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

**The implementation of the renewed framework for European cooperation in the youth field
(2010-2018)**

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Am. 14 SHARPE Dee	10 Modifier Amend		+	
Am. 15 ROSSI Enrico	10 Ajouter Add		+	
Am. 16 ANCISI Alvaro	10 Ajouter Add		+	
Am. 17 ANCISI Alvaro	10 Ajouter Add		-	
Am. 18 HUDDART Doreen	11 Supprimer Delete		-	

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Am. 25 HUTCHINSON Alain BUŽINEC Snježana HORVÁTH Jácint MAVROMMÁTI Louisa WINTER Babette	12 Modifier Amend		+	
Am. 26 HUDDART Doreen	13 Supprimer Delete		-	
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Am. 32 HUTCHINSON Alain BUŽINEC Snježana HORVÁTH Jácint MAVROMMÁTI Louisa WINTER Babette	16 Modifier Amend		+	
Am. 33 HUTCHINSON Alain BUŽINEC Snježana HORVÁTH Jácint MAVROMMÁTI Louisa	18 Supprimer Delete		-	
Am. 34 SHARPE Dee	19 Modifier Amend		-	
Am. 35 HUDDART Doreen	18 Modifier Amend		+	
Am. 36 ROSSI Enrico	19 Ajouter Add		+	
Am. 37 ROSSI Enrico	20 Ajouter Add		+	
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AMENDMENT 1

The implementation of the renewed framework for European cooperation in the youth field (2010-2018)

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Point 2

Amend text as follows:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
is particularly appreciative of the Commission's approach, which deems it necessary to react as rapidly as possible – in the area of youth affairs during the period 2010 -2018 – through appropriate changes to policy in response to new challenges such as the integration of young refugees or the rise in extremism among young people;	is particularly appreciative of the Commission's approach, which deems it necessary to react as rapidly as possible – in the area of youth affairs during the period 2016 -2018 – through appropriate changes to policy in response to new challenges such as the integration of young refugees or the rise in extremism among young people;

Reason
Self-explanatory.

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Point 3

Amend text as follows:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
insists that in the future, ensuring equal opportunities, promoting social integration and improving the competitiveness of young people on the labour market should remain the key objectives of youth policy;	insists that in the future, ensuring equal opportunities, promoting social integration and improving the competitiveness of young people on the labour market, <i>while fostering active citizenship, non-discrimination and intercultural understanding</i> , should remain the key objectives of youth policy;

Reason
Self-explanatory.

AMENDMENT 3

HUDDART Doreen

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Point 4

Amend text as follows:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
expresses its concern however that the Commission fails to mention the role of local and regional authorities (LRAs) in relation to youth policy, despite it being very obvious that in the majority of Member States – where youth policy is a national policy – LRAs are, to varying degrees, the competent authorities in this area;	expresses its concern however that the Commission fails to mention the role of local and regional authorities (LRAs) in relation to youth policy, despite it being very obvious that in the majority of Member States – where there are national policies on youth matters – LRAs are, to varying degrees, the competent authorities in this area;

Reason

AMENDMENT 4

HUDDART Doreen

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Point 5

Amend text as follows:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
<i>suggests harmonising definitions used in different policy fields. For example the Common Agricultural Policy includes farmers aged 40 in the "young farmers" category, while elsewhere the upper age limit is considered to be 25 or 30 years and in the case of scientific activities, the age limit normally applied is 35. It is clear then that there is still significant work to do in this area to ensure that policies have the appropriate effect and that the impact of instruments can be measured;</i>	<i>appreciates the work of Eurostat to produce and co-ordinate sets of data relating to a range of factors relating to youth issue;</i>

Reason
Harmonisation is good, but only if there is a real reason to do it, and not just for the sake of it.

AMENDMENT 5

SHARPE Dee

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Reason
To clarify that we mean EU policy definitions.

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Point 6

Amend text as follows:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
calls on the Commission to assess, <i>on the basis of currently available data, if it is possible to conduct analyses on</i> youth policy at sub-national level, at least to NUTS 2 level. <i>If these assessments are already available the Committee calls on the Commission to take the necessary steps to carry out sufficiently in-depth territorial analyses. If however, data collection is currently unsatisfactory, ways of improving the collection and processing of local and regional level policy indicators should be examined;</i>	calls on the Commission to <i>systematically</i> assess the <i>territorial impact</i> of youth policy at sub-national level, at least to NUTS 2 level. <i>At the same time, within the framework of the Open Method of Coordination among EU Member States, considers necessary the development of measurable indicators, of concrete youth-related action plans involving all levels of government and of strong partnerships between youth organisations and public authorities;</i>

Reason
Makes the text clearer.

AMENDMENT 7

GOMES Luís

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calls on the Commission <i>to assess, on the basis of currently available data, if it is possible</i> to conduct analyses on youth policy at sub-national level, at least to NUTS 2 level. <i>If these assessments are already available the Committee calls on the Commission to take the necessary steps to carry out sufficiently in-depth territorial analyses.</i> If however, <i>data collection is currently unsatisfactory</i> , ways of improving the collection and processing of local and regional level policy indicators should be examined;	calls on the Commission to conduct analyses on youth policy at sub-national level, at least to NUTS 2 level. If however, <i>the data currently available does not allow the desired analyses to be carried out</i> , ways of improving the collection and processing of local and regional level policy indicators should be examined;

Reason
The idea is to make the CoR's stance clearer and more affirmative, also boosting the importance which should be attached to this subject.

AMENDMENT 8

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Reason

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Point 7

Amend text as follows:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
<p><i>after consulting stakeholders</i>, considers that <i>while</i> the Erasmus+ programme and the Youth Guarantee are essential tools for achieving strategic objectives, the <i>problems are far more complex and</i> EU action in the area of youth affairs <i>already goes beyond these two effective tools</i>. <i>Consequently highlights</i> the <i>need to make other information on the results of youth policy accessible in an appropriate format</i>;</p>	<p>considers that the Erasmus+ programme and the Youth Guarantee are essential tools for achieving strategic objectives <i>when it comes to young people's employability; however, given the complexity of challenges facing</i> EU action in the area of youth affairs, <i>youth policy should be mainstreamed into all EU policies</i>. <i>Moreover</i>, the <i>economic case for education and training, which was debated at the meeting of the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council of 12 December 2014</i>^[1] <i>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</i>;</p> <hr/> <p><i>[1]Press Release of 3358th Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting</i> http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/workarea/downloadAsset.aspx?id=40802190967</p>

Reason
Investment in education is part and parcel of any successful youth policy.

AMENDMENT 10

GOMES Luís

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<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
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;	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, <i>particularly in relation to subjects such as youth unemployment, employability and social inclusion, amongst other things</i> ;

Reason
The idea is to be more specific in the type of information requested from the European Commission.

AMENDMENT 11

ROSSI Enrico

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Reason
This would ensure implementation of more widespread policies in all the Member States and regions. The Youth Guarantee experiment, funded by the YEI, has pursued the aim of developing integrated, uniform policies.

AMENDMENT 12

HUDDART Doreen

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Point 8

Amend text as follows:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
<i>is concerned by</i> the decline in direct political activity among young people, <i>and more generally, by the sceptical attitude or even rejection by young people of opportunities to get involved;</i>	<i>takes note of</i> the decline in direct political activity among young people, <i>while celebrating the active interest many young people display about the environment, social media, human rights and volunteering;</i>

Reason
It is not necessarily a matter of concern. Young people chose different methods to engage in political activities.

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Point 9

Amend text as follows:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
recommends that the Commission assess good practices in Member States and regions with regard to the lowering of the voting age and more precisely, the direct or indirect influence that <i>this has</i> on political engagement among young people and their willingness to get involved. The Commission should then share the results of this assessment with Member States and the regions;	recommends that the Commission assess good practices in Member States and regions with regard to <i>political literacy taught through citizenship education curricula in schools and to</i> the lowering of the voting age and more precisely, the direct or indirect influence that <i>these two elements have</i> on political engagement among young people and their willingness to get involved. The Commission should then share the results of this assessment with Member States and the regions;

Reason
Lowering the voting age alone will not necessarily ensure full and informed political participation of youth.

AMENDMENT 14

SHARPE Dee

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Point 10

Amend text as follows:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
considers the role of youth organisations to be especially important, particularly those that operate in formal settings, as they contribute considerably to developing young peoples' participatory skills and to improving the quality of the decision-making process. Therefore considers <i>it necessary to examine the possibility of guaranteeing that</i> these organisations <i>receive adequate support to enable them to exploit the potential of regional and European synergies;</i>	considers the role of youth organisations to be especially important, particularly those that operate in formal settings, as they contribute considerably to developing young peoples' participatory skills and to improving the quality of the decision-making process. Therefore considers <i>support for</i> these organisations to <i>be important;</i>

Reason
Not sure what is mean by "adequate support". This amendment aims to clarify the point.

AMENDMENT 15

ROSSI Enrico

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Point 10

Add a new point:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>also stresses the need to identify and develop a clearer picture of non-structured communities of young people, whose numbers are steadily increasing, inter alia thanks to social media. These communities often include young people who have difficulty accessing opportunities and lack the means to enter into dialogue with the institutions;</i>

Reason
Bringing in young people who are not part of structured organisations opens up avenues which are genuinely inclusive and participatory, especially in contexts where traditional participation is increasingly falling.

AMENDMENT 16

ANCISI Alvaro

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Point 10

Add a new point:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>acknowledges the importance of good quality socio-educational provision and the need to develop the capacity to respond to social, behavioural and technological change;</i>

Reason

Am. 16

AMENDMENT 17

ANCISI Alvaro

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European cooperation in the youth field (2010-2018)

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Point 10

Add a new point:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>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;</i>

Reason

Am. 17

AMENDMENT 18

HUDDART Doreen

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Point 11

Delete point:

<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>	

Reason
The meaning of this point is not clear.

AMENDMENT 19

SHARPE Dee

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Reason
Immigration is not the scope of the opinion.

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Point 11

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<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
considers <i>the</i> migratory flows in <i>different</i> European regions <i>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>	considers <i>that intra-EU</i> migratory flows <i>as a result of the economic crisis, and the subsequent brain drain in some</i> European regions, <i>combined with demographic challenges, need to be addressed through a variety of EU policies, with youth being a key pillar. Furthermore, in response to the current migration crisis and within the context of the European Agenda for Migration, the CoR urges for directly accessible financial resources for local and regional authorities to allow them to fulfil their obligations where migration and integration are concerned;</i>

Reason
The proposed changes seek to better identify challenges linked to migratory flows.

AMENDMENT 21

ROSSI Enrico

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Point 11

Add a new point:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>believes that it is essential to build a Mediterranean youth network with the aim of encouraging dialogue on issues such as mobility, education and employment policies, gender equality and the role of young people in the institutions;</i>

Reason
To address the issue of migration, which affects the younger generations in particular, we need to help young people from countries of origin and host countries to come together, encouraging genuine intercultural, anti-racist dialogue.

AMENDMENT 22

LEHMANN Heinz

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Point 12

Delete:

<i>Draft Opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
<i>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;</i>	

Reason
The EU has no powers. Article 6 TFEU refers only to actions to support, coordinate or supplement the actions of the Member States. This does not include a guaranteed basic package of the proposed measures.

AMENDMENT 23

HUDDART Doreen

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Reason
1) It is not clear how this "package" would function, so that concept is taken out. 2) New languages are not necessarily "foreign", e.g. in case of multilingual countries.

AMENDMENT 24

SHARPE Dee

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<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
suggests developing a <i>basic</i> package that each Member State could <i>guarantee</i> for young people <i>and that would</i> 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 <i>right to</i> a first job, and flexible and accessible forms of funding in order to carry out studies that offer career prospects;	suggests developing a package that each Member State could <i>use if needed based on their own needs</i> for young people. <i>This package could</i> 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 <i>preparation for</i> a first job, and flexible and accessible forms of funding in order to carry out studies that offer career prospects;

Reason
Ensure respect for subsidiarity and proportionality principles.

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Reason
This is an item under discussion within the framework of the "New Skills Agenda for Europe".

AMENDMENT 26

HUDDART Doreen

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Point 13

Delete point:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
<i>deems it appropriate – in relation to the implementation of different European policies and particularly the European Social Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Regional Development Fund – to include youth policy among the horizontal objectives, starting with the current programming period, and in doing so take account of the specific characteristics of each region and not only the differences between Member States;</i>	

Reason
It is too late to make recommendations for the use of these funds in the ongoing programming period.

AMENDMENT 27

SHARPE Dee

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Point 14

Amend text as follows:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
stresses the need to determine how to face challenges in the area of youth policy, such as the issue of 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;	stresses the need to determine how to face challenges in the area of youth policy, such as the issue of <i>matching skills with employers' needs</i> , 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; <i>underlines that matching skills with employers' needs is an important factor in youth unemployment and further development of youth's career prospects; calls for further attention to be paid to this issue;</i>

Reason
Inclusion of a position taken by the CoR through its opinion CDR 1319/2014 - Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - EU Quality Framework for anticipation of change and restructuring.

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Point 15

Amend text as follows:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
considers it necessary that youth policy <i>continue</i> to focus <i>particularly</i> on issues such as discrimination against or the exclusion of young people from ethnic minorities, <i>as well as developing measures that should be taken in this respect</i> ;	considers it necessary that youth policy <i>continues</i> to focus <i>also</i> on issues such as discrimination against or the exclusion of young people from ethnic minorities; <i>underlines the importance of exchanging the best practices on social cohesion</i> ;

Reason
Merging it with point 21 and clarifying point.

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HORVÁTH Jácint
MAVROMMÁTI Louisa
WINTER Babette

Point 15

Amend text as follows:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
considers it necessary that youth policy continue to focus particularly on issues such as discrimination against <i>or the exclusion of</i> young people <i>from</i> ethnic <i>minorities</i> , as well as developing measures that should be taken in this respect;	considers it necessary that youth policy continue to focus particularly on issues such as discrimination against young people <i>on the basis of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability and sexual orientation</i> , as well as developing measures that should be taken in this respect;

Reason
The wording is in line with Article 10 of TFUE.

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HUDDART Doreen

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Point 15

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<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
considers it necessary that youth policy continue to focus particularly on issues such as discrimination against or the exclusion of young people from ethnic minorities, as well as developing measures that should be taken in this respect;	considers it necessary that youth policy continue to focus particularly on issues such as discrimination against or the exclusion of young people from ethnic minorities <i>and disadvantaged groups</i> , as well as developing measures that should be taken in this respect;

Reason

AMENDMENT 31

SHARPE Dee

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Point 16

Amend text as follows:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
<i>calls on the Commission and Member States to check that young people are properly informed on employment law, employment protection legislation and legislation on volunteering, and that they receive – when applicable – the necessary protection, particularly when they are carrying out paid work or volunteer activities in a Member State other than where they are habitually resident;</i>	<i>calls for information on employment law, employment protection legislation and legislation on volunteering to be more easy to access for the public;</i>

Reason
Clarify point to suggest that the public should have access to information. Access to information is an important dimension of transparency and good governance.

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Point 16

Amend text as follows:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
calls on the Commission and Member States to check that young people are properly informed on employment law, employment protection legislation and legislation on volunteering, and that they receive – <i>when applicable</i> – the necessary protection, <i>particularly</i> when they are carrying out paid work or volunteer activities in a Member State other than where they are habitually resident;	calls on the Commission and Member States to check that young people are properly informed on employment law, employment protection legislation and legislation on volunteering, and that they receive the necessary protection when they are carrying out paid work or volunteer activities <i>or when they undertake a traineeship or internship in their country of residence or</i> in a Member State other than where they are habitually resident;

Reason
Clarifies the text.

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HORVÁTH Jácint
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Point 18

Delete point:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
<i>believes that it would be advisable to examine the impact that 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 – 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>	

Reason
The message conveyed under this point is unclear.

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Point 19

Amend text as follows:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
<p><i>believes that the isolated measures adopted by different Member States in the area of youth policy are not always sufficient and that coordination of such measures is often patchy. The Committee thus</i> supports the conclusion that greater commitment and further measures are necessary <i>at European level</i> to improve coordination, <i>guarantee sufficient harmonisation</i> and exploit the possibility for synergies – particularly given the fact that young people are more open to mobility and migration – and insists that the revised policy should clearly state the key role of LRAs;</p>	supports the conclusion that greater commitment and further measures are necessary to improve coordination, and exploit the possibility for synergies – particularly given the fact that young people are more open to mobility and migration – and insists that the revised policy should clearly state the key role of LRAs;

Reason
Make text more concise.

AMENDMENT 35

HUDDART Doreen

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Point 19

Amend text as follows:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
believes that the isolated measures adopted by different Member States in the area of youth policy are not always sufficient and that coordination of such measures is often patchy. The Committee thus supports the conclusion that greater commitment and further measures are necessary at European level to improve coordination, guarantee sufficient harmonisation and exploit the possibility for synergies – particularly given the fact that young people are more open to mobility and migration – and insists that the revised policy should clearly state the key role of LRAs;	believes that the isolated measures adopted by different Member States in the area of youth policy are not always sufficient and that coordination of such measures is often patchy. The Committee thus supports the proposal that greater commitment and further measures are necessary at European level to improve coordination, develop harmonisation and exploit the possibility for synergies – particularly given the fact that young people are more open to mobility and migration – and insists that the revised policy should clearly state the key role of LRAs;

Reason

AMENDMENT 36

ROSSI Enrico

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Point 19

Add a new point:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>deems it necessary to bolster the role of young people in the democratic process, to make their voices heard. To achieve this goal, it is necessary to promote dialogue among young people, building on the involvement of civil society and, in particular, of youth organisations, local authorities, informal groups and NGOs, which have always represented the section of the population most open to change and social innovation and capable of driving the renewal of society as a whole. Precisely for this reason, the Committee stresses the importance of extending structured dialogue and lends its support to the new measures put forward by the Commission in this area, in relation to enhancing opportunities to participate both for young people in general and for the organisations that represent them. Finally, points out that in order to achieve these objectives, it might be useful to provide for structured intervention, as was done for the Youth Guarantee with the YEI;</i>

Reason
Structured dialogue could become a fully-fledged tool for accessing decision-making processes if all countries and regions undertook to involve young people in policy-making. Funding streams dedicated to this aim within the Structural Funds would steer political action in this direction.

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Point 20

Add a new point:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>believes it important to promote the inclusion of young people with disabilities and to develop genuine equal access for those young people to the opportunities provided by the Member States and the regions;</i>

Reason
It is important to underline the fact that young people with disabilities do not enjoy the same level of access to opportunities across the whole EU. We believe that this is not sufficiently highlighted in the Commission communication.

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SHARPE Dee

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Point 21

Delete point:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
<i>considers it important to support interaction between young people from different social backgrounds (cultural, ethnic origin, income etc.), as well as to examine initiatives in this area and on this basis, to exchange good practices between regions;</i>	

Reason
Best to merge with point 15, which is also about social cohesion.

AMENDMENT 39

ANCISI Alvaro

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Point 21

Add a new point:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>highlights the need to give priority, in both EU and Member State policies, to the inclusion of at-risk young people, such as NEETs (young people not in education, employment or training) and to young people from migrant backgrounds, who are more likely to move into this category;</i>

Reason

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ANCISI Alvaro

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Point 21

Add a new point:

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>believes that action to foster the inclusion of young people most at risk should be a priority, in line with the EU Security Agenda, so as to prevent violence, radicalisation and extremism, increase participation and confidence in institutions and guarantee the right of young people to live in pluralist communities underpinned by democratic European values, the rule of law and fundamental rights;</i>

Reason

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