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The implementation of the Lisbon Community Programme: a modern SME policy for growth and employment

Time to move up a gear - Creating a Europe of entrepreneurship and growth

(2006/2138(INI))

Amendment by Doris Pack

Amendment 1

Paragraph -1 (new)

- 1. *Underlines the role and the development of existing EU programmes such as Leonardo da Vinci, which promotes mobility, innovation and quality of training through trans-national partnerships (enterprises, training establishments, liaison bodies ...);***

Or. en

Amendment by Luis Herrero-Tejedor

Amendment 2

Paragraph 3

- 3. *Urges the Member States to encourage an entrepreneurial spirit from the earliest stages of education and to step up their support for lifelong learning;***

Or. es

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Amendment by Marielle De Sarnez

Amendment 3

Paragraph 4

4. Underlines the necessity of *offering appropriate vocational training (training in new technologies) to older workers so that they can stay in employment or more easily find employment and meet the needs of employers;*

Or. fr

Amendment by Ljudmila Novak

Amendment 4

Paragraph 4

4. Underlines the necessity of encouraging older workers *and disabled persons* to stay in employment and encouraging employers to hire older workers *and disabled persons;*

Or. sl

Amendment by Luis Herrero-Tejedor

Amendment 5

Paragraph 4 a (new)

- 4a. *Points out the importance of encouraging a culture that positively welcomes innovation and research;*

Or. es

Amendment by Marielle De Sarnez

Amendment 6

Paragraph 5

5. Calls for vocational training *and higher education* to include placements with SMEs, giving students the opportunity to gain practical experience and in-depth knowledge of their chosen profession;

Or. fr

Amendment by Marielle De Sarnez

Amendment 7

Paragraph 7

7. Suggests language education *in the context of compulsory and university education and in the context of vocational training* should include business terminology in order to help SMEs, which are often hampered by a lack of knowledge of the language of customers in other Member States, to take full advantage of the internal market;

Or. fr

Amendment by Gyula Hegyi

Amendment 8

Paragraph 7 a (new)

- 7a. *Stresses that Information and Communication Technologies, e-learning and e-business are crucial elements in improving SMEs' competitiveness; further impetus should therefore be given to projects promoting the application of such opportunities for SMEs;*

Or. en

Amendment by Gyula Hegyi

Amendment 9

Paragraph 8

8. Calls for an increase in the number of students involved in trans-national vocational training *by further encouraging their participation in the Leonardo da Vinci programme, thus* enabling them to study and gain experience from the most highly qualified people, regardless of nationality;

Or. en

Amendment by Doris Pack

Amendment 10

Paragraph 9

9. *Stresses the improvement of the quality and efficiency of education and training systems in mobilising the necessary resources effectively, notably by an enhanced private investment in higher education and continuing training;*

Or. en

Amendment by Luis Herrero-Tejedor

Amendment 11

Paragraph 9

9. Supports the policy of allowing universities to be financed from private funding, ***and encourages the private sector to make its views known on the education and training that the market requires;***

Or. es

Amendment by Ljudmila Novak

Amendment 12

Paragraph 9

9. Supports the policy of allowing universities to be financed from private funding ***(deletion);***

Or. sl

Amendment by Ljudmila Novak

Amendment 13

Paragraph 9 a (new)

- 9a. Supports the policy of universities including in their teaching programmes content which meets the needs of the economy;***

Or. sl