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COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

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AMENDMENTS

DRAFT OPINION

**Commission for Social Policy, Education, Employment,
Research and Culture**

**The role of the social economy in restoring economic growth
and combating unemployment**

Rapporteur: **Luís Gomes** (PT/EPP)
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AMENDMENT 10

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Point 9

Insert a new point as follows:

BORBOLY Csaba

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>recommends promoting cooperation between the social economy and vocational education and supporting the development of student and school cooperatives in order to expand career opportunities for young people and so help to prevent youth unemployment. With this in mind, the Committee supports the involvement of school and student cooperatives as participants in the social economy;</i>

Reason
School cooperatives operate on the basis of specific rules and with the participation of pupils, who will be guaranteed work that fits in with their schedules. They play an important role in providing vocational guidance and work experience and could become a key element of the measures taken to prevent youth unemployment.

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Point 15

Insert a new point as follows:

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<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>advises the European Commission to propose that the Member States create and adopt, as soon as possible, the legal framework necessary in order for the social economy to develop and function;</i>

Reason
In several Member States, the absence of a legal framework identifying the relevant parties and guaranteeing the legal and budgetary options for working with local and regional authorities is one of the main obstacles to the development of the social economy.