RAPPORTEUR'S AMENDMENTS

DRAFT OPINION

EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN THE YOUTH FIELD (2010-2018)

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**RAPPORTEUR'S AMENDMENT - Rule 23(3)**

**AMENDMENT 7R**

**EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN THE YOUTH FIELD (2010-2018)**

**SEDEC-VI/007**

This amendment relates to amendments 7,8,9,10

**Point 7**

Amend as follows:

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<td>after consulting stakeholders, considers that while the Erasmus+ programme and the Youth Guarantee are essential tools for achieving strategic objectives, the problems are far more complex and EU action in the area of youth affairs already goes beyond these two effective tools. Consequently highlights the need to make other information on the results of youth policy accessible in an appropriate format, particularly in relation to subjects such as youth unemployment, employability and social inclusion, amongst other things. This would also help determine whether it would not be appropriate to provide for specific assistance from the Structural Funds. Given the complexity and magnitude of the challenges at hand, youth policy should be mainstreamed into all EU policies. Moreover, the economic case for education and training, which was debated at the meeting of the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council of 12 December 2014 within the context of the mid-term review of the Europe 2020 strategy, should now be translated into concrete investments in education as part of the EU’s long-term youth and growth agendas;</td>
<td>after consulting stakeholders, considers that while the Erasmus+ programme and the Youth Guarantee are essential tools for achieving strategic objectives, the problems are far more complex and EU action in the area of youth affairs already goes beyond these two effective tools which, though seemingly effective, are actually insufficient, given that the Youth Guarantee is still not being properly applied. With regard to vulnerable young people in particular, there is a clear need for initiatives to support young people coming out of care systems and who, at the age of 18, may find themselves without any kind of oversight to guide them in their transition to adulthood. Consequently highlights the need to make other information on the results of youth policy accessible in an appropriate format, particularly in relation to subjects such as youth unemployment, and social inclusion, amongst other things. This would also help determine whether it would not be appropriate to provide for specific assistance from the Structural Funds. Given the complexity and magnitude of the challenges at hand, youth policy should be mainstreamed into all EU policies, taking a horizontal approach, as these policies can not</td>
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only seek solutions for the pressing problems faced by young people, but also serve as a launch-pad for generating new economic growth. In addition, the rediscovery of the values of long-standing traditions and occupations may provide new job opportunities. Substantial efforts are still needed to promote the exchange of best practice in youth involvement and youth work between Member States and local and regional authorities. Moreover, the economic case for education and training, which was debated at the meeting of the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council of 12 December 2014 within the context of the mid-term review of the Europe 2020 strategy, should now be translated into concrete investments in education as part of the EU’s long-term youth and growth agendas;

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Reason
### AMENDMENT 21R

**BORBOLY**

**EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN THE YOUTH FIELD (2010-2018)**

**SEDEC-VI/007**

This amendment relates to amendments 21, 22, 23, 24

**Point 13**

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<td>is concerned at the fact that socio-educational provision, which is generally the responsibility of local authorities in all the Member States, has been subject to budgetary cuts throughout Europe, while the growing percentage of young people at risk of poverty and exclusion calls for an increase in these services;</td>
<td>is concerned at the fact that socio-educational provision, which is also generally the responsibility of local authorities in several the Member States, has been subject to budgetary cuts throughout Europe, while the growing percentage of young people at risk of poverty and exclusion, not to mention the ever-increasing prevalence of unhealthy behaviours and associated rise in the mortality rate among young people, calls for an increase in these services. There is also a particular need to promote positive lifestyles entailing less drug use, alcohol abuse, smoking and obesity, not least by encouraging physical activity. At the same time it is important to propose active policies to provide young people, either in associations or individually, with opportunities for personal and vocational development so they are in a position to &quot;create new forms of social relations&quot; (2011 White Paper on European youth);</td>
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**Reason**

**Am. 21R**

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suggests developing a basic package that each Member State could guarantee for young people and that would focus on access to high speed internet, learning a second foreign language to the equivalent of at least B2 level within the public education system, career guidance and continuous mentoring, appropriate involvement in volunteering, promoting the right to a first job, and flexible and accessible forms of funding in order to carry out studies that offer career prospects. At the same time, calls on the European Commission to propose actions to ensure that all young people in the EU have a "minimum qualifications and skills guarantee", empowering them to access and complete a minimum level of educational attainment, accompanied by the relevant level of appropriate skills;
**RAPPORTEUR'S AMENDMENT - Rule 23(3)**

**AMENDMENT 40R**

**BORBOLY**

**EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN THE YOUTH FIELD (2010-2018)**

**SEDEC-VI/007**

This amendment relates to amendments 40,41,42,44,45

**Point 18**

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<td>stresses the need to determine how to face challenges in the area of youth policy, such as the issue of matching skills with employers' needs, equal opportunities for young people who live in small communities, located in peripheral and rural areas that are facing demographic challenges, or furthermore, how to promote professional training initiatives tailored to regional specificities and specific skills and the exchange of good practices in this policy area; underlines that matching skills with employers' needs is an important factor in youth unemployment and further development of young people's career prospects; calls for further attention to be paid to this issue;</td>
<td>stresses the need to determine how to face challenges in the area of youth policy, such as the issue of matching skills with employers', production and territorial needs, also in the context of reducing the high level of youth unemployment, equal opportunities for young people who live in small communities, located in peripheral, outermost, island and rural areas that are facing demographic challenges, or furthermore, how to promote professional training initiatives tailored to regional specificities and specific skills and the exchange of good practices in this policy area, not least by attaching greater value to manual occupations; underlines that matching skills with employers' needs is an important factor in youth unemployment and further development of young people's career prospects. Considers that procedures should be put in place to ensure the validation and certification of skills acquired by young people in non-formal types of education and volunteering so they can put them to use in finding job. Calls for further attention to be paid to these issues, and for an appeal to be made for corporate social responsibility on the part of businesses so that they empathise with young people, who not only are the workforce of today and tomorrow but also the potential customers for their services and the products and services</td>
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they supply:

Reason

Am. 40R

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This amendment relates to amendments 46, 47, 48.

Point 19

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<td>considers it necessary that youth policy continue to focus particularly on issues such as discrimination against young people on the basis of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability and sexual orientation, as well as developing measures that should be taken in this respect;</td>
<td>considers it necessary that national as well as local and regional youth policy continue to focus particularly on issues such as discrimination against young people on the basis of sex, gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability and sexual orientation, also by means of promoting values inherited from Christianity and from the tradition of European humanism, as well as developing measures that should be taken in this respect, including with regard to issues that are specific to young people from national and ethnic minorities;</td>
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Reason

Am. 46R

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RAPPORTEUR'S AMENDMENT - Rule 23(3)

AMENDMENT 57R

BORBOLY

EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN THE YOUTH FIELD (2010-2018)

SEDEC-VI/007

This amendment relates to amendments 57,58

Point 23

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<td>believes that it would be advisable to examine how, on the one hand, 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 – 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;</td>
<td>believes that it would be advisable to examine how, on the one hand, new, emerging social and community values – such as environmental awareness, also in connection with sustainable and energy-efficient production, community engagement, support to those in need and enhancing the status of artisan activities – 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 measures for families of origin, new families and families in the process of formation, parenting, particularly in regions that are demographically challenged;</td>
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Am. 57R
This amendment relates to amendments 68, 69

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<td>recommends that European LRAs establish local and regional strategies that</td>
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<td>expressly address problems and opportunities that are specific to young people,</td>
<td>and opportunities that are specific to young people, taking into account EU and Member States' youth</td>
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<td>taking into account EU and Member States' youth policies, The Committee</td>
<td>policies. It should be ensured, when drawing up such plans, to enhance mutual learning opportunities</td>
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<td>proposes that they should endeavour, when drawing up such plans, to enhance</td>
<td>while seeking to ensure that the target group –young people – are involved as widely as possible in</td>
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<td>mutual learning opportunities while seeking to ensure that the target group</td>
<td>designing, implementing and evaluating them and that reciprocal learning is encouraged. At the same</td>
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<td>–young people – are involved as widely as possible in designing these plans</td>
<td>time, the Committee underlines that all youth strategies and policies shall incorporate horizontal</td>
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<td>and strategies, as well as in monitoring their implementation.</td>
<td>measures fighting the phenomena of discrimination on the basis of sex, gender, racial or ethnic origin,</td>
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<pre><code>                                                                                 | religion or belief, disability and sexual orientation;                                                |
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