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Draft opinion
Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová
(PE654.005v01-00)

on the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2021 - all sections
(COM(2020)0300 – 2020/1998(BUD))

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Amendment 1

Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff

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Paragraph -1 (new)

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-1. Whereas a Eurofound survey found that the financial measures implemented by governments and social partners during the pandemic have reduced financial hardship; whereas the survey also finds much higher levels of trust in both the national government and in the EU among respondents who received support; whereas the survey reveals that due to the economic implications of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, more households are under financial strain than before the crisis began; whereas almost half of all respondents (47%) indicate that their household has difficulties making ends meet;

Or. en

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Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff

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-1a. Whereas a Eurofound survey has found that 13% of self-employed respondents without personnel, and 8% of respondents who worked for an employer, became unemployed since the onset of the

COVID-19 pandemic; whereas respondents in the youngest age group (18-34), and those with primary or secondary education, were more likely to have become unemployed during the pandemic;

Or. en

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Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff

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-1b. Whereas a Eurofound research highlights that the COVID-19 crisis poses a serious risk of rolling back decades of gains achieved in gender equality in the labour market participation, particularly if activity is further hampered in sectors where women are overrepresented ; whereas taking actions is both a social and economic imperative; whereas it points to the importance of implementing policy responses which can support gender equality and female integration into the labour force;

Or. en

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Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff

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Paragraph -1 c (new)

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-1c. Whereas it can be expected that the health crisis triggers an economic and social crisis that deeply affects the labour markets; whereas previous Eurofound research shows that such situation can be tackled by public and social-partner based measures to maintain and create employment or income support for the unemployed and those outside the labour force, acknowledging the importance of co-financed measures by European funds such as the ESF and the EGF, in this respect;

Or. en

Amendment 5

Guido Reil, Nicolaus Fest

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1. Acknowledges that the proposed 2021 draft budget is based on the new Commission 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) proposals of 27 May 2020 ***and regrets that the Council proposal of 21 July 2020 is below that revised Commission proposal (EUR-25 700 million);***

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Or. de

Amendment 6

Elena Lizzi

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Or. it

Amendment 7

Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Sylvie Brunet, Ilana Cicurel, Stéphane Bijoux, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir

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1. Acknowledges that the proposed 2021 draft budget is based on the new Commission 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) proposals of 27 May 2020; **welcomes the historic recovery plan adopted by the European Council, but** regrets that the Council proposal of 21 July 2020 **on the MFF** is below that revised Commission proposal (EUR-25 700 million);

Or. fr

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Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Gabriele Bischoff

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Or. en

Amendment 9

Kira Marie Peter-Hansen

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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Or. en

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Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius,

Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff

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2. Recalls that, before the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 100 million Europeans were struggling with poverty and material deprivation on a daily basis and that the situation *is likely to* deteriorate as a result of the pandemic; recognises the crucial role of the European Social Fund (ESF), the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) in the current 2014-2020 MFF;

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2. Recalls that, before the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 100 million Europeans were struggling with poverty and material deprivation on a daily basis and that the situation *will* deteriorate *further* as a result of the pandemic; recognises the crucial role of *all European funds and programmes in the social area, in particular* the European Social Fund (ESF), the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) in the current 2014-2020 MFF *and the even more essential role the future ESF+ and EGF will play in the next 7 years*;

Or. en

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Elena Lizzi

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2. Recalls that, before the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 100 million Europeans were struggling with poverty and material deprivation on a daily basis and that the situation is likely to deteriorate as a result of the pandemic; *recognises* the *crucial* role of the European Social Fund (ESF), the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the Programme

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for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) in the current 2014-2020 MFF;

and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) in the current 2014-2020 MFF;

Or. it

Amendment 12
Stelios Kympouropoulos

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2. Recalls that, before the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 100 million Europeans were struggling with poverty and material deprivation on a daily basis and that the situation is likely to deteriorate as a result of the pandemic, ***particularly in vulnerable social groups***; recognises the crucial role of the European Social Fund (ESF), the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) in the current 2014-2020 MFF;

Or. el

Amendment 13
Marc Botenga, Nikolaj Villumsen, Özlem Demirel, Leila Chaibi, Sandra Pereira

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Or. en

Amendment 14

Kira Marie Peter-Hansen

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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3. Recalls that the COVID-19 outbreak has claimed thousands of lives in Europe and has led to an unprecedented crisis with disastrous consequences for people, families, workers and businesses, and therefore requires an unprecedented response; highlights that 2021 will be a critical year for the budget, as the first year of the 2021-2027 MFF and the first “post-COVID-19 recovery” year; highlights in particular that ***the budget should help improving the situation in the social and employment area, in time of unprecedented crisis*** following the COVID-19 pandemic;

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Guido Reil, Nicolaus Fest

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response; highlights that 2021 will be a critical year for the budget, as the first year of the 2021-2027 MFF and the first “post-COVID-19 recovery” year; highlights in particular that the budget should help improving the *situation in the social* and employment *area*, in time of unprecedented crisis following the COVID-19 pandemic;

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Or. de

Amendment 17 **Anne Sander**

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Or. fr

Amendment 18 **Stelios Kympouropoulos**

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Or. el

Amendment 19
Miriam Lexmann

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Or. en

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Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Sylvie Brunet, Ilana Cicurel, Stéphane Bijoux, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir

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Or. fr

Amendment 21

Samira Rafaela, Radka Maxová, Cristian Ghinea, Jordi Cañas, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Dragoș Pîslaru, Stéphane Bijoux

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Or. en

Amendment 22

Marc Botenga, Nikolaj Villumsen, Özlem Demirel, Leila Chaibi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

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3a. Emphasises that, in accordance with Article 151 TFEU, the Union and the Member States, having in mind fundamental social rights such as those set out in the European Social Charter signed at Turin on 18 October 1961 and in the 1989 Community Charter of the Fundamental Social Rights of Workers, shall have as their objectives the promotion of employment, the improvement of living and working conditions, proper social protection, the development of lasting high quality employment and the combating of exclusion;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Samira Rafaela, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Radka Maxová, Cristian Ghinea, Jordi Cañas, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Dragoş Pîslaru, Stéphane Bijoux

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Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3a. Stresses that the budget for 2021 should primarily focus on mitigating the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and supporting Member States' recovery, while also building on the European Green Deal and digital transformation; stresses that the Union and all Member States must show full solidarity with those most in need and ensure that no country is left on its own to fight the pandemic;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Samira Rafaela, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Radka Maxová, Jordi Cañas, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Dragoş Pîslaru, Stéphane Bijoux

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Paragraph 3 b (new)

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3b. Recalls that the European Parliament, in its resolution of 17 April 2020 on EU coordinated action to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences, called on the Commission and the Member States to prioritise aid and crisis-mitigation measures for the Overseas Countries and Territories and outermost regions by means of a dedicated exceptional support fund;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Guido Reil, Nicolaus Fest

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4. Stresses that the recovery efforts should boost jobs and growth, the *resilience of our societies and should be complemented by a strong social dimension, addressing social and economic inequalities and the needs of those hardest hit by the crisis, particularly potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, whose inclusion in the labour market must be supported and fostered;*

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4. Stresses that the recovery efforts should boost jobs and growth; *is of the opinion that the best way to combat poverty is to create jobs; calls therefore on Member States to ensure the full inclusion of vulnerable people, especially those with disabilities, in the labour market; calls on Member States to tackle child poverty and poverty in old age;*

Or. de

Amendment 26
Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff

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4. Stresses that the recovery efforts should boost jobs and growth, the resilience of our societies and should be complemented by a strong social dimension, addressing social and economic inequalities and the needs of those hardest hit by the crisis, particularly *potentially* vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, *whose inclusion in the labour market must be supported and fostered;*

Amendment

4. Stresses that the recovery efforts should boost jobs and growth, the resilience of our societies and should be complemented by a strong social dimension, addressing social and economic inequalities and the needs of those hardest hit by the crisis, particularly vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, *such as those in poverty, jobless, elderly, young people, persons with disabilities, mobile workers and migrants;*

Or. en

Amendment 27

Kira Marie Peter-Hansen

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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4. Stresses that the recovery efforts should **boost jobs** and growth, the resilience of our societies and should be complemented by a strong social dimension, addressing social and economic inequalities and the needs of those hardest hit by the crisis, particularly potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, whose inclusion in the labour market must be supported and fostered;

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4. Stresses that the recovery efforts should **bring quality employment opportunities that fit in the context of the European Green Deal** and growth **sustainable development in a climate neutral economy**, the resilience of our societies and should be complemented by a strong social dimension, addressing social and economic inequalities and the needs of those hardest hit by the crisis, particularly **current and** potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, whose inclusion in the labour market must be supported and fostered; **acknowledges that most of the sectors which have been hardest hit by the crisis were feminized and essential sectors with already precarious working conditions, and that special efforts should be made and special resources should be allocated during the recovery period to improve employment conditions and recognition of such sectors;**

Or. en

Amendment 28

Marc Botenga, Nikolaj Villumsen, Özlem Demirel, Leila Chaibi, Sandra Pereira

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4. Stresses that the recovery efforts should **boost jobs** and growth, the resilience of our societies and should be complemented by a strong social dimension, addressing social and economic

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4. Stresses that the recovery efforts **and the Union budget should benefit the people and be focused primarily on boosting quality jobs and sustainable** growth, the resilience of our societies and

inequalities and the needs of those hardest hit by the crisis, particularly potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, whose inclusion in the labour market must be supported and fostered;

should be complemented by a strong social dimension, addressing social and economic inequalities and the needs of those hardest hit by the crisis, particularly potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, whose inclusion in the labour market must be supported and fostered;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Miriam Lexmann

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4. Stresses that the recovery efforts should boost jobs and growth, the resilience of our societies and should be complemented by a strong social dimension, addressing social and economic inequalities and the needs of those hardest hit by the crisis, particularly potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups ***including minorities, persons with disabilities or single parents*** whose inclusion in the labour market must be supported and fostered;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Samira Rafaela, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Dragoş Pîslaru, Stéphane Bijoux

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complemented by a strong social dimension, addressing social and economic inequalities ***within the EU and its Overseas Territories and Countries***, and the needs of those hardest hit by the crisis, particularly potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, whose inclusion in the labour market must be supported and fostered;

Or. en

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Romana Tomc

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Or. sl

Amendment 32
Stelios Kypouropoulos

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Or. el

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Anne Sander

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Or. fr

Amendment 34

Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Sylvie Brunet, Ilana Cicurel, Stéphane Bijoux, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir

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Paragraph 4 a (new)

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4a. Calls on Member States and the Commission to make combating youth unemployment a priority, in particular as part of the European recovery effort, to make full use of financial instruments such as the Youth Guarantee, as well as European programmes such as Erasmus+, and to take tailored action to tackle youth unemployment and make young people more employable;

Or. fr

Amendment 35

Samira Rafaela, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Cristian Ghinea, Jordi Cañas, Dragoş Pîslaru, Stéphane Bijoux

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Recalls the commitment by the Commission to present a legislative proposal for a European Unemployment Benefit Reinsurance scheme as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Guido Reil, Nicolaus Fest

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Welcomes the Commission proposal to allocate in 2021 EUR 1,5 billion to the Just Transition Fund (JTF) and highlights that the JTF must play a key

5. Notes the Commission proposal to allocate in 2021 EUR 1,5 billion to the Just Transition Fund (JTF) and highlights that the JTF must play a key role in

role in supporting the reskilling of workers;

supporting the reskilling of workers;

Or. de

Amendment 37

Elena Lizzi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. ***Welcomes*** the Commission proposal to allocates in 2021 EUR 1,5 billion to the Just Transition Fund (JTF) and highlights that the JTF must play a key role in supporting the reskilling of workers;

Amendment

5. ***Notes*** the Commission proposal to allocates in 2021 EUR 1,5 billion to the Just Transition Fund (JTF) and highlights that the JTF must play a key role in supporting the reskilling of workers;

Or. it

Amendment 38

Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the Commission proposal to ***allocates*** in 2021 EUR 1,5 billion to the Just Transition Fund (JTF) and highlights that the JTF must ***play a key role in*** supporting the reskilling of workers;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the Commission proposal to ***allocate*** in 2021 EUR 1,5 billion to the Just Transition Fund (JTF) and highlights that the JTF must ***focus on the needs of individuals and social well-being and lead to social sustainability by supporting the creation of decent and sustainable jobs, reskilling of workers, and creating social infrastructure so no one is left behind;***

Or. en

Amendment 39

Kira Marie Peter-Hansen

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the Commission proposal to **allocates** in 2021 EUR 1,5 billion to the Just Transition Fund (JTF) and highlights that the JTF must play a key role in supporting the reskilling of workers;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the Commission proposal to **allocate** in 2021 EUR 1,5 billion to the Just Transition Fund (JTF) and highlights that the JTF must play a key role in **boosting equal job opportunities among all genders and** supporting the reskilling of workers **by providing adequate life-long training**;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Stelios Kypouropoulos

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the Commission proposal to **allocates** in 2021 EUR 1.5 billion to the Just Transition Fund (JTF) and highlights that the JTF must play a key role in supporting the reskilling of workers;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the Commission proposal to **allocate** in 2021 EUR 1.5 billion to the Just Transition Fund (JTF) and highlights that the JTF must play a key role in supporting the reskilling of workers **for new, modern jobs**;

Or. el

Amendment 41

Samira Rafaela, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Radka Maxová, Dragoş Pîslaru

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

5a. Welcomes the Commissions proposed budget with a bigger envelope for external action, which includes the European Development Fund (EDF); recalls the addressed proposal on the budgetisation of the EDF and its inclusion in the EU budget, which is supported by the Parliament and the Commission; also recalls that the Overseas Territories and Countries should benefit from the EDF funds;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Guido Reil, Nicolaus Fest

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

6. Welcomes the forthcoming rationalisation of the current ESF, the YEI, the FEAD and the EaSI under the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), which will allow to enhance synergies and reduce administrative burden; recalls that ESF + will be the main financial instrument to strengthen Europe's social dimension, by putting the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights into practice; draws particular attention to the key role of ESF+ in the post-pandemic phase; warns that any decrease of the budget of ESF+ risks to endanger its effective implementation and reaching its objectives; is concerned, in this respect, about the draft appropriations proposed by the Commission for ESF+ in the draft budget 2021 (EUR 12 655,1 million in commitment appropriations, EUR 15 374,8 in payment appropriations);

6. Is of the opinion that the current ESF, the YEI and the EaSI have had little effect to date and that the problems which they were created to deal with have not been tackled effectively; points out in particular that ESF bureaucracy is preventing aid programmes from being carried out effectively; stresses that the wide-ranging and complex administrative conditions are very labour-intensive and time-consuming for small organisations and that the ESF structure is geared much more to procedures than to analysis; stresses the need, therefore, for those funds to be thoroughly rationalised and for administrative burden to be reduced;

Amendment 43
Elena Lizzi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Welcomes the forthcoming rationalisation of the current ESF, the YEI, the FEAD and the EaSI under the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), which will allow to enhance synergies and reduce administrative burden; recalls that ESF + will be the main financial instrument to strengthen Europe's social dimension, ***by putting the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights into practice***; draws particular attention to the key role of ESF+ in the post-pandemic phase; warns that any decrease of the budget of ESF+ risks to endanger its effective implementation and reaching its objectives; is concerned,, in this respect, about the draft appropriations proposed by the Commission for ESF+ in the draft budget 2021 (EUR 12 655,1 million in commitment appropriations, EUR 15 374,8 in payment appropriations);

Amendment

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Or. it

Amendment 44
Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginell, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. ***Welcomes*** the forthcoming rationalisation of the current ESF, the YEI,

Amendment

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the FEAD and the EaSI under the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), which **will** allow to enhance synergies and reduce administrative burden; recalls that ESF + will be the main financial instrument to strengthen Europe's social dimension, by putting the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights into practice; **draws particular attention to the key role of ESF+ in the post-pandemic phase; warns that** any decrease of the budget of ESF+ **risks** to endanger its effective implementation and reaching its objectives; is concerned, in this respect, about the draft appropriations proposed by the Commission for ESF+ in the draft budget 2021 (EUR 12 655,1 million in commitment appropriations, EUR 15 374,8 in payment appropriations);

the FEAD and the EaSI under the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), which **should** allow to enhance synergies and reduce administrative burden; recalls that ESF + will be the main financial instrument to strengthen Europe's social dimension, by putting the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights into practice **and for the post-COVID-19 recovery; rejects** any decrease of the budget of ESF+ **risking not only** to endanger its effective implementation and reaching its objectives **but also ensuring effective recovery**; is concerned, in this respect, about the draft appropriations proposed by the Commission for ESF+ in the draft budget 2021 (EUR 12 655,1 million in commitment appropriations, EUR 15 374,8 in payment appropriations) **and calls for its considerable increase, in particular, to tackle long-term unemployment and unemployment among young people and the elderly, child poverty, the risk of poverty and social exclusion, discrimination, to ensure a reinforced social dialogue, addressing long-term structural demographic change and guarantee access for all, and especially for ageing populations, to vital and key services such as healthcare, social protection, mobility, adequate nutrition and decent housing;**

Or. en

Amendment 45

Kira Marie Peter-Hansen

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Welcomes the forthcoming **rationalisation** of the current ESF, the YEI, the FEAD and the EaSI under the

Amendment

6. Welcomes the forthcoming **merger** of the current ESF, the YEI, the FEAD and the EaSI under the European Social Fund

European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), which will allow to enhance synergies and reduce administrative burden; recalls that ESF + will be the main financial instrument to strengthen Europe's social dimension, by putting the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights into practice; draws particular attention to the key role of ESF+ in the post-pandemic phase; warns that any decrease of the budget of ESF+ risks to endanger its effective implementation and reaching its objectives; is concerned,, in this respect, about the draft appropriations proposed by the Commission for ESF+ in the draft budget 2021 (EUR 12 655,1 million in commitment appropriations, EUR 15 374,8 in payment appropriations);

Plus (ESF+), which will allow to enhance synergies and reduce administrative burden, ***regrets nevertheless that the total sum is still below the 2014-2020 level and is deeply worried about the long-term consequences of such inadequate financial resources***; recalls that ESF + will be the main financial instrument to strengthen Europe's social dimension, by putting the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights into practice; draws particular attention to the key role of ESF+ in the post-pandemic phase; warns that any decrease of the budget of ESF+ risks to endanger its effective implementation and reaching its objectives; is concerned,, in this respect, about the draft appropriations proposed by the Commission for ESF+ in the draft budget 2021 (EUR 12 655,1 million in commitment appropriations, EUR 15 374,8 in payment appropriations);

Or. en

Amendment 46 **Stelios Kympouropoulos**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 6**

Draft opinion

6. Welcomes the forthcoming rationalisation of the current ESF, the YEI, the FEAD and the EaSI under the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), which will allow to enhance synergies and reduce administrative burden; recalls that ESF + will be the main financial instrument to strengthen Europe's social dimension, by putting the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights into practice; draws particular attention to the key role of ESF+ in the post-pandemic phase; warns that any decrease of the budget of ESF+ ***risks to*** endanger its effective implementation and reaching its objectives; is concerned, in this

Amendment

6. Welcomes the forthcoming rationalisation of the current ESF, the YEI, the FEAD and the EaSI under the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), which will allow to enhance synergies and reduce administrative burden; recalls that ESF + will be the main financial instrument to strengthen Europe's social dimension, by putting the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights into practice; draws particular attention to the key role of ESF+ in the post-pandemic phase; warns that any decrease of the budget of ESF+ ***will*** endanger its effective implementation and reaching its objectives; is concerned, in this

respect, about the draft appropriations proposed by the Commission for ESF+ in the draft budget 2021 (EUR 12 655.1 million in commitment appropriations, EUR 15 374.8 in payment appropriations);

respect, about the draft appropriations proposed by the Commission for ESF+ in the draft budget 2021 (EUR 12 655.1 million in commitment appropriations, EUR 15 374.8 in payment appropriations);

Or. el

Amendment 47

Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Welcomes, in this regard, the Commission proposal for a new REACT-EU instrument designed to increase the amount of funding dedicated to Cohesion Policy, additional to the existing 2014-2020 envelopes and on top of the proposed envelopes for the 2021-2027 period; is however concerned about its temporary short-term nature and the fact that ESF+ alone does not have enough financial resources for the rest of the MFF period; calls on the Commission to provide the European Parliament and the Council with an evaluation report on REACT-EU by 31 March 2025, covering budgetary commitments for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022 including information on the achievement of the objectives of REACT-EU, the efficiency of the use of its resources, the types of actions financed, the beneficiaries and final recipients of the financial allocations and its European added value in aiding the economic recovery;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Echoes the Commission prediction that, in the context of recovery from the COVID-19 outbreak, tackling child poverty will become even more important in the coming years; highlights in this regard the position of both the Parliament and the Commission that Member States should allocate at least 5 % of the ESF+ resources under shared management to support activities under the European Child Guarantee; consequently, and in line with the Parliament' position on ESF+, insists that a separate budget line under ESF+ needs to be created for the European Child Guarantee with an allocation of 3 billion for the year 2021;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6c. Highlights that the COVID-19 crisis has already left many people jobless, especially young people who find themselves more often in precarious employment; welcomes in this context the Commission's plans to strengthen the European Youth Guarantee and highlights that it is necessary that

Member States continue to invest sufficient ESF+ resources in measures to support youth employment and that they shall therefore allocate at least 15 % of their ESF+ resources under shared management to targeted actions and structural reforms to support quality youth employment;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6d. Welcomes a number of new proposals by the Commission to tackle the social impacts of the current or future crises; notes in this context the introduction of temporary measures under the ESF+ in response to exceptional circumstances; warns about the possible risk of a weakening of the thematic concentration obligations that would put at risk key objectives and investments of ESF+, as well as the good use and effectiveness of the investments made by the ESF+, as, in the event of exceptional circumstances, the Commission may adopt implementing acts extending the scope of the ESF+ itself, as well as reducing the thematic concentration obligations;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel

Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 e (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

6e. Furthermore acknowledges, in this regard, the Commission's proposal to finance short time work schemes under such temporary measures; recalls, however, that short time work schemes will already be financed by the newly introduced temporary SURE instrument of a much more significant volume, and that the Commission has committed to soon introduce a permanent instrument in form of a European Unemployment Reinsurance Scheme; stresses, in this context, that the ESF+ has already scarce resources for its original thematic concentrations that could be in such case further reduced; reminds furthermore that short time work schemes require much more money; calls, in this regard, on the Commission to introduce the European Unemployment Reinsurance Scheme without further delay;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 f (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

6f. Stresses the importance of the partnership principle, in order to ensure the involvement of social partners in all stages of the planning, implementation and monitoring of projects financed by the European Structural and Investment

Funds (ESIF); considers it necessary that the partnership principle is included in the ESIFs, as well as in other relevant EU funds, including the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RFF), REACT EU, also for the 2021-2027 period;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Kira Marie Peter-Hansen

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Stresses that this forthcoming rationalisation should be based on evidence and impact assessment, and should be in line with the better regulation agenda, as well as with related recommendations of the European Court of Auditors; highlights, in this regard, that the activities implemented in the area of employment and social affairs should always result in strategic measures with clearly defined objectives and targets and that efficient and effective spending is as equally important as the total budget ceilings;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 54

Samira Rafaela, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Dragoş Pîslaru, Stéphane Bijoux

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

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rationalisation should be based on evidence and impact assessment, and should be in line with the better regulation agenda, as well as with related recommendations of the European Court of Auditors; ***believes the rationalisation should also help to address the social impacts highlighted by the COVID-19 crisis***; highlights, in this regard, that the activities implemented in the area of employment and social affairs should always result in strategic measures with clearly defined objectives and targets and that efficient and effective spending is as equally important as the total budget ceilings;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Elena Lizzi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Stresses that this forthcoming rationalisation should be based on evidence and impact assessment, and should be in line with the better regulation agenda, as well as with related recommendations of the European Court of Auditors; highlights, in this regard, that the activities implemented in the area of employment and social affairs should always result in strategic measures with clearly defined objectives and targets and that efficient and effective spending is as equally important as the total budget ceilings;

Amendment

7. Stresses that this forthcoming rationalisation should be based on evidence and impact assessment, and should be in line with the better regulation agenda, as well as with related recommendations of the European Court of Auditors; highlights, in this regard, that the activities implemented in the area of employment and social affairs should always result in strategic measures with clearly defined objectives and targets, ***while respecting the sovereignty of the Member States***, and that efficient and effective spending is as equally important as the total budget ceilings;

Or. it

Amendment 56

Marc Botenga, Nikolaj Villumsen, Özlem Demirel, Leila Chaibi, Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls for EU programmes to focus on projects that promote and enhance the safeguarding of existing jobs and the creation of quality jobs with rights and stable and regulated pay and working conditions, as well as effectively and incisively combating poverty and social exclusion;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Guido Reil, Nicolaus Fest

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. ***Welcomes***, in light of the expected increase in demand in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the Commission ***proposal*** to increase the annual funding available for EGF to EUR 386 million from 2021 onwards ***and is concerned that the Council proposal to limit this funding to EUR 197 million in 2021 could undermine its paramount role in offering assistance to workers who lost their job in restructuring events;***

8. ***Notes that***, in ***the*** light of the expected increase in demand in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the Commission ***is proposing*** to increase the annual funding available for EGF to EUR 386 million from 2021 onwards;

Or. de

Amendment 58

Miriam Lexmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. ***Welcomes***, in light of the expected increase in demand in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the Commission proposal to increase the annual funding available for EGF to EUR 386 million from 2021 onwards ***and is concerned that*** the Council proposal to limit this funding to EUR 197 million in 2021 ***could undermine its paramount role in offering assistance to workers who lost their job in restructuring events;***

Amendment

8. ***Notes***, in light of the expected increase in demand in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the Commission proposal to increase the annual funding available for EGF to EUR 386 million from 2021 onwards ***as well as*** the Council proposal to limit this funding to EUR 197 million in 2021; ***calls for a thorough assessment of the measures financed from EGF with the goal of using the money in an effective way and only on the measures that have proven to improve the re-employment;***

Or. en

Amendment 59
Stelios Kympouropoulos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Welcomes, in light of the expected increase in demand in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the Commission proposal to increase the annual funding available for EGF to EUR 386 million from 2021 onwards and is concerned that the Council proposal to limit this funding to EUR 197 million in 2021 ***could*** undermine its paramount role in offering assistance to workers who lost their job in restructuring events;

Amendment

8. Welcomes, in light of the expected increase in demand in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the Commission proposal to increase the annual funding available for EGF to EUR 386 million from 2021 onwards and is concerned that the Council proposal to limit this funding to EUR 197 million in 2021 ***will*** undermine its paramount role in offering assistance to workers who lost their job in restructuring events;

Or. el

Amendment 60
Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Sylvie Brunet, Ilana Cicurel, Stéphane Bijoux, Véronique

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Welcomes, in light of the expected increase in demand in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the Commission proposal to increase the annual funding available for EGF to EUR 386 million from 2021 onwards and is concerned that the Council proposal to limit this funding to EUR 197 million in 2021 could undermine its paramount role in offering assistance to workers who lost their job in restructuring events;

Amendment

8. Welcomes, in light of the expected increase in demand in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the Commission proposal to increase the annual funding available for EGF to EUR 386 million from 2021 onwards and is concerned that the Council proposal to limit this funding to EUR 197 million in 2021 could undermine its paramount role in offering assistance to workers who lost their job in restructuring events; ***points out accordingly that the Commission's undertaking to mobilise the EGF, in response to the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on employment, and extending the scope of the fund by way of support for the digital and green transitions call for sufficient funding, for 2021, beyond the ceiling laid down by the Council;***

Or. fr

Amendment 61

Marc Botenga, Nikolaj Villumsen, Özlem Demirel, Leila Chaibi, Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Welcomes, in light of the expected increase in demand in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the Commission proposal to increase the annual funding available for EGF to EUR 386 million from 2021 onwards and is concerned that the Council proposal to limit this funding to EUR 197 million in 2021 could undermine its paramount role in offering assistance to workers who lost their job in

Amendment

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restructuring events;

restructuring events; *insists that particular emphasis shall lie on Member States and regions having been hit hardest and where the national and regional authorities lack adequate resources for taking the necessary measures; recalls that the EGF is without prejudice to the social responsibilities of the companies concerned, in particular where it concerns their contribution to the social plans for displaced workers;*

Or. en

Amendment 62

Kira Marie Peter-Hansen

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Underlines that, in the context of ongoing budgetary constraints and of the post-COVID-19 recovery, it will be critical to make the best use of the 2021 general budget, *including* future skills policies and measures to support labour market transition and better adjustment to demographic change, *automatisation and digitalisation*, particularly by *improved* integration of potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the labour market;

Amendment

9. Underlines that, in the context of ongoing budgetary constraints and of the post-COVID-19 recovery, it will be critical to make the best use of the 2021 general budget, *which must include* future skills policies and measures to support labour market transition and better adjustment to demographic change, *and the green and digital transitions*, particularly by *decent working conditions, long-term security, adequate social protection, affordable and high quality child care, gender-balanced opportunities, and a working environment adjusted to people with disabilities and foster the* integration of *current and* potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 63

Anne Sander

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Underlines that, in the context of ongoing budgetary constraints and of the post-COVID-19 recovery, it will be critical to make the best use of the 2021 general budget, including future skills policies and measures to support labour market transition and better adjustment to demographic change, automatisisation and digitalisation, particularly by improved integration of potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the labour market;

Amendment

9. Underlines that, in the context of ongoing budgetary constraints and of the post-COVID-19 recovery, it will be critical to make the best use of the 2021 general budget, including future skills policies and measures to support labour market transition and better adjustment to demographic change, automatisisation and digitalisation, ***including in rural areas***, particularly by improved integration of potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the labour market ***and by giving young people sound prospects for the future***;

Or. fr

Amendment 64
Samira Rafaela, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Radka Maxová, Jordi Cañas, Cristian Ghinea, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Dragoş Pîslaru, Stéphane Bijoux

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

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Amendment

9. Underlines that, in the context of ongoing budgetary constraints and of the post-COVID-19 recovery, it will be critical to make the best use of the 2021 general budget, including future skills policies and measures to support labour market transition and better adjustment to demographic change, automatisisation and digitalisation, particularly by improved integration of vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the labour market; ***further underlines the importance of addressing social inequalities pertaining to youth unemployment and young***

people's access to the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 65

Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff

Draft opinion Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

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Amendment

9. Underlines that, in the context of ongoing budgetary constraints and of the post-COVID-19 recovery, it will be critical to make the best use of the 2021 general budget ***where it is needed the most, to fight poverty, including child poverty and unemployment, in particular youth unemployment, including through*** future skills policies and measures to support labour market transition and better adjustment to demographic change, automatisisation and digitalisation, particularly by improved integration of potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 66 Miriam Lexmann

Draft opinion Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Underlines that, in the context of ongoing budgetary constraints and of the post-COVID-19 recovery, it will be critical to make the best use of the 2021 general budget, including future skills policies and

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measures to support labour market transition and better adjustment to demographic change, automatisisation and digitalisation, particularly by improved integration of potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the labour market;

measures to support labour market transition and better adjustment to demographic change, automatisisation and digitalisation, particularly by improved integration of potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the labour market;
reiterates that the use of digital solutions based on the human-centric AI should be seen as a great opportunity to create jobs and integrate disadvantaged groups in the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Samira Rafaela, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Radka Maxová, Dragoş Pîslaru, Stéphane Bijoux

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Strongly believes that gender responsive budgeting must be mainstreamed in the 2021 general budget to better align policies and activities that promote the equal participation of women in the labour market and to have comprehensive systems to monitor and measure gender budget allocations;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Samira Rafaela, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Radka Maxová, Cristian Ghinea, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Dragoş Pîslaru, Stéphane Bijoux

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

Amendment

10. Emphasises the importance of budgetary accountability and prioritisation

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when delivering true value for money for EU citizens, including a stronger focus on evidence-based policymaking and special attention to social, regional and territorial disparities;

when delivering true value for money for EU citizens, including a stronger focus on evidence-based policymaking ***that is inclusive*** and special attention to social, regional and territorial disparities;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Kira Marie Peter-Hansen

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Emphasises the importance of budgetary accountability and prioritisation when delivering true value for money for EU citizens, including a stronger focus on evidence-based policymaking and special attention to social, regional and territorial disparities;

Amendment

10. Emphasises the importance of budgetary accountability and prioritisation when delivering true value for money for EU citizens, including a stronger focus on evidence-based policymaking and special attention to social, regional and territorial disparities; ***and income inequality***;

Or. en

Amendment 70

Guido Reil, Nicolaus Fest

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. ***Highlights the important contribution of the agencies in dealing with a wide range of employment, social issues and data collection; stresses that their tasks are developing and hence they must be given the necessary resources to fulfil them; therefore calls for a thorough assessment of the new tasks assigned to the agencies and of their overall performance, with a view to ensuring appropriate and***

Amendment

11. ***Points out that, in the social and employment fields, the various agencies and bodies work in parallel and that their remits and powers overlap; is therefore promoting*** a thorough assessment of the new tasks assigned to the agencies and of their overall performance, with a view to ensuring appropriate and efficient budgetary allocations only;

efficient budgetary allocations only;
*insists, in particular, for a proper staffing
and financing of the European Labour
Authority;*

Or. de

Amendment 71
Elena Lizzi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. *Highlights the important* contribution of the agencies in dealing with a wide range of employment, social issues and data collection; stresses that their tasks *are* developing *and hence they must be given* the necessary resources to fulfil them; therefore calls for a thorough assessment of the new tasks assigned to the agencies and of their overall performance, with a view to ensuring appropriate and efficient budgetary allocations only; insists, in particular, *for a proper staffing and financing of the European Labour Authority;*

Amendment

11. *Strongly criticises the* contribution of the agencies in dealing with a wide range of employment, social issues and data collection; stresses that their tasks *may still be* developing, *but a check shall be carried out to establish whether they have* the necessary resources to fulfil them; therefore calls for a thorough *and transparent* assessment of the new tasks assigned to the agencies and of their overall performance, with a view to ensuring appropriate and efficient budgetary allocations only; insists, in particular, *on the need to review and evaluate whether to equip the European Labour Authority with proper staffing and financing;*

Or. it

Amendment 72
**Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius,
Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel
Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff**

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Highlights the important contribution of the agencies in dealing with a wide range of employment, social issues and data collection; stresses that their tasks are **developing** and hence they must be given the necessary resources to fulfil them; therefore calls for a thorough assessment of the new tasks assigned to the agencies and of their overall performance, with a view to ensuring appropriate and efficient budgetary allocations **only**; insists, in particular, **for** a proper staffing and financing of the European Labour Authority;

Amendment

11. Highlights the important contribution of the agencies in dealing with a wide range of employment **and** social issues **such as living and working conditions, mobility, health and safety, skills, etc.** and data collection, **particularly through surveys**; stresses that their tasks are **constantly evolving** and hence they must be given the necessary resources to fulfil them; therefore calls for a thorough assessment of the new **and existing** tasks assigned to the agencies and of their overall performance, with a view to ensuring appropriate and efficient budgetary allocations; insists, in particular, **on** a proper staffing and financing of the **new** European Labour Authority;

Or. en

Amendment 73

Samira Rafaela, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Radka Maxová, Cristian Ghinea, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Dragoş Pîslaru, Stéphane Bijoux

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Highlights the important contribution of the agencies in dealing with a wide range of employment, social issues and data collection; stresses that their tasks are developing and hence they must be given the necessary resources to fulfil them; therefore calls for a thorough assessment of the new tasks assigned to the agencies and of their overall performance, with a view to ensuring appropriate and efficient budgetary allocations only; insists, in particular, for a proper staffing and financing of the European Labour Authority;

Amendment

11. Highlights the important contribution of the agencies in dealing with a wide range of employment, social issues and data collection; stresses that their tasks are developing and hence they must be given the necessary resources to fulfil them; therefore calls for a thorough assessment of the new tasks assigned to the agencies and of their overall performance, with a view to ensuring appropriate and efficient budgetary allocations only **and that they are equipped with the necessary funding to be able to collect the qualitative data necessary to better fulfil these obligations**; insists, in particular, for

a proper staffing and financing of the European Labour Authority;

Or. en

Amendment 74

Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11a. Points out, in this regard, that the resources currently foreseen for the ELA in 2021 are lower than the ones defined in the updated financial statement for the agency, which foresaw 29 million for 2021 instead of 24 million; in the light of the challenges in ensuring fair labour mobility highlighted by the Covid-19 crisis, in particular for posted and seasonal workers, considers that the budget for the ELA should be strengthened to at least the amount originally foreseen;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11b. Calls for the establishment of a cross-national forum for national policy makers to exchange on practices and experiences related to support for

employers and workers affected by economic and labour market crises which could draw information on such interventions gathered in Eurofound's European Restructuring Monitor (support instruments and legal databases), the expertise built up in similar previous exercises (such as Eurofound's Regional Industrial Policy Seminars realised in the framework of the Pilot Project "Future of Manufacturing in Europe" or DG Employment's national seminars on anticipating and managing restructuring (A.R.E.N.A.S.)), and implemented by a collaboration of various EU institutions (e.g. DG Employment, Eurofound, Cedefop);

Or. en

Amendment 76

Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11c. Reminds of the Commission commitment to swiftly assess the revision of the Biological Agents Directive (BAD) and possibly other occupational health and safety legislation in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to accelerate their work on the new EU OSH strategic framework; calls in this regard for appropriate resources to be allocated to the responsible unit in DG Employment to meet this commitment;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Klára Dobrev, Gabriele Bischoff

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11d. Is concerned about the Commission proposal to merge different budget lines linked to social policy objectives, in particular the lines supporting Information and training measures for workers' organisations, Information, consultation and participation of representatives of undertakings, Industrial relations and social dialogue into one single budget line "07 20 04 06 - Specific competences in the area of social policy, including social dialogue"; believes that separate budget lines as was the case in the past would guarantee the necessary transparency and resources for each of these key areas;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Alicia Homs Ginel, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Agnes Jongerius, Milan Brglez, Brando Benifei, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Elisabetta Gualmini, Manuel Pizarro, Gabriele Bischoff

Draft opinion

Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

Amendment

12. Reiterates that pilot projects (PPs) and preparatory actions (PAs) are very valuable tools to *test* new activities and *innovative solutions* in the fields of employment and social inclusion; *recalls that it is paramount for PPs/PAs to be assessed solely on the basis of their merit*

12. Reiterates that pilot projects (PPs) and preparatory actions (PAs) are very valuable tools to *initiate* new activities and *policies* in the fields of employment and social inclusion *and that several ideas of the EMPL Committee have been implemented successfully in the past as PPs/PAs; is however concerned about the*

and EU added value;

objectivity of the Commission's pre-assessments having a significant impact on their adoption in the Parliament; moreover calls for the implementation of PP/PAs to be in line with their adopted objectives and recommendations; calls the Commission to prioritise, for efficiency reasons, the implementation of these projects and actions through European Agencies when they fall under their areas of expertise;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Samira Rafaela, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Radka Maxová, Dragoş Pîslaru, Stéphane Bijoux

Draft opinion Paragraph 12

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12. Reiterates that pilot projects (PPs) and preparatory actions (PAs) are very valuable tools to test new activities and innovative solutions in the fields of employment and social inclusion; recalls that it is paramount for PPs/PAs to be assessed solely on the basis of their merit and EU added value.

Amendment

12. Reiterates that pilot projects (PPs) and preparatory actions (PAs) are very valuable tools to test new activities and innovative solutions in the fields of employment and social inclusion; recalls that it is paramount for PPs/PAs to be assessed solely on the basis of their merit and EU added value. ***These tools should be efficient, low threshold and clear to be able to promote new and innovative ideas that reflect the needs of the current crisis and the future policies.***

Or. en

Amendment 80

Tomáš Zdechovský

Draft opinion Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Reiterates that pilot projects (PPs) and preparatory actions (PAs) are very valuable tools to test new activities and innovative solutions in the fields of employment and social inclusion; recalls that it is paramount for PPs/PAs to be assessed solely on the basis of their merit and EU added value.

Amendment

12. Reiterates that pilot projects (PPs) and preparatory actions (PAs), ***if carefully prepared***, are very valuable tools to test new activities and innovative solutions in the fields of employment and social inclusion; recalls that it is paramount for PPs/PAs to be assessed solely on the basis of their merit and EU added value.

Or. en

Amendment 81
Tomáš Zdechovský

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12a. Notes that it is crucial for Parliament to be given regular updates on evaluation of the results and to be involved in the various stages of the implementation of PPs/PAs by the Commission; emphasises the importance of a transparent approach by the Commission when assessing and implementing PPs/PAs.

Or. en

Amendment 82
Samira Rafaela, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Jordi Cañas, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Dragoş Pîslaru, Stéphane Bijoux

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12a. Emphasises the importance to include the Overseas Territories and

Counties in its budgeting; urges the Commission to implement measures and funding to address the effects of the COVID-19 crisis on the Overseas Territories and Countries.

Or. en