DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Budgets and Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

on the implementation report on the Recovery and Resilience Facility (2021/2251(INI))

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgets and Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, as the committees responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:


A. whereas the COVID-19 pandemic is placing a heavy burden on people in the EU, particularly those from more vulnerable groups, such as women, people with disabilities, children, young people and the elderly, in their everyday lives, working lives and livelihoods\(^2\)\(^3\);

B. whereas the RRF created an unprecedented structure adapted to addressing the complex effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on economy, society and institutions;

C. whereas social and territorial cohesion is one of the six pillars of the RRF; whereas creating and fostering high-quality employment creation is one of the objectives included in the RRF Regulation;

1. Highlights that the COVID-19 crisis has already left many people jobless or in precarious employment; calls on the Commission and Member States to fight against youth unemployment and to ensure that young people, especially those not in employment, education or training (NEETs), receive adequate, paid and quality first working experience;

2. Stresses that Member States must adopt reforms and include investments in the next generation, children and youth in line with the objectives of the Child Guarantee and reinforced Youth Guarantee; recalls that there is RRF funding expressly available for the development of education, training and skills, particularly digital skills; stresses, further, the importance of the mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences in fostering labour mobility;

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to support legislative and policy initiatives aimed at reducing inequalities and promoting decent working conditions for all, with a particular focus on telework, the right to disconnect, mental well-being at work, occupational health and safety, ensuring quality jobs for essential workers, and strengthening the role of the social partners and collective bargaining; calls in this regard for the swift adoption of the directives on improving working conditions in platform work and on adequate minimum wages in the European Union;


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\(^1\) OJ L 57, 18.2.2021, p. 17.
\(^3\) European Commission, Joint Employment Report 2021.