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Meeting the antipoverty target in the light of increasing household costs
(2015/2223(INI))

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Amendment 1

EPP, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 22 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach) and 34 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach)

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas between 2008 and 2013, the number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion in the **EU27** increased from 117 million to **121** million of *which the number of people severely materially deprived increased from 42 to 45 million, the number of people at risk of poverty after social transfers increased from 82 to 86 million*; whereas this development runs counter to the **EU target** to reduce poverty by 20 million by 2020;

Amendment

A. whereas between 2008 and 2013, the number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion in the **EU** increased from 117 million to **122.6** million; *whereas in 2013 16.7% of the population of the European Union were at risk of poverty after social transfers, 9.6% were in a situation of serious material deprivation and 10.7% of households were considered to have very low work intensity*; whereas this development runs counter to the *strategic objective of the European Union that is defined in its Europe 2020 Strategy and which aims to reduce the number of people in or at risk of poverty and social exclusion by at least 20 million by 2020*;

Or. en

Amendment 2

EPP, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendment: 25

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. Whereas energy savings and efficiency improvement, particularly with regard to the housing stock, would enable many households to escape energy poverty; Whereas 10% of EU citizens had arrears on utility bills in 2015 (37% in the

Member State most affected); 12% of EU citizens were unable to keep their home adequately warm in 2014 (60% in the Member State most affected); 16% of the EU population was living in dwellings with leaking roofs and damp walls in 2014 (33% in the Member State most affected) according to SILC statistics;

Or. en

Amendment 3
EPP, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 42 (Tamás Meszerics), 45 (Inês Cristina Zuber, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas, Paloma López Bermejo, Lynn Boylan), 46 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski) and 52 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski)

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas not having adequate heating **has** a negative impact on a person's health, in particular for children **and older** persons;

Amendment

B. whereas not having adequate **housing and** heating **have** a negative impact on a person's health, **education and social and employment inclusion**, in particular for **the most vulnerable; whereas people are suffering from not being able to heat their houses both in the Northern and Southern Member States; whereas EU-SILC figures show that housing cost overburden (by tenure status) is higher for tenants housed in the private rented sector in some Member States, which may be explained by low housing quality and high prices; whereas many families have difficulty in meeting the cost of essential goods and services, also as a consequence of rising energy prices;**

Or. en

Amendment 4
EPP, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 23 (Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas), 39 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach) and 48 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Flavio Zanonato, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Brando Benifei, Georgi Pirinski)

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas unemployed, one-parent families, low-income families, widowed, permanently ill, the elderly and young people, people with disabilities and minorities are often among the most vulnerable at risk of poverty and suffer particularly of high level of living costs;

Or. en

Amendment 5
EPP, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 88 (Anne Sander), 89 (Aldo Patriciello), 90 (Ádám Kósa) and 91 (Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt integrated ***frameworks*** to combat ***energy poverty by linking energy and poverty/social inclusion*** policies ***more closely***;

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ***invest fully in the fight against poverty and social exclusion and to adopt integrated strategy*** to combat ***its various forms by a holistic approach linking economic, education, employment, energy transport and social policies on the basis of best practices***;

Or. en

Amendment 6
ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 98 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach), 99 (Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin) and 351 (Enrique Calvet Chambon)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on *the* Member States to sign up to a **European** winter heating disconnection moratorium so as to ensure that during a defined winter period no household can be cut off from energy or that those who are must be reconnected **to energy needed for heating that meets** World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature;

Amendment

2. **Calls on** Member States to sign up to a winter heating disconnection moratorium so as to ensure that during a defined winter period no household can be cut off from energy or that those who are must be reconnected **emphasising that related costs are public responsibility in nature, since social policies are primarily the responsibility of governments; calls on Member States to evaluate the measures needed to comply with the** World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for adequate housing temperature;

Or. en

Amendment 7
EPP, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 109 (Marian Harkin), 110 (Inês Cristina Zuber, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas, Paloma López Bermejo, Lynn Boylan), 111 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck), 113 (Ulla Tørnæs, Martina Dlabajová), 114 (Laura Agea, Tiziana Behin), 129 (Claude Rolin), 181 (Enrique Calvet Chambon) and

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Invites the Commission to **present**, in the **context of the announced social pillar, an EU framework directive on** adequate minimum income **in 2016**;

Amendment

3. Invites the Commission to **carry out an impact assessment of minimum income schemes** in the **European Union and to consider further steps taking into account the economic and social circumstances of each Member State as well as assessing**

whether the schemes enable households to meet basic personal needs; invites the Commission to evaluate on this basis the manner and the means of providing at Member State level an adequate minimum income;

Or. en

Amendment 8(to be voted in addition to COMP 7)
EPP, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 112 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach), and 220 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Georgi Pirinski)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 (addition)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

above the poverty threshold of 60% of national median income in all Member States in line with national practices and traditions respecting the characteristics of each of them in order to support social convergence across the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 9
EPP, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 116 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski), 117 (Agnes Jongerius, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri), 118 (Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin), 119 (Marian Harkin), 120 (Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin) and 121 (Tamás Meszerics)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Calls on the Member States to ensure a more efficient *and targeted* use of the European Structural and Investment Funds

4. Calls on the Member States to ensure a more efficient, *targeted and more carefully monitored* use of the European

(ESI Funds) by national, regional and local authorities in order to tackle energy poverty;

Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) by national, regional and local authorities in order to tackle energy poverty, *increasing living costs, social exclusion, housing deprivation, and the insufficient quality of the housing stock;*

Or. en

Amendment 10

EPP, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 126 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach), 139 (Enrique Calvet Chambon) and 140 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski)

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Invites the Commission and the Member States to dedicate a Summit to the reduction of poverty, extreme poverty and social exclusion and access to decent living standards;

Or. en

Amendment 11

EPP, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 131 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach), 132 (Ádám Kósa) and 136 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski)

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Finds regrettable that the *EU2020 target to reduce poverty in Europe by lifting 20 million people out of poverty appears even further out of reach than when it was set;*

5. Finds regrettable that the *number of people in or at risk of poverty or social exclusion increased even though the Europe 2020 Strategy aims to reduce the*

reiterates that one of the target groups is people that face severe material deprivation; calls on the Commission and the Member States to renew their commitment to the poverty reduction target *by*:

number of people in this category by at least 20 million; regrets also that the poverty index has shown improvement only in some Member States; calls on the Commission and the Member States to renew their commitment to the poverty reduction target *that is getting further out of reach*;

Or. en

Amendment 12 **EPP, Greens/EFA**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 149 (Tamás Meszerics) and 150 (Ádám Kósa)

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 5 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

- *ensuring that* the Member States provide everyone with accessible adequate *income* support, including minimum income above the poverty threshold throughout the life cycle ;

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Member States *to* provide everyone with accessible adequate support, including minimum income above the poverty threshold throughout the life cycle *as long as it is needed, and to provide different types of compensation essential for the situation of poverty where costs cannot be lowered in the short term; highlights the importance to define eligibility criteria to benefit from an adequate minimum income scheme*;

Or. en

Amendment 13 **EPP, ALDE, Greens/EFA**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 159 (Ádám Kósa) and 161 (Agnes Jongerius, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri)

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 5 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

- **ending any policies in other policy areas** that may lead to increase poverty;

Amendment

5b. Calls on the Member States to reconsider and adapt any policies that may lead to increase **of** poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 14

EPP, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 172 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach) and 173 (Marian Harkin)

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls **for a** Council **recommendation similar** to the **Youth Guarantee on tackling** poverty in order to **revive** the poverty target;

Amendment

6. Calls **on the** Council **and the Member States, in the context of increasing poverty, to intensify their efforts to come to the aid of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion, for example in the form of a Council Recommendation**, in order to **reach** the poverty **reduction** target **laid down in the Europe 2020 Strategy**;

Or. en

Amendment 15

EPP, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 176 (Anne Sander), 177 (Danuta Jazłowiecka), 178 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach), 179 (Marian Harkin), 184 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin), 195 (Theresa Griffin, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Jutta Steinruck)

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to

to *present a new social pillar*; recalls that *to deliver on Article 9 TFEU*, such a pillar should *be aimed at setting a European framework for a minimum income above the poverty level, continuing with a rights-based approach to social policy and improving implementation of existing social, labour and anti-discrimination legislation*;

propose the creation of a European pillar of social rights; recalls that such a pillar should deliver on Article 9 *of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union*;

Or. en

Amendment 16 **EPP, Greens/EFA**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 176 (Anne Sander), 177 (Danuta Jazłowiecka), 178 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach), 179 (Marian Harkin), 184 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin), 195 (Theresa Griffin, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Jutta Steinruck)

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 8**

Motion for a resolution

8. *Welcomes* the Commission's intention to *aim for* a social triple A score for the Union; *finds regrettable that this is currently out of reach owing to increasing inequality, high poverty and social exclusion and less and less availability of quality and affordable social, health and care services; recalls that a social triple A must be based on Article 9 TFEU aimed at a 'high level of employment, the guarantee of adequate social protection, the fight against social exclusion and a high level of education, training and protection of human health'*; *recalls that achieving a social triple A as a benchmark requires assessing both policies that hinder and work towards achieving the benchmark; finds regrettable that so far the latter has not been addressed at Union level*;

Amendment

8. *Supports* the Commission's intention to *ensure* a social triple A score for the Union *by presenting new measures, in order to improve the effectiveness of social and employment policies*;

Or. en

Amendment 17

ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 207 (Inês Cristina Zuber, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas, Paloma López Bermejo, Lynn Boylan), 211 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski), 219 (Aldo Patriciello), 221 (Ádám Kósa), 278 (Enrique Calvet Chambon), 317 (Theresa Griffin, Siôn Simon, Jude Kirton-Darling, Clare Moody, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri), 363 (Tamás Meszerics) and 369 2nd part (Tamás Meszerics)

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Recalls the European Economic and Social Committee's opinion entitled 'For coordinated European measures to prevent and combat energy poverty' and notes its recommendation 'on setting up a European poverty observatory, whose main focus would be on energy poverty and which would bring together all the stakeholders to help define European energy poverty indicators (in conjunction with Eurostat), make an inventory of the situation, identify best practices and draw up recommendations for preventing and addressing the problem more effectively and establishing European solidarity in this sphere'; stresses the importance of developing indicators and collecting data on household consumption and costs in relation to energy poverty in order to provide reliable information and allow for evidence based policy making and effective monitoring;

Or. en

Amendment 18

EPP, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 223 (Tamás Meszerics), 222 (Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin), 217 (Marian Harkin), and 215 (Enrique Calvet Chambon)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live *your* life in dignity; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers; invites the Commission to *present* in 2016 in the context of the announced social pillar an *EU framework directive on adequate minimum income*;

Amendment

10. Stresses that a decent income is a fundamental element for being able to live life in dignity; *highlights that although employment can be crucial as a way out of poverty, it is important to have a minimum income sufficient to help people meet basic needs*; recalls that 16.7 % of the population in the EU 28 in 2013 were at-risk-of-poverty after social transfers, *meaning that their disposable income was below their national at-risk-of-poverty threshold, and that in-work poverty and absolute poverty remain unacceptably high*;

Or. en

Amendment 19
EPP, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 106 and 216 (Anne Sander)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

10 a. Invites the Commission in the context of the European semester, to make recommendations to Member States regarding the policies to be put in place and the reforms to be made in order to combat poverty and social exclusion effectively in view of promoting social convergence, taking into account the specific features of each Member State;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 20
Greens/EFA, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 228 (Enrique Calvet Chambon), 229 (Anne Sander), 230 (Danuta Jazłowiecka), 231 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach), 232 (Ádám Kósa), 233 (Marian Harkin) and 235 (Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Recommends that *an EU framework directive* on minimum income should *specify which criteria Member States' minimum income schemes would need to meet so as to lift people out of poverty*; considers that such a framework would need to be rights-based, *address the level of income, the non-discriminatory, efficient and easy access and the take-up, targeting especially those groups, who currently are excluded from or at risk of exclusion from minimum income schemes*;

Amendment

11. *Recalls the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on "European minimum income and poverty indicators"; notes that the opinion supports a European framework on an adequate minimum income that should establish common standards and indicators, provide methods for the monitoring of its implementation and improve dialogue between stakeholders, Member States and EU institutions*; considers that such a framework would need to be *evidence and* rights-based *and should take into account the social and economic context of each Member State and has to respect the principle of subsidiarity*;

Or. en

Amendment 21(to be voted as addition to COMP 20)
Greens/EFA

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 (addition)

Motion for a resolution

address the level of income, the non-discriminatory, efficient and easy access and the take-up, and should thus contribute to lift people out of poverty and

Amendment

empower them to stay out of it;

Or. en

Amendment 22
EPP, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 240 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach), 241 (Marian Harkin), 243 (Verónica Lope Fontagné), 244 (Enrique Calvet Chambon), 245 (Danuta Jazłowiecka) and 238 (Enrique Calvet Chambon)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Stresses that minimum income schemes should prevent and lift households out of severe material deprivation and allow for an income above the poverty threshold; recalls that *a* minimum income *is a key instrument* for delivering on Article 9 TFEU guaranteeing adequate social protection *as well as on the fundamental right to decent living conditions*, participating in society and protection of human health;

Amendment

12. Stresses that minimum income schemes should prevent and lift households out of severe material deprivation and allow for an income above the poverty threshold; recalls that minimum income *schemes at national level could be key instruments* for delivering on Article 9 TFEU guaranteeing adequate social protection, *the reduction of social exclusion*, participating in society protection of human health *and greater equality of opportunities; shares the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee that minimum income schemes should be accompanied by lifelong learning, stakeholder involvement and active labour market policies aimed at assisting unemployed people to return to the labour market and find decent jobs;*

Or. en

Amendment 23
EPP, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 208 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Flavio Zanonato, Theresa Griffin, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski), 209 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Flavio Zanonato, Theresa Griffin, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski), 252 (Tamás Meszerics), 296 (Tamás Meszerics) and 348 (Tamás Meszerics)

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to provide information, advise and support to people at risk of poverty and social exclusion in making educated choices regarding their energy consumption, and support non-governmental actors, local authorities providing targeted energy advice and training energy advisors, as well as to oblige energy providers to include information in their energy bills to households regarding measures to reduce energy consumption and to increase energy efficiency;

Or. en

Amendment 24

EPP, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 103 (Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin), 164 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Agnes Jongerius, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski), 255 (Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas), 263 (Tamás Meszerics, Karima Delli), 265 (Tamás Meszerics, Karima Delli), 276 (Tamás Meszerics, Karima Delli) and 361 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach)

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 b. Encourages the Member States and the Commission where appropriate for a proactive policy-making in relation to adequate housing so as to ensure access to quality housing; calls on the Member States to apply reasonable rent policy

where urgent social measures are required and highlights that it should be accompanied by long-term housing and community programmes to increase the housing stock for different socially disadvantaged target groups; stresses that effective measures are still needed throughout the EU to prevent further creation of housing bubbles such as effective consumer protection regulation in the mortgage market;

Or. en

Amendment 25(to be voted as an addition to COMP 24)
ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 276 (Tamás Meszerics, Karima Delli) and 361 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 b (new) addition

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

encourages policies in this respect aiming to help households with financial hardships to stay in their primary residence;

Or. en

Amendment 26
EPP, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 102 (Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin), 168 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Jutta Steinruck, Georgi Pirinski), 247 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri) and 361 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 c. Calls on the Commission and the

Member States to ensure the European citizens' fundamental right to housing assistance as a precondition of human dignity; calls for recognition of the importance of affordable rental accommodation as a means of facilitating access to housing for people on low income, and urges Member States to ensure a sufficient number of affordable homes;

Or. en

Amendment 27

EPP, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 127 (Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin), 142 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Flavio Zanonato, Theresa Griffin, Agnes Jongerius, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski), 145 (Tamás Meszerics, Karima Delli), 165 (Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas), 166 (Marian Harkin), 250 (Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas), 254 (Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas), 292 (Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas), 311 (Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin) and 369 1st part (Tamás Meszerics)

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 d. Calls on the Commission to address the problem of homelessness as an extreme form of poverty, in particular winter deaths amongst homeless people and those living in cold homes; calls on Member States to reassess their progress towards ending such extreme forms of poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 28

EPP, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 246 (Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin), 256

(Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas) and 268
(Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 e. Recalls that low-income households and those in or at risk of poverty are more dependent on the provision of affordable, high-quality public services; calls on Member States to meet the necessary public spending that provides high quality and affordable public services to low-income households;

Or. en

Amendment 29
EPP, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 258 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach), 259 (Aldo Patriciello), 260 (Ádám Kósa), 236 (Tamás Meszerics), 154 (Tamás Meszerics) and 155 (Enrique Calvet Chambon)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to address in a more balanced way both income and expenditure of poor households; points to shortcomings in addressing increasing household cost and considers the Commission's work on a reference budget a step in the right direction; stresses that lowering household expenditure for poor households will impact positively on the concerned households as well as on the - mainly local - economy and on social cohesion;

13. Welcomes the Commission's work on a reference budget, which is a step in the right direction given that addressing income and expenditure of poor households in a more balanced way with a data based approach is still a challenge ahead; points out that reference budgets reflecting household cost could be used to design the support to be provided and to test its adequacy; considers such an instrument to be of crucial value to revive the Union's social cohesion, reduce inequalities and achieve the Europe 2020 poverty and social exclusion target; stresses that lowering household expenditure for poor households will

impact positively on the concerned households as well as on the - mainly local - economy and on social cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 30
EPP, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 269 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach), 270 (Enrique Calvet Chambon), 272 (Ulla Tørnæs, Martina Dlabajová), 199 (Jérôme Lavrilleux), 212 (Verónica Lope Fontagné), 201 (Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin), 273 (Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin) and 274 (Ádám Kósa)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recalls that poor households spend the largest share of their income on housing, utilities and food; *stresses that one dimension of household expenditure of poor households – the cost of energy and the related issue of energy poverty lacks an in-depth assessment at Union level; calls on the Commission to improve internal cooperation so as to better link the energy policy and the poverty policy;*

Amendment

14. Recalls that poor households spend the largest share of their income on *food*, housing and utilities, *calls therefore on the Commission to better link its policies in view of fighting poverty, to improve the exchange of good practices and to facilitate a regular dialogue with those who are experiencing poverty, to ensure that they are able to contribute to the evaluation of policies which affect them;*

Or. en

Amendment 31
EPP, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 278 (Enrique Calvet Chambon), 279 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach) and 282 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Flavio Zanonato)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses that there is so far no

Amendment

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definition of energy poverty at Union level and therefore it is very difficult to properly assess the seriousness, the causes and the consequences of energy poverty of poor households in the Union; calls on the Commission to develop with stakeholders a common definition of energy poverty *which should aim at assessing at least the following elements: material scope, difficulty for a household to gain access to essential energy, affordability and share of total household cost, impact on basic household needs such as heating, cooling, cooking, lighting and transport;*

definition of energy poverty at Union level and therefore it is very difficult to properly assess the seriousness, the causes and the consequences of this aspect of poverty in the Union; calls on the Commission to develop with stakeholders a common definition of energy poverty *and to define the factors contributing to the vulnerability of households;*

Or. en

Amendment 32
EPP, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 92 (Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Elena Gentile) and 141 (Theresa Griffin, Siôn Simon, Jude Kirton-Darling, Clare Moody, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Points out that such a definition should be elaborated with those who are experiencing poverty and with associations fighting against poverty and social exclusion taking into account among others the inability of a household to support an adequate level of energy supply for all household energy use;

Or. en

Amendment 33 (to be voted as addition to COMP 32)
GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendment: 141 (Theresa Griffin, Siôn Simon, Jude Kirton-Darling, Clare Moody, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new) addition

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*by assessing at least the following factors:
income, energy prices and the quality of
the housing stock;*

Or. en

Amendment 34
EPP, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 125 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Flavio Zanonato, Jutta Steinruck, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski), 282 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Flavio Zanonato, Jutta Steinruck, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski) and 283 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Flavio Zanonato, Theresa Griffin, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*15 b. Invites the Commission to present a
communication on energy poverty in
Europe accompanied by an action plan to
support Member States in this respect;
calls on the Commission to provide impact
assessments and information on best
practices to fight energy poverty in the
Member States in this context; emphasises
that energy must be affordable to all
Union citizens;*

Or. en

Amendment 35
EPP, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 286 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach), 287 (Tamás Meszerics) and 289 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Jutta Steinruck)

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses that *there is a lock-in effect as regards* energy poverty, *as poor households* cannot afford the initial upfront investment needed *to combat* energy *poverty*;

Amendment

16. Stresses that *a significant proportion of people affected by* energy poverty *are at risk of poverty and social exclusion, and as a consequence they* cannot afford the *needed* initial upfront investment *of energy efficiency appliances such as insulation or renewable energy resources; points out that this creates a vicious circle of continuously spending a larger share of household income than needed on utility bills, while efficiency or lack of* energy *are not tackled, among others*;

Or. en

Amendment 36

EPP, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 297 (Enrique Calvet Chambon) and 298 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach)

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 5

Motion for a resolution

Targeting funding *towards energy poverty - a triple win situation*

Amendment

Targeting funding *and policies towards tackling poverty and energy poverty*

Or. en

Amendment 37

EPP, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 302 (Enrique Calvet Chambon), 303

(Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach), 304 (Ádám Kósa), 305 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Jutta Steinruck, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski) and 306 (Tamás Meszerics)

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Recalls that targeting Union funding **towards** reducing energy costs of poor households by investing in renewables **or** energy efficiency has multiple positive effects: **at household level, it improves** living conditions and **the** health of **those** concerned **as well as decreasing** household costs **and therefore provides** budgetary relief for poor families; **at regional and local level, funding will provide for local investment; at Union level it helps to both decrease** poverty, **improve** energy efficiency and **decrease energy** emissions;

Amendment

17. Recalls that targeting **certain policies** **and** Union funding **with a view to** reducing energy costs of poor households by investing in renewables **and** energy efficiency **may have** multiple positive effects **in a medium term: improvement of** living conditions and health of **people** concerned, **reduction of** household costs **providing** budgetary relief for poor families, **increase of** local **investments, local job creation and contribution to the EU 2020 Strategy objectives**

Or. en

Amendment 38

EPP, ALDE, Greens/EFA, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 281 (Ádám Kósa), 283 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Flavio Zanonato, Theresa Griffin, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski), 313 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Flavio Zanonato, Theresa Griffin, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski) and 315 (Theresa Griffin, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Jude Kirton-Darling, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Clare Moody, Siôn Simon) + 327 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach), 332 (Tamás Meszerics) and 357 (Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin)

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. Highlights the role of the EU and the Member States in energy cost reduction of households, the former by ensuring security of supply to prevent major price fluctuations and speculation in the energy market, creating stronger interconnections and higher market

integration and sustainable energy investment, and by increasing investment in renewable energy research, and the latter by strengthening their policies in support of household energy efficiency with special attention to off-grid households in poverty and social exclusion; considers that consumer protection should be among the priorities of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 39

EPP, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 319 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach), 309 (Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Theresa Griffin, Jutta Steinruck, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Georgi Pirinski)

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the fact that *targeting household costs relating to energy by supporting investment in energy efficiency and renewables is programmed into and therefore in principle possible under the ESI Funds 2014-2020;*

Amendment

18. Welcomes the fact that *investment in energy efficiency and renewables is eligible under the scope of the ESI Funds 2014-2020, given their importance in reducing households' energy costs; encourages the Commission and the Member States to exploit the full potential of the European Funds with regard to tackling energy poverty; stresses obstacles to efficient take up, such as accessibility of Cohesion Funds for smaller organizations or lack of information particularly on application requirements, should be tackled;*

Or. en

Amendment 40

EPP, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 326 (Theresa Griffin, Siôn Simon, Jude Kirton-Darling, Clare Moody, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri), 335 (Anne Sander) and 336 (Tamás Meszerics)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes the fact that European energy policy legislation recognises social aims in energy efficiency policies; finds regrettable that the relevant provisions of Directive 2012/27/EU to target households affected by energy poverty and social housing (Article 7(7)) are not used to their full potential by the Member States; calls on the Commission in its review and impact assessment of the energy efficiency package to evaluate the implementation and use of Articles 7(7) and 5(7); calls also on the Commission based on this evaluation to consider strengthening Article (7), in particular paragraph 7 thereof, so that *the* Member States in their energy efficiency obligation schemes *are obliged to include requirements containing social aims*;

Amendment

22. Welcomes the fact that European energy policy legislation recognises social aims in energy efficiency policies, *notably in Directive 2012/27/EU on energy efficiency and Directive 2010/31/EU on the energy performance of buildings*; finds regrettable that the relevant provisions of Directive 2012/27/EU to target households affected by energy poverty and social housing (Article 7(7)) are not used to their full potential by the Member States; calls on the Commission in its review and impact assessment of the energy efficiency package to evaluate the implementation and use of Articles 7(7) and 5(7); calls also on the Commission based on this evaluation to consider strengthening Article (7), in particular paragraph 7 thereof, so that Member States *are encouraged to include social aims* in their energy efficiency obligation schemes;

Or. en

Amendment 41
EPP, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 122 (Theresa Griffin, Siôn Simon, Jude Kirton-Darling, Clare Moody, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri), 167 (Theresa Griffin, Siôn Simon, Jude Kirton-Darling, Clare Moody, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri) and 368 (Tamás Meszerics, Karima Delli)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 a. Calls on the Commission and the

Member States to provide access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all, in line with the UN sustainable development goals;

Or. en

Amendment 42
EPP, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 95 (Enrique Calvet Chambon, Marian Harkin), 152 (Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin), 362 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach), 364 (Tamás Meszerics), 365 (Tamás Meszerics), 366 (Tamás Meszerics) and 367 (Tamás Meszerics, Karima Delli)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 b. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to put forward decisive measures on social housing and enhance energy efficiency investment in social rental housing through European funds; recommends that the Member States expand the supply of quality social housing in order to guarantee access for all, and in particular for the most disadvantaged, to adequate housing; encourages the Member States to further use their opportunities to provide social housing with alternative legal constructions; recommends the Member States to support consumer alliances;

Or. en

Amendment 43(to be voted as an addition to COMP 42)
GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 b (new) (addition)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

and effective tools to overcome the split incentive problem between owner and tenant;

Or. en

Amendment 44

EPP, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Greens/EFA, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 383 (Claude Rolin, David Casa, Georges Bach), 384 (Claude Rolin, Georges Bach), 262 (Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas) and 264 (Lynn Boylan, Paloma López Bermejo, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Tania González Peñas)

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 c. Recalls that the General Assembly of the United Nations recognises the right to clean and high-quality drinking water and to sanitation facilities as a human right; notes, however, that in certain regions, especially rural and remote regions, access to drinking water is not guaranteed and an increasing number of people face difficulties in paying their water bills; calls on the Commission and the Member States to do their utmost to ensure, without delay, that everyone has access to drinking water; encourages Member States to ensure minimum water supply and protect the human rights of vulnerable households;

Or. en