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(28) The Member States and the Commission should ensure that ESF+ contributes to the promotion of equality between women and men in accordance with Article 8 TFEU to foster equality of treatment and opportunities between women and men in all areas, including regarding participation in the labour market, terms and conditions of employment and career progression. They should also ensure that the ESF+ promotes equal opportunities for all, without discrimination in accordance with Article 10 TFEU and promotes the inclusion in society of persons with disabilities on equal basis with others and contributes to the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. These principles should be taken into account in all dimensions and in all stages of the preparation, monitoring, implementation and evaluation of

*Amendment*

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programmes, in a timely and consistent manner while ensuring that specific actions are taken to promote gender equality and equal opportunities. The ESF+ should also promote the transition from residential/institutional care to family and community-based care, in particular for those who face multiple discrimination. The ESF+ should not support any action that contributes to segregation or to social **exclusion**. **Regulation** (EU) No [future CPR] provides that rules on eligibility of expenditure are to be established at national level, with certain exceptions for which it is necessary to lay down specific provisions with regard to the ESF+ strand under shared management.

programmes, in a timely and consistent manner while ensuring that specific actions are taken to promote gender equality and equal opportunities. The ESF+ should also promote **accessibility in accordance with Article 9 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, as ratified by the European Union and its Member States**, and the transition from residential/institutional care to family and community-based care, in particular for those who face multiple discrimination. The ESF+ should not support any action that contributes to segregation or to social **exclusion**. **Regulation** (EU) No [future CPR] provides that rules on eligibility of expenditure are to be established at national level, with certain exceptions for which it is necessary to lay down specific provisions with regard to the ESF+ strand under shared management.

## **Amendment 31**

### **Proposal for a regulation Recital 28 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(28a) The ESF+ should support the study of languages in fostering mutual understanding and in building an inclusive society, also through a wider adoption by the Member States of the toolkit for language support for refugees developed by the Council of Europe).**

## **Amendment 32**

### **Proposal for a regulation Recital 31**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(31) Social experimentation is a small-scale project testing which allows

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gathering evidence on the feasibility of social innovations. It should be possible for feasible ideas to be pursued on a wider scale or in other contexts with financial support from the ESF+, as well as from other sources.

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## Amendment 33

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 33

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(33) Lack of access to finance for microenterprises, social economy and social enterprises is one of the main obstacles to business creation, especially among people furthest from the labour market. The ESF+ Regulation lays down provisions in order to create a market ecosystem to increase the supply of and access to finance for social enterprises as well as to meet demand from those who need it most, and in particular the unemployed, women and vulnerable people who wish to start up or develop a microenterprise. This objective will also be addressed through financial instruments and budgetary guarantee under the social investment and skills policy window of the InvestEU Fund.

#### *Amendment*

(33) Lack of access to finance for microenterprises, ***notably in the cultural and creative sectors***, social economy and social enterprises is one of the main obstacles to business creation, especially among people furthest from the labour market. The ESF+ Regulation lays down provisions in order to create a market ecosystem to increase the supply of and access to finance for social ***and cultural*** enterprises as well as to meet demand from those who need it most, and in particular the unemployed, women and vulnerable people who wish to start up or develop a microenterprise. This objective will also be addressed through financial instruments and budgetary guarantee under the social investment and skills policy window of the InvestEU Fund.

## Amendment 34

### Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 13

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(13) 'most deprived persons' means natural persons, whether individuals, families, households or groups composed

#### *Amendment*

(13) 'most deprived persons' means natural persons, whether individuals, families, households or groups composed

of such persons, whose need for assistance has been established according to the objective criteria set by the national competent authorities in consultation with relevant stakeholders, while avoiding conflicts of interest and which are approved by those national competent authorities and which may include elements that allow the targeting of the most deprived persons in certain geographical areas;

of such persons, ***including children*** whose need for assistance has been established according to ***their living situation, including homelessness, or*** the objective criteria set by the national competent authorities in consultation with relevant stakeholders, while avoiding conflicts of interest and which are approved by those national competent authorities and which may include elements that allow the targeting of the most deprived persons in certain geographical areas;

## Amendment 35

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 18

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(18) 'key competences' means the knowledge, skills and competences all individuals need, at any stage of their lives, for personal fulfilment and development, employment, social inclusion and active citizenship. The key competences are: literacy; multilingual; mathematics, science, technology and engineering; digital; personal, social and learning to learn; citizenship; entrepreneurship; cultural awareness ***and*** expression;

##### *Amendment*

(18) 'key competences' means the knowledge, skills and competences all individuals need, at any stage of their lives, for personal fulfilment and development, employment, social inclusion and active citizenship. The key competences are: literacy; multilingual; mathematics, science, technology, ***arts*** and engineering (***STEAM***); digital; ***media literacy*** personal, ***intercultural*** social and learning to learn; citizenship; entrepreneurship; cultural awareness, ***artistic and creative*** expression, ***and critical thinking***;

## Amendment 36

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 18 a (new)

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

##### *Amendment*

***(18a) 'lifelong learning' means in all its forms (formal, non-formal and informal learning) taking place at all stages in life, including early childhood education and care, general education, vocational education, and adult education, and***

*resulting in an improvement in knowledge, skills and attitudes or participation in society in a personal, civic, cultural, social and/or employment related perspective, including the provision of counselling and guidance services;*

## Amendment 37

### Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 1

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

The ESF+ aims to support Member States to achieve high employment levels, fair social protection and a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the future world of work, in line with the principles set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights proclaimed by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on 17 November 2017.

#### *Amendment*

The ESF+ aims to support Member States to achieve ***fair and inclusive societies***, high employment levels, fair social protection, ***equal access to education and training***, and a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the future world of work, in line with the principles set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights proclaimed by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on 17 November 2017. ***The ESF+ also aims to contribute to fulfilling the commitment of the Union and its Member States to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.***

## Amendment 38

### Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 2

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

The ESF+ shall support, complement and add value to the policies of the Member States to ensure equal opportunities, access to the labour market, fair working conditions, social protection and inclusion, and a high level of human health protection.

#### *Amendment*

The ESF+ shall support, complement and add value to the policies of the Member States to ***eradicate poverty***, ensure equal opportunities, access to ***formal and non-formal quality education and training***, the labour market, fair working conditions, social protection and inclusion, and a high level of human health protection.

## Amendment 39

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point i

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(i) improving access to employment of all jobseekers, in particular youth and long-term unemployed, and of inactive people, promoting self-employment and the social economy;

*Amendment*

(i) improving access to **quality** employment, **with good working conditions**, of all jobseekers, in particular youth, **with a focus on young people not in employment, education or training** and long-term unemployed, **minorities, migrants, people with disabilities**, and of inactive people, promoting self-employment and the social economy;

## Amendment 40

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point iii

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(iii) promoting women's labour market participation, a better work/life balance including access to childcare, a healthy and well-adapted working environment addressing health risks, adaptation of workers, enterprises and entrepreneurs to change, and active and healthy ageing;

*Amendment*

(iii) promoting women's labour market participation, a better work/life balance including **equal** access to **affordable, inclusive and non-segregated quality early childhood education and** childcare, **and other care services and support**, a healthy and well-adapted working environment addressing health risks, adaptation of workers, enterprises and entrepreneurs to change, and active and healthy ageing;

## Amendment 41

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point iv

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(iv) improving the quality, effectiveness and labour market relevance of education and training systems, to support acquisition

*Amendment*

(iv) improving the quality, effectiveness, **inclusiveness** and labour market relevance of education and training

of key competences including digital skills;

systems, *also taking into account the specific needs of people with disabilities*, to support acquisition of key competences including *transferable, social, digital and media* skills, *and cultural awareness and expression, in order to reflect social, economic and personal requirements, while recognising the relevance of non-formal and informal learning and the value of cooperation with social partners and civil society*;

## Amendment 42

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point v

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(v) ***promoting*** equal access to and completion of, quality and inclusive education and training, in particular for disadvantaged groups, from early childhood education and care through general and vocational education and training, and to tertiary level, as well as adult education and learning, including facilitating learning mobility for all;

*Amendment*

(v) ***ensuring*** equal access to and completion of, quality, ***affordable, non-segregated*** and inclusive education and training, ***aiming at breaking the vicious cycle of poverty and deprivation across generations***, in particular for disadvantaged groups, from early childhood education and care through general and vocational education and training, and to tertiary level, as well as adult education and learning, including facilitating learning mobility for all;

## Amendment 43

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point vi

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(vi) promoting lifelong learning, notably flexible upskilling and reskilling opportunities for all taking into account digital skills, better anticipating change and new skills requirements based on labour market needs, facilitating career transitions and promoting professional mobility;

*Amendment*

(vi) promoting lifelong learning, notably flexible ***and learner-centred*** upskilling and reskilling opportunities for all taking into account digital skills, better anticipating change and new skills requirements based on ***personal, societal*** ***and*** labour market needs, facilitating career

transitions and promoting professional mobility *as well as occupational literacy, fostering participation in society and tackling societal challenges*;

#### Amendment 44

##### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point vii

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(vii) fostering active inclusion with a view to promoting equal opportunities and active participation, and improving employability;

*Amendment*

(vii) fostering active inclusion with a view to promoting equal opportunities and active participation, and improving employability *as well as individual and collective development and well-being*;

#### Amendment 45

##### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point viii

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(viii) promoting socio-economic integration of third country nationals and of marginalised communities such as the Roma;

*Amendment*

(viii) promoting socio-economic integration of third country nationals and of marginalised communities such as the Roma *and other minorities*;

#### Amendment 46

##### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point ix

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(ix) enhancing the equal and timely access to quality, sustainable and affordable services; modernising social protection systems, including promoting access to social protection; improving accessibility, effectiveness and resilience of healthcare systems and long-term care

*Amendment*

(ix) enhancing the equal and timely access to quality, *accessible*, sustainable and affordable services; modernising social protection systems, including promoting access to social protection; improving *access to culture; improving* accessibility, effectiveness and resilience of healthcare

services;

systems and long-term care services;

#### Amendment 47

##### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point x

###### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(x) promoting social integration of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion, including the most deprived and children;

###### *Amendment*

(x) promoting social integration of people ***experiencing or*** at risk of poverty or social exclusion, including the most deprived and children, ***as well as their families, by supporting the use of innovative measures, including social inclusion through sport, physical activity and culture, and through the validation of non-formal and informal learning;***

#### Amendment 48

##### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point xi

###### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(xi) addressing material deprivation through food and/or basic material assistance to the most deprived, including accompanying measures.

###### *Amendment*

(xi) addressing material deprivation through food and/or basic material assistance to the most deprived, ***in particular children,*** including accompanying measures.

#### Amendment 49

##### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point 1

###### *Text proposed by the Commission*

1. a smarter Europe through the development of skills for smart specialisation, skills for key enabling technologies, industrial transition, sectorial cooperation on skills and entrepreneurship, the training of researchers, networking activities and partnerships between higher

###### *Amendment*

1. a smarter Europe through the development of skills for smart specialisation ***and cultural competences,*** skills for key enabling technologies, industrial transition, sectorial cooperation on skills and entrepreneurship, the training of researchers, networking activities and

education institutions, vocational and educational training (VET) institutions, research and technological centres and enterprises and clusters, support to micro, small and medium sized enterprises and the social economy;

partnerships between higher education institutions, vocational and educational training (VET) institutions, research and technological centres and enterprises and clusters, support to micro, small and medium sized enterprises and the social economy;

## Amendment 50

### Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – title

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Equality *between men and women* and equal opportunities, and non-discrimination

*Amendment*

**Gender** Equality and equal opportunities, and non-discrimination

## Amendment 51

### Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. All programmes implemented under the ESF+ strand under shared management, as well as the operations supported by the Employment and Social Innovation and Health strands shall ensure equality between men and women throughout their preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. They shall also promote equal opportunities for all, without discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation throughout their preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

*Amendment*

1. All programmes implemented under the ESF+ strand under shared management, as well as the operations supported by the Employment and Social Innovation and Health strands shall ensure equality between men and women throughout their preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. They shall also promote equal opportunities for all, without discrimination based on **social conditions**, sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation throughout their preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

## Amendment 52

### Proposal for a regulation

## Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

### *Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States shall concentrate the ESF+ resources under shared management on interventions that address the challenges identified in their national reform programmes, in the European Semester as well as in the relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU, **and take into account** principles and rights set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights.

### *Amendment*

Member States shall concentrate the ESF+ resources under shared management on interventions that address the challenges identified **among others** in their national reform programmes, in the European Semester as well as in the relevant **country reports and** country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU, **the Social Scoreboard, in full respect of the** principles and rights set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights.

## Amendment 53

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

### *Text proposed by the Commission*

### *Amendment*

***The Member States may also concentrate the ESF+ resources under shared management on interventions that address regional challenges and in particular the fight against youth unemployment, the level of which varies depending on the region.***

## Amendment 54

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

### *Text proposed by the Commission*

### *Amendment*

Member States and, where appropriate the Commission, shall foster synergies and ensure coordination, complementarity and coherence between the ESF+ and other Union funds, programmes and instruments such as Erasmus, the Asylum and Migration Fund and the Reform Support Programme, including the Reform Delivery

Member States and, where appropriate the Commission, shall foster synergies and ensure coordination, complementarity and coherence between the ESF+ and other Union funds, programmes and instruments such as **the ERDF, InvestEU, the Rights and Values Instrument, Erasmus, Creative Europe, the European Solidarity Corps,**

Tool and the Technical Support Instrument, both in the planning phase and during implementation. Member States and, where appropriate the Commission, shall optimise mechanisms for coordination to avoid duplication of effort and ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation to deliver coherent and streamlined support actions.

the Asylum and Migration Fund and the Reform Support Programme, including the Reform Delivery Tool and the Technical Support Instrument, both in the planning phase and during implementation. Member States and, where appropriate the Commission, shall optimise mechanisms for coordination to avoid duplication of effort and ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation to deliver coherent and streamlined support actions.

## Amendment 55

### Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 3

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

3. Member States shall allocate at least 25 % of their ESF+ resources under shared management to the specific objectives for the social inclusion policy area set out in points (vii) to (xi) of Article 4(1), including the promotion of the socio-economic integration of third country nationals.

#### *Amendment*

3. Member States shall allocate at least 25 % of their ESF+ resources under shared management to the specific objectives for the social inclusion policy area set out in points (vii) to (x) of Article 4(1), including the promotion of the socio-economic integration of third country nationals.

## Amendment 56

### Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States shall allocate at least 2% of their ESF+ resources under shared management to the specific objective of addressing material deprivation set out in point (xi) of Article 4(1).

#### *Amendment*

Member States shall allocate at least 2% of their ESF+ resources under shared management to the specific objective of addressing material deprivation set out in point (xi) of Article 4(1), ***in addition to the ESF+ resources under shared management for specific objectives in the ‘social inclusion’ policy area set out in points (vii) to (x) of Article 4(1) and referred to in paragraph 3.***

## Amendment 57

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 7 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*In duly justified cases, the resources allocated to the specific objective set out in point (x) of Article 4(1) and targeting the most deprived may be taken into account for verifying compliance with the minimum allocation of at least 2% set out in the first subparagraph of this paragraph.*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

## Amendment 58

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 7 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Member States having a rate of young people aged 15 to 29 not in employment, education or training above the Union average in 2019 on the basis of Eurostat data, shall allocate at least **10%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management for the years 2021 to 2025 to targeted actions and structural reforms to support youth employment and school-to-work transition, pathways to reintegrate into education or training and second chance education, in particular in the context of implementing Youth Guarantee schemes.

*Amendment*

Member States having a rate of young people aged 15 to 29 not in employment, education or training above the Union average in 2019 on the basis of Eurostat data, shall allocate at least **15%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management for the years 2021 to 2025 to targeted actions and structural reforms to support youth employment and school-to-work transition, pathways to reintegrate into education or training and second chance education, **with particular reference to young mothers and families in difficulty**, in particular in the context of implementing Youth Guarantee schemes.

## Amendment 59

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 7 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

***Member States to which paragraph 1 does not apply shall nonetheless allocate sufficient ESF+ resources under shared management for the 2021-2025 period to targeted measures and structural reforms for regions where the proportion of young people aged from 15 to 29 not in employment, education or training is above the EU average in order to support youth employment and the school-to-work transition, pathways for re-integration into education or training and second-chance education, in particular in the context of implementing Youth Guarantee Schemes.***

#### **Amendment 60**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 7 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

When programming the ESF+ resources under shared management for 2026 and 2027 at mid-term in accordance with Article [14] of [the future CPR], Member States having a rate of young people aged 15 to 29 not in employment, education or training above the Union average in 2024 on the basis of Eurostat data, shall allocate at least **10%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management for the years 2026 to 2027 to these actions.

*Amendment*

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#### **Amendment 61**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 7 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Member States to which paragraph 2 does not apply shall, when programming the***

*ESF+ resources under shared management, nonetheless allocate sufficient ESF+ resources for 2026 and 2027 at mid-term in accordance with Article [14] of [the future CPR] to targeted measures and structural reforms for regions where the proportion of young people aged from 15 to 29 not in employment, education or training is above the Union average in order to support youth employment and the school-to-work transition, pathways for re-integration into education or training and second-chance education, in particular in the context of implementing Youth Guarantee Schemes.*

## Amendment 62

### Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Each Member State shall ensure adequate participation of social partners and civil society organisations in the delivery *of* employment, education and social inclusion policies supported by the ESF+ strand under shared management.

*Amendment*

1. Each Member State shall ensure *the meaningful and inclusive* adequate participation of *local and regional authorities*, social partners and civil society organisations in the *management, programming, delivery monitoring and evaluation of activities and policies supported by the ESF strand under shared management, including* employment, education and social inclusion *and anti-discrimination* policies supported by the ESF+ strand under shared management *in accordance with Article 6 of the [CPR Regulation] and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 240/2014.*

## Amendment 63

### Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Member States shall allocate an **appropriate** amount of ESF+ resources under shared management in each programme for the capacity building of social partners and civil society organisations.

*Amendment*

2. Member States shall allocate an amount of ESF+ resources under shared management in each programme for the capacity building of **local and regional authorities**, social partners and civil society organisations.

**Amendment 64**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 8 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2a. Member States shall envisage actions intended to help small beneficiaries to fully comply with the regulatory requirements in the ESF+, including monitoring and reporting, aiming at diversifying the type of recipients of the Fund and increasing the participation of non-traditional beneficiaries in co-funded projects especially at local and regional levels.**

**Amendment 65**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 10 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 10a**

**Investing in children**

**The resources referred to in Article 7(5) subparagraph 1 shall be programmed under a dedicated priority or programme. Member States shall ensure that the amount of resources targeted at children programmed under point (iii) through (v) and/or (ix) and/or (x) of Article 4(1) are in line with the 2013 European Commission Recommendation on Investing in children.**

## Amendment 66

### Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Member States shall support actions of social innovation and ***social*** experimentations, or strengthen bottom-up approaches based on partnerships involving public authorities, the private sector, and civil society such as the Local Action Groups designing and implementing community-led local development strategies.

*Amendment*

1. Member States shall support actions of social ***as well as socio-cultural*** innovation and experimentations, or strengthen bottom-up approaches based on partnerships involving public authorities, the private sector, and civil society such as the Local Action Groups designing and implementing community-led local development strategies.

## Amendment 67

### Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Member States may support the upscaling of innovative approaches tested on a small-scale (social experimentations) developed under the Employment and Social Innovation strand and other Union programmes.

*Amendment*

2. Member States may support the upscaling of innovative approaches tested on a small-scale (***cultural and*** social experimentations) developed under the Employment and Social Innovation strand and other Union programmes.

## Amendment 68

### Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 1 – point a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) the purchase of land ***and*** real estate, and ***the provision of*** infrastructure, and

*Amendment*

(a) the purchase of land, real estate and infrastructure, and

## Amendment 69

### Proposal for a regulation

## Article 15 – paragraph 1

### *Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Programmes benefitting from the general support of the ESF+ strand under shared management shall use common output and result indicators, as set out in Annex 1 to this Regulation to monitor progress in implementation. The programmes may also use programme-specific indicators.

### *Amendment*

1. Programmes benefitting from the general support of the ESF+ strand under shared management shall use common output and result indicators, as set out in Annex 1 to this Regulation to monitor progress in implementation, ***with flexibility to adapt those indicators to national, regional and local needs where appropriate***. The programmes may also use programme-specific indicators.

## Amendment 70

### Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 4

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

4. The delivery of food and/or material assistance ***may*** be complemented with re-orientation towards competent services and other accompanying measures aiming at the social inclusion of the most deprived persons.

#### *Amendment*

4. The delivery of food and/or material assistance ***shall*** be complemented with re-orientation towards competent services and other accompanying measures aiming at the social inclusion of the most deprived persons.

## Amendment 71

### Proposal for a regulation Article 20 – paragraph 3 – point b

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

b) ***provision*** of infrastructure;

#### *Amendment*

b) ***purchase*** of infrastructure;

## Amendment 72

### Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 1

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Priorities addressing material

#### *Amendment*

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***Projects may also establish additional quantitative and qualitative indicators that measure soft outcomes and the progress made by participants towards the common results and indicators.***

## **Amendment 73**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point f**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

f) to support networking at Union level and dialogue with and among relevant stakeholders in the fields referred to in Article 4 and contribute to build up the institutional capacity of these stakeholders, including the public employment services (PES), social security institutions, microfinance institutions and institutions providing finance to social enterprises and social economy;

*Amendment*

f) to support networking at Union level and dialogue with and among relevant stakeholders in the fields referred to in Article 4 and contribute to build up the institutional capacity of these stakeholders, including the public employment services (PES), social security institutions, ***civil society organisations***, microfinance institutions and institutions providing finance to social enterprises and social economy;

## **Amendment 74**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 40 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***3a. The ESF+ Committee may invite non-voting representatives of the relevant civil society organisations to its meetings.***

## **Amendment 75**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Annex I – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

All personal data are to be broken down by gender (female, male, 'non binary'). If certain results are not ***possible***, data for those results do not have to be collected and reported.

*Amendment*

All personal data are to be broken down by gender (female, male, 'non binary'). If certain results are not ***relevant*** data for those results do not have to be collected and reported. ***Sensitive personal data shall be collected anonymously.***

**Amendment 76**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Annex I – point 1 – point 1a – indent 5 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

- ***not in education or training (NEET),***

**Amendment 77**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Annex I – point 3 – indent 4 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

- ***participants in apprenticeship or traineeship,***

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<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 18 –: 1 0: 6
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Isabella Adinolfi, Dominique Bilde, Andrea Bocskor, Nikolaos Chountis, Silvia Costa, Mircea Diaconu, Damian Drăghici, Angel Dzhambazki, Jill Evans, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Petra Kammerevert, Svetoslav Hristov Malinov, Rupert Matthews, Momchil Nekov, John Procter, Michaela Šojdrová, Yana Toom, Helga Trüpel, Sabine Verheyen, Julie Ward, Bogdan Andrzej Zdrojewski, Milan Zver
<b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>	Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Remo Sernagiotto
<b>Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote</b>	Jarosław Wałęsa

## FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

18	+
ALDE	Mircea Diaconu, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Yana Toom
EFDD	Isabella Adinolfi
PPE	Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Svetoslav Hristov Malinov, Michaela Šojdrová, Sabine Verheyen, Jarosław Wałęsa, Bogdan Andrzej Zdrojewski, Milan Zver
S&D	Silvia Costa, Damian Drăghici, Petra Kammerevert, Momchil Nekov, Julie Ward
VERTS/ALE	Jill Evans, Helga Trüpel

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ENF	Dominique Bilde

6	0
ECR	Angel Dzhambazki, Rupert Matthews, John Procter, Remo Sernagiotto
GUE/NGL	Nikolaos Chountis
PPE	Andrea Bocskor

### Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention