

## Amendments to draft resolution Strengthening the pillar on social rights: an age perspective



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1	Bündnis 90 / Die Grünen	3-21	replace		<p>In Europe, life expectancy has increased, generation after generation. This is good news.</p> <p>The problem is not that people age, but how they age. This is not just determined by biology. It is determined by healthy or unhealthy lifestyles, wealth or poverty, and lack of dignity or respect for senior rights. As our societies are growing older, seniors should be able to enjoy their old age in decent conditions and fully participate in society.</p> <p>The challenges are steep: The working age population is falling throughout Europe, while the number of people aged over 60 is now increasing twice as fast as it did before, and unemployment remains too high in many European countries.</p> <p>All of this happens at a time when considerable demand for social services remains unserved which is even worsened by the current drive for government spending austerity.</p> <p>Both decision makers and citizens will have to shape new avenues in terms of life-long education, conditions governing the transition from working age to retirement, the funding of pension systems, but also on solutions that enable our senior citizens to live longer at home, in their communities of choice.</p> <p>More than ever, we, Greens, find it necessary to strengthen the Pillar of Social Rights.</p>	

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2	Die Grünen	21	replace	More than ever, we, Greens, find it necessary to strengthen the <b>Pillar of Social Rights.</b>	More than ever, we, Greens, find it necessary to strengthen the <b>social dimension of the EU.</b>	
3	Groen	26-27	delete	To create a specific employment target for older workers, as was the case in the Lisbon strategy and has not been reached;		the goal for older people is to have a healthy and good life, not necessarily to be employed. This macro-indicator runs the perverse risk of governments introducing measures that force older people into more work and a higher age than they might want to, while also keeping other people who actually want to be employed, be they young or old, from taking these jobs.
4	Cyprus Greens	48	add		To introduce measures that will establish solidarity between generations, with young people benefiting from the accumulated knowledge and experience of older people and vice-versa.	
5	Die Grünen	54-56	delete	To introduce a link between retirement age and the 'healthy life years' indicator. This would create an additional incentive for member states to invest in preventive health and health promotion, as well as strong occupational health and safety rules;		

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6	Groen	65-67	replace	To make housing adaptable to the needs of persons when they acquire disabilities; housing adaptations should be possible at an accessible price to ensure older people can stay at home for as long as they wish	To make sure that elders can live in small, adapted houses where they have acces to support and special care.	It would demand a lot of financial means to adapt houses, while younger families could live in these houses that are most of the time to big for one person or for a couple, because they use to live in it with their nuclear or even extended family. Ageing people should have the opportunity to do cohousing (Abbeyfield model) if they feel like it. Or to live near each other in the same area where special, ambulant support for daily activities is provided.