

Amendment 1**Guido Reil, Roman Haider**

on behalf of the ID Group

Report**A9-0025/2020****Klára Dobrev**

European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2020 (2019/2212(INI))

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 1***Motion for a resolution*

1. ***Welcomes the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy (ASGS) 2020 and the Commission's aim to complement the European Semester's current approach by including the SDGs and the objectives of the European Green Deal; underlines that the EU's new growth strategy will have to contribute to the creation of quality sustainable jobs and the strengthening of competitiveness, innovation and productivity and maximise benefits for health, quality of life and resilience while moving towards a circular and carbon-neutral economy; reiterates the need to put sustainability, social inclusion and people's wellbeing at the heart of the EU's economic policy-making, ensuring that social, environmental and economic objectives have equal priority;***

Amendment

1. ***Underlines*** that ***any*** growth strategy will have to contribute to the creation of quality sustainable jobs and the strengthening of competitiveness, innovation and productivity and maximise benefits for health, quality of life and resilience;

Or. en

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Amendment 2

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Paragraph 2

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2. ***Calls on the Commission to identify EU-specific targets and headline indicators in relation to the SDGs to reflect the realities and challenges facing the EU in the area of employment and social affairs, to measure the effectiveness of policy decisions, and to ensure better targeting of funding and a proper and coherent follow-up to the Europe 2020 strategy;***

Amendment

2. ***Points out that the labour markets in the Member States and even in regions within Member States are different in many ways, also using different frameworks, and that these frameworks have historically developed regionally and nationally along specific lines, closely linked to the traditions of the social protection systems in place; points out that the different frameworks in each of these different labour markets determine which measures are needed on a local, regional, or national level to promote employment among the different population groups and reduce unemployment rates;***

Or. en

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3. *Welcomes the inclusion of the EPSR in the ASGS 2020; calls for fairness and social rights to have equal importance in the new economic model as environmental sustainability and macro-economic stability; emphasises the central role of the Social Scoreboard in the European Semester; calls on the Commission to build upon existing indicators and reinforce the scoreboard by integrating further indicators and clear targets reflecting all 20 principles of the EPSR, such as inclusive access to education, health, nutrition, employment, housing, and the preservation of social rights, and to ensure that such indicators are analysed on a disaggregated basis (e.g. children, youth, seniors, gender, migrants and persons with disabilities); calls on the Commission to safeguard the diversity of national social systems and labour market models and to come forward with a social action plan to further implement the EPSR and the revised European Social Charter by adopting dedicated measures at the appropriate level;*

3. *Stresses that social policy and social protection should and must remain an exclusive competence of the Member States; rejects any endeavour to standardise the social policies and social protection systems of the Member States in different fields;*

Or. en

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4. ***Calls for the greater involvement of relevant ministers in charge of social, health and environmental affairs in the Semester Process at Council level; regrets that many country-specific recommendations (CSRs) have not been implemented at all or have not been fully implemented; calls on the Member States to implement all CSRs, including those on employment and social aspects;***

4. ***Emphasises that common challenges and objectives should not and must not lead to a common European employment policy; is of the opinion that labour market and employment policy should be an exclusive competence of the Member States and, accordingly, rejects the Commission's country-specific recommendations (CSRs);***

Or. en

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7. ***Welcomes the Commission's consultation of social partners on an EU framework for minimum wages; calls on the Commission to take measures designed to foster increased social convergence based on the results of the consultation; calls for adequate minimum wage levels to be set above the poverty threshold through collective agreements or through national law, in line with national traditions and with due respect for the autonomy of national social partners and well-functioning collective bargaining models; calls for a coordinated approach at EU level in order to avoid unhealthy labour cost competition and increase upward social convergence for all;***

Amendment

7. ***Recalls that any decision on setting minimum wages is a Member State prerogative; encourages Member States to ensure that employed people receive a wage that allows them a decent life in their country; calls for adequate minimum wage levels to be set above the poverty threshold through collective agreements or through national law, in line with national traditions and with due respect for the autonomy of national social partners and well-functioning collective bargaining models;***

Or. en

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10. Reiterates its concern about the high number of persons at risk of poverty and social exclusion; is especially worried about the high rates of child poverty and in-work poverty; ***calls on the Commission to present a comprehensive EU anti-poverty strategy based on integrated active inclusion and to establish a European Child Guarantee with adequate funding and well-designed support services, in order to contribute to children's equal access to free quality healthcare, free quality education, free quality childcare, decent housing and adequate nutrition;***

10. Reiterates its concern about the high number of persons at risk of poverty and social exclusion; is especially worried about the high rates of child poverty and in-work poverty; ***stresses that child poverty has many different causes and that relevant issues such as healthcare, education, childcare, nutrition and housing fall within the competence and responsibility of the Member States; encourages the Member States to tackle child poverty as a priority and to make use of the existing financial instruments such as the European Social Fund and the European Fund for Regional Development;***

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11. Underlines the importance of increasing funding for the most deprived under the new European Social Fund Plus as a key element of European solidarity and a way of helping to combat the worst forms of poverty in the EU, such as food deprivation and child poverty; ***stresses that the European Child Guarantee should not be funded at the expense of existing financial instruments;***

11. Underlines the importance of increasing funding for the most deprived under the new European Social Fund Plus as a key element of European solidarity and a way of helping to combat the worst forms of poverty in the EU, such as food deprivation and child poverty;

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12. *Calls for a new EU framework for national Roma inclusion strategies with concrete objectives;* *deleted*

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Paragraph 13

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13. Notes that various forms of minimum income schemes exist in all Member States in order to provide a social protection floor and safety net for those in need; underlines that minimum income schemes should not be confused with the concept of a basic income for everyone; ***calls on the Commission to conduct a comparative study on the different minimum incomes schemes in the Member States and to highlight best practice cases with a view to presenting a framework in this regard;*** stresses that minimum income should be complemented by active inclusion measures;

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Paragraph 14

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14. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to respond in a strong and integrated way by drawing up an action plan to tackle the lack of affordable housing, poor housing conditions, non-accessible housing and housing exclusion; **notes the increase in the number of evictions and urges the Member States to tackle this problem;**

Amendment

14. Is concerned about the rise of homelessness in most Member States; calls on the Commission and the Member States to respond in a strong and integrated way by drawing up an action plan to tackle the lack of affordable housing, poor housing conditions, non-accessible housing and housing exclusion;

Or. en