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European Semester for economic policy coordination: employment and social priorities for 2025
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Amendment 1
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR) proclaimed and signed by the Council, Parliament and the Commission on 17 November 2017,*

Or. en

Amendment 2
Niels Geuking

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to Articles 121 and 148 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),*

Or. de

Amendment 3
Niels Geuking

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the fundamental principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights, in particular principle 11 thereof on childcare and support to children,*

Or. de

Amendment 4
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the EU Social Scoreboard and its headline and secondary indicators,***

Or. en

Amendment 5
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the Commission communication of 4 March 2021 entitled ‘The European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan’ (COM(2021)0102) and its proposed 2030 headline targets on employment, skills and poverty reduction,***

Or. en

Amendment 6
Niels Geuking

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the 2021 European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan to promote upward social convergence by 2030, and in particular headline target 3 thereof,***

Amendment 7
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the La Hulpe Declaration on the Future of the European Pillar of Social Rights signed by the Parliament, the Commission, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Council on 16 April 2024,*

Or. en

Amendment 8
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Regulation (EU) 2023/955 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023 establishing a Social Climate Fund and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1060^{1a},*

^{1a} *OJ L 130, 16.5.2023, p. 1–51.*

Or. en

Amendment 9
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the Regulation (EU) 2024/1263 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2024 on the effective coordination of economic policies and on multilateral budgetary surveillance and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97 and in particular its articles 3, 4, 13 and 27^{2a},***

^{2a} OJ L, 2024/1263, 30.4.2024.

Or. en

Amendment 10
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the Commission communication of 7 October 2020 entitled ‘A Union of Equality: EU Roma strategic framework for equality, inclusion and participation for 2020-2030’ (COM(2020) 620 final),***

Or. en

Amendment 11
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the Commission communication of 3 March 2021 entitled ‘Union of Equality: Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-***

2030' (COM(2021) 101 final),

Or. en

Amendment 12
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission communication of 17 January 2023 entitled 'Harnessing talent in Europe's regions' (COM(2023) 32 final),*

Or. en

Amendment 13
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 j (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission communication of 20 March 2023 entitled 'Labour and skills shortages in the EU: an action plan' (COM(2024) 131 final),*

Or. en

Amendment 14
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 k (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission report of 19 September 2024 entitled*

‘Employment and Social Developments in Europe (ESDE): upward social convergence in the EU and the role of social investment’,

Or. en

Amendment 15
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ***having regard to the Commission communication of 26 November 2024 entitled ‘2025 European Semester: bringing the new economic governance framework to life’ (COM(2024) 705 final),***

Or. en

Amendment 16
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ***having regard to the Commission communication of 17 December 2024 entitled ‘2025 European Semester - Autumn package’ (COM(2024) 700 final),***

Or. en

Amendment 17
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4

Motion for a resolution

- having regard to the Commission proposal of **XXX** 2024 for a joint employment report from the Commission and the Council (COM(2024)**XXX**),

Amendment

- having regard to the Commission proposal of **17 December** 2024 for a joint employment report from the Commission and the Council (COM(2024) **701 final**),

Or. en

Amendment 18

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Citation 5

Motion for a resolution

- having regard to the Commission recommendation of **XXX** 2024 for a Council recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area (COM(2024)**XXX**),

Amendment

- having regard to the Commission recommendation of **17 December** 2024 for a Council recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area (COM(2024) **704 final**),

Or. en

Amendment 19

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Citation 6

Motion for a resolution

- having regard to the Commission report of **XXX** 2024 entitled ‘Alert Mechanism Report 2025’,

Amendment

- having regard to the Commission report of **17 December** 2024 entitled ‘Alert Mechanism Report 2025’ (**COM(2024) 702 final**),

Or. en

Amendment 20

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Citation 8

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the draft Commission staff working document on the ***planned revisions to the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure Scoreboard in the context of the regular review process*** (SWD(2024)XXX),

Amendment

– having regard to the draft Commission staff working document on the ***changes in the scoreboard of the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure*** (SWD(2024) 702 *final*),

Or. en

Amendment 21

Branislav Ondruš

Motion for a resolution

Citation 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ***having regard to the interinstitutional Declaration of La Hulpe on the Future of the European Pillar of Social Rights, signed by the EU institutions, social partners and civil society (2024)***

Or. en

Amendment 22

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ***having regard to Regulation (EU) 2024/1263 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2024 on the effective coordination of economic policies and on multilateral budgetary surveillance and repealing Council***

Amendment 23
Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Budapest Declaration on the New European Competitiveness Deal of 8 November 2024*

Amendment 24
Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Council Decision on Employment Guidelines, adopted by the EPSCO Council on 2 December 2024, which establishes employment and social priorities aligned with the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights,*

Amendment 25
Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard Commission’s report on the “Employment and Social Developments in Europe” published in September 2024***

Or. en

Amendment 26

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the La Hulpe Declaration on the Future of the European Pillar of Social Rights^{2a},***

^{2a} ***<https://wayback.archive-it.org/12710/20240718201828/https://belgian-presidency.consilium.europa.eu/media/bj0adazy/declaration-finale.pdf>***

Or. en

Amendment 27

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the tripartite Declaration for a thriving European Social Dialogue and having regard to the forthcoming Pact on Social Dialogue,***

Or. en

Amendment 28

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to 2020 European Skills Agenda,*

Or. en

Amendment 29

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the Commission communication of 7 September 2022 on the European care strategy (COM(2022)440 final),*

Or. en

Amendment 30

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR), proclaimed by the Council, Parliament and the Commission in November 2017, and its accompanying Action Plan*

adopted in 2021,

Or. en

Amendment 31

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission communication of 17 December 2024 on the 2025 European Semester - Autumn Package (COM(2024)700),*

Or. en

Amendment 32

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission proposal of 17 December 2025 for Joint Employment Report 2025 (COM(2024)701),*

Or. en

Amendment 33

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 j (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to Directive (EU) 2022/2041 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 October 2022 on adequate minimum wages in the European Union,***

Or. en

Amendment 34

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 k (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the European Social Charter (ESC), referred to in the preamble of the EPSR,***

Or. en

Amendment 35

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 l (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the Council Recommendation on access to affordable, high-quality long-term care,***

Or. en

Amendment 36

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 m (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),*

Or. en

Amendment 37

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 n (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025,*

Or. en

Amendment 38

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 o (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the EU Anti-racism Action Plan 2020-2025,*

Or. en

Amendment 39

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 p (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the EU Roma strategic framework for equality, inclusion and participation for 2020-2030,*

Or. en

Amendment 40

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 q (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025,*

Or. en

Amendment 41

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 r (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030,*

Or. en

Amendment 42

Idoia Mendia

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 s (new)

– ***having regard to Regulation (EU) 2024/1263 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2024 on the effective coordination of economic policies and on multilateral budgetary surveillance and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1466/97,***

Or. en

Amendment 43

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas ***progress has been made towards achieving the EU's employment targets*** despite the uncertainty created by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the ***impact*** of high inflation, ***and whereas growth in employment in the EU remained robust in 2023, although high unemployment rates, in particular youth unemployment rates, persist in some Member States, as do significant inequalities between sectors and regions,*** which could negatively affect social cohesion and the well-being of European citizens in the long term;

Amendment

A. whereas, ***according to the Commission's 2025 autumn economic forecast, the EU employment rate has reached a rate of 75.3% ; whereas value must be placed in the economic return of social welfare investments that not only improve living standards but result in economic growth and higher employment rates; whereas some Member States are reaching unprecedented levels of employment , and experiencing growth in employment rates*** despite the uncertainty created by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the ***impacts*** of high inflation; ***however significant challenges remain prominent in the EU, including high unemployment rates in youth, women, older people, low- and medium-qualified, migrants and persons with disabilities, together with precarious working conditions, structural inequalities and gaps in social protection across sectors, regions, and social groups*** which could negatively affect social cohesion and the well-being of European citizens in the long term;

Amendment 44**Hristo Petrov****Motion for a resolution****Recital A***Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas progress has been made towards achieving the EU's employment targets despite the uncertainty created by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the impact of high inflation, and whereas growth in employment in the EU remained robust in 2023, **although** high unemployment rates, in particular youth **unemployment rates**, persist in some Member States, as do significant **inequalities** between sectors and regions, which **could** negatively affect social cohesion and the well-being of European citizens in the long term;

Amendment

A. whereas progress has been made towards achieving the EU's employment targets, **namely that at least 78% of people aged 20 to 64 should be in employment by 2030**, despite the uncertainty created by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, **economic stagnation**, and the impact of high inflation, and whereas growth in employment in the EU remained robust in 2023 **reaching a record height of 75.3%; whereas Member States have committed themselves to national targets in order to achieve this headline goal and whereas in two thirds of the Member States, the employment growth in 2023 was on track to reach the national 2030 target; whereas however** high unemployment rates, in particular **among youth, persons with disabilities, older workers and women**, persist in some Member States, as do significant **disparities** between sectors and regions, which **can** negatively affect social cohesion and the well-being of European citizens in the long term;

Or. en

Amendment 45**Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier****Motion for a resolution****Recital A***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

A. whereas progress has been made towards achieving the EU's employment targets despite the uncertainty created by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the impact of high inflation, and whereas growth in employment in the EU remained robust in 2023, **although high unemployment rates, in particular youth unemployment rates, persist in some Member States, as do** significant inequalities between sectors and regions, which could negatively affect social cohesion and the well-being of European citizens in the long term;

A. whereas progress has been made towards achieving the EU's employment targets despite the uncertainty created by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the impact of high inflation, and whereas growth in employment in the EU remained robust in 2023, **and now exceeds 75% according to Eurostat; whereas EU long-term unemployment rate was a historic low since 2009 being 2,1% in 2023, and youth unemployment rate in the EU was 6,3% i.e. the lowest since measured; whereas labour markets continued to be remarkably resilient and social outcomes showed some signs of improvement, the 2024 economic growth in the EU lagged behind other advanced economies and** significant inequalities **persisted** between sectors and regions, which could negatively affect social cohesion and the well-being of European citizens in the long term;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas progress has been made towards achieving the EU's employment targets despite the uncertainty created by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the impact of high inflation, and whereas growth in employment in the EU remained robust in 2023, although high unemployment rates, in particular youth unemployment rates, persist in some Member States, as do significant inequalities between sectors and regions, which could negatively affect social cohesion and the well-being of European citizens in the long term;

Amendment

A. whereas progress has been made towards achieving the EU's employment targets despite the uncertainty created by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the impact of high inflation, and whereas growth in employment in the EU remained robust in 2023, although high unemployment rates, in particular youth unemployment rates **as well as unemployment rates of persons with disabilities**, persist in some Member States, as do significant inequalities between sectors and regions, which could negatively affect social cohesion and the well-being of European citizens in the long

term;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Branislav Ondruš

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas progress has been made towards achieving the EU's employment targets despite the uncertainty created by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the impact of high inflation, and whereas growth in employment in the EU remained robust in 2023, although high unemployment rates, in particular youth unemployment rates, persist in some Member States, as do significant inequalities between sectors and regions, which could negatively affect social cohesion and the well-being of European citizens in the long term;

Amendment

A. whereas **some** progress has been made towards achieving the EU's employment targets despite the uncertainty created by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the impact of high inflation, and whereas growth in employment in the EU remained robust in 2023, although high unemployment rates, in particular youth unemployment rates, persist in some Member States, as do significant inequalities between sectors and regions, which could negatively affect social cohesion and the well-being of European citizens in the long term;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Marie Dauchy

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas progress has been made towards achieving the EU's employment targets despite ***the uncertainty created*** by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine ***and the impact of high inflation***, and whereas growth in employment in the EU remained robust in 2023, although high unemployment rates, in particular youth unemployment rates, persist in some

Amendment

A. whereas progress has been made towards achieving the EU's employment targets despite ***a serious inflationary crisis caused, among other factors***, by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, and whereas growth in employment in the EU remained robust in 2023, although high unemployment rates, in particular youth unemployment rates, persist in some

Member States, as do significant inequalities between sectors and regions, which could negatively affect social cohesion and the well-being of European citizens in the long term;

Member States, as do significant inequalities between sectors and regions, which could negatively affect social cohesion and the well-being of European citizens in the long term;

Or. fr

Amendment 49

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A a. whereas the European Semester combines different instruments in an integrated framework for multilateral coordination and surveillance of economic, employment, social and environmental policies within the EU and it must become a key tool for fostering upward social convergence, ensuring that economic and fiscal policies not only drive growth but also contribute to an social and sustainable EU; whereas, as part of the integrated analysis of employment and social developments in the context of the European Semester, the risks to upward social convergence in Member States should be assessed and the progress on the implementation of the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights should be monitored, on the basis of the Social Scoreboard and of the principles of the Social Convergence Framework;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A a. whereas the European Union has adopted the target that at least 60% of adults should participate in training every year by 2030; whereas Member States have committed themselves to national targets in order to achieve this headline goal and whereas the majority of Member States lost ground in the pursuit of these national targets; whereas in 2022, the rate of adult participation in learning was at 39.5%, still well below the EU 2030 target; whereas further substantial efforts are needed to ensure provision of, and access to, quality training policies that promote lifelong learning and strengthen EU competitiveness, resilience and inclusiveness of the EU workforce;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A b. whereas the European Union has adopted the 2030 target of reducing the number of people at risk of poverty and social exclusion by at least 15 million compared to 2019, including at least 5 million children; whereas the Member States have committed themselves to national targets in order to achieve this headline goal and whereas the trend is pointing in the opposite direction for nearly half of the Member States; whereas in 2023, 94.6 million people in the EU (21.4% of the population)^{3a}were at risk of poverty or social exclusion, which is only slightly lower than the 2019 level; whereas without a change of approach to

tackling poverty at European level, it will not be possible to reverse the trend and ensure that every citizen has equal opportunities to participate in society;

^{3a} People at risk of poverty or social exclusion in 2023, Eurostat, <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/product-s-eurostat-news/w/ddn-20240612-1#:~:text=In%202023%2C%2094.6%20million%20people,household%20with%20very%20low%20work.>

Or. en

Amendment 52

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A b. whereas the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPRS) must be the compass for leading EU social and economic policies, ensuring that the Union takes a leading role in promoting social progress; whereas the European Commission must assess risks to upward social convergence in Member States and monitor progress on the implementation of the EPRS using the Social Scoreboard and the Social Convergence Framework;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Recital A c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A c. whereas one child in four is still at risk of poverty and social exclusion in the European Union, and whereas the current trend will not meet the target of reducing the number of children in poverty by at least 5 million by 2030; whereas significant disparities are observed among children from ethnic or migrant backgrounds and children with disabilities; whereas 83% of Roma children lived in households at risk of poverty; whereas EU and national resources currently deployed are in no way sufficient for addressing the challenge of child poverty in the EU and, therefore, a dedicated funding instrument for the European Child Guarantee as well as synergies with other European and national funds are of utmost importance both in the current and next Multiannual Financial Framework;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Recital A c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A c. whereas the Social Convergence Framework offers a key tool for assessing social challenges and upward convergence within the European Semester and for monitoring social disparities across Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 55

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Recital A d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A d. whereas public spending on children and youth should not be seen only as social expenditure but as an investment in the future; whereas for children, social investments lead to better education and job prospects, which in turn boost economic indicators; whereas children who can benefit most from attending early childhood education and care (ECEC), such as those from disadvantaged backgrounds, tend to participate least and continue to face barriers to access; whereas to meet the 2030 Barcelona targets for ECEC, the EU should invest an additional €11 billion per year^{4a};

^{4a} Employment and Social Developments in Europe (ESDE) 2024, European Commission, September 2024.

Or. en

Amendment 56

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital A d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A d. whereas addressing the challenges identified in the Joint Employment Report (JER) will contribute to achieving upward social convergence, supporting fair green and digital transitions, tackling demographic change, and contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals;

Amendment 57

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Recital A e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A e. whereas there are still 1.4 million people residing in institutions in the EU; whereas residents of institutions are isolated from the broader community and do not have sufficient control over their lives and the decisions that affect them; whereas despite the fact that the European Union has long been committed to the process of deinstitutionalisation, efforts are still needed at both European and national level to enable vulnerable groups to live independently in a community environment;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Idoia Mendia

Motion for a resolution

Recital A e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A e. Whereas the rate of self-employment is declining, including among young people, and poor quality jobs among the self-employed are disproportionately wide-spread;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas demographic challenges, including an ageing population, low birth rates and rural depopulation, profoundly affect the sustainability of welfare systems **and hence represent** a structural challenge for the EU economy, **and** whereas, as underlined in the Draghi report, sustainable growth in Europe depends to a large extent on the inclusion of the active population in the labour market and on a robust welfare system;

Amendment

B. whereas demographic challenges, including an ageing population, low birth rates and rural depopulation, profoundly affect the ***size of the labour force, EU productivity, the labour markets with labour and skills shortages remaining at historically high levels, and consequent*** sustainability of welfare systems ***representing*** a structural challenge for the EU economy; whereas, as underlined in the Draghi report, sustainable growth ***and competitiveness*** in Europe depends to a large extent on ***adapting education and training systems to evolving skills needs, prioritising adult learning and vocational education and training,*** the inclusion of the active population in the labour market and on a robust welfare system ***providing strong public services; whereas ESF+ investments in active labour market policies is projected to increase employment beyond the investment period, especially for lower income groups^{5a}; whereas by 2030, the EU working population is expected to shrink by 7 million workers^{6a} and whereas this number is expected to reach an additional 35 million persons by 2050^{7a}, indicating that legal labour migration will be necessary to supplement the European workforce;***

^{5a} *Employment and Social Developments in Europe (ESDE) 2024, European Commission, September 2024.*

^{6a} *Employment and Social Developments in Europe (ESDE) 2023, European Commission, July 2023.*

^{7a} *Commission communication 'Harnessing talent in Europe's regions' (COM(2023) 32 final).*

Amendment 60**Benedetta Scuderi**

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution**Recital B***Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas demographic challenges, including an ageing population, low birth rates and rural depopulation, profoundly affect the ***sustainability of welfare systems*** and hence represent a structural challenge for the EU economy, and whereas, as underlined in the Draghi report, sustainable growth in Europe depends ***to a large extent on*** the inclusion of the active population in the labour market and on a robust welfare system;

Amendment

B. whereas demographic challenges, including an ageing population, low birth rates and rural depopulation, ***especially of the youth towards urban areas,*** profoundly affect the ***economic vitality and attractiveness of EU territories*** and hence represent a structural challenge for the EU economy, and whereas, as underlined in the Draghi report, sustainable growth in Europe depends ***on preserving a strong social protection system, accessibility to public services,*** the inclusion of the active population in the labour market and on a robust welfare system;

Or. en

Amendment 61**Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier****Motion for a resolution****Recital B***Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas demographic challenges, including an ageing population, low birth rates and rural depopulation, profoundly affect the sustainability of welfare systems and hence represent a structural challenge for the EU economy, and whereas, as underlined in the Draghi report, sustainable growth in Europe depends to a large extent on the inclusion of the active population in the labour market and on a robust welfare

Amendment

B. whereas demographic challenges, including an ageing population, low birth rates and rural depopulation, profoundly affect the sustainability of welfare systems and hence represent a structural challenge for the EU economy, and whereas, as underlined in the Draghi report, sustainable growth in Europe depends to a large extent on the inclusion of the active population in the labour market and on a robust welfare

system;

system; *whereas certain sectors need faster automatisisation and robotisation to avoid a drastic drop in productivity due to the lack of employees;*

Or. en

Amendment 62
Marie Dauchy

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas demographic challenges, including an ageing population, low birth rates and rural depopulation, profoundly affect the sustainability of welfare systems and hence represent a structural challenge for the EU economy, and whereas, as underlined in the Draghi report, sustainable growth in Europe depends to a large extent on the inclusion of *the active population* in the labour market and on a robust welfare system;

Amendment

B. whereas demographic challenges, including an ageing population, low birth rates and rural depopulation, profoundly affect the sustainability of welfare systems and hence represent a structural challenge for the EU economy, and whereas, as underlined in the Draghi report, sustainable growth in Europe depends to a large extent on the inclusion of, *initially, the national active populations and then, in a second stage, the European active populations* in the labour market and on a robust welfare system *which would in no way replace the national specificities;*

Or. fr

Amendment 63
Marlena Małąg, Georgiana Teodorescu, Elena Donazzan

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas demographic challenges, including an ageing population, low birth rates and rural depopulation, profoundly affect the sustainability of welfare systems and hence represent a structural challenge for the EU economy, and whereas, as

Amendment

B. whereas demographic challenges, including an ageing population, low birth rates and rural depopulation, profoundly affect the sustainability of welfare systems *and aggravate further the regional disparities in the EU*, and hence represent

underlined in the Draghi report, sustainable growth in Europe depends to a large extent on the inclusion of the active population in the labour market and on a robust welfare system;

a structural challenge for the EU economy, and whereas, as underlined in the Draghi report, sustainable growth in Europe depends to a large extent on the inclusion of the active population in the labour market and on a robust welfare system;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas demographic **challenges, including an ageing population, low birth rates** and rural depopulation, **profoundly** affect the sustainability of **welfare** systems and hence represent a structural challenge for the EU economy, and whereas, as underlined in the Draghi report, sustainable growth in Europe depends to a large extent on the inclusion **of the active population** in the labour market **and** on a robust welfare system;

Amendment

B. whereas demographic **developments , increased longevity** and rural depopulation affect the sustainability of **social protection and social services** systems and hence represent a structural challenge for the EU **in terms of** economy, and whereas, as underlined in the Draghi report, sustainable growth in Europe depends to a large extent on the **effective and fair** inclusion in the labour market **as well as** on a robust welfare system;

Or. en

Amendment 65

Idoia Mendia

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

B a. whereas, as highlighted in the Draghi report, migrant workers have been an important factor in reducing labour shortages and are more likely to work in occupations with persistent shortages than workers born in the EU;

Amendment

Amendment 66

Idoia Mendia

Motion for a resolution

Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B b. whereas 70% of workers in Europe are in good quality jobs, 30% are in strained jobs where demands are more numerous than resources available to balance them leading to overall poor job quality. In many occupations suffering from persistent labour shortages the share of low quality jobs is higher than 30%;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas the Letta report deplors the decline in the birth rate, noting the importance of creating a framework to support all families as part of a strategy of inclusive growth and stressing the need to promote ***family and*** work-life balance policies;

C. whereas the Letta report deplors the decline in the birth rate , noting the importance of creating a framework to ***improve gender equality and*** support all ***types of families and individuals, including single parents,*** as part of a strategy of inclusive growth and stressing the need to promote work-life balance policies ***ensuring accessible and professional care systems as well as public quality education, family-related leave and flexible working arrangements in line with the European Care Strategy; whereas Eurostat stresses the increase of EU population due to migration and the necessity of dedicating more efforts to***

their integration;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the Letta report *deplores the decline in the birth rate, noting the importance of creating a framework to support all families as part of a strategy of inclusive growth and stressing the need to promote family and work-life balance policies;*

Amendment

C. whereas the Letta report *highlights the need for a strong social dimension of the EU Single Market in order to prevent major economic and social imbalances, promote prosperity, ensuring fair opportunities, workers' rights and social protection for all, while contributing to inclusive growth and competitiveness in line with the Pillar of Social Rights; whereas the report notes that the free movement of people remains the least developed of the four freedoms and argues for reducing barriers to intra-EU occupational mobility;*

Or. en

Amendment 69
Benedetta Scuderi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the Letta report *deplores the decline in the birth rate, noting the importance of creating a framework to support all families as part of a strategy of inclusive growth and stressing the need to promote family and work-life balance policies;*

Amendment

C. whereas the Letta report *notes the decline in the birth rate, highlighting the importance of creating a framework to support everyone in our societies during this unprecedented cost-of-living crisis as part of a strategy of inclusive growth and stressing the need to promote work-life balance policies for all;*

Amendment 70
Branislav Ondruš

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the Letta report deploras the decline in the birth rate, noting the importance of creating a framework to support all families as part of a strategy of inclusive growth and stressing the need to promote family and work-life balance policies;

Amendment

C. whereas the Letta report deploras the decline in the birth rate, noting the importance of creating a **comprehensive** framework to support all families as part of a strategy of inclusive growth and stressing the need to promote family and work-life balance policies;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Marie Dauchy

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the Letta report deploras the decline in the birth rate, noting the importance of creating a framework to support all families as part of a strategy of inclusive growth and stressing the need to promote family **and work-life balance** policies;

Amendment

C. whereas the Letta report deploras the decline in the birth rate, noting the importance of creating a framework to support all families **of European citizens** as part of a strategy of inclusive growth and stressing the need to promote family policies;

Or. fr

Amendment 72
Niels Geuking

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas the promotion of strong, sustainable and inclusive economic growth with job creation, in line with the recommendations of the European Semester, can succeed only if children can develop in a self-determined way and realise their full (educational) potential in order to be prepared for the future skills market, while promoting equal opportunities and social cohesion, and at the same time reducing health and social inequalities and strengthening social inclusion and the well-being of children;

Or. de

Amendment 73
Niels Geuking

Motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C b. whereas, to this end, children must have effective access to basic care services, such as early childhood education and care, educational and school activities and, in particular, basic health care, through effective access to healthy nutrition, including at least one healthy meal per school day to build their resilience;

Or. de

Amendment 74
Niels Geuking

Motion for a resolution
Recital C c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C c. whereas it is necessary to strengthen families in a targeted manner to ensure better development of future generations;

Or. de

Amendment 75
Niels Geuking

Motion for a resolution
Recital C d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C d. whereas significant progress is needed to tackle poverty among children and their families and to contribute to the goal of reducing the number of people suffering from poverty by at least 15 million by 2030, including at least 5 million children in all Member States;

Or. de

Amendment 76
Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas inflation ***has*** increased the burden on households, ***and*** housing costs ***and*** energy poverty remain ***major problems;***

D. whereas ***high*** inflation ***rates have*** increased ***the cost of living and*** the burden on households, housing costs ,energy poverty ***and social exclusion*** remain ***critical challenges in the EU, particularly affecting women, young people, children, persons with disabilities, LGTBI, people with migrant background, and Roma, with significant disparities both between and within Member States and population groups; whereas housing is becoming unaffordable for many Europeans live in***

households where housing cost represent 40% of their total disposable income; whereas decent, good-quality and affordable housing, including through social housing, is a fundamental condition for ensuring equal opportunities and fighting poverty and/or social exclusion;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas inflation has increased the burden on households, and housing *costs and* energy poverty remain major problems;

Amendment

D. whereas inflation has increased the burden on households and *SMEs exacerbating the risks of poverty and social exclusion; whereas cost of living, housing availability and affordability as well as energy and transport* poverty remain major problems; *whereas investment in social services and increasing housing supply, including social housing, as well as housing allowances, play a key role in reducing poverty of vulnerable households and improve affordability;*

Or. en

Amendment 78
Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas inflation has increased the burden on households, and housing costs and energy poverty *remain major*

Amendment

D. whereas inflation has increased the burden on households, and housing costs and energy poverty *increased in 2023 in*

problems;

the EU for the second consecutive year, reflecting the impact of the high energy costs which requires active measures from the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas inflation has increased the burden on households, and housing costs and energy poverty remain major problems;

Amendment

D. whereas inflation has increased the burden on households, *with especially negative impact on single parents, large families, elderly or persons with disabilities*, and housing costs and energy poverty remain major problems;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Benedetta Scuderi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas inflation has increased the burden on households, and housing costs and energy poverty remain major problems;

Amendment

D. whereas inflation *and lack of redistributive policies* has increased the *economic* burden on households, *especially the most vulnerable ones*; and housing costs and energy poverty remain major problems *across the EU*;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Marie Dauchy

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas inflation has increased the burden on households, and housing costs and energy poverty remain major problems;

Amendment

D. whereas inflation has increased the burden on households, and housing costs and energy poverty remain major problems ***when they are associated with excessive standards relating to housing and energy;***

Or. fr

Amendment 82
Benedetta Scuderi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D a. whereas the medium term fiscal structural plans present fiscal trajectories that confirm an emerging trade-off between investment increase and adequate levels of social expenditure; and they present poor consistency between reforms and investments and public investments and public finance objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D a. whereas despite a minimal reduction in the number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion in the EU in

2023, approximately 1 in 5 still faces this challenge, with notable disparities for children, young and older people, persons with disabilities, LGTBI, non-EU born individuals, and Roma communities;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Benedetta Scuderi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D b. whereas European micro, small and medium enterprises face particular challenges such as remaining competitive with third-country players, maintaining the production levels with increasingly high-energy costs and finding the necessary skills for the green and digital transitions; whereas they need financial and technical support to comply with regulatory requirements stemming from the opportunities offered by the twin-transitions;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas *labour and skills shortages* remain a problem at all levels, exacerbated by a lack of candidates to fill critical positions in *key* sectors such as *education, health and construction*,

E. whereas *lack of attractiveness and investment into quality public services, bad working conditions and low salaries* remain a problem at all levels, exacerbated by a lack of candidates to fill critical

especially in areas affected by depopulation;

positions in *some* sectors such as *science and technology*, especially in areas affected by depopulation; *whereas EU's capacity to deal with future shocks, crises and polycrises while navigating the demographic, digital and green transitions will depend greatly on the conditions under which critical workers will be able to perform their work; whereas addressing the shortages and retaining all type of talents requires decent working conditions, access to social protection systems, and opportunities for skills development tailored to the needs; and whereas addressing skills shortages is crucial to achieve the digital and green transition, inclusive and sustainable growth and to boost the EU's competitiveness;*

Or. en

Amendment 86 Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas labour and skills shortages **remain a problem at all levels**, exacerbated by a lack of candidates to fill critical positions in key sectors such as education, health **and** construction, especially in areas affected by depopulation;

Amendment

E. whereas labour and skills shortages **are reported by companies of all sizes and sectors**, exacerbated by a lack of candidates to fill critical positions in key sectors such as education, health, construction, **hospitality, care, transport, science technology and engineering** especially in areas affected by depopulation; **whereas the EU has launched several initiatives to tackle the skills shortages such as the European Skills Agenda, the Pact for Skills, ALMA and the Net-Zero Academies;**

Or. en

Amendment 87

Benedetta Scuderi

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas labour and skills shortages remain a problem at all levels, ***exacerbated by*** a lack of candidates to fill critical positions in key sectors such as education, health and construction, especially in areas affected by depopulation;

Amendment

E. whereas labour and skills shortages ***due to difficult working conditions, unattractive salaries, shortages of trainings, barriers of access to medium and higher education and lack of recognition of skills and education*** remain a problem at all levels, ***resulting in*** a lack of candidates to fill critical positions in key sectors such as education, health and construction, especially in areas affected by depopulation;

Or. en

Amendment 88

Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas labour and skills shortages remain a problem at all levels, ***exacerbated by*** a lack of candidates to fill critical positions in ***key*** sectors such as education, health and construction, especially in areas affected by depopulation;

Amendment

E. whereas labour and skills shortages remain a problem at all levels, ***yet adult participation in education and training remained well below the EU target, resulting in*** a lack of candidates to fill critical positions in sectors ***especially where it is difficult to replace live work,*** such as education, health and construction, especially in areas affected by depopulation;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas labour and skills shortages remain a problem at all levels, exacerbated by a lack of candidates to fill critical positions in key sectors such as education, health and construction, especially in areas affected by depopulation;

Amendment

E. whereas labour and skills shortages remain a problem at all levels, exacerbated by a lack of candidates to fill critical positions in key sectors such as education, health and ***care sector as well as*** construction ***sector***, especially in areas affected by depopulation;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Branislav Ondruš

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas labour and skills shortages ***remain a problem at all levels, exacerbated by a lack of candidates to fill*** critical positions in key sectors such as education, health and construction, especially in areas affected by depopulation;

Amendment

E. whereas ***lack of adequate remuneration and decent working conditions significantly contribute to*** labour and skills shortages ***in*** critical positions in key sectors such as education, health and construction, especially in areas affected by depopulation;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E a. whereas promoting mobility within the EU and consider attracting skilled third country national workers, in

addition, ensure respect and enforcement of labour and social rights and channel third country nationals entering the EU through legal migration pathways towards occupations experiencing shortages, supported by an effective integration policy, in full complementarity to harnessing talents from within the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E a. whereas skilled workers, and access to quality education, vocational education and training as well as lifelong learning are crucial to ensure a sustainable and just twin transitions of the European economy; whereas upskilling, reskilling and training programmes must be available for all workers, including those with disabilities, and should also be adapted to the needs and capacities of workers;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E b. whereas in 2022, the average Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) score for the measures of basic skills (reading, mathematics and science) of 15-year-olds decreased by 10

points compared to the last wave in 2018; whereas underachievement is prevalent among disadvantaged learners, demonstrating a widening of educational inequalities; whereas this worrying deterioration calls for reforms and investments in education and training;

Or. en

Amendment 94

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E b. whereas gender pay gaps remain considerable in most EU Members States and whereas care responsibilities are an important factor that continues to constrain women into part-time employment or leads to their exclusion from the labour market, resulting in a wider gender employment gap;

Or. en

Amendment 95

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Recital E c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E c. whereas the green and digital transitions must be socially just and inclusive for all, seizing the opportunity to create quality jobs, tackle discrimination at work, protect workers' rights and raise labour standards; whereas it is essential to promote good-quality job creation,

robust social protection, and targeted investments in skills that match emerging labour opportunities in the green and digital sectors combined with adult education allowances to ensure access to quality upskilling and reskilling for all;

Or. en

Amendment 96

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Recital E d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E d. whereas the Joint Employment Report (JER) highlights the right to disconnect in particular in the context of telework, acknowledging the critical role of this right in ensuring work-life balance in a context of increasing digitalization and remote work;

Or. en

Amendment 97

Idoia Mendia

Motion for a resolution

Recital E e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E e. whereas challenges to several sectors such as automotive manufacturing and energy intensive industries became evident in 2024, and large-scale restructuring announcements were made by companies;

Or. en

Amendment 98

Idoia Mendia

Motion for a resolution

Recital E f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E f. whereas currently there is no EU-wide regular data collection on social services investment and coverage. Collecting such data is key for an evidence-based analysis of national social policies in the EU Semester analysis. This should be addressed through jointly agreed criteria and data collection standards for social services investment and coverage in EU Member States. The European Social Network's Social Services Index is an example of how such data collection can contribute to the EU Semester Analysis,

Or. en

Amendment 99

Idoia Mendia

Motion for a resolution

Recital E g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E g. whereas there are disparities in the coverage of social services, including long-term care, child protection, domestic violence support, and homelessness aid, that need to be addressed through the EU Semester,

Or. en

Amendment 100

Idoia Mendia, Alicia Homs Ginel, Isilda Gomes, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas ***the crisis in generational renewal and poor*** access to public services have ***led to an*** increased risk of poverty and social exclusion, particularly affecting children ***and elderly*** people;

Amendment

F. whereas ***economic and social inequalities, as well as limited*** access to ***funding and*** public services have increased ***the*** risk of poverty and social exclusion, particularly affecting children, ***single parents households, young and older*** people ***and other vulnerable groups such as migrants, Roma, people living in depopulated areas and persons with disabilities,***

Or. en

Amendment 101

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas the ***crisis in generational renewal and poor access to public services*** have ***led to an increased*** risk of poverty and social exclusion, particularly affecting children and elderly people;

Amendment

F. whereas ***a lack of sufficient social investment has exacerbated*** the risk of poverty and social exclusion, particularly affecting children, ***single-parent families*** and elderly people; ***whereas this phenomenon is also affecting a segment of the workforce, with 1 in 12 workers in 2023 living in households that are at risk of poverty; whereas an ambitious EU Anti-Poverty Strategy will be essential to reverse this trend and provide responses to the multidimensional phenomenon of poverty;***

Or. en

Amendment 102

Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas the crisis in generational renewal and poor access to public services have led to an increased risk of poverty and social exclusion, particularly affecting children *and* elderly people;

Amendment

F. Whereas the crisis in generational renewal and poor access to public services, ***due to a lack of long-term and sustainable planning in the areas of housing, infrastructure and community development***, have led to an increased risk of poverty and social exclusion, particularly affecting children, elderly people ***and persons from marginalised backgrounds***;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas the crisis in generational renewal and poor access to public services have led to an increased risk of poverty and social exclusion, particularly affecting children and elderly people;

Amendment

F. whereas the crisis in generational renewal and poor access to public services have led to an increased risk of poverty and social exclusion, particularly affecting children and elderly people, ***single-parent households and large families as well as persons with disabilities***;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Benedetta Scuderi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas the ***crisis in generational renewal and*** poor access ***to*** public services have led to an increased risk of poverty and

Amendment

F. whereas the ***demographic changes***, poor access ***and under-investment in*** public services have led to an increased

social exclusion, particularly affecting children *and* elderly people;

risk of poverty and social exclusion, particularly affecting children, elderly people *and vulnerable groups*;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F a. whereas the April 2024 Eurobarometer stresses that 88% of European citizens consider social Europe to be important to them personally^{8a}; whereas this result was confirmed by the EU Post-Electoral Survey 2024 where European citizens placed the rising prices and the cost of living (42%) and the economic situation (41%) as the main topics that motivated them to vote in the last European elections^{9a};

8a

<https://europa.eu/eurobarometer/surveys/detail/3187>.

9a

<https://europa.eu/eurobarometer/surveys/detail/3292>.

Or. en

Amendment 106

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas social progress in the EU

G. Whereas ***according to article 3***

must advance in a manner consistent with the stability objectives of the Maastricht criteria, ensuring that economic integration does not exacerbate inequalities between generations and regions;

TEU, social progress in the EU is one of the aims of a highly competitive social market economy, together with full employment, a high level of protection and improvement of the quality of the environment; whereas article 3 also states that the EU shall combat social exclusion and discrimination and shall promote social justice and protection, equality between women and men, solidarity between generations and protection of the rights of the child;

Or. en

Amendment 107

Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas social progress in the EU must *advance in a manner consistent with the stability objectives of the Maastricht criteria, ensuring* that economic integration does not exacerbate inequalities between generations and regions;

Amendment

G. whereas social progress in the EU must *ensure* that economic integration does not exacerbate inequalities between generations and regions;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Benedetta Scuderi

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas social progress in the EU *must advance in a manner consistent with the stability objectives of the Maastricht criteria,* ensuring that economic integration does not exacerbate inequalities between

Amendment

G. whereas social progress in the EU *represents the most concrete and efficient investment in our societies' long term resilience and sustainability;* ensuring that *further* economic integration does not

generations and regions;

exacerbate *social* inequalities between generations and regions;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Branislav Ondruš

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas social progress in the EU must ***advance in a manner consistent with the*** stability objectives of the Maastricht criteria, ensuring that economic integration does not exacerbate inequalities between generations and regions;

Amendment

G. whereas social progress in the EU must ***not be compromised by*** stability objectives of the Maastricht criteria, ensuring that economic integration does not exacerbate inequalities between generations and regions;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

G a. whereas the new EU economic governance framework entered into force in April 2024 and aims to promote sustainable and inclusive growth as well as to give more space for social investment and realising the objectives of the European Pillar of Social Rights; whereas the revision includes for the first time a social convergence framework as an integrated part of the European Semester;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Benedetta Scuderi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G a. whereas European social partners, during Macroeconomic Dialogue, have denounced the last of involvement of social partners in the drafting of the medium-term fiscal structural plans and ETUC, SMEUnited and SGIEurope have signed a joint statement for a Material and Factual Involvement of Social partners in the economic governance and the EU Semester;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G a. whereas the risk of poverty or social exclusion is greater for women, young adults, people with a low level of educational attainment and the unemployed; whereas there remains many gaps in access to unemployment benefits, with 66% of unemployed people reporting that they do not receive benefits or assistance.^{1a}

^{1a} Social protection 2.0: Unemployment and minimum income benefits

Or. en

Amendment 113

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G a. whereas structural reforms must prioritize social progress, ensuring access to adequate social protection, affordable and decent housing, and essential services for all type of families, including vulnerable groups such as single parent households and persons with disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 114

Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G a. whereas we shall make the Union more competitive, productive, innovative and sustainable, building on economic, social and territorial cohesion, and ensuring convergence and a level playing field both within the Union and globally;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Recital G b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G b. Whereas according to the OECD, on average across OECD countries,

occupations at highest risk of automation account for about 28% of employment;^{2a} whereas social dialogue and collective bargaining are crucial in such context to ensure a participatory approach to managing change due to technological developments, addressing potential concerns, while fostering workers' adaptation (including via skills provision); whereas digitalisation, robotisation, automation and artificial intelligence must benefit workers and society by improving working conditions and quality of life, ensuring a good work-life balance, creating better employment opportunities, and contributing to socioeconomic convergence; whereas workers and their trade unions will play a critical role in anticipating and tackling risks emerging from those challenges;

^{2a} OECD Social, Employment and Migration Working Papers No. 282

Or. en

Amendment 116
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Recital G b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G b. whereas under the new EU economic governance framework, all Member States have to include reforms and investments in their medium-term plans addressing common EU priorities and challenges identified in country-specific recommendations in the context of the European Semester; whereas the common EU priorities include social and economic resilience, including the European Pillar of Social Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 117

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Recital G b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G b. whereas, EU policies such as NextGenerationEU and SURE have secured growth and economic resilience, reducing inequalities;

Or. en

Amendment 118

Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier

Motion for a resolution

Recital G b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G b. whereas we must work in unity and solidarity for the benefit of all EU citizens, businesses and Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 119

Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Recital G c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G c. whereas there were still over 3.300 fatal accidents and almost 3 million nonfatal accidents in the EU-27 in 2021; whereas over 200.000 workers die each year from work-related illnesses; whereas these data do not include all accidents caused by undeclared work, making it

plausible to assume that the true numbers greatly exceed the official statistics; whereas in 2017, according to Eurofound, 20% of jobs in Europe were of “poor quality” and put workers at increased risk regarding their physical or mental health; whereas 14% of workers have been exposed to a high level of psychosocial risks; whereas 23% of European workers believe that their safety or their health is at risk because of their work;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Recital G c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G c. whereas public investment is expected to increase in 2025 in almost all Member States, with a significant contribution from NextGenerationEU's Recovery and Resilience Facility (RFF) and EU funds in several Member States; whereas around 162.5 billion allocated to Member States under the RFF contributes to social spending, amounting to around 25% of the total estimated expenditure^{10a}; whereas social investments and reforms in key areas can boost employment, social inclusion, competitiveness and economic growth^{11a};

^{10a} 2025 European Semester: Proposal for a Joint Employment Report.

^{11a} Employment and Social Developments in Europe (ESDE) 2024, European Commission, September 2024.

Or. en

Amendment 121

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Recital G c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G c. whereas social dialogue and collective bargaining are essential for the EU's competitiveness, labour productivity and social cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 122

Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier

Motion for a resolution

Recital G c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G c. whereas we shall pursue the dual objective of strategic energy sovereignty and climate neutrality by 2050;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Idoia Mendia

Motion for a resolution

Recital G d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G d. whereas social partners are essential for designing and implementing policies that promote sustainable and inclusive growth, decent and quality work, and fair transitions and must be involved at all levels of governance in accordance with the TFEU;

Amendment 124

Idoia Mendia

Motion for a resolution

Recital G e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G e. whereas Member States should implement the Directive on adequate minimum wages without delay and prepare action plans that increase collective bargaining coverage in line with the directive, where applicable;

Or. en

Amendment 125

Idoia Mendia

Motion for a resolution

Recital G f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G f. whereas, Eurofound research shows that suicide rates are creeping up since 2021, after decades of decline, more needs to be done to address causes of mental health problems in working and living conditions (importantly social inclusion), and access to support for people with bad mental health remains a problem;

Or. en

Amendment 126

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. **Considers that** the Commission and the **Council should** continue implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights, in line with the action plan of March 2021;

Amendment

1. **Calls on** the Commission and the **Member States to** continue implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights (**EPSR**), in line with the action plan of March 2021 **and the La Hulpe Declaration to achieve the 2030 headline targets; welcomes in this regard the announcement of a new Action Plan on the implementation of the EPSR^{12a} for 2025 in order to give a new impetus to social progress; stresses the need for the updated Action Plan to contain ambitious proposals to address poverty and social exclusion and supportive measures for workers to manage the twin transitions in particular regarding skills, VET and lifelong learning;**

^{12a} *Europe's Choice, Political Guidelines for the Next European Commission 2024-2029, Ursula von der Leyen (July 2024)*

Or. en

Amendment 127

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1**

Motion for a resolution

1. Considers that the Commission and the Council should **continue implementing** the European Pillar of Social Rights, in line with the action plan of March 2021;

Amendment

1. Considers that the Commission and the Council should **accelerate the full implementation of** the European Pillar of Social Rights, in line with the action plan of March 2021; **calls on the Commission to present a updated Plan for the European Pillar of Social Rights for the period 2025-2029, ensuring the integration of new priorities; Stresses the importance of using the Social Scoreboard and the Social Convergence Framework to identify risks and track progress in**

reducing inequalities, strengthening social protection systems, and promoting good working conditions;

Or. en

Amendment 128

Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Considers that the Commission and the Council should continue implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights, in line with the action plan of March 2021;

Amendment

1. Considers that the Commission and the Council should continue implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights, in line with the action plan of March 2021; ***calls for the strengthening of social dialogue, while upholding equal opportunities and reducing inequalities in line with the European Pillar of Social Rights while respecting Member States competencies;***

Or. en

Amendment 129

Marie Dauchy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Considers that the Commission and the Council should continue implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights, in ***line with the action plan of March 2021;***

Amendment

1. Considers that the Commission and the Council should continue implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights, in ***the strictest possible compliance with national law and in a manner that is complementary and not forced;***

Or. fr

Amendment 130

Benedetta Scuderi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Considers that the Commission and the Council should *continue* implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights, in *line with* the action plan *of March 2021*;

Amendment

1. Considers that the Commission and the Council should *strengthen their efforts in* implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights, in *view of the upcoming revision of* the Action plan *in 2025*;

Or. en

Amendment 131
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. *Recalls that the objectives of a social Europe are repeatedly identified by European citizens as priorities; stresses that in order to make social Europe a reality, and ensure a high level of social protection in transitions, it is necessary to ensure a sustainable, fair and inclusive Europe where social rights are fully protected and safeguarded at the same level as economic freedoms, and to reflect on methods to safeguard the European social contract; reiterates in this regard its call for a social progress protocol to be annexed to the Treaties^{13a};*

^{13a} *European Parliament resolution of 22 November 2023 on proposals of the European Parliament for the amendment of the Treaties (2022/2051(INL)).*

Or. en

Amendment 132

Niels Geuking

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Calls for the implementation of upward convergence through immediate measures to ensure high-quality public care, education and skills for the next generation, and in particular through further investment in effective access to healthy nutrition in the form of the provision of at least one free, hot meal a day for every child in the EU in all childcare facilities and schools;

Or. de

Amendment 133

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the JER 2026 analysis the implementation of all the principles of the EPSR in line with Regulation 2024/1263 and to integrate in the JER the analysis of the social dimension of the national medium-term fiscal-structural plans related to social resilience, including the European Pillar of Social Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 134

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 b. Is concerned that, in 2023, 94.6 million people in the EU were still at risk of poverty or social exclusion; stresses that without a paradigm shift in the approach to combating poverty, the European Union and its Member States will not achieve their poverty reduction objectives; believes that the announcement of the first-ever EU Anti-Poverty Strategy is a step in the right direction towards reversing the trend, but must provide a comprehensive approach to tackling the multidimensional aspects of poverty and social exclusion with concrete actions, strong implementation and monitoring; calls for this Strategy to encompass all people experiencing poverty and social exclusion, first and foremost the most disadvantaged, but also specific measures for different groups such as persons experiencing in-work poverty, the homeless, people with disabilities, single-parent families and above all children in order to sustainably break the cycle of poverty; stresses that the transposition of the Directive on adequate minimum wages will be key for preventing and fighting poverty risks among workers, while reinforcing incentives to work and welcomes the fact that several Member States have amended or plan to amend their minimum wage frameworks; stresses that an EU framework directive on adequate minimum income and active inclusion, in compliance with the subsidiarity principle, would contribute to the goals of reducing poverty and fostering the integration of people absent from the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 135

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle

Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 b. Regrets the lack of data and analysis of wealth inequality and wealth concentration in the EU as this is one of the main determinants of poverty; points out that according to Distributional Wealth Accounts (DWA), a dataset developed by the European System of Central Banks (ESCB), the share of wealth held by the top 10 percent stood at 56 percent in the fourth quarter of 2023, while the bottom half held just 5 percent; calls on the Commission and the Member States to assess the socio economic impact of wealth inequalities and urgently propose measures that ensure a fairer distribution of wealth and resources in order to allow for progress towards the reduction of poverty by 15 million in 2030 as well as widening the middle class;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 c. Reiterates its call on the Commission to carefully monitor implementation of the Child Guarantee in all Member States as part of the European Semester and country-specific recommendations; reiterates its call for an increase in the funding of the European Child Guarantee with a dedicated budget of at least 20 billion euro and for all Member States to allocate at least 5% of their allocated ESF+ funds to fighting

child poverty and promoting children's well-being; considers that the country-specific recommendations should reflect Member States' budgetary compliance with the minimum requirement of allocation for tackling child poverty set out in the ESF+ regulation^{14a}; calls on the Commission to provide an ambitious budget for the Child Guarantee in the next Multiannual Financial Framework in order to respond to the growing challenge of child poverty and social exclusion;

^{14a} Regulation (EU) 2021/1057 establishing the European Social Fund Plus, Article 7 paragraph 3.

Or. en

Amendment 137

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 c. Welcomes the inclusion of analysis on the positive contribution of the SDGs and the European equality strategies in the JER 2025 and calls on the Commission to ensure that the JER 2026 includes both a section analysing the progress towards de SDGs related to employment and social policy, and another on progress towards eliminating social and labour discrimination in line with the Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025, the EU Anti-Racism Action Plan 2020-2025, the EU Roma strategic framework for equality, inclusion and participation 2020-2030, the LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025, and the Strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030;

Amendment 138

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 d. Is concerned by the recurrent closures of factories across different sectors in the European Union and the impact on workers facing job losses; calls on the Commission to ensure that skilling and training policies for workers and quality job creation is integrated into the upcoming Clean Industrial Deal in line with the Draghi report; recalls the important role the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for displaced workers (EGF) can play in supporting and reskilling workers who were made redundant as a result of major restructuring events related for example to globalisation, the transition to a low-carbon economy, or as a consequence of digitisation or automation; calls on the Member States to make use of the Fund and widely disseminate information on the possibilities to support workers;

Or. en

Amendment 139

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 d. Calls on Member States to implement the updated employment guidelines, with emphasis on education

and training for all, new technologies such as artificial intelligence as well as recent policy initiatives on platform work, affordable and decent housing and tackling labour and skills shortages; with a view to strengthening democratic decision-making;

Or. en

Amendment 140
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 e. Stresses the need to invest significantly in workers' skills and to establish an individual right to training and lifelong learning; calls on the Member States to develop upskilling and reskilling measures in collaboration with local stakeholders, including educational and training bodies and the social partners, in order to reinforce the link between the education and training systems and the labour market and anticipate labour market needs;

Or. en

Amendment 141
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 f. Welcomes the announcement of a quality job roadmap to ensure a just transition for all, through support to fair wages, good working conditions, training and fair job transitions for workers and

self-employed people, notably by increasing collective bargaining coverage; calls on the Commission to develop this roadmap in cooperation with the social partners; further calls on the Commission to include in this roadmap considerations for measures, including legislative proposals, linked to the use of artificial intelligence and algorithmic management in the world of work so that new technologies are harnessed to improve working conditions and productivity while respecting workers' rights and work-life balance;

Or. en

Amendment 142
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 g. Welcomes the fact that almost all Member States are expected to increase public investment in 2025^{15a}, which is necessary for ensuring access to quality public services and achieving the aims of the EPSR; recalls that the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) can be mobilised by Member States until 31 December 2026 and calls on them to make full and targeted use of these funds in order to address the challenges identified in country-specific recommendations under the European Semester and set up policies for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and the next generation, children and the youth, as provided for in the RRF regulation^{16a};

^{15a} Commission communication '2025 European Semester: bringing the new economic governance framework to life' (COM(2024) 705 final).

16a Regulation (EU) 2021/241 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility, Article 3, pillars (c) and (f).

Or. en

Amendment 143
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 h. Welcomes the Commission's announcement of the publication of a Competitiveness Compass in January 2025; believes that the European Union's objective of competitiveness cannot be achieved without European workers equipped with adequate skills; calls on the Commission to include in this Competitiveness Compass measures concerning the skills development of the European workforce;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Reiterates the importance of supporting the development of skills ***in the workforce*** to improve competitiveness and ensure quality employment; urges the Member States to strengthen vocational and digital training while promoting the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the workforce to address labour shortages and support equal opportunities in the labour

2. Reiterates the importance of supporting the development of skills ***and high quality and occupation related training provided during working hours and financed by the employer*** to improve competitiveness and ensure ***inclusive and fair***, quality employment; urges ***the Commission and*** the Member States to strengthen ***high quality and inclusive***

market, considering that, although there is an improvement, persons with disabilities still face significant obstacles in the labour market;

vocational and digital ***right to*** training ***for all*** while promoting the inclusion of persons with disabilities ***and young and older workers*** in the workforce to address labour shortages and support equal opportunities in the labour ***marke***; ***this must include ensuring access to paid, quality, and inclusive traineeships and apprenticeships for young people, enabling them to gain meaningful first work experiences and facilitating their transition from education to employment and creating working conditions that enable an ageing workforce to remain healthily and voluntarily in the labour market; stresses the need to increase the opportunities of lifelong skills development***, considering that, although there is an improvement, persons with disabilities, ***especially women with disabilities*** still face significant obstacles in the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Reiterates the importance of supporting the development of skills in the workforce to improve competitiveness and ensure quality employment; urges the Member States to strengthen vocational and digital training while promoting the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the workforce to address labour shortages and support equal opportunities in the labour market, ***considering that, although there is an improvement***, persons with disabilities ***still face significant obstacles*** in the labour market;

Amendment

2. Reiterates the importance of supporting the development of skills in the workforce to improve competitiveness and ensure quality employment; urges the Member States to strengthen vocational and digital training while promoting the inclusion of persons ***from disadvantaged groups such as persons*** with disabilities in the workforce to address labour shortages and support equal opportunities in the labour market; ***calls on the Member States to strengthen training, upskilling and reskilling measures, as well as active labour market policies, targeting the inactive labour force and groups with low***

participation in the labour market, including women, persons with disabilities, people with lower levels of education, young people and NEETs, older workers and people with a migrant or ethnic minority background such as Roma; stresses that combating all forms of discrimination and stereotypes is crucial to ensuring the inclusion of these groups in the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Benedetta Scuderi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Reiterates the importance of supporting the development of skills *in* the workforce to improve competitiveness and ensure quality employment; urges the Member States to strengthen vocational and digital training while promoting the inclusion *of* persons with disabilities *in the workforce* to address labour shortages and support equal opportunities in the labour market, considering that, *although there is an improvement*, persons with disabilities still face *significant obstacles* in the labour market;

Amendment

2. Reiterates the importance of supporting the development of skills, *the reskilling and upskilling of* the workforce to improve *the* competitiveness *and long term sustainability of the European Industry and the small and medium enterprises* and ensure quality employment *for workers, especially those in sectors in transition*; urges the Member States to strengthen vocational and digital training while promoting the inclusion *in the workforce of all groups that are currently struggling to access the labour market, including* persons with disabilities, to address labour shortages and support equal opportunities in the labour market, considering *the significant obstacles* that persons with disabilities still face in the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 147
Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Reiterates the importance of supporting the development of skills in the workforce to improve competitiveness and ensure quality employment; urges the Member States to strengthen vocational and digital training while promoting the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the workforce to address labour shortages and support equal opportunities in the labour market, considering that, although there is an improvement, persons with disabilities still face significant obstacles in the labour market;

Amendment

2. Reiterates the importance of supporting the development of skills in the workforce to improve competitiveness and ensure quality employment **while respecting individual aspirations of workers**; urges the Member States to strengthen vocational and digital training while promoting the inclusion of persons with disabilities **as well as persons with chronic diseases** in the workforce **and reintegration of workers after longer absence** to address labour shortages and support equal opportunities in the labour market, considering that, although there is an improvement, persons with disabilities still face significant obstacles in the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 148
Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Reiterates the importance of supporting the development of skills in the workforce to improve competitiveness and ensure quality employment; urges the Member States to strengthen vocational and digital training while promoting the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the workforce to address labour shortages and support equal opportunities in the labour market, considering that, although there is an improvement, persons with disabilities still face significant obstacles in the labour market;

Amendment

2. Reiterates the importance of supporting the development of skills in the workforce to improve competitiveness and ensure quality employment; urges the Member States to strengthen vocational and digital training while promoting the inclusion of persons with disabilities **and persons from disadvantaged or marginalised backgrounds** in the workforce to address labour shortages and support equal opportunities in the labour market, considering that, although there is an improvement, persons with disabilities still face significant obstacles in the labour

market;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Branislav Ondruš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Reiterates the importance of **supporting** the development of skills in the workforce to improve competitiveness and ensure quality employment; urges the Member States to strengthen vocational and digital training while promoting the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the workforce to address labour shortages and support equal opportunities in the labour market, considering that, although there is an improvement, persons with disabilities still face significant obstacles in the labour market;

Amendment

2. Reiterates the importance of **the principle of cost sharing of state and private actors for** the development of skills in the workforce to improve competitiveness and ensure quality employment; urges the Member States to strengthen vocational and digital training while promoting the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the workforce to address labour shortages and support equal opportunities in the labour market, considering that, although there is an improvement, persons with disabilities still face significant obstacles in the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 150
Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. **Reiterates the importance of supporting the development of skills in the workforce** to improve competitiveness and ensure quality employment; urges the Member States to strengthen vocational and digital training while promoting the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the workforce to address labour shortages and

Amendment

2. **Calls for harnessing Europe's talent and investing in skills to foster high-quality jobs throughout the Union** to improve competitiveness and ensure quality employment; urges the Member States to strengthen vocational and digital training while promoting the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the workforce

support equal opportunities in the labour market, considering that, although there is an improvement, persons with disabilities still face significant obstacles in the labour market;

to address labour shortages and support equal opportunities in the labour market, considering that, although there is an improvement, persons with disabilities still face significant obstacles in the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 151

Marie Dauchy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Reiterates the importance of supporting the development of skills in the workforce to improve competitiveness and ensure quality employment; urges the Member States to strengthen vocational and digital training while promoting the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the workforce to address labour shortages and support equal opportunities in the labour market, considering that, although there is an improvement, persons with disabilities still face significant obstacles in the labour market;

Amendment

2. Reiterates the importance of supporting the development of skills in the **European** workforce to improve competitiveness and ensure quality employment; urges the Member States to strengthen vocational and digital training while promoting the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the workforce to address labour shortages and support equal opportunities in the labour market, considering that, although there is an improvement, persons with disabilities still face significant obstacles in the labour market;

Or. fr

Amendment 152

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Recalls the persistent disability employment gap with only 51.3% of active, working-age persons with disabilities in the EU in paid employment;

calls on the Commission to update the EU Disability Strategy with new flagship initiatives and actions from 2025 onwards; stresses that the Commission should come forward with proposals to ensure the EU and Member States' compliance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and in particular address people with disabilities' social inclusion and independent living, remaining obstacles to their free movement and ensure their access to quality education, training and employment through guidance on retaining disability allowances and establishing a European Disability Employment and Skills Guarantee;

Or. en

Amendment 153
Benedetta Scuderi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Is concerned about the rise of non-standard contracts where workers face in work poverty and find themselves without adequate legal protections. Recalls that such decline in employment standards not only impacts the financial stability of individuals but also undermines the broader social fabric, as an increasing number of workers face challenges in accessing essential benefits like healthcare, pension plans and job-related training;

Or. en

Amendment 154

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Stresses the need to pay attention to the social and environmental aspects of competitiveness, emphasising the need for investments in education and training for all to ensure universal access to high-quality public education and professional training programs, as well as sustainable practices to foster inclusive growth, underlines that social partners should play a key role in identifying and addressing skills needs across the EU;

Or. en

**Amendment 155
Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Highlights the role of social investments and the importance of reforms and investments in key areas such as up- and re-skilling, lifelong learning, active labour market policies, early childhood education and care policies which can be complemented by higher investment in affordable housing and social protection;

Or. en

**Amendment 156
Hristo Petrov**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 b. *Expresses concern that Roma continue to face significant barriers to employment, with persistent biases limiting their prospects; notes that the EU Roma Strategic Framework for Equality, Inclusion, and Participation highlights a lack of progress in employment access and a growing share of Roma youth not in employment, education, or training; emphasises the Framework's goal to halve the employment gap between Roma and the general population and ensure at least 60% of Roma are in paid work by 2030; urges Member States to adopt an integrated, equality-focused approach and ensure public policies and services effectively reach all Roma, including those in remote rural areas;*

Or. en

Amendment 157

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 c. *Stresses that the response to labour shortages in the European Union also involves improving and facilitating labour mobility within the Union; calls on the Member States to strengthen and facilitate the recognition of skills and qualifications in the Union, including for third-country nationals; calls on the Commission to analyse the effectiveness of the EURES platform with a view to a potential revision of its operation;*

Or. en

Amendment 158

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 d. Is concerned about the declining educational performance of young people, particularly in basic skills^{17a}; welcomes in this regard the announcement of an Action Plan on Basic Skills and a STEM Education Strategic Plan^{18a}; calls on the Member States to invest in programmes to equip learners with the basic, digital and transversal skills needed for the world of work and its digitisation as well as to contribute meaningfully to society; believes that digital and transversal skills must include a critical thinking and media literacy component in order to be able to counter the threat of misinformation;

^{17a} Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, Education and training monitor 2024 – Comparative report, Publications Office of the European Union, 2024.

^{18a} Mission letter to Executive Vice-President for Social Rights and Skills, Quality Jobs and Preparedness, December 2024.

Or. en

Amendment 159

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 e. Notes that the number of early leavers from education and training

remains high in several Member States, despite a downward trend in the European Union; notes that this phenomenon particularly affects young men, with 11.3% of young men and 7.7% of young women in the Union leaving education and training early in 2023; is concerned about the impact of these drop-outs on the future of these young people, given that only 1 in 2 former early leavers is in employment, that almost 1 in 3 former early leavers cannot find a job despite their wishes, and that 1 in 5 decide to remain inactive; calls on the Member States to address this situation and develop personalised solutions to keep children and young people in school;

Or. en

Amendment 160
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 f. Is concerned at the level of youth unemployment, which remains very high in several Member States and more than twice as high as the overall unemployment rate at EU level; recalls the commitment made to young people by the Member States in establishing the Youth Guarantee so that all young people under the age of 30 receive a good quality offer of employment, continuing education, apprenticeship or traineeship within a period of four months of becoming unemployed or leaving education; takes the view that more synergies are needed between the Child Guarantee and Youth Guarantee instruments in order to ensure adequate support for young people in need throughout their personal and professional development; welcomes that

employment outcomes for recent graduates from Vocational Education and Training (VET) continue to improve across the EU; reiterates the pivotal role VET plays in providing knowledge, skills and competencies necessary for young people entering the labour market; emphasises the need to invest in the quality and attractiveness of VET through the ESF+ and the reinforced Youth Guarantee;

Or. en

Amendment 161

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to include specific recommendations on housing affordability in the European Semester and to promote housing investment, including through European Investment Bank financial instruments; considers that the revision of the EU regulatory framework for the housing sector should facilitate the construction of **accessible** and energy-efficient housing that meets the needs of young people, people with reduced mobility and families at risk, **as well as protect homeowners from further diminishing supply;**

Amendment

3. ***Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make housing a cornerstone of European Policies; Stresses that the EU and its Member States have an obligation towards citizens to ensure their universal access to decent, affordable housing and in accordance with fundamental rights such as Articles 16, 30 and 31 of the European Social Charter and the European Pillar of Social Rights; highlights that investments in social and affordable housing are crucial in order to ensure and improve the living quality for all EU citizens; Calls on the Commission to build a social housing policy in the EU and include specific recommendations on housing affordability for all in the European Semester and to promote public housing investment, including through EU funding and European Investment Bank financial instruments; considers that the revision of the EU regulatory framework for the housing sector should facilitate the construction of public, good quality,***

decent and energy-efficient housing that meets the needs of young people, people with reduced mobility and *disabilities, older persons and families at risk: Calls on the Commission and Member States to take decisive actions to provide affordable housing for all by supporting a strong European Housing Strategy;*

Or. en

Amendment 162

Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier

Motion for a resolution

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3. Calls on the Commission to include specific recommendations on housing affordability in the European Semester and to promote housing investment, including through European Investment Bank financial instruments; considers that the revision of the EU regulatory framework for the housing sector should *facilitate* the construction of accessible and energy-efficient housing that meets the needs of young people, people with reduced mobility and families at risk, as well as protect homeowners from further diminishing supply;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission *to recognize Member States' good practices in the fight against energy poverty, such as price subsidies for residential consumers;* to include specific recommendations on housing affordability in the European Semester and to promote housing investment, including through European Investment Bank financial instruments; considers that the revision of the EU regulatory framework for the housing sector should *respect Member States competencies while facilitating* the construction of accessible and energy-efficient housing that meets the needs of young people, people with reduced mobility and families at risk, as well as protect homeowners from further diminishing supply; *calls on the Commission to avoid putting the burden of energy efficiency conversions of houses on families;*

Or. en

Amendment 163

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to include specific recommendations on housing affordability in the European Semester and to promote housing investment, including through European Investment Bank financial instruments; considers that **the revision of** the EU regulatory framework for the housing sector should facilitate the construction of accessible and energy-efficient housing that meets the needs of young people, people with reduced mobility and families at risk, as well as protect homeowners from further diminishing supply;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to include specific recommendations on housing **availability and** affordability in the European Semester and to promote housing investment, including through European Investment Bank financial instruments; considers that **an assessment of Union policies and funds, including bottlenecks in** the EU regulatory framework for the housing sector, **in particular state aid rules, reconversion and renovation** of accessible and energy-efficient housing, **including social housing**, that meets the needs of **low and middle-income groups as well as** young people, people with **disabilities and** reduced mobility and families at risk, as well as protect **prospective** homeowners from further diminishing supply;

Or. en

Amendment 164
Marie Dauchy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to include specific recommendations on housing affordability in the European Semester and to promote housing investment, including through European Investment Bank financial instruments; considers that the revision of the EU regulatory framework for the housing sector should facilitate the construction of accessible and energy-efficient housing that meets the needs of young people, people with reduced mobility and families at risk, as well as

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to include specific recommendations on housing affordability in the European Semester and to promote housing investment, including through European Investment Bank financial instruments; considers that the revision of the EU regulatory framework for the housing sector should facilitate the construction of accessible and energy-efficient housing that meets the needs of young people, people with reduced mobility and families at risk, as well as

protect homeowners from further diminishing supply;

protect homeowners from further diminishing supply, *which would delay implementation of the timetable on the poorly insulated buildings that are a major source of uncertainty and blocking in the rental market;*

Or. fr

Amendment 165

Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to include specific recommendations on housing affordability in the European Semester and to promote housing investment, including through European Investment Bank financial instruments; considers that the revision of the EU regulatory framework for the housing sector should facilitate the construction of accessible and energy-efficient housing that meets the needs of young people, people with reduced mobility and families at risk, as well as protect *homeowners* from further diminishing supply;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to include specific recommendations on housing affordability in the European Semester and to promote housing investment, including through European Investment Bank financial instruments; considers that the revision of the EU regulatory framework for the housing sector should facilitate the construction of accessible, *affordable* and energy-efficient housing that meets the needs of young people, people with reduced mobility and families at risk, as well as *to* protect *those seeking access to home ownership* from further diminishing supply; *Calls on Member States and the Commission to recognise adequate housing as a right.*

Or. en

Amendment 166

Benedetta Scuderi

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to include specific recommendations on housing affordability in the European Semester *and* to promote housing investment, including through European Investment Bank financial instruments; *considers that the revision of the EU regulatory framework for the housing sector should facilitate the construction of accessible and energy-efficient housing that meets the needs of young people, people with reduced mobility and families at risk, as well as protect homeowners from further diminishing supply;*

3. Calls on the Commission to include specific recommendations on housing affordability in the European Semester; *recalls the need to close the annual investment gap in social and affordable housing of 57 billion euro and the importance of the announced Pan European Investment Platform* to promote housing investment, including through *EU funds and* European Investment Bank financial instruments; *highlights the opportunity offered by doubling the amount of Cohesion Funds dedicated to social and affordable housing;*

Or. en

Amendment 167
Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to include specific recommendations on housing affordability in the European Semester and to promote housing investment, including through European Investment Bank financial instruments; considers that the revision of the EU regulatory framework for the housing sector should facilitate the construction of accessible and energy-efficient housing that meets the needs of young people, people with reduced mobility and families at risk, as well as protect homeowners from further diminishing supply;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to include specific recommendations on housing affordability in the European Semester and to promote housing investment, including through European Investment Bank financial instruments; considers that the revision of the EU regulatory framework for the housing sector should facilitate the construction of accessible and energy-efficient housing that meets the needs of young people, people with reduced mobility and *persons with disabilities and* families at risk, as well as protect homeowners from further diminishing supply;

Or. en

Amendment 168
Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 – point 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(1) *Regrets that certain EU rules and directives, such as the Non-Performing Loans Directive the EU Fiscal and State Aid Rules have played a role in increasing house prices and homelessness across the Union, as they can often prevent Member States from investing comprehensively in tackling the rising costs of housing and rising homelessness.*

Or. en

Amendment 169
Benedetta Scuderi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. *Urges Member states to ensure that housing investments support long-term quality housing solutions that are actually affordable for low-income and middle-income households through social conditionalities and anti-speculative safeguards; believes that tackling speculative investments and financialisation has to be a central element of the European Affordable Housing Plan; welcomes in this regard an in depth analysis of the impact of housing speculation and its economic consequences in order to advance prompt responses and follow-up actions where needed; considers that the revision of the EU regulatory framework for the housing sector should facilitate the renovation and construction, avoiding any more land use, of accessible, affordable and energy efficient housing that meets the needs of young people, people with reduced*

mobility and people in more vulnerable situation;

Or. en

Amendment 170

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. Considers that homelessness is a dramatic social problem in the EU and one of the most extreme forms of social exclusion, that denies individuals from a dignifying life and their participation in the labour market calls on the Commission to develop an action plan to end homelessness in the EU by promoting access to affordable and decent housing; Calls for a single definition of homelessness in the EU which would enable the systematic comparison and assessment of the extent of homelessness across different EU countries; and would allow homelessness rates to be systematically monitored at EU level via institutions such as Eurostat;

Or. en

Amendment 171

Hristo Petrov

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. Welcomes the announced European Affordable Housing Plan to support Member States in addressing the housing crisis and the soaring prices of

rents and houses; calls on the Commission to revise State aid rules to enable housing support measures and social housing; recalls that the Social Climate Fund will provide financial aid to Member States from 2026 to support vulnerable household with temporary direct income support and measures and investments intended to increase the energy efficiency of buildings, decarbonisation of heating and cooling of buildings and integration in buildings of renewable energy generation and storage;

Or. en

Amendment 172
Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. Calls on the Commission to make proposals regarding the strengthening the EU's technological capabilities, accelerating the digital transformation across industries, seizing the opportunities of the data economy while ensuring privacy and security, as well as fostering the development of innovative technologies;

Or. en

Amendment 173
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 b. Recalls the Union objective of transition from institutional to community

or family-based care; calls on the Commission to put forward an Action Plan on deinstitutionalisation; stresses that this Action Plan should cover all groups still living in institutions including children, persons with disabilities, people suffering from mental health issues or homelessness, and the elderly; calls on the Member States to make full use of the ESF+ funds as well as other relevant European and national funds in order to finalise the deinstitutionalisation process so as to ensure that every EU citizen can live in a family or community environment;

Or. en

Amendment 174

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 b. Considers that EU action is urgently needed to address the persistently high levels of poverty and social exclusion in the EU, particularly among children, young and older people, persons with disabilities, non-EU born individuals, LGBTI and Roma communities; access to quality social services should be prioritised, with binding targets to reduce homelessness and ensure energy security for vulnerable households; Calls on the Commission the adoption of the first-ever EU Anti-Poverty Strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 175

Benedetta Scuderi

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 b. Recalls the target to work towards ending homelessness by 2030; calls on member states to design national homelessness strategies centred around housing-based solutions to align with this goal; welcomes the intention to deliver a Council Recommendation on Homelessness; urges the Commission to further increase the ambition of the European Platform on Combating Homelessness, in particular by equipping it with a dedicated budget;

Or. en

Amendment 176
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

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Amendment

4. Calls for the implementation of a European action plan for mental health, in line with the Commission's recent recommendations² ; calls for the European Semester to address the socio-economic impact of loneliness on productivity and well-being by promoting an EU strategy addressing *undesired* loneliness **that, in turn, can foster** intergenerational solidarity **and** strengthen emotional support programmes for young people and **older** adults;

4. Calls for the implementation of a **comprehensive** European action plan for mental health, in line with the Commission's recent recommendations² ; calls for the European Semester to address the socio-economic impact of loneliness on productivity and well-being by promoting an EU Strategy addressing loneliness **and** intergenerational solidarity; **calls on the Member States to** strengthen **access to mental health services and** emotional support programmes for **children**, young people and adults, **especially in remote and less developed regions**;

² Commission communication of 7 June 2023 on a comprehensive approach to mental health (COM(2023)0298).

² Commission communication of 7 June 2023 on a comprehensive approach to mental health (COM(2023)0298).

Amendment 177**Benedetta Scuderi**

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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4. Calls for the implementation of a European action plan for mental health, in line with the Commission's recent recommendations² ; calls for the European Semester to address the socio-economic impact of loneliness ***on productivity and well-being by promoting an EU strategy addressing undesired loneliness that, in turn, can foster intergenerational solidarity and strengthen emotional support programmes for young people and older adults;***

² Commission communication of 7 June 2023 on a comprehensive approach to mental health (COM(2023)0298).

Amendment

4. Calls for the implementation of a European action plan for mental health, in line with the Commission's recent recommendations² ; calls for the European Semester to ***use the Social Scoreboard Indicators to*** address the socio-economic impact of loneliness ***and precarious living conditions and uncertainty on well-being, mental health and people's participation into society and the labour market;***

² Commission communication of 7 June 2023 on a comprehensive approach to mental health (COM(2023)0298).

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4. Calls for the implementation of a European action plan for mental health, in line with the Commission's recent recommendations² ; calls for the European Semester to address the socio-economic impact of loneliness on productivity and well-being by promoting an EU strategy addressing undesired loneliness that, in

Amendment

4. Calls for the implementation of a European action plan for mental health, in line with the Commission's recent recommendations² ; calls for the European Semester to address the socio-economic impact of loneliness on productivity and well-being by promoting an EU strategy addressing undesired loneliness that, in

turn, can foster intergenerational solidarity and strengthen emotional support programmes for young people and older adults;

² Commission communication of 7 June 2023 on a comprehensive approach to mental health (COM(2023)0298).

turn, can foster intergenerational solidarity, **silver economy** and strengthen emotional support programmes for young people and older adults;

² Commission communication of 7 June 2023 on a comprehensive approach to mental health (COM(2023)0298).

Or. en

Amendment 179

Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier

Motion for a resolution

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4. Calls for the implementation of a European action plan for mental health, in line with the Commission's recent recommendations² ; calls for the **European Semester** to address the socio-economic impact of loneliness on productivity and well-being **by promoting an EU strategy addressing undesired loneliness that, in turn, can** foster intergenerational solidarity and strengthen emotional support programmes for young people and older adults;

² Commission communication of 7 June 2023 on a comprehensive approach to mental health (COM(2023)0298).

Amendment

4. Calls for the implementation of a European action plan for mental health, in line with the Commission's recent recommendations² **and to promote social prescription as a first step to mental health** ; calls for the **Member States** to address the socio-economic impact of loneliness on productivity and well-being **and** foster intergenerational solidarity and strengthen emotional support programmes for young people and older adults;

² Commission communication of 7 June 2023 on a comprehensive approach to mental health (COM(2023)0298).

Or. en

Amendment 180

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

4. Calls for the implementation of a European action plan for mental health, in line with the Commission's recent recommendations² ; calls for ***the European Semester*** to address the ***socio-economic impact of loneliness on productivity and well-being by promoting an EU strategy addressing undesired loneliness that, in turn, can foster intergenerational solidarity and strengthen emotional support programmes for young people and older adults;***

² Commission communication of 7 June 2023 on a comprehensive approach to mental health (COM(2023)0298).

Amendment

4. Calls for the implementation of a European action plan for mental health, in line with the Commission's recent recommendations² ; calls for ***an EU level Directive on psychosocial risks*** to address the ***increased prevalence of some psychosocial risks in EU workplaces to ensure that the occupational health and safety principles enshrined in the Framework Directive are implemented effectively also regarding psychosocial risks,***

² Commission communication of 7 June 2023 on a comprehensive approach to mental health (COM(2023)0298).

Or. en

Amendment 181

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Calls for the European Semester to address the socio-economic challenges and opportunities of demographic change and ageing on loneliness on productivity, well-being and social cohesion by promoting a holistic EU strategy on ageing addressing undesired loneliness, the need for decent, accessible and adapted housing, access to professional and inclusive care and long-term care services and promoting active inclusion and equal opportunities for older workers in the labour market that, in turn, can foster intergenerational solidarity and strengthen emotional support programmes for young people and older

persons ; calls for the implementation of the European Care Strategy, in particular regarding the accessibility to high-quality and affordable care services for early childhood and long-term care, and ensuring fair working conditions and training for care staff, including informal care;

Or. en

Amendment 182

Marlena Maląg, Georgiana Teodorescu, Elena Donazzan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Underlines that employers need to foster intergenerational links within the company and intergenerational learning between the young and the old, and vice versa; underlines that an ageing workforce can help a business develop new products and services to adapt to the needs of an ageing society in a more creative and productive way; further calls for the creation of incentives to encourage volunteering and mentoring to induce the transfer of knowledge between generations;

Or. en

Amendment 183

Miriam Lexmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Calls for initiatives to combat workforce exclusion as a consequence of longer periods of sick leave caused by

serious non-communicable diseases like cancer, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, mental health and neurological disorders as well as rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases, notably initiatives focusing on the adaptation of workplace, flexible working conditions and strategies to support workers' return after longer absence;

Or. en

Amendment 184

Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Calls on the European Semester to address the socio-economic impact of childhood, adolescent and young adult mental-health issues on their longterm wellbeing and living standards.

Or. en

Amendment 185

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 b (new)

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Amendment

4 b. Warns that according to ECB reports real wages are still below their pre-pandemic level, while productivity was roughly the same; agrees that this creates some room for a non-inflationary recovery in real wages and warns that if real wages do not recover, this would increase the risk of protracted economic

weakness, which could cause scarring effects and it would further dent productivity in the euro area relative to other parts of the world; believes that increasing the bite of minimum wages and strengthening collective bargaining coverage can have a beneficial effect on levels of wage inequality, especially by helping more vulnerable workers at the bottom of the wage distribution who are increasingly left out;

Or. en

Amendment 186
Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 b. Calls for Member States and the Commission to consider an action plan on tackling rural isolation and loneliness

Or. en

Amendment 187
Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 c. Calls for the Member States to ensure decent working conditions, comprising among others decent wages, access to social protection, lifelong learning opportunities, occupational health and safety, a good work-life balance and the right to disconnect, reasonable working time, worker's representation, democracy at work and

collective agreements. Member States need to foster democracy at work, social dialogue and collective bargaining and protect workers' rights, particularly in the context of green and digital transitions. They should also ensure equal pay for equal work between men and women, enhance pay transparency and address gender-based inequality to close the gender pay gap in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 188
Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 c. Calls on Member States and the Commission to recognise work induced stress and mental health illnesses

Or. en

Amendment 189
Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 d. Stresses the role of social dialogue and social partners should be systematically integrated into the design and implementation of employment and social policies, ensuring the involvement of social partners at all levels;

Or. en

Amendment 190

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 e. Highlights the importance of introducing specific measures to address regional inequalities in education and training, ensuring equal access to high-quality and affordable education for all;

Or. en

Amendment 191

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 f. Member States' social protection schemes should ensure adequate minimum income benefits for everyone lacking sufficient resources and promote social inclusion by supporting and encouraging people in working age to actively participate in the labour market and society, including through targeted provision of social services; Stresses the need for Member States to rapidly and effectively implement the EU Directive on Adequate Minimum Wages in this regard to achieve a decent standard of living, reduce in-work poverty, and promote social cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 192

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle

Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

5. Calls for the implementation of policies that promote work-life balance, with the aim of improving the quality of life for all families; calls on the Commission to put forward a legislative proposal for the creation of a European card for large families and a European action plan for single parents, offering tax, educational and social advantages;

Amendment

5. Calls for the implementation of policies that promote work-life balance **and the right to disconnect , with a particular focus on working time policies and the reduction and increased flexibility of working time and measures encouraging a more equal sharing of paid and unpaid working time between men and women**, with the aim of improving the quality of life for all **types of families and individuals**; calls on the Commission to put forward a legislative proposal for the creation of a European card for **all types or** large families and a European action plan for single parents, offering tax, educational, **childcare** and social advantages; **Highlight that in 2023, 24.8% of children under the age of 18 in the EU were at risk of poverty or social exclusion which represents an increase according to the JER ; Stresses the importance of implementing the European Child Guarantee as a cornerstone to tackle the high levels of child poverty in all Member States, including measures to strengthen the Child Guarantee through an increase of its dedicated budget to at least EUR 20 billion;**

Or. en

Amendment 193
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

5. Calls for the implementation of policies that promote work-life balance,

Amendment

5. Calls for the implementation of policies that promote work-life balance,

with the aim of improving the quality of life for all **families**; calls on the Commission to **put forward a legislative proposal for the creation of a European card for large families and a European action plan for single parents, offering tax, educational and social advantages**;

with the aim of improving the quality of life for all **workers**; calls on the Commission to **ensure the implementation of the work-life balance directive and the European Care Strategy as well as to propose a framework for addressing long-term care workforce challenges, including facilitating the recognition of skills and qualifications, supporting skilling and career progression and improving working conditions**; calls on the Commission to **propose a directive to regulate teleworking conditions and the right to disconnect across the EU as an essential measure to ensure the mental well-being of EU workers and complement the work-life balance directive**; further calls for a **directive on psychosocial risks and well-being at work**;

Or. en

Amendment 194 **Miriam Lexmann**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 5**

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls for the implementation of policies that promote work-life balance, with the aim of improving the quality of life for all families; calls on the Commission to put forward a legislative proposal for the creation of a European card for large families and a European action plan for single parents, offering tax, educational and social advantages;

Amendment

5. Calls for the implementation of policies that promote work-life balance, with the aim of improving the quality of life for all families; **calls for further initiatives to support formal and informal carers, their working conditions and work-life balance, adequate remuneration as well as dignity of the persons dependent on their care**; calls on the Commission to put forward a legislative proposal for the creation of a European card for large families and a European action plan for single parents, offering tax, educational and social advantages;

Or. en

Amendment 195

Benedetta Scuderi

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls for the implementation of policies that promote work-life balance, with the aim of improving the quality of life for all *families*; *calls on the Commission to put forward a legislative proposal for the creation of a European card for large families and a European action plan for single parents, offering tax, educational and social advantages*;

Amendment

5. Calls for the implementation of policies that promote work-life balance, with the aim of improving the quality of life for *workers, including* all families and single parents offering tax, educational and social *benefits for families in vulnerable situations*;

Or. en

Amendment 196

Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier

Motion for a resolution

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5. Calls for the implementation of policies that promote work-life balance, with the aim of improving the quality of life for all families; *calls* on the *Commission to put forward a legislative proposal for the creation of a European card for large families and a European action plan for single parents, offering tax, educational and social advantages*;

Amendment

5. Calls for the implementation of policies that promote work-life balance, with the aim of improving the quality of life for all families; *stresses that family policy is the competence of Member States; stresses the importance of exchanging good practices between Member States on the existing support measures* offering tax, educational and social advantages *for large families and single parent families*;

Or. en

Amendment 197

Marie Dauchy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls for the implementation of policies that promote work-life balance, with the aim of improving the quality of life for all families; calls on the Commission to put forward a legislative proposal for the creation of a European card for large families and a European action plan for single parents, offering tax, educational and social advantages;

Amendment

5. Calls for the implementation of policies that promote work-life balance, with the aim of improving the quality of life for all **European** families; calls on the Commission to put forward a legislative proposal for the creation of a European card for large families and a European action plan for single parents, offering tax, educational and social advantages;

Or. fr

Amendment 198
Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls for the implementation of policies that promote work-life balance, with the aim of improving the quality of life for all families; calls on the Commission to **put forward a legislative proposal for the creation of** a European card for large families and a European action plan for single parents, offering **tax**, educational and social advantages;

Amendment

5. Calls for the implementation of policies that promote work-life balance, with the aim of improving the quality of life for all families; calls on the Commission to **consider** a European card for large families and a European action plan for single parents, offering **economic**, educational and social advantages;

Or. en

Amendment 199
Branislav Ondruš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls for the implementation of

Amendment

5. Calls for the implementation of

policies that promote work-life balance, with the aim of improving the quality of life for all *families*; calls on the Commission to put forward a legislative proposal for the creation of a European card for large families and a European action plan for single parents, offering tax, educational and social advantages;

policies that promote work-life balance, with the aim of improving the quality of life for all; calls on the Commission to put forward a legislative proposal for the creation of a European card for large families and a European action plan for single parents, offering tax, educational and social advantages;

Or. en

Amendment 200

Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 – point a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(a) Recognises that 44 million Europeans are frequent informal long-term care-givers. the majority of whom are women.^{3a}

^{3a} **2021 Long-term care in the EU**

Or. en

Amendment 201

Niels Geuking

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Calls for the introduction of a sustainable development approach to specifically tackle the consequences of structural and demographic change in individual European countries (including proposals to promote a family-friendly working environment with a view to reducing burnout rates and relieving burdens on social security systems and on

family life); calls on the Commission in particular to submit a legislative proposal for a concept for measures to create appropriate minimum standards for the family benefits already in place in the EU Member States, which will reduce child poverty and social inequality and strengthen European families in the long term;

Or. de

Amendment 202
Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Recognises the unique role of carers in society, whilst the definition of care workers is not harmonised across the EU, the long term care sector employs 6.4 million people across the EU.^{4a}

^{4a} *2021 Long-term care in the EU*

Or. en

Amendment 203
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Calls for *demographic challenges to be prioritised in the EU's cohesion policy and for its importance to be equated with the Green Deal and the Digital Strategy*; calls on the Commission to declare a 'European Year of Demography' and to step up funding for

6. Calls for *the European Semester to integrate social objectives on an equal footing with economic ones; is concerned about the widening disparities between urban and rural areas as a result of less urbanised regions lacking training opportunities and being unable to attract*

regions with a high rate of depopulation, supporting local development projects and basic infrastructure that favour the ‘right to stay’ of the population;

and retain high-skilled workers; calls on the Commission to *build on the Communication on Harnessing Talent on Europe’s Regions and the ‘Talent Booster Mechanism’ in order to promote social cohesion* and to step up funding for regions with a high rate of depopulation, supporting *quality job creation, public services, education and training opportunities*, local development projects and basic infrastructure that favour the ‘right to stay’ of the population;

Or. en

Amendment 204

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for demographic challenges to be *prioritised* in the EU’s cohesion policy and *for its importance to be equated with the Green Deal and the Digital Strategy*; *calls on the Commission to declare a ‘European Year of Demography’ and to step up funding for regions with a high rate of depopulation, supporting local development projects and basic infrastructure that favour the ‘right to stay’ of the population*;

Amendment

6. Calls for demographic challenges to be *a top priority* in the EU’s cohesion policy and *that this is combined with improving and strengthening policies dedicated to the successful integration of migrants in the labour market and society*;

Or. en

Amendment 205

Benedetta Scuderi

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for demographic challenges to be prioritised in the EU's cohesion policy and for ***its importance*** to be ***equated*** with the Green Deal and the Digital Strategy; calls on the Commission to declare a 'European Year of Demography' and to step up funding for regions with a high rate of depopulation, supporting local development projects and basic infrastructure that favour the 'right to stay' of the population;

Amendment

6. Calls for demographic challenges to be prioritised in the EU's cohesion policy and for ***concrete actions at EU and national level*** to be ***aligned*** with the Green Deal and the Digital Strategy; calls on the Commission to declare a 'European Year of Demography' and to step up funding for regions with a high rate of depopulation, supporting local development projects, ***affordable and accessible public services*** and basic infrastructure that favour the 'right to stay' of the population, ***especially young people***;

Or. en

Amendment 206

Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for ***demographic challenges*** to be prioritised in the EU's cohesion policy and for its importance to be equated with the Green Deal and the Digital Strategy; calls on the Commission to declare a 'European Year of ***Demography***' and to step up funding for regions with a high rate of depopulation, supporting local development projects and basic infrastructure that favour the 'right to stay' of the population;

Amendment

6. Calls for ***regional imbalance*** to be ***addressed and*** prioritised in the EU's cohesion policy and for its importance to be equated with the Green Deal and the Digital Strategy; calls on the Commission to declare a 'European Year of ***Regions and the Islands***' and to step up funding for regions with a high rate of depopulation ***and economic stagnation***, supporting local development projects and basic infrastructure that favour the 'right to stay' of the population;

Or. en

Amendment 207

Marie Dauchy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for demographic challenges to be prioritised in the EU's cohesion policy and for its importance to be ***equated with*** the Green Deal and the Digital Strategy; calls on the Commission to declare a 'European Year of Demography' and to step up funding for regions with a high rate of depopulation, supporting local development projects and basic infrastructure that favour the 'right to stay' of the population;

Amendment

6. Calls for demographic challenges to be prioritised in the EU's cohesion policy and for its importance to be ***greater than that of*** the Green Deal and the Digital Strategy; calls on the Commission to declare a 'European Year of Demography' and to step up funding for regions with a high rate of depopulation, supporting local development projects and basic infrastructure that favour the 'right to stay' of the population ***of the Member States***;

Or. fr

Amendment 208

Marlena Mała, Georgiana Teodorescu, Elena Donazzan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for demographic challenges to be prioritised in the EU's cohesion policy ***and for its importance to be equated with the Green Deal and the Digital Strategy***; calls on the Commission to declare a 'European Year of Demography' and to step up funding for regions with a high rate of depopulation, supporting local development projects and basic infrastructure that favour the 'right to stay' of the population;

Amendment

6. Calls for demographic challenges to be prioritised in the EU's cohesion policy; calls on the Commission to declare a 'European Year of Demography' and to step up funding for ***rural and outermost areas and*** regions with a high rate of depopulation, supporting local development projects and basic infrastructure that favour the 'right to stay' of the population;

Or. en

Amendment 209

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. *Highlights the growing influence of artificial intelligence (AI) and digital platforms which will drive profound transformations in technologies in the labour market, affecting the job quality and working conditions, and as a result on workers' quality of life as recognised in the JER; Calls on the Commission to urgently propose a directive on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) at the workplace that ensures workers rights are protected and respected;*

Or. en

Amendment 210

Benedetta Scuderi

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. *Calls on the European Commission and Member States to strengthen their support for non-profit social economy enterprises and organisations with appropriate financial and taxation enabling frameworks; encourages Member states to facilitate access to funding and enhancing the visibility of social economy actors as highlighted in the Social Economy Action Plan 2021;*

Or. en

Amendment 211

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 b. *Calls on the Commission to ensure the protection of workers in the digital workplace, presenting a legislative proposal to address the right to disconnect and teleworking;*

Or. en

Amendment 212

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 c (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 c. *Calls on the Member States to implement the Social Economy Action Plan to promote quality, decent and inclusive work, sustainability and the circular economy, and to support social economy organisations;*

Or. en

Amendment 213

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. *Calls on the Commission and the Council to prioritise the reduction of bureaucratic and fiscal barriers affecting entrepreneurship, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and start-ups, which are essential for the EU's economic growth and competitiveness, and thus for the financing of social*

7. Believes that better support for entrepreneurs, especially for SMEs and start-ups, will improve the EU's competitiveness, boost innovation and create quality jobs; calls urgently for the implementation of specific recommendations to complete the single market and to facilitate access to finance

policies; believes that better support for entrepreneurs, especially for SMEs and start-ups, will improve the EU's competitiveness, boost innovation and create quality jobs; calls urgently for the implementation of specific recommendations to complete the single market and to facilitate access to finance ***through public-private partnership platforms*** and the social economy to foster a dynamic business environment;

and the social economy to foster a dynamic business environment;

Or. en

Amendment 214

Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Commission and the Council to prioritise the reduction of bureaucratic and fiscal barriers affecting entrepreneurship, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and start-ups, which are essential for the EU's economic growth and competitiveness, and thus for the financing of social policies; believes that better support for entrepreneurs, especially for SMEs and start-ups, will improve the EU's competitiveness, boost innovation and create quality jobs; calls urgently for the implementation of specific recommendations to complete the single market and to facilitate access to finance through public-private partnership platforms and the social economy to foster a dynamic business environment;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission and the Council ***in line with the Budapest Declaration on the New European Competitiveness Deal of 8 November 2024*** to prioritise the reduction of bureaucratic and fiscal barriers affecting entrepreneurship, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and start-ups, which are essential for the EU's economic growth and competitiveness, and thus for the financing of social policies; believes that better support for entrepreneurs, especially for SMEs and start-ups, will improve the EU's competitiveness, boost innovation and create quality jobs; calls urgently for the implementation of specific recommendations to complete the single market and to facilitate access to finance through public-private partnership platforms and the social economy to foster a dynamic business environment; ***believes in the importance of putting Europe at the forefront of research and innovation globally, especially in disruptive technologies, and delivering on the***

Amendment 215

Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Commission and the Council to prioritise the reduction of bureaucratic *and fiscal* barriers affecting entrepreneurship, *especially* for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and start-ups, which are essential for the EU's economic growth and competitiveness, and thus for the financing of social policies; believes that better support for entrepreneurs, *especially for* SMEs and start-ups, will improve the EU's *competitiveness*, boost innovation and create quality jobs; *calls urgently for the implementation of specific recommendations to complete the single market and to facilitate access to finance through public-private partnership platforms and the social economy to foster a dynamic business environment;*

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission and the Council to prioritise the reduction of bureaucratic barriers affecting entrepreneurship for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and start-ups, which are essential for the EU's economic growth and competitiveness, and thus for the financing of social policies; believes that better support for *aspiring* entrepreneurs *and* SMEs and start-ups, will improve the EU's *social economy*, boost innovation and create quality jobs;

Amendment 216

Marie Dauchy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Commission and the Council to prioritise the reduction of bureaucratic and fiscal barriers affecting

Amendment

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entrepreneurship, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and start-ups, which are essential for the EU's economic growth and competitiveness, and thus for the financing of social policies; believes that better support for entrepreneurs, especially for SMEs and start-ups, will improve the EU's competitiveness, boost innovation and create quality jobs; calls urgently for the implementation of specific recommendations to **complete the single market** and to facilitate access to finance through public-private partnership platforms and the social economy to foster a dynamic business environment;

entrepreneurship, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and start-ups, which are essential for the EU's economic growth and competitiveness, and thus for the financing of social policies; believes that better support for entrepreneurs, especially for SMEs and start-ups, will improve the EU's competitiveness, boost innovation and create quality jobs; calls urgently for the implementation of specific recommendations to **facilitate the development of internal markets** and to facilitate access to finance through public-private partnership platforms **where a synergy between the public and the private sectors is highly likely and demonstrated** and the social economy to foster a dynamic business environment;

Or. fr

Amendment 217

Benedetta Scuderi

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Commission and the Council to prioritise the reduction of bureaucratic and fiscal barriers affecting entrepreneurship, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and start-ups, which are essential for the EU's economic growth and competitiveness, and thus for the financing of social policies; believes that better support for **entrepreneurs, especially** for SMEs and start-ups, will improve the EU's competitiveness, boost innovation and create quality jobs; calls urgently for the implementation of specific recommendations to complete the single market **and to facilitate** access to finance through public-private partnership

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission and the Council to prioritise the reduction of bureaucratic and fiscal barriers affecting entrepreneurship, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and start-ups, which are essential for the EU's economic growth and competitiveness, and thus for the financing of social policies; believes that better support for for SMEs and start-ups, will improve the EU's **long term sustainability and** competitiveness, boost innovation and create quality jobs; calls urgently for the implementation of specific recommendations to complete the single market **integrating social and sustainability principles and facilitating** access to finance through public-private

platforms and the social economy to foster a dynamic business environment;

partnership platforms and the social economy to foster a dynamic **and inclusive** business environment;

Or. en

Amendment 218
Branislav Ondruš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Commission and the Council to prioritise the reduction of bureaucratic **and fiscal** barriers affecting entrepreneurship, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and start-ups, which are essential for the EU's economic growth and competitiveness, **and thus for the financing of social policies**; believes that better support for entrepreneurs, especially for SMEs and start-ups, will improve the EU's competitiveness, boost innovation and create quality jobs; calls urgently for the implementation of specific recommendations to complete the single market and to facilitate access to finance through public-private partnership platforms and the social economy to foster a dynamic business environment;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission and the Council to prioritise the reduction of bureaucratic barriers affecting entrepreneurship, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and start-ups, which are essential for the EU's economic growth and competitiveness; believes that better support for entrepreneurs, especially for SMEs and start-ups, will improve the EU's competitiveness, boost innovation and create quality jobs; calls urgently for the implementation of specific recommendations to complete the single market and to facilitate access to finance through public-private partnership platforms and the social economy to foster a dynamic business environment;

Or. en

Amendment 219
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the Commission and the Council to prioritise the reduction of

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission and the Council to prioritise the reduction of

bureaucratic and fiscal barriers affecting entrepreneurship, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and start-ups, which are essential for the EU's economic growth and competitiveness, and thus for the financing of social policies; believes that better support for entrepreneurs, especially for SMEs *and* start-ups, will improve the EU's competitiveness, boost innovation and create quality jobs; calls urgently for the implementation of specific recommendations to complete the single market and to facilitate access to finance through public-private partnership platforms and the social economy to foster a dynamic business environment;

bureaucratic and fiscal barriers affecting entrepreneurship, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and start-ups, which are essential for the EU's economic growth and competitiveness, and thus for the financing of social policies; believes that better support for entrepreneurs, especially for SMEs, start-ups *and self-employed*, will improve the EU's competitiveness, boost innovation and create quality jobs; calls urgently for the implementation of specific recommendations to complete the single market and to facilitate access to finance through public-private partnership platforms and the social economy to foster a dynamic business environment;

Or. en

Amendment 220

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. *Recalls the importance of improving access of the self-employed to social protection and calls on the Commission to monitor Member States' national implementation plans of the Council Recommendation on access to social protection for workers and the self-employed as part of the country-specific recommendations; recalls in this regard, as the rate of self-employed professionals in the cultural and creative sectors is more than double than in the general population, the 13 initiatives laid down in the Commission's 21 February 2024 response to the European Parliament resolution of 21 November 2023 on an EU framework for the social and professional situation of artists and workers in the cultural and creative sectors and calls on the Commission to start implementing*

them in cooperation with the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 221
Benedetta Scuderi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Warns of the social risks stemming from the crisis of the automotive sector, which is facing unprecedented pressure from both external and internal factors; calls on the European Commission to pay attention to this sector while using the social scoreboard indicators to monitor the protection of workers and enhance social dialogue and the participation of workers in transition processes; stresses the urgent need for a coordinated EU response via an emergency task force of trade unions and employers to respond to the current crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 222
Marlena Maląg, Georgiana Teodorescu, Elena Donazzan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Calls on the Commission to conduct competitiveness checks on every new legislative proposal, taking into account the overall impact of EU legislation on companies, as well as on other EU policies and programmes;

Amendment 223
Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Stresses the need to foster public-private partnerships to improve efficiency in the provision of essential social services, such as education, health and social care; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 224
Benedetta Scuderi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Stresses the need to foster public-private partnerships to improve efficiency in the provision of essential social services, such as education, health and social care; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 225
Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Stresses the need to foster public- **8. Stresses the need to improve**

private partnerships to improve efficiency in the provision of essential social services, such as education, health and social care;

quality, coverage, affordability and efficiency in the provision of essential social services, such as education, health and social care, including childcare and long-term care;; urges Member States to continue implementing the Council recommendation on access to affordable, quality long-term care with a view of ensuring access to quality care while ensuring decent working conditions for workers in the care sector, as well as for informal carers;

Or. en

Amendment 226
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the need to foster public-private partnerships to improve efficiency in the provision of *essential* social services, such as education, health and social care;

Amendment

8. Stresses the need *for Member States* to foster public-private partnerships to improve efficiency in the provision of *public* social services, such as education, health, *housing* and social care *as well as child protection, while ensuring the Member States' responsibility in ensuring provision and access of quality public services in these areas;*

Or. en

Amendment 227
Marie Dauchy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the need to foster public-private partnerships to improve efficiency in the provision of essential social services,

Amendment

8. Stresses the need to foster public-private partnerships to improve efficiency in the provision of essential social services,

such as education, health and social care;

such as education, health and social care,
if, and only if, a synergy between the public and private sectors is likely and demonstrated and it does not amount to ideological and senseless privatisation;

Or. fr

Amendment 228

Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the need to *foster* public-private partnerships to improve efficiency in the provision of essential social services, such as education, health and social care;

Amendment

8. *Agrees with Enrico Letta's proposal of a 'fifth freedom' to enhance research, innovation and education in the Single Market and stresses in this regard the need to make good use of public-private partnerships to improve efficiency in the provision of essential social services, such as education, health and social care;*

Or. en

Amendment 229

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Is concerned about many national policies that still create gaps in health coverage, increasing inequalities both within and between Member States, such as privatisation of public healthcare systems, co-payments and lack of coverage; highlights that these deepen poverty, erode health and well-being, and increase social inequalities within and across EU countries; warns that this also

undermines the implementation of principle 16 of the Pillar and of SDG 3.8 on UHC, as well as the Pillar's overall objective of promoting upward social convergence in the EU, leaving no one behind; believes that the indicators used in the Social Scoreboard do not provide a comprehensive understanding of healthcare affordability; calls on the Commission to include in the scoreboard the following indicators of financial hardship, such as impoverishing and catastrophic health spending, as well as qualitative analysis of the different dimensions of coverage policy (population coverage, the benefits package and user charges or co-payments) in Member States in order to identify changes needed to improve affordable access to healthcare; calls on the Commission to present an initiative in order to ensure adequate universal health coverage for all so that everyone can access quality healthcare without experiencing financial hardship;

Or. en

Amendment 230
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. *considers that the social economy is an essential component of the EU's social market economy and a driver for the implementation of the EPSR and its targets, often providing employment to vulnerable and excluded groups; calls on the Member States to continue strengthening the social economy in line with the EU Social Economy Action Plan and the Liège Roadmap for the Social Economy in the European Union; reiterates its call for the Commission to*

explore innovative funding mechanisms such as social impact bonds to finance projects to support the development of the social economy in Europe^{19a};

^{19a} European Parliament resolution of 6 July 2022 on the EU action plan for the social economy (2021/2179(INI)).

Or. en

Amendment 231
Marie Dauchy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Calls for the Member States, in this year of transition, with the implementation of revised economic governance rules, to be offered an opportunity to align fiscal responsibility with sustainable growth, and notes that medium-term fiscal plans should prioritise debt sustainability while investing strategically in education, healthcare and housing; stresses that collaboration between public and private entities is key to optimising resources and ensuring the judicious use of public funds; considers that country-specific recommendations to promote sustainable public pension systems and healthcare should be effectively implemented and foster competitiveness and long-term prosperity for all citizens;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 232
Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls for the Member States, in this year of transition, with the implementation of revised economic governance rules, to be offered an opportunity to align fiscal responsibility with sustainable growth, **and** notes that medium-term fiscal plans should **prioritise** debt sustainability while investing strategically in education, **healthcare and** housing; stresses that collaboration between public and private entities is **key** to optimising resources and ensuring the judicious use of public funds; considers that country-specific recommendations to promote sustainable public pension systems and healthcare should **be effectively implemented and foster competitiveness and long-term prosperity** for all **citizens**;

Amendment

9. Calls for the Member States, in this year of transition, with the implementation of revised economic governance rules, to be offered an opportunity to align fiscal responsibility with sustainable **and inclusive** growth, **notes that involvement of social partners should be enhanced at all levels to contribute to the goals of the new Economic Governance Framework 2024, specifically, prior consultation with social partners before submitting the medium-term fiscal structural plans should be ensured**; notes that medium-term fiscal plans should **ensure** debt sustainability while investing strategically in **quality** education, **quality training, quality public and social services, health and long term care and affordable** housing **and social services**; **recommends using comparative statistics such as the Social Services Index (SSI) findings to identify gaps in social service legislation, funding, and access and to guide strategic investments in areas like child protection, long-term care, and community-based support**; stresses that collaboration between public and private entities is **sometimes a good way** to optimising resources and ensuring the judicious use of public funds; considers that country-specific recommendations to promote sustainable public pension systems and healthcare should **promote pensions that ensure a life in dignity, wellbeing and quality affordable health, health promotion and prevention for all**;

Or. en

Amendment 233
Benedetta Scuderi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls for the Member States, in this year of transition, with the implementation of revised economic governance rules, to be offered an opportunity to align fiscal responsibility with **sustainable growth**, and notes that medium-term fiscal plans should prioritise **debt** sustainability while investing strategically in education, healthcare and housing; stresses that collaboration between public and private entities is key to optimising resources **and ensuring the judicious use of public funds**; considers that country-specific recommendations **to promote sustainable public pension systems** and healthcare **should be effectively implemented and foster competitiveness and long-term prosperity** for all citizens;

Amendment

9. Calls for the Member States, in this year of transition, with the implementation of revised economic governance rules, to be offered an opportunity to align fiscal responsibility with **sustainability and wellbeing**, and notes that medium-term fiscal plans should prioritise **social** sustainability while investing strategically in **public** education, healthcare and housing; stresses that collaboration between public and private entities is key to optimising resources; considers that country-specific recommendations **should move away from the logic of persistently prescribing budgetary cuts in the public pension and healthcare systems and instead lay out reform proposals that foster economic and social well-being** for all citizens; **recalls the importance of preserving an adequate income for a dignified life of all workers during their retirement period, while taking into account the vulnerability of those workers whose careers are segmented, intermittent and subject to labour transitions**;

Or. en

Amendment 234
Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls for the Member States, in this year of transition, **with the implementation of revised economic governance rules**, to be offered an opportunity to **align fiscal responsibility with** sustainable growth, and notes that medium-term fiscal plans should prioritise debt sustainability while

Amendment

9. Calls for the Member States, in this year of transition, to be offered an opportunity to **work towards** sustainable growth, and notes that medium-term fiscal plans should prioritise debt sustainability while investing strategically in education, healthcare and housing **with the aim of**

investing strategically in education, healthcare and housing; **stresses that collaboration between public and private entities is key to optimising resources and ensuring the judicious use of public funds; considers that country-specific recommendations to promote sustainable public pension systems and healthcare should be effectively implemented and foster competitiveness** and long-term prosperity for all citizens;

fostering social cohesion and long-term prosperity for all citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 235 Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls for the Member States, in this year of transition, with the implementation of revised economic governance rules, to be offered an opportunity to align fiscal responsibility with sustainable growth, and notes that medium-term fiscal plans should prioritise debt sustainability while investing strategically in education, healthcare and housing; stresses that collaboration between public and private entities is key to optimising resources and ensuring the judicious use of public funds; considers that country-specific recommendations to promote **sustainable public** pension systems and healthcare should be effectively implemented and foster **competitiveness** and long-term prosperity for all citizens;

Amendment

9. Calls for the Member States, in this year of transition, with the implementation of revised economic governance rules, to be offered an opportunity to align fiscal responsibility with sustainable growth, and notes that medium-term fiscal plans should prioritise debt sustainability while **at the same time** investing strategically in **the objectives of the European Pillar of Social Rights such as education and training, social protection and inclusion**, healthcare and housing; stresses that collaboration between public and private entities is key to optimising resources and ensuring the judicious use of public funds **to foster competitiveness**; considers that country-specific recommendations to promote **multi-pillar of** pension systems and **quality** healthcare should be effectively implemented and foster **sustainability, dignity** and long-term prosperity for all citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 236
Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. ***Calls for the Member States, in this year of transition, with the implementation of revised*** economic governance rules, to be offered an opportunity to align fiscal responsibility with sustainable growth, and notes that medium-term fiscal plans should prioritise debt sustainability while investing strategically in education, healthcare and housing; stresses that collaboration between public and private entities is key to optimising resources and ensuring the judicious use of public funds; considers that country-specific recommendations to promote sustainable public pension systems and healthcare should be effectively implemented and foster competitiveness and long-term prosperity for all citizens;

Amendment

9. ***Underlines that the primary goal of the new economic governance rules is to find a balance between responsible budget management (debt reduction) and sustainable economic growth (growth-stimulating spending), therefore*** economic governance rules, ***are*** to be offered an opportunity to align fiscal responsibility with sustainable growth, and notes that medium-term fiscal plans should prioritise debt sustainability while investing strategically in education, healthcare and housing; stresses that collaboration between public and private entities is key to optimising resources and ensuring the judicious use of public funds; considers that country-specific recommendations to promote sustainable public pension systems and healthcare should be effectively implemented and foster competitiveness and long-term prosperity for all citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 237
Branislav Ondruš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls for the Member States, in this year of transition, with the implementation of revised economic governance rules, to be offered an opportunity to align fiscal responsibility with sustainable growth, and notes that medium-term fiscal plans should ***prioritise*** debt sustainability ***while***

Amendment

9. Calls for the Member States, in this year of transition, with the implementation of revised economic governance rules, to be offered an opportunity to align fiscal responsibility with sustainable growth, and notes that medium-term fiscal plans should ***balance*** debt sustainability ***with social***

investing strategically in education, healthcare and housing; stresses that collaboration between public and private entities is key to optimising resources and ensuring the judicious use of public funds; considers that country-specific recommendations to promote sustainable public pension systems and healthcare should be effectively implemented and foster competitiveness and long-term prosperity for all citizens;

investments in education, healthcare and housing; stresses that collaboration between public and private entities is key to optimising resources and ensuring the judicious use of public funds; considers that country-specific recommendations to promote sustainable public pension systems and healthcare should be effectively implemented and foster competitiveness and long-term prosperity for all citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 238
Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 – point 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(1) Recognises the destructive impacts that austerity policies have had, and continue to have on society as a whole.

Or. en

Amendment 239
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Welcomes the fact that the national medium-term fiscal structural plans, under the new economic governance framework, have to include the reforms and investments responding to the main challenges identified in the context of the European Semester, in particular in the country-specific recommendations; recalls that Member States have the obligation to explain how

the delivery of reforms and investments will address social and economic resilience, including the European Pillar of Social Rights, as part of the common priorities of the Union; is satisfied that the Commission confirmed that all Member States have reported their policy intentions on reforms and investments addressing challenges identified as part of the European Semester and the common priorities of the EU in their plans^{19b};

^{19b} Commission communication '2025 European Semester: bringing the new economic governance framework to life' (COM(2024) 705 final, p. 4-5.

Or. en

Amendment 240
Idoia Mendia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. *Calls on the Commission to monitor data on restructuring and its impact on employment, such as by using the European Restructuring Monitor, to facilitate measures in support of restructuring and labour market transitions, and to consider highlighting national measures supporting a socially responsible way of restructuring in the European Semester;*

Or. en

Amendment 241
Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. *Recognises the importance of public oversight of public-private partnerships, particularly in tackling waste of public money and corruption,*

Or. en

Amendment 242

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 b. *Welcomes in particular the decision taken for 5 Member States to extend the fiscal adjustment period from 4 to 7 years in order to allow further flexibility for the delivery of reforms and investments; recalls that this extension is underpinned by commitments towards an additional set of reforms and investment in line with the common EU priorities, such as social resilience, and that each of the reforms and investments need to be sufficiently detailed, front-loaded, time-bound and verifiable; welcomes the fact that for several Member States for which the fiscal adjustment period was extended, the reforms are linked to social resilience with for example plans of pension reform, reform of social security or a reform of a work and job search visa system; stresses that annual progress reports from Member States should include progress on these reforms and investments;*

Or. en

Amendment 243

Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 b. *Underlines that public-private partnerships often come with widespread shortcomings and limited benefits, as underlined by a 2018 European Court of Auditors' report^{5a}; highlights that such partnerships are subject to considerable inefficiencies in the form of delays and major cost increases, and that risk allocation between public and private partners is often inappropriate, incoherent and ineffective, while high remuneration rates on the private partner's risk capital seldom reflect the risks borne; at the very least stresses the need for public oversight of public-private partnerships, particularly in tackling waste of public money and corruption;*

^{5a}

https://www.eca.europa.eu/lists/ecadocuments/sr18_09/sr_ppp_en.pdf

Or. en

Amendment 244
Idoia Mendia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 b. *Calls on the European Commission to monitor the development of minimum wages in the Member States following the transposition of the Minimum wage Directive to determine whether the goal of 'adequacy' of minimum wages is achieved;*

Or. en

Amendment 245
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 c. *Is concerned that compliance with the country-specific recommendations remains persistently low; calls on the Member States, under the new economic governance framework and its objective of enhancing national ownership, to better answer country-specific recommendations in the area of employment and social policies within the European Semester; calls on the Commission to reinforce its dialogues with Member States on the implementation of existing recommendations and of the Employment Guidelines as well as on current or future policy action to address identified challenges;*

Or. en

Amendment 246
Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 c. *Recognises the cost of living crisis, which has increased the burden on households, and the rising cost of housing, contributing to high levels of energy poverty across the EU. Emphasises this is a historic crisis, exacerbated in part by austerity policies implemented by the EU and many Member States. Therefore, calls on the Commission and Member States to comprehensively address the root causes of this crisis by prioritising policies*

that promote economic resilience, social cohesion, and sustainable development.

Or. en

Amendment 247

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 d. Welcomes the establishment of a framework to identify risks to social convergence within the European Semester, which was a strong request from the European Parliament; recalls that under this framework, the Commission assesses risks to upward social convergence in Member States and monitors progress on the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights on the basis of the Social Scoreboard and of the principles of the Social Convergence Framework; welcomes that the 2025 Joint Employment Report (JER) delivers country-specific analysis based on the principles of the Social Convergence Framework; calls on the Commission to further develop innovative quantitative and qualitative analysis tools under this new Framework in order to make optimal use of it in the future cycles of the European Semester;

Or. en

Amendment 248

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 e. Welcomes the fact that the first analysis based on the principles of the Social Convergence Framework points to upward convergence in the labour market in 2023^{1a}; notes with concern that employment outcomes of under-represented groups still need to improve and that risks to upward convergence persist at European level in relation to skills development, ranging from early education to lifelong learning, and the social outcomes of at-risk-of-poverty and social exclusion rates; calls on the Commission to further analyse these risks to upward social convergence in the second stage of the analysis and to discuss with the concerned Member States the measures undertaken or foreseen to address these risks;

^{1a} JER 2025

Or. en

Amendment 249
Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Is concerned about the Commission's revisions to the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure Scoreboard, particularly the reduction in employment and social indicators, which are crucial for assessing the social situation in the Member States;

Amendment

10. Is concerned about the Commission's revisions to the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure Scoreboard, particularly the reduction in employment and social indicators, which are crucial for assessing the social **and labour market** situation in the Member States; **regrets in particular that for the block covering employment and social indicators, the youth unemployment rate drops from headline to auxiliary indicator despite the worrying situation in several Member States; reminds the Commission of its obligation to closely cooperate with the European Parliament and the Council**

when drawing up the Scoreboard and the set of macroeconomic and macrofinancial indicators for Member States^{20a};

^{20a} Regulation (EU) No 1176/2011 on the prevention and correction of macroeconomic imbalances, recital 12.

Or. en

Amendment 250
Benedetta Scuderi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Is concerned about the Commission's revisions to the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure Scoreboard, particularly the reduction in employment and social indicators, which are crucial for assessing the social situation in the Member States;

Amendment

10. Is concerned about the Commission's revisions to the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure Scoreboard, particularly the reduction in employment and social indicators, which are crucial for assessing the social situation in the Member States; ***regrets that the long term unemployment rate and the youth unemployment are no longer considered headline indicators, despite their relevance in identifying and addressing specific labour market challenges and in adopting adequate public policies; deplores the lack of symmetry of the current balance surplus indicator in the MIP scoreboard;***

Or. en

Amendment 251
Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Is concerned about the Commission's revisions to the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure Scoreboard, particularly the reduction in employment and social indicators, which are crucial for assessing the social situation in the Member States;

Amendment

10. Is concerned about the Commission's revisions to the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure Scoreboard, particularly the reduction in employment and social indicators, which are crucial for assessing the social situation in the Member States ***and guiding policy decisions; stresses that social resilience and the implementation of the principles of the EPSR shall be part of the MIP scoreboard. Calls on Member States to align fiscal policies with social investment priorities, in line with the new economic governance framework;***

Or. en

Amendment 252

Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Is concerned about the Commission's revisions to the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure Scoreboard, particularly the reduction in employment and social indicators, which are crucial for assessing the social situation in the Member States;

Amendment

10. Is concerned about the Commission's revisions to the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure Scoreboard, particularly the reduction in employment and social indicators, which are crucial for assessing the social situation in the Member States; ***Stresses that living standards should be equated with traditional economic indicators in the decision making process.***

Or. en

Amendment 253

Branislav Ondruš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Is concerned about the Commission's revisions to the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure Scoreboard, particularly the reduction in employment and social indicators, which are crucial for assessing the social situation in the Member States;

Amendment

10. Is concerned about the Commission's revisions to the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure Scoreboard, particularly the reduction in employment and social indicators, which are crucial for assessing **and improving** the social situation in the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 254

Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. ***Is concerned*** about the Commission's revisions to the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure Scoreboard, particularly the reduction in employment and social indicators, which are crucial for assessing the social situation in the Member States;

Amendment

10. ***Takes note*** about the Commission's revisions to the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure Scoreboard, particularly the reduction in employment and social indicators, which are crucial for assessing the social situation in the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 255

Benedetta Scuderi

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

10 a. Considers that, in absence of a EU-financed stabiliser of expenditure for social investments and social expenditure, ongoing fiscal consolidation of national budgets will harm social objectives of the economic governance - namely creation of quality jobs, protecting workers

Amendment

involved in labour transitions, and adapting welfare and social protection systems to demographic trends. Considers that territorial and social cohesion are essential components of the competitiveness agenda and facilities such as the European instrument for temporary Support to mitigate Unemployment Risks in an Emergency (SURE) remain a positive example to inspire future EU initiatives;

Or. en

Amendment 256

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Considers that the EU Commission and Member States should ensure fiscal policies under the European Semester support investments aligned with the EPRS, particularly in areas such as decent and affordable housing, quality healthcare, education, and social protection systems, as these are critical for social cohesion and long-term economic sustainability and to address the challenges identified through social indicators;

Or. en

Amendment 257

Benedetta Scuderi

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 b (new)

10 b. Regrets that the European Commission failed to consult the European Parliament with regard to its planned changes to the MIP scoreboard, while those changes were discussed with the Council; deeply deplores that the Council and the European Parliament have not been treated on an equal footing; urges the Commission to duly consult the European Parliament before implementing further changes;

Or. en

Amendment 258

Benedetta Scuderi

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses the need to address key challenges identified in the Social Scoreboard as ‘critical’ and ‘to be monitored’, including childcare, the disability employment gap, the impact of social transfers on reducing poverty, and basic digital skills³ ;

³ Proposal for a joint employment report from the Commission and the Council (COM(2023)0904).

Amendment

11. Stresses the need to address key challenges identified in the Social Scoreboard as ‘critical’ and ‘to be monitored’, including childcare, the disability employment gap, the impact of social transfers on reducing poverty, and basic digital skills³ ; ***such challenges have to be addressed in a way that values the contribution of social partners, whose participation in the implementation of the social convergence framework must be enhanced in line with the Joint Statement of ETUC, SGIEurope and SMEUnited for a factual and material involvement of social partners in the economic governance and the EU Semester;***

³ Proposal for a joint employment report from the Commission and the Council (COM(2023)0904).

Or. en

Amendment 259

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses the need to address key challenges identified in the Social Scoreboard as ‘critical’ and ‘to be monitored’, including childcare, the disability employment gap, the impact of social transfers on reducing poverty, and basic digital skills³ ;

³ Proposal for a joint employment report from the Commission and the Council (COM(2023)0904).

Amendment

11. Stresses the need to address key challenges identified in the Social Scoreboard as ‘critical’ and ‘to be monitored’, including childcare **and long term care**, the disability employment gap, the impact of social transfers on reducing poverty, and basic digital skills³ , **especially for vulnerable groups such as young and older persons, persons with disabilities and migrants^{5a}, access to housing, child poverty, access to healthcare;**

³ Proposal for a joint employment report from the Commission and the Council (COM(2023)0904).

^{5a} Proposal for a joint employment report from the Commission and the Council (COM(2023)0904).

Or. en

Amendment 260

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses the need to address key challenges identified in the Social Scoreboard as ‘critical’ and ‘to **be monitored**’, including childcare, the disability employment gap, the impact of social transfers on reducing poverty, and

Amendment

11. Stresses the need to address key challenges identified in the Social Scoreboard as ‘critical’ and ‘to **watch**’, including **children at risk of poverty or social exclusion**, childcare, the disability employment gap, **the gender employment**

basic digital skills³ ;

gap, housing cost overburden, the impact of social transfers on reducing poverty, and basic digital skills³ ;

³ Proposal for a joint employment report from the Commission and the Council (COM(2023)0904).

³ Proposal for a joint employment report from the Commission and the Council (COM(2023)0904).

Or. en

Amendment 261
Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. *Stresses the need to address key challenges identified in the Social Scoreboard as ‘critical’ and ‘to be monitored’, including childcare, the disability employment gap, the impact of social transfers on reducing poverty, and basic digital skills³ ;*

³ Proposal for a joint employment report from the Commission and the Council (COM(2023)0904).

Amendment

11. *Calls on Member States to take further steps to provide early childcare, to reduce the disability employment gap and poverty, and to foster basic digital skills³ ;*

³ Proposal for a joint employment report from the Commission and the Council (COM(2023)0904).

Or. en

Amendment 262
Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

11 a. Stresses the negative impacts that the cost of living crisis has had on persons with disabilities

Amendment

Amendment 263
Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 b. Calls on Member States and the Commission to be more active in combating poverty

Or. en

Amendment 264
Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 c. Calls on the Member States to address the issues faced by the working poor, Recognises that a significant portion of the workforce in the EU is living in poverty despite being employed.

Or. en

Amendment 265
Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 d. Urges Member States to consider robust policies that ensure fair wages and improve working conditions, particularly for low-income and precarious workers.

Amendment 266
Kathleen Funchion, Leila Chaibi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 e. Calls on Member States to strengthen social safety nets to provide adequate support to those whose income from employment is insufficient to meet basic living costs.

Or. en

Amendment 267
Pál Szekeres, Mélanie Disdier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Calls for improvements to be made to the Social Scoreboard with the introduction of indicators reflecting trends and causes of inequality, such as quality employment, wealth distribution, access to public services, adequate pensions, mental health and unemployment; recalls that the at-risk-of-poverty-or-social-exclusion (AROPE) indicator fails to reveal the causes of complex inequality;

12. Urges Member States to promote upward social convergence, improve access to quality employment and quality public services, increase further the participation of children under 3 in formal childcare especially for vulnerable groups; take active measures to reduce early school-leaving and youth unemployment, ensure adequate pensions, enhance the effectiveness of social transfers, promote mental health in all age groups; recalls that the at-risk-of-poverty-or-social-exclusion (AROPE) indicator fails to reveal the causes of complex inequality **but acknowledges that the share of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion slightly declined in the EU in 2023 thanks to decisive policy action to cushion the negative social effects of the high cost of living, and calls for**

appropriate measures to further reduce poverty and social exclusion, especially among children;

Or. en

Amendment 268

Idoia Mendia, Isilda Gomes, Alicia Homs Ginel, Marc Angel, Romana Jerković, Estelle Ceulemans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls for improvements to be made to the Social Scoreboard with the introduction of indicators reflecting trends and causes of inequality, such as quality employment, wealth distribution, access to public services, adequate pensions, mental health and unemployment; recalls that the at-risk-of-poverty-or-social-exclusion (AROPE) indicator fails to reveal the causes of complex inequality;

Amendment

12. Calls for improvements to be made to the Social Scoreboard with the introduction of **relevant** indicators reflecting trends and causes of inequality, such as **indicators on equal opportunities, good** quality employment, wealth distribution, access to public services, **coverage of social services, including energy, water and sanitation, care services**, adequate pensions, **the homelessness rate**, mental health and unemployment, **benefits as well as indicators measuring the social impact of environmental degradation and climate change; emphasises the need to include indicators on coverage of, and expenditure for social services**; recalls that the at-risk-of-poverty-or-social-exclusion (AROPE) indicator fails to reveal the causes of complex inequality;

Or. en

Amendment 269

Hristo Petrov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Calls for improvements to be made to the Social Scoreboard with the introduction of indicators reflecting trends and causes of inequality, such as quality employment, wealth distribution, access to public services, adequate pensions, mental health and unemployment; recalls that the at-risk-of-poverty-or-social-exclusion (AROPE) indicator fails to reveal the causes of complex inequality;

12. ***Stresses the need for timely and harmonised data on social policies to improve evidence-based policy-making and targeted social investments***; calls for improvements to be made to the Social Scoreboard ***in order to cover the 20 EPSR principles*** with the introduction of indicators reflecting trends and causes of inequality, such as quality employment, wealth distribution, access to public services, ***coverage of social services***, adequate pensions, mental health, ***discrimination*** and unemployment; recalls that the at-risk-of-poverty-or-social-exclusion (AROPE) indicator fails to reveal the causes of complex inequality;

Or. en

Amendment 270
Idoia Mendia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Calls on the European Commission and EU Member States to develop a robust European data collection framework on social services to monitor the investment in and coverage of social services;

Or. en

Amendment 271
Idoia Mendia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 b. Recommends that the European Semester incorporates data on social

services regulation, expenditure and coverage to strengthen its reporting on EU Member States' capability to ensure provision of social services, including their access and availability for the population;

Or. en