DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and the Committee on Culture and Education

on the New European Bauhaus (2021/2255(INI))

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and the Committee on Culture and Education, as the committees responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

A. whereas the New European Bauhaus aims to reimagine the way we live together;

B. whereas the implementation of the New European Bauhaus initiative is guided by the principles of reconnecting with nature, regaining a sense of belonging, prioritising the places and people that need it most, and fostering long-term, life cycle and integrated thinking in the industrial ecosystem;

C. whereas the New European Bauhaus is funded by different EU programmes, such as Horizon Europe, the LIFE programme and the European Regional Development Fund;

D. whereas the New European Bauhaus movement focuses on creating a healthy environment, housing, workplace, society, economy and way of living;

1. Welcomes the fact that sustainability and inclusion are values at the core of the New European Bauhaus and calls on the Commission and Member States to ensure they support the universal right to adequate and healthy housing conditions, including social housing;

2. Calls on the Commission to continue the green transition of the industrial ecosystem through the New European Bauhaus;

3. Calls on the Commission to mandate the development of an EU technical standard for New European Bauhaus housing projects in the form of standards adopted by the European Committee for Standardization (CEN), which would take precedence over national construction standards; calls on the Commission to remove the need for a local building permit for specific New European Bauhaus zoning plans at municipal level if a New European Bauhaus construction plan is compliant with these CEN standards, with a view to easing the administrative burden and reducing costs and construction time in order to increase the availability of affordable housing;

4. Welcomes the New European Bauhaus movement, as it contributes to creating a common European identity and a shared sense of belonging;

5. Calls on the Commission to promote and support life-proof housing and solidarity between the generations through the New European Bauhaus, enabling elderly people and persons with disabilities to live at home and to remain active in society for longer and to pass on their experience and knowledge to younger generations;

6. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to invest in developing new, sustainable building techniques and designs to create a New European Bauhaus way of thinking and to contribute to an EU-wide healthy lifestyle for all Europeans;

7. Calls on the Commission to require Member States to ensure a minimum of 100 m² of...
green space per home when planning New European Bauhaus housing projects, and a minimum of one hectare of continuous green space per New European Bauhaus neighbourhood;

8. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to agree on a binding arbitration mechanism in order to quickly resolve potential disputes involving New European Bauhaus projects through an expert panel tasked with swiftly establishing legal certainty for the parties involved; stresses that the outcome of the arbitration procedure should be binding until a judgment is handed down by the Court of Justice of the European Union.