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OPINION

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Budgets

on the mandate for the trilogue on the 2013 Draft Budget
(2012/2016(BUD))

Rapporteur: Philippe Boulland

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Stresses that the 2013 budget should support the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy and calls for ambitious funding for the flagship initiatives ‘Youth on the Move’, ‘New Skills for New Jobs’, ‘European Platform Against Poverty’ and ‘An Innovation Union’; calls for particular emphasis to be put on job creation through the establishment and consolidation of new businesses, and on highlighting the significant role they play in achieving the employment target of 75 % by 2020;
2. Stresses the importance of budgetary provision for combating youth unemployment, in particular among socially disadvantaged groups, and the need to create a dynamic, innovative and business-friendly environment in order to relaunch quality job creation; calls for clear earmarking by the Commission of funds for this purpose; highlights the need to provide for appropriate financing of all employment instruments;
3. Urges also that financial support be provided for programmes creating jobs for those with multiple disadvantages on the labour market, such as long-term unemployed people, disabled people and people from a minority background;
4. Points out that micro-, small, and medium-sized enterprises employ many workers in the EU and that one of the main problems in setting up such enterprises and keeping them going is obtaining finance; proposes, therefore, that the microfinance element be expanded;
5. Takes the view that the 2013 budget should also support the set of concrete measures proposed by the Commission to boost jobs, such as focusing on the demand side of job creation and suggesting ways for Member States to encourage hiring by reducing taxes on labour – in a budget-neutral manner, with no impact on social protection – or by giving more support to business start-ups;
6. Calls on the Member States to target unallocated aid from the ESF and the other Structural Funds with a view to reducing youth unemployment by supporting SMEs (in particular micro-enterprises, given that 90 % of SMEs are actually micro-enterprises) in creating new jobs and by developing vocational training programmes; calls for the increased and redirected ESF programming to be taken into account in the 2013 budget in view of the imminent end of the current multiannual financial framework;
7. Calls on the Member States to target unallocated aid from the Structural Funds with a view to improving existing conditions for new entrepreneurs, in order better to exploit their high potential for creating new, sustainable jobs;
8. Calls for a sustained effort to be made through the budget to provide, with the support of the social partners and in line with the Europe 2020 objectives, for appropriate training and re-skilling, not least of older workers who may otherwise face exclusion from the labour market, in sectors with labour shortages and the key sectors with high job creation

potential identified by the Commission in its communication entitled ‘Towards a job-rich recovery’ (COM(2012)0173), such as the green economy and the healthcare and ICT sectors; calls for improved utilisation of the ESF and for the EGF to be enhanced by increasing its coherence, sustainability and complementarity in order to shorten and simplify the decision-making process;

9. Stresses that the current revision of the EGF implementing regulation must make the fund more effective, in particular as regards the budgetary aspects of its mobilisation; calls on the Member States to make full use of the EGF and in particular to increase their efforts to improve awareness of this instrument;
10. Calls for the enhancement of targeted public information on existing programmes, such as EURES, the ‘Your First EURES Job’ and ‘Social Solidarity for Social Integration’ pilot projects and the Microfinance Facility;
11. Calls for Parliament to be given regular, detailed updates on the various stages in the implementation of pilot projects by the Commission;
12. 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 decent jobs (jobs that are stable and offer good working conditions and sufficient pay to gain access to essential goods and services).

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	31.5.2012
Result of final vote	+: 38 -: 4 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Regina Bastos, Heinz K. Becker, Jean-Luc Bennahmias, Phil Bennion, Pervenche Berès, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Philippe Boulland, Alejandro Cercas, Ole Christensen, Derek Roland Clark, Minodora Cliveti, Marije Cornelissen, Frédéric Daerden, Karima Delli, Sari Essayah, Thomas Händel, Marian Harkin, Nadja Hirsch, Ádám Kósa, Jean Lambert, Veronica Lope Fontagné, Thomas Mann, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Csaba Öry, Konstantinos Poupakis, Elisabeth Schroedter, Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska, Jutta Steinruck, Inês Cristina Zuber
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Tamás Deutsch, Richard Howitt, Filiz Hakaeva Hyusmenova, Iliana Malinova Iotova, Sidonia Elżbieta Jędrzejewska, Svetoslav Hristov Malinov, Ramona Nicole Mănescu, Anthea McIntyre, Ria Oomen-Ruijten, Antigoni Papadopoulou, Evelyn Regner, Csaba Sógor
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Jens Nilsson