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# **RAPPORTEUR'S AMENDMENTS**

**DRAFT OPINION of the**

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

**European cooperation in the youth field (2010-2018)**

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## RAPPORTEUR'S AMENDMENT - Rule 66(1)

### AMENDMENT 2R

BORBOLY

European cooperation in the youth field (2010-2018)

SEDEC-VI/007

This amendment relates to amendment 2.

#### Point 15

Add a new point:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>notes that young people have only limited access to the sources of funding needed to set up a business, pay for accommodation or continue their studies; for this reason considers it important for local and regional authorities to find local solutions that will, on the one hand, help to make the region in question more competitive and, on the other, clearly strengthen equal opportunities among young people;</i>

#### Reason

At present, young people only contribute to competitiveness in a limited way, hence the pertinence of this new point.

**Am. 2R**

## RAPPORTEUR'S AMENDMENT - Rule 66(1)

### AMENDMENT 18R

BORBOLY

European cooperation in the youth field (2010-2018)

SEDEC-VI/007

This amendment relates to amendments 18, 19 and 20.

#### Point 11

Amend as follows:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
<i>considers the migratory flows in different European regions to be highly detrimental to young people and that it would be useful to explore the possibility of establishing appropriate partnerships between regions of origin and host regions in order to better manage difficulties relating to integration. However, the Committee also insists on the need to adopt the measures necessary to help facilitate the return to regions of origin as part of these inter-regional partnerships, as well as through various EU initiatives;</i>	<i>considers that intra-EU migratory flows as a result of the economic crisis, and the subsequent brain drain in some European regions, combined with demographic challenges, need to be addressed through a variety of EU policies, with youth being a key pillar. This should be done by looking into the kind of partnerships that could be set up between regions of origin and host regions to address integration but also, more particularly, the problem of returns and assisted returns. Directly accessible financial resources should be made immediately available to local and regional authorities for this purpose, as well as to enable them to fulfil their obligations concerning integration in the field of migration from outside the EU;</i>

#### Reason

Although the question of migration and refugees is a burning issue at the present time, we must not forget migration within Europe or the specific needs of the regions affected. The new text takes account of the suggestions made in amendment 20.

**Am. 18R**

## RAPPORTEUR'S AMENDMENT - Rule 66(1)

### AMENDMENT 21R

BORBOLY

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This amendment relates to amendment 21.

#### Point 11

Add a new point:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>believes that it is essential to share best practices. These include the talent management programme and the initiative to support vocational training set up by the Lublin Voivodeship and the medium-term strategy for youth recently adopted by Harghita County, dealing with vocational training issues and traditional culture as a basis for creating favourable living conditions for young people in the county. Then there is the resoundingly successful European Youth Capital initiative and the youth mediation programme in the town of Vila Real de Santo António, together with innovative initiatives to bring several local and regional authorities together in partnerships, such as the Network of Mediterranean Youth, aimed at encouraging dialogue on issues such as mobility, policies on education and employment, gender equality and the role of young people in the institutions;</i>

#### Reason

It is important, in the field of youth policy, to support new solutions based on best practice. The new text also includes key elements of amendment 21.

**Am. 21R**

## RAPPORTEUR'S AMENDMENT - Rule 66(1)

### AMENDMENT 23R

BORBOLY

European cooperation in the youth field (2010-2018)

SEDEC-VI/007

This amendment relates to amendment 23.

#### Point 12

Add a new point:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>notes the need to carry out studies in the various European regions in order to have a clearer overview of the situation of young people in terms of housing and the habitability of housing. Indeed, it is particularly necessary in this field to exchange best practice and draw up action plans at local level, given that in many regions there is an oversupply of dwellings, whereas in numerous other regions, the quality of the housing stock does not provide appropriate conditions for young people, and in yet other regions, the extremely high prices exclude young people. It would therefore make sense to draw up, on the basis of the relevant data, appropriate action plans to guarantee all young people good housing conditions;</i>

#### Reason

More clearly worded, with additional detail concerning one element.

**Am. 23R**

## RAPPORTEUR'S AMENDMENT - Rule 66(1)

### AMENDMENT 33R

BORBOLY

European cooperation in the youth field (2010-2018)

SEDEC-VI/007

This amendment relates to amendment 33.

#### Point 18

Amend as follows:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
believes that it would be advisable to examine <i>the impact that</i> new, emerging social and community values – such as environmental awareness, community engagement, support to those in need, appreciation of traditional ways of life that are closer to nature – <i>have on young people and their view of things, as well as how to strengthen the influence that these values have on the younger generation's approach to the world;</i>	believes that it would be advisable to examine <i>how, on the one hand,</i> new, emerging social and community values – such as environmental awareness, community engagement, support to those in need, appreciation of traditional ways of life that are closer to nature – <i>can encourage young people's participation in society and successfully integrate them into society and, on the other, strengthen protection of the family and support for starting a family and parenting, particularly in regions that are demographically challenged;</i>

#### Reason

More clearly worded.

**Am. 33R**

## RAPPORTEUR'S AMENDMENT - Rule 66(1)

### AMENDMENT 40R

BORBOLY

European cooperation in the youth field (2010-2018)

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This amendment relates to amendment 40.

#### Point 21

Add a new point:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>expresses its dismay regarding the unprecedented terrorist threat facing Europe today and calls on the European Commission, the Council and the Member States to take, as a matter of urgency and in cooperation with the local and regional authorities, all possible measures to increase young people's safety; envisages in this respect providing protection for educational establishments, tightening security in places frequented by young people and providing them with training so that they know what to do in an emergency, provide first aid and minimise the risk of injuries in the event of a terrorist attack, as well as reducing the danger of political and religious radicalisation which, sadly, is also on the rise among young people;</i>

#### Reason

After the events in Paris, a common approach is vital. Adds details regarding a subject raised in amendment 40.

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**Am. 40R**