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OPINION

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Budgets

on the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013 – all sections
(2012/2092(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. Welcomes the increase in commitment appropriations for small and medium-sized enterprises, young people and employment; points out that the social crisis means that we cannot afford to make reductions in the 'Employment and social affairs' chapter;
2. Regrets that the commitment appropriations for PROGRESS have been reduced by EUR 5.3 million compared to the financial programming; an increase of EUR 6 million would be more appropriate given the demand and the crucial role this programme plays in the field of employment and social inclusion in the European Union;
3. Reiterates the need for appropriate training to promote youth employment and calls for the Lifelong Learning programme to at least be restored to the level of commitments in 2012;
4. Welcomes the increase in commitment appropriations and payments for the ESF as the Structural Funds aim to develop competitiveness and employment;
5. Lays particular emphasis on the need to maintain an adequate level of payments for the ESF and the Structural Funds as a whole, so that the Commission may honour the undertakings entered into in the last financial year and the Structural Funds may play a full part in boosting Europe's economy, in line with the European Council conclusions of 28 and 29 June 2012;
6. Proposes that the EUR 22 billion to be redeployed from the European Social Fund benefit all Member States that wish to improve youth employment and are not just reserved for the eight Member States designated by the European Council in 2012;
7. Points out that the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund is geared to ensuring workers are qualified and employable; recalls its resolution of 29 September 2011¹ on the future of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund which stresses that in future the focus should be on sustainable labour market policies to pursue Union objectives and promote new skills, including in connection with new, sustainable, high-quality 'green' jobs; calls for over EUR 50 million in payment appropriations for its budget heading;
8. Emphasises that the communication on the European Year of Citizens (2013) requires commitment appropriations that are at least equal to those for 2012;
9. Proposes three pilot projects and two preparatory actions to revitalise social convergence and cohesion through a European social label for companies, support for migrants and posted workers and measures to promote employee shareholding schemes, as well as support for the homeless in the European Union and measures to promote the introduction of a minimum wage in all Member States;
10. Emphasises the need for new commitment appropriations for the 'Youth on the Move' preparatory action in order to encourage Member States to take part in the pilot phase of

this project launched in 2012 and to implement the European Youth Guarantee ensuring that young people are either in a job or training or resume their studies within months of leaving school.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	6.9.2012
Result of final vote	+: 35 -: 2 0: 3
Members present for the final vote	Heinz K. Becker, Jean-Luc Bennahmias, Philippe Boulland, Alejandro Cercas, Ole Christensen, Minodora Cliveti, Marije Cornelissen, Andrea Cozzolino, Frédéric Daerden, Karima Delli, Sari Essayah, Richard Falbr, Thomas Händel, Marian Harkin, Nadja Hirsch, Stephen Hughes, Danuta Jazłowiecka, Martin Kastler, Jean Lambert, Veronica Lope Fontagné, Olle Ludvigsson, Thomas Mann, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Siiri Oviir, Konstantinos Poupakis, Sylvana Rapti, Elisabeth Schroedter, Nicole Sinclair, Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska, Jutta Steinruck, Andrea Zannoni, Inês Cristina Zuber
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Kinga Göncz, Svetoslav Hristov Malinov, Anthea McIntyre, Ria Oomen-Ruijten, Antigoni Papadopoulou, Birgit Sippel
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Fiona Hall, Vladimir Urutchev