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**Measures for a resilient, cohesive and inclusive European economy**

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**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**
European Economic and Social Committee

**Leaving the crises behind – Measures for a resilient, cohesive and inclusive European economy**

(own-initiative opinion)

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Agenda item 16

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**The president** moved that the Committee turn to agenda item 16 - adoption of an own-initiative opinion on the

*Leaving the crises behind – Measures for a resilient, cohesive and inclusive European economy.*

The preliminary work had been carried out by the Section for Economic and Monetary Union and Economic and Social Cohesion (president: **Mr Ioannis Vardakastanis**). The rapporteur was **Ms Elena-Alexandra CALISTRU**.

**Ms Calistru** stressed that this opinion was part of the transversal package on the cost-of-living crisis. She emphasised that the geopolitical situation made even more important to prepare for future crises and noted that the aim of this opinion was to draw lessons from the responses to past crises and outline measures that could be taken in case of new inflationary crises. She added that such a cost-of-living crisis was not only an economic challenge but a test of the Institutions to be able to safeguard the wellbeing of the citizens. An economic resilience monitoring system, with real-time tracking of systemically significant prices, supply chain vulnerabilities and market functioning, and there was a need to shift from reactive crisis management to proactive resilience building. The opinion also called for a permanent EU-level fiscal stabilisation capacity that draws on the experiences gained with NextGenerationEU, and it was essential to protect the most vulnerable people.

In the ensuing debate, **Mr Robyns** took the floor and congratulated the rapporteur for the work. He acknowledged the input received during the public hearing and underlined that the EU had strong foundations for improving its readiness. He stressed that the opinion defined tools that could be used to enhance the EU's readiness, without disrupting the long-term sustainability of supply and demand.

In her reply, the rapporteur also noted that the public hearing opened a new avenue of conversation with expert and that the current geopolitical and economic situation made the need to preparedness ever more pressing.

No amendments being tabled, the opinion was put straight to the vote.

The opinion was adopted by 176 votes to 2 with 3 abstentions.

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