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The S&D group believes that the Roma issue is also a European question. The group calls on the Commission to protect the right of free movement and to fight discrimination against Roma people. The Group calls on the European Union to improve dialogue with the Roma community and urges the EU and its member states to improve measures for social support and integration. For the S&D Group, expulsions are unacceptable and illegal. The Group reiterates its call for implementation of the European Parliament report on the Roma of 25 March this year.



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S&D group strengthened the decent work and gender dimension of the report that now states that while optimising the job potential, special attention needs to be paid to decent work and employees' health and safety. In order to anticipate change and avoid unemployment, it is essential to promote social dialogue and collective agreements (often not existing in the new sectors) together with the strengthening of social security, income support systems and proactive sectoral training initiatives, gender equality, a socially inclusive labour market.

S&D group wants to put the creation of sustainable jobs at the top of the EU's agenda! Budgetary rigour will only be accepted by citizens if it is balanced with a progressive transition towards and investment in quality and environment friendly jobs.



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S&D Euro MPs have strengthened the Commission proposals. They managed to create guidelines for minimum incomes and turn the spotlight on the fight against poverty. They also created a framework for improving job prospects for young people, older workers and migrants. Clear targets will be set for reducing unemployment.



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S&D group supports the main conclusions of this report which send a strong message in favour of making European Globalisation Adjustment Fund measures permanent (including from a budget point of view) after 2013 (even if the issue will be finally settled in the framework of negotiations for the next MFF) since it would show a political will to develop a European social pillar that would be complementary to MS policies and would revitalise the European approach to professional training.



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The European Parliament aims to send a political message to the Knesset and the Israeli government by discussing the situation of the Israeli civil society, and in particular the bills that are currently under discussion in the Knesset.



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S&D Group has taken the lead in the European Parliament to call attention to the situation of long stretches of the Lower Jordan River which risk running dry by the end of 2011. The rehabilitation of the Jordan River and the Lower Jordan River area in particular, is of the greatest importance for Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian local communities sharing the same water challenges, and offers tremendous economic and trust-building benefits. An active cooperation between governments and local communities concerned may be a major contribution to regional peace efforts.



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The report addresses wider issues of better regulation as the title indicates, going further than merely encouraging national parliaments to make full use of the changes brought in by the Lisbon treaty. The main points raised by the rapporteur are the proper conduct of the impact assessments by the Commission, stressing the need to examine the impact on labour market, living standards and environment.



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JOURNALISM AND NEW MEDIA - CREATING A PUBLIC SPHERE IN EUROPE

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The aim of this report is to present ways in which European citizens can be brought more in touch with EU policies and decision-making. The report recommends more targeted reporting on the relevance of EU decisions on daily life, more involvement in the political debate on EU affairs of national MPs and civil society organisations; public service broadcasting should be encouraged to increase information output on EU affairs, and in particular through local and regional TV and radio networks; dialogue with young people should be stepped up in particular through social media platforms; education on the role and activities of the EU could be integrated into school curricula to enhance awareness from early on. S&D members support the general direction of the report, however there are some proposals, such as the setting up of a 'taskforce' of journalists from among those accredited in Brussels, to focus solely on EU issues while remaining editorially independent, which cause concern.



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AUTHENTICATION OF EURO COINS AND HANDLING OF EURO COINS UNFIT FOR CIRCULATION

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The objective of this proposed Regulation is to lay down procedures regarding the authentication of euro coins and the handling of euro coins unfit for circulation with the aim of avoiding counterfeiting of euro coins. The proposed Regulation constitutes the legally binding instrument now necessary for the establishment of a common method for the euro coin authentication to be applied by the institutions concerned and of the necessary controls by Member States. In this context, the present proposal aims to ensure the effective implementation, throughout the euro area, of common procedures for authentication of the circulating euro coins and of control mechanisms of these procedures by the authorities



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The aim of the proposal is to make the collection of data by type of goods mandatory for maritime transport statistics, which is already case for the European road, rail, and inland waterways transport statistics. For the most part, the collection of the relevant data will not impose any additional burden on respondents as the Member States concerned should be able to compile the data by using existing data sources.

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