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AMENDMENTS

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Amendment 1
Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Proposal for a decision 1
Citation 7 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

- having regard to the various decisions and recommendations of the Ombudsman concerning the Commission, together with the institutions' implementation of her recommendations in the interests of citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

1. Grants the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013 / *Postpones its decision on granting the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013;*

1. Grants the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Ryszard Czarnecki, Richard Ashworth, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013 / Postpones its decision on granting the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013;

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Proposal for a decision 1

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013 / Postpones its decision on granting the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013;

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013;

Or. it

Amendment 5

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Proposal for a decision 2

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Director of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency

Amendment

1. Grants the Director of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency

discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013 / *Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;*

discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Ryszard Czarnecki, Richard Ashworth, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Proposal for a decision 2

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. *Grants the Director of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013* / Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Proposal for a decision 2

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. *Grants the Director of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget*

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the

for the financial year 2013 / Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Or. it

Amendment 8

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Proposal for a decision 3

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Director of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (formerly the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013 / *Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (formerly the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;*

Amendment

1. Grants the Director of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (formerly the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Ryszard Czarnecki, Richard Ashworth, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Proposal for a decision 3

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. *Grants the Director of the Executive*

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the

Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (formerly the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013 / Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (formerly the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Director of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (formerly the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Proposal for a decision 3
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. ***Grants the Director of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (formerly the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013*** / Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (formerly the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (formerly the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Or. it

Amendment 11
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Proposal for a decision 4
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Director of the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (formerly the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013 / ***Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (formerly the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;***

Amendment

1. Grants the Director of the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (formerly the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Ryszard Czarnecki, Richard Ashworth, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulik

Proposal for a decision 4
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. ***Grants the Director of the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (formerly the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013 /*** Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (formerly the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (formerly the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Proposal for a decision 4

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Director of the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (formerly the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013 / Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (formerly the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (formerly the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Or. it

Amendment 14

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Proposal for a decision 5

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Director of the European Research Council Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013 / Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the European Research Council Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Amendment

1. Grants the Director of the European Research Council Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Amendment 15

Ryszard Czarnecki, Richard Ashworth, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Proposal for a decision 5

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Director of the European Research Council Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013 / Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the European Research Council Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the European Research Council Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Amendment 16

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Proposal for a decision 5

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Director of the European Research Council Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013 / Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the European Research Council Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the European Research Council Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Amendment 17

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Proposal for a decision 6

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Director of the Research Executive Agency discharge in relation to the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013 / *Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Research Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;*

Amendment

1. Grants the Director of the Research Executive Agency discharge in relation to the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Ryszard Czarnecki, Richard Ashworth, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Proposal for a decision 6

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. *Grants the Director of the Research Executive Agency discharge in relation to the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013 /* Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Research Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Research Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Proposal for a decision 6
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Director of the Research Executive Agency discharge in relation to the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013 / Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Research Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Research Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Or. it

Amendment 20
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Proposal for a decision 7
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Director of the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (formerly the Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013 / ***Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency (formerly the Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;***

Amendment

1. Grants the Director of the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (formerly the Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Ryszard Czarnecki, Richard Ashworth, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulik

Proposal for a decision 7

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Director of the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (formerly the Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013 /

Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency (formerly the Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency (formerly the Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Proposal for a decision 7

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Grants the Director of the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (formerly the Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013 /

Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency (formerly the Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency (formerly the Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency) discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2013;

Amendment 23

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Proposal for a decision 8

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013 / *Postpones the closure of the accounts of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013;*

Amendment

1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Ryszard Czarnecki, Richard Ashworth, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Proposal for a decision 8

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. *Approves the closure of the accounts of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013 /* Postpones the closure of the accounts of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013;

Amendment

1. Postpones the closure of the accounts of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Proposal for a decision 8

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. ***Approves the closure of the accounts of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013 /***

Postpones the closure of the accounts of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013;

Amendment

1. Postpones the closure of the accounts of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013;

Or. it

Amendment 26

Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas, in a situation of scarce resources, ***greater importance*** should ***be attached to the need to observe budgetary discipline and to use funds economically;***

Amendment

B. whereas, ***especially*** in a situation of scarce resources, ***the Commission*** should ***lead by example by showing the European added value of its expenditure and by making sure that the funds for which it carries shared or full responsibility, are spent in accordance with the applicable financial rules and regulations;***

Or. en

Amendment 27

Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas, in a situation of scarce resources, ***greater*** importance should be attached to the need to observe budgetary discipline and to use funds ***economically;***

Amendment

B. whereas, in a situation of scarce resources, ***enhanced*** importance should be attached to the need to observe budgetary discipline and to use funds ***efficiently and effectively;***

Amendment 28
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the Commission is the ultimate responsible of the implementation of the Union budget while the Member States have to sincerely cooperate with the Commission to ensure that the appropriations are used in accordance with the principles of sound financial management;

Amendment

C. whereas the Commission is the ultimate responsible of the implementation of the Union budget while the Member States have to sincerely cooperate with the Commission to ensure that the appropriations are used in accordance with the principles of sound financial management; ***whereas Member states, especially under shared management of funds, have a special responsibility on implementing the Union budget;***

Amendment 29
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the Commission is ***the ultimate*** responsible ***of*** the implementation of the Union budget while ***the Member States have to sincerely cooperate with*** the Commission ***to*** ensure that ***the*** appropriations are used in accordance with the principles of sound financial management;

Amendment

C. whereas the Commission is ***ultimately*** responsible ***for*** the implementation of the Union budget while ***delegating under shared management implementation tasks to Member States, both*** the Commission ***and the Member States must*** ensure that appropriations are used in accordance with the principles of sound financial management;

Amendment 30
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas it is crucial that, under shared management of funds, the data communicated by the Member States are fair and accurate;

Amendment

D. whereas it is crucial that, under shared management of funds, the data communicated by the Member States are fair and accurate; ***whereas it is crucial that Member states understand their own responsibility on the management of the EU funds under shared management;***

Or. en

Amendment 31
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas it is crucial that, ***under shared management of funds***, the data communicated by the Member States are fair and accurate;

Amendment

D. whereas it is crucial that the data communicated by the Member States ***regarding both revenue and expenditure under shared management of funds*** are fair and accurate;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the interinstitutional dialog foreseen in Article 318 TFUE should be the opportunity to stimulate ***a new culture of performance inside the Commission;***

Amendment

E. whereas the interinstitutional dialog foreseen in Article 318 TFUE should be the opportunity to stimulate ***further improvement in Commission's implementation of the general budget of the EU;***

Or. en

Amendment 33
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas the 2013 Commission represents the end of a multiannual programming period for which the new Commission cannot be held responsible for, the Parliament can only recommend that the lessons taught particularly within the discharge procedure and the financial and social crisis are to be learnt. 2013 marks a historical point in terms of impact and change of political and economic challenges, obliging us all to review our priorities and the results achieved.

Welcomes the progress made and calls the Commission as well as the other institutions for a performance orientation, transparency and good governance in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Georgi Pirinski, Dan Nica

Motion for a resolution
Heading and subheading after recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Shared management: Deficiencies in the Commission's and Member States' management

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Reservations in agriculture and rural development

Or. en

Amendment 35
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Heading after recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Shared management: *Deficiencies in the Commission's and Member States' management*

Shared management: *Concerns on the Commission's and Member States' management*

Or. en

Amendment 36
Georgi Pirinski, Dan Nica

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Cannot politically ensure that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all the underlying transactions in agriculture and rural development as demonstrated by the following reservations issued by the

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Amendment 37
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Cannot politically ensure that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all the underlying transactions in agriculture and rural development as demonstrated by the **following** reservations issued by the Director General of DG AGRI in its annual activity report of 31 March 2014:

Amendment

1. Cannot politically ensure that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all the underlying transactions in agriculture and rural development as demonstrated by the reservations issued by the Director General of DG AGRI in its annual activity report of 31 March 2014;

Amendment 38
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Cannot politically ensure that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all the underlying transactions in agriculture and rural development as demonstrated by the following reservations issued by the Director General of DG AGRI in its annual

Amendment

1. Is concerned by the number of reservations issued by the Director General of DG AGRI in its annual activity report of 31 March 2014:

activity report of 31 March 2014:

Or. en

Amendment 39

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Cannot politically ensure that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all the underlying transactions in agriculture and rural development as demonstrated by the following reservations issued by the Director General of DG AGRI in its annual activity report of 31 March 2014:

Amendment

1. States that, as demonstrated by the reservations issued by the Director-General of DG AGRI in its annual activity report of 31 March 2014, there are a number of shortcomings in the control procedures for fully guaranteeing the legality and regularity of all the underlying transactions in agriculture and rural development;

Or. es

Amendment 40

C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Cannot politically ensure that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all the underlying transactions in agriculture and rural development as demonstrated by the following reservations issued by the Director General of DG AGRI in its annual activity report of 31 March 2014:

Amendment

1. Cannot politically ensure that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all the underlying transactions in agriculture and rural development as demonstrated by the reservations issued by the Director General of DG AGRI in its annual activity report of 31 March 2014

Amendment 41
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ABB02 - Market Measures: EUR 198,3 million at risk; 7 aid schemes in 9 Member States with 11 elements of reservation: Poland EUR 77,6 million, Spain EUR 54 million, France EUR 32,4 million, Netherlands EUR 16,4 million, UK EUR 8,5 million, Italy EUR 5 million, Czech Republic EUR 2 million, Austria EUR 1,9 million, Sweden EUR 0,5 million; **deleted**

Or. es

Amendment 42
Cristian Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ABB02 - Market Measures: EUR 198,3 million at risk; 7 aid schemes in 9 Member States with 11 elements of reservation: Poland EUR 77,6 million, Spain EUR 54 million, France EUR 32,4 million, Netherlands EUR 16,4 million, UK EUR 8,5 million, Italy EUR 5 million, Czech Republic EUR 2 million, Austria EUR 1,9 million, Sweden EUR 0,5 million; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 43
Georgi Pirinski, Dan Nica

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ABB02 - Market Measures: EUR 198,3 million at risk; 7 aid schemes in 9 Member States with 11 elements of reservation: Poland EUR 77,6 million, Spain EUR 54 million, France EUR 32,4 million, Netherlands EUR 16,4 million, UK EUR 8,5 million, Italy EUR 5 million, Czech Republic EUR 2 million, Austria EUR 1,9 million, Sweden EUR 0,5 million; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 44
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1– indent 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ABB 03 - Direct payments: EUR 652 million at risk; 20 paying agencies comprising 6 Member States concerned: Spain (15 out of 17 paying agencies) EUR 153 million, France EUR 203,4 million, UK PRA England EUR 118 million, Greece EUR 117,8 million, Hungary EUR 36,6 million, Portugal EUR 28 million; **deleted**

Or. es

Amendment 45
C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1– indent 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ABB 03 - Direct payments: EUR 652 million at risk; 20 paying agencies comprising 6 Member States concerned: Spain (15 out of 17 paying agencies) EUR 153 million, France EUR 203,4 million, UK PRA England EUR 118 million, Greece EUR 117,8 million, Hungary EUR 36,6 million, Portugal EUR 28 million; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 46
Georgi Pirinski, Dan Nica

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1– indent 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ABB 03 - Direct payments: EUR 652 million at risk; 20 paying agencies comprising 6 Member States concerned: Spain (15 out of 17 paying agencies) EUR 153 million, France EUR 203,4 million, UK PRA England EUR 118 million, Greece EUR 117,8 million, Hungary EUR 36,6 million, Portugal EUR 28 million; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 47
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – indent 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ABB 04 - Rural development
expenditure: EUR 599 million at risk; 31
paying agencies comprising 19 Member
States concerned: Belgium, Bulgaria
(EUR 56,8 million), Cyprus, Germany
(Bayern, Brandenburg), Denmark, Spain
(Andalucía, Asturias, Castilla la Mancha,
Castilla y León, FOGGA Galicia,
Madrid), Finland, France (ODARC, ASP
(EUR 70,3 million)), UK (SGRPID
Scotland, RPA England), Greece, Ireland,
Italy (AGEA (EUR 52,6 million), AGREA
Emilia-Romagna, OPR Lombardy,
OPPAB Bolzano, ARCEA Calabria),
Luxemburg, Netherlands, Poland (EUR
56,7 million), Portugal (EUR 51,7
million), Romania (EUR 138,9 million)
and Sweden;

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 48
C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – indent 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ABB 04 - Rural development
expenditure: EUR 599 million at risk; 31
paying agencies comprising 19 Member
States concerned: Belgium, Bulgaria
(EUR 56,8 million), Cyprus, Germany
(Bayern, Brandenburg), Denmark, Spain
(Andalucía, Asturias, Castilla la Mancha,
Castilla y León, FOGGA Galicia,
Madrid), Finland, France (ODARC, ASP
(EUR 70,3 million)), UK (SGRPID
Scotland, RPA England), Greece, Ireland,
Italy (AGEA (EUR 52,6 million), AGREA

deleted

Emilia-Romagna, OPR Lombardy, OPPAB Bolzano, ARCEA Calabria), Luxemburg, Netherlands, Poland (EUR 56,7 million), Portugal (EUR 51,7 million), Romania (EUR 138,9 million) and Sweden;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Georgi Pirinski, Dan Nica

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – indent 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ABB 04 - Rural development expenditure: EUR 599 million at risk; 31 paying agencies comprising 19 Member States concerned: Belgium, Bulgaria (EUR 56,8 million), Cyprus, Germany (Bayern, Brandenburg), Denmark, Spain (Andalucia, Asturias, Castilla la Mancha, Castilla y León, FOGGA Galicia, Madrid), Finland, France (ODARC, ASP (EUR 70,3 million)), UK (SGRPID Scotland, RPA England), Greece, Ireland, Italy (AGEA (EUR 52,6 million), AGREA Emilia-Romagna, OPR Lombardy, OPPAB Bolzano, ARCEA Calabria), Luxemburg, Netherlands, Poland (EUR 56,7 million), Portugal (EUR 51,7 million), Romania (EUR 138,9 million) and Sweden;

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Or. en

Amendment 50
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1– indent 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**– PPA 05: EUR 2,6 million at risk -
IPARD expenditure for Turkey;**

deleted

Or. es

**Amendment 51
C t lin Sorin Ivan**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1– indent 4**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**– ABB 05: EUR 2,6 million at risk -
IPARD expenditure for Turkey;**

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 52
Georgi Pirinski, Dan Nica**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1– indent 4**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**– ABB 05: EUR 2,6 million at risk -
IPARD expenditure for Turkey;**

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 53
Georgi Pirinski**

**Motion for a resolution
Subheading after paragraph 1**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Reservations in regional policy

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 54
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Cannot politically ensure that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all underlying transactions in regional policy as demonstrated by the reservations issued by the Director General of DG REGIO in its annual activity report of 31 March 2014; 73 of 322 programmes have been put under reservations as a consequence of partially reliable management and control system (compared to 85 of 317 OPs in 2012); the interim payments made to those 2007-2013 programmes under reservation equal EUR 6 035,5 million; the Commission estimated the amount at risk at EUR 440,2 million;

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Or. en

Amendment 55
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Cannot politically ensure that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all underlying transactions in regional policy as demonstrated by the reservations issued by the Director General of DG REGIO in its annual activity report of 31 March 2014; 73 of 322 programmes have been put under reservations as a consequence of partially reliable management and control system (compared to 85 of 317 OPs in 2012); the interim payments made to those 2007-2013 programmes under reservation equal EUR 6 035,5 million; the Commission estimated the amount at risk at EUR 440,2 million;

Amendment

2. Is concerned by the number of reservations issued by the Director General of DG REGIO in its annual activity report of 31 March 2014. Takes note of the improvements of programmes that have been put under reservations in 2013 (33 of 322) as compared to 2012 (85 of 317);

Or. en

Amendment 56

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Cannot politically ensure that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all underlying transactions in regional policy as demonstrated by the reservations issued by the Director General of DG REGIO in its annual activity report of 31 March 2014; 73 of 322 programmes have been put under reservations as a consequence of partially reliable management and control system (compared to 85 of 317 OPs in 2012); the interim payments made to those

Amendment

2. States that, as demonstrated by the reservations issued by the Director-General of DG REGIO in its annual activity report of 31 March 2014, there are a number of shortcomings in the control procedures for fully guaranteeing the legality and regularity of all underlying transactions in regional policy; 73 of 322 programmes have been put under reservations as a consequence of partially reliable management and control system (compared to 85 of 317 OPs in 2012); the interim payments made to those 2007-2013 programmes under reservation equal EUR

2007-2013 programmes under reservation equal EUR 6 035,5 million; the Commission estimated the amount at risk at EUR 440,2 million;

6 035,5 million; the Commission estimated the amount at risk at EUR 440,2 million;

Or. es

Amendment 57

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Acknowledges that while these reservations are an indication of deficiencies in the Member States' control systems, they are also an effective instrument used by the Commission to accelerate action by the Member States to remedy these deficiencies and thus protect the EU budget;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2b. Point out that the high number of reservations made in the 2013 AAR confirms the well-functioning of the control procedures put in place in the Commission and Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2c. Notes that the Court confirms in its 2013 Annual Report DG REGIO's estimate of the lower error rate (2,9%) based on figures provided by Member States and agrees with the reservations made by DG REGIO in the 2013 AAR;

Or. en

Amendment 60

Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Subheading after paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Reservations in Employment and social affairs

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Or. en

Amendment 61

Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Cannot politically ensure that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States give

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the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all the underlying transactions in employment and social affairs as demonstrated by the reservations issued by the Director General of DG EMPL in its annual activity report on 31 March 2014; its annual activity report contains a reservation relating to payments made for the 2007-2013 programming period for an amount at risk of EUR 123,2 million in 2013; these reservations covered 36 of 118 the European Social Funds (ESF) Operational Programmes (compared to 27 out of 117 OPs in 2012):

Or. en

Amendment 62
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Cannot politically ensure that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all the underlying transactions in employment and social affairs as demonstrated by the reservations issued by the Director General of DG EMPL in its annual activity report on 31 March 2014; its annual activity report contains a reservation relating to payments made for the 2007-2013 programming period for an amount at risk of EUR 123,2 million in 2013; these reservations covered 36 of 118 the European Social Funds (ESF) Operational Programmes (compared to 27 out of 117 OPs in 2012):

Amendment

3. States that there are a number of shortcomings concerning the legality and regularity of all the underlying transactions in employment and social affairs as demonstrated by the reservations issued by the Director General of DG EMPL in its annual activity report on 31 March 2014; its annual activity report contains a reservation relating to payments made for the 2007-2013 programming period for an amount at risk of EUR 123,2 million in 2013 these reservations covered 36 of 118 the European Social Funds (ESF) Operational Programmes (compared to 27 out of 117 OPs in 2012):

Or. es

Amendment 63

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Cannot politically ensure that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all the underlying transactions in employment and social affairs as demonstrated by the reservations issued by the Director General of DG EMPL in its annual activity report on 31 March 2014; its annual activity report contains a reservation relating to payments made for the 2007-2013 programming period for an amount at risk of EUR 123,2 million in 2013; these reservations covered 36 of 118 the European Social Funds (ESF) Operational Programmes (compared to 27 out of 117 OPs in 2012):

Amendment

3. Is concerned by the number of reservations issued by the Director General of DG EMPL in its annual activity report of 31 March 2014. Its annual activity report contains a reservation relating to payments made for the 2007-2013 programming period for an amount at risk of EUR 123,2 million in 2013; these reservations covered 36 of 118 the European Social Funds (ESF) Operational Programmes (compared to 27 out of 117 OPs in 2012), *taking into account the social and financial crisis of the 2007-2013 period;*

Or. en

Amendment 64

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Issues a reservation concerning the way Member States GNI contributions have been calculated due to the deficiencies⁸¹ as regards the Commission's verification of data;

Amendment

5. Issues a reservation concerning the way Member States GNI contributions have been calculated due to the deficiencies⁸¹ as regards the Commission's verification of data^{81a}; *Reminds that the Court concludes that the Commission's*

verification of GNI data was not sufficiently structured and focused.

⁸¹ See Court of Auditors' Special Report No 11/2013, point 93 to 97.

⁸¹ See Court of Auditors' Special Report No 11/2013, point 93 to 97.

^{81a} *See the Court of Auditors' special reports in the context of the 2013 Commission discharge PART I (2014/2140(DEC))*

Or. en

Amendment 65
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
New subheading after paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Reservations as regards disbursements

Or. en

Amendment 66
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. *Deeply regrets* that payments remain, for the twentieth year in a row, materially affected by error;

7. *Believes it is unacceptable* that payments remain, for the twentieth year in a row, materially affected by error;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. *Deeply* regrets that payments *remain*, for the twentieth year in a row, *materially affected by error*;

Amendment

7. Regrets that *the Court of Auditors still finds* payments *affected by errors* for the twentieth year in a row;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Recalls that the most likely error rate for payments in the 2012 financial year was estimated at 4,8 %, in the **2011** financial year 2011 at 3,9 %, in the 2010 financial year at 3,7 % **and** in the 2009 financial year at 3,3 %; notes that the Court of Auditors' annual reports therefore show a steady upward trend since 2009;

Amendment

9. Recalls that the most likely error rate for payments in the 2012 financial year was estimated at 4,8 %, in the financial year 2011 at 3,9 %, in the 2010 financial year at 3,7 %, in the 2009 financial year at 3,3 %, **in the 2008 financial year at 5,2 % and in the 2007 financial year at 6,9 % making an average level around 4,6% over the period covered by the previous Multiannual Financial Framework 2007-2013** ; notes that the Court of Auditors' annual reports therefore show a **stabilization of the error rate in 2013 at the level of the average of the MFF 2007-2013 which nevertheless state a steady upward and negative** trend since 2009;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Recalls that the most likely error rate for payments in the 2012 financial year was estimated at 4,8 %, in the 2011 financial year 2011 at 3,9 %, in the 2010 financial year at 3,7 % and in the 2009 financial year at 3,3 %; **notes that the Court of Auditors' annual reports therefore show a steady upward trend since 2009;**

Amendment

9. Recalls that the most likely error rate for payments in the 2012 financial year was estimated at 4,8 %, in the 2011 financial year 2011 at 3,9 %, in the 2010 financial year at 3,7 % and in the 2009 financial year at 3,3 %. **Despite the fact that 2009 was a critical year of the financial crisis, and, taking into account the multiannual effect of the EU budget, welcomes the slight improvement from 2012 to 2013;**

Or. en

Amendment 70
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. **Recalls** that the **most likely error rate for payments in the 2012 financial year was estimated at 4,8 %, in the 2011 financial year 2011 at 3,9 %, in the 2010 financial year at 3,7 % and in the 2009 financial year at 3,3 %; notes that the Court of Auditors' annual reports therefore show a steady upward trend since 2009;**

Amendment

9. **Notes with satisfaction** that the **upward trend of the most likely error rate, registered by the Court of Auditors since 2009 was discontinued in 2013 when a slight decrease compared to the previous year 2012 was registered;**

Or. en

Amendment 71
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Points out that according to the Court of Auditors annual report for 2013 the shared management areas have an estimated error rate of 5.2 %; notes that in all other operational expenditure (which is mostly directly managed by the Commission) has an estimated error rate of 3.7 %; underlines that both error rates are above to the materiality threshold of 2%; stresses that the shared management areas have an error rate substantially higher than the one for all other operational expenditure;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Takes note with satisfaction that the number of reservations in the annual activity reports decreased from 29 in 2012 to 21 in 2013; however, notes that the lower number of quantified reservations - 17 in 2013 compared to 21 in 2012 did not have the effect of reducing the scope of the amount at risk; nevertheless, the maximum total amount at risk announced by the Commission in its synthesis report is below EUR 4 179 million which corresponds to 2,8% of all expenditure disbursed;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9b. Notes with concern that the Director General of DG AGRI has issued in the Annual Activity Report of 31 March 2014 three reservations in respect of 2013 expenditure in shared management with the Member States and one reservation in respect of decentralised management for EUR 1 451,9 million, which are at risk of errors;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9c. Notes that the Director General of DG REGIO in its annual activity report of 31 March 2014 has put under reservations, as a consequence of partially reliable management and control system, 73 of 322 programmes for 2013, which represent a smaller share compared to 2012 (85 of 317 OPs); that the estimated amount at risk is EUR 1 135,3 million and that these reservations and the corresponding amount concern the two programming periods 2007-2013 and 2000-2006;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9d. Notes with concern that there is an increase in the number of Operational Programs under reservation financed through the European Social Funds (ESF) in 2013 (36 out of 118 OPs) compared to 2012 (27 out of 117 OPs); further notes that the amount at risk put under reservations issued by the Director General of DG EMPL in its annual activity report on 31 March 2014 is EUR 123,2 million in 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9e. Takes note that the Director General of DG RTD has issued one reservation concerning the Seventh Research Framework Programme (FP7) in its annual activity report of 31 March 2014 and that the estimated impact in 2013 is between EUR 105.5 million and EUR 109.5 million;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9f. Notes that the Director General of DG MARE has issued one reservation concerning the European Fisheries Fund in its annual activity report of 31 March 2014 and that the amount at risk in 2013 is EUR 10,77 million;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9g. Draws attention to the need for continuous improvement of the management and control systems in Member States for guaranteeing better financial management of the EU funds and a decrease in the error rate in the respective policy sectors in the course of the programming period 2014-2020;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Subheading after paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Financial corrections and recoveries

Protection of the EU budget

Amendment 80
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Notes that the financial corrections reported as implemented in 2013 dropped from EUR 3,7 billion in 2012 to EUR 2,5 billion in 2013 **and recalls that the high financial correction in 2012 was mainly due to a single EUR 1,8 billion correction in Spain rectifying structural funds expenditures during the period 2000-2006;**

Amendment

10. Notes that the financial corrections reported as implemented in 2013 dropped from EUR 3,7 billion in 2012 to EUR 2,5 billion in 2013;

Or. es

Amendment 81
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Notes that the financial corrections **reported as implemented in 2013** dropped from EUR 3,7 billion in 2012 to EUR 2,5 billion in 2013 **and recalls that the high financial correction in 2012 was mainly due to a single EUR 1,8 billion correction in Spain rectifying structural funds expenditures during the period 2000-2006;**

Amendment

10. Notes that the financial corrections **and recoveries** implemented dropped from EUR **4.4** billion in 2012 to EUR **3.3** billion in 2013. **This decrease is due to a case related to the implementation in 2012 of a financial correction of EUR 1.8 billion concerning Cohesion programmes for the period 2000-2006 in Spain.**

Or. en

Amendment 82
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Notes that *the* financial corrections reported as implemented in 2013 dropped from EUR 3,7 billion in 2012 to EUR 2,5 billion in 2013 and recalls that the high financial correction in 2012 was mainly due to a single EUR 1,8 billion correction in Spain rectifying structural funds expenditures during the period 2000-2006;

Amendment

10. Notes that *in 2013 the Commission implemented* financial corrections and recoveries amounting to EUR 3 362 million, which represented 2.3 % of payments from the EU budget; further notes that the financial corrections reported as implemented in 2013 dropped from EUR 3,7 billion in 2012 to EUR 2,5 billion;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Notes that *the* financial corrections reported as implemented in 2013 dropped from EUR 3,7 billion in 2012 to EUR 2,5 billion in 2013 and recalls that the high financial correction in 2012 was mainly due to a single EUR 1,8 billion correction in Spain rectifying structural funds expenditures during the period 2000-2006;

Amendment

10. Notes that *in 2013 the Commission implemented* financial corrections and recoveries amounting to EUR 3 362 million, which represented 2.3 % of payments from the EU budget; further notes that the financial corrections reported as implemented in 2013 dropped from EUR 3,7 billion in 2012 to EUR 2,5 billion;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Points out that the accumulation of financial corrections made when programme balances are settled is artificial, at times, and that they are not significant, given that they appear years after they are made; calls on the Commission to analyse whether the shift in methodology which took place in 2012 - from confirmed corrections to implemented corrections - is best suited for reflecting the reality of control and management systems in a given financial year;

Or. es

Amendment 85
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Notes that this decrease was partially compensated by an increase of recoveries implemented: from EUR 0,7 billion to EUR 0,9 billion;

11. Notes that, *as a result of that shift in methodology*, this decrease was partially compensated by an increase of recoveries implemented: from EUR 0,7 billion to EUR 0,9 billion;

Or. es

Amendment 86
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Notes that **this** decrease was partially compensated by an increase of recoveries implemented: from EUR 0,7 billion to EUR 0,9 billion;

Amendment

11. Notes that **the resulting** decrease by **34% of financial corrections implemented in 2013 (from EUR 3.7 billion to EUR 2.5 billion)** was partially compensated by an increase of **27%** of recoveries implemented **in 2013** (from EUR 0.7 billion to EUR 0.9 billion).

Or. en

Amendment 87

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Acknowledges that due to the legal framework for protecting the Union financial interests, the complexity of the related procedures and the number of control layers involved in many areas, errors are only corrected several years after they have occurred.

Or. en

Amendment 88

Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Points out that the average amount of financial corrections and recoveries implemented for 2009-2013 was EUR 2,7 billion which represents 2,1% of the

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average amount of payments from the Union budget in that period and that according to the Commission, the abovementioned trend can be explained by the closure of the programming period 2000-2006⁸² ; notes in particular that for cohesion policy, four-fifths of corrections made during the years 2007 to 2013 relate to operational programmes for earlier periods⁸³ ;

⁸² See Communication on the protection of the EU Budget to end 2013, COM (2014) 618 page 11.

⁸³ See Court of Auditors' Annual Report for 2013, point 1.14.

Or. en

Amendment 89

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Points out that the *average amount of financial corrections and recoveries implemented for 2009-2013 was EUR 2,7 billion which represents 2,1% of the average amount of payments from the Union budget in that period and that according to the Commission, the abovementioned trend can be explained by the closure of the programming period 2000-2006⁸² ; notes in particular that for cohesion policy, four-fifths of corrections made during the years 2007 to 2013 relate to operational programmes for earlier periods⁸³ ;*

Amendment

12. Points out that the *Member States have the right to substitute detected ineligible expenditure with legal and regular one in order to optimise the use of Cohesion spending, in full accordance to the legal framework and as an incentive for efficient controls at Member States level.*

⁸² See *Communication on the protection of the EU Budget to end 2013, COM (2014) 618 page 11.*

⁸³ See *Court of Auditors' Annual Report for 2013, point 1.14.*

Or. en

Amendment 90
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Reminds that the Commission and the Member States have the duty to take corrective measures to protect the EU budget in cases of ineffective control systems or irregular expenditures; points out that the Commission and the Member States use such corrective measures and notes that if such corrective measures had not been applied to the 2013 payments audited by the ECA, the overall estimated error rate would have been 6.3 %, rather than 4.7 %; stresses that the ECA found that a proportion of transactions affected by error, especially in the shared management areas, authorities had sufficient information available to have detected and corrected the errors; therefore demands that the Court of Auditors estimate, in its future annual reports, the level of error in case all corrective measures would have been taken;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Considers furthermore that those measures have still a limited impact on the Union budget since more than 40% of the financial corrections implemented in 2013 are not considered as assigned revenue⁸⁴ but may be used by the same Member States having caused these corrections in cohesion policy;

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⁸⁴ See Commission communication COM(2014)0618, table 5.2: withdrawals in cohesion (EUR 775 million), rural development recoveries (EUR 129 million) and financial corrections implemented by de commitment /deduction at closure be it in cohesion policy (EUR 494 million of euro) or in the other policy areas than agriculture and cohesion policies (EUR 1 million).

Or. en

Amendment 92
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Considers furthermore that those measures have still a limited impact on the Union budget since more than 40% of the financial corrections implemented in 2013 are not considered as assigned revenue⁸⁴ but may be used by the same

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Member States having caused these corrections in cohesion policy;

⁸⁴ See Commission communication COM(2014)0618, table 5.2: withdrawals in cohesion (EUR 775 million), rural development recoveries (EUR 129 million) and financial corrections implemented by de commitment /deduction at closure be it in cohesion policy (EUR 494 million of euro) or in the other policy areas than agriculture and cohesion policies (EUR 1 million).

Or. en

Amendment 93
Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. *Considers* furthermore that those measures have still a limited impact on the Union budget since more than 40% of the financial corrections implemented in 2013 are not considered as assigned revenue⁸⁴ but may be used by the same Member States having caused these corrections in cohesion policy;

⁸⁴ See Commission communication COM(2014)0618, table 5.2: withdrawals in cohesion (EUR 775 million), rural development recoveries (EUR 129 million) and financial corrections implemented by de commitment /deduction at closure be it in cohesion policy (EUR 494 million of euro) or in the other policy areas than agriculture and cohesion policies (EUR 1 million).

Amendment

13. *Regrets* furthermore that those measures have still a limited impact on the Union budget since more than 40% of the financial corrections implemented in 2013 are not considered as assigned revenue⁸⁴ but may be used by the same Member States having caused these corrections in cohesion policy, ***thus undermining the preventive effect of financial corrections;***

⁸⁴ See Commission communication COM(2014)0618, table 5.2: withdrawals in cohesion (EUR 775 million), rural development recoveries (EUR 129 million) and financial corrections implemented by de commitment /deduction at closure be it in cohesion policy (EUR 494 million of euro) or in the other policy areas than agriculture and cohesion policies (EUR 1 million).

Amendment 94
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers furthermore that those measures have still a limited impact on the Union budget since more than 40% of the financial corrections implemented in 2013 are not considered as assigned revenue⁸⁴ but may be used by the same Member States having caused these corrections in cohesion policy;

⁸⁴ See Commission communication COM(2014)0618, table 5.2: withdrawals in cohesion (EUR 775 million), rural development recoveries (EUR 129 million) and financial corrections implemented by de commitment /deduction at closure be it in cohesion policy (EUR 494 million of euro) or in the other policy areas than agriculture and cohesion policies (EUR 1 million).

Amendment

13. Considers furthermore that those measures have still a limited **financial** impact on the Union budget since more than 40% of the financial corrections implemented in 2013 are not considered as assigned revenue⁸⁴ but may be used by the same Member States having caused these corrections in cohesion policy;

⁸⁴ See Commission communication COM(2014)0618, table 5.2: withdrawals in cohesion (EUR 775 million), rural development recoveries (EUR 129 million) and financial corrections implemented by de commitment /deduction at closure be it in cohesion policy (EUR 494 million of euro) or in the other policy areas than agriculture and cohesion policies (EUR 1 million).

Or. en

Amendment 95
Bogusław Liberadzki
 on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Notes that approximately 1 % of the financial corrections implemented in 2013

Amendment

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involved a net reduction of Union funding to the programme and the Member State concerned in cohesion policy;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Notes that approximately 1 % of the financial corrections implemented in 2013 involved a net reduction of Union funding to the programme and the Member State concerned in cohesion policy;

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Or. en

Amendment 97
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Notes that approximately **1** % of the financial corrections implemented in 2013 involved a net reduction of Union funding to the programme and the Member State concerned in cohesion policy;

14. Notes that approximately **28** % of the financial corrections implemented in 2013 involved a net reduction of Union funding to the programme and the Member State concerned in cohesion policy;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes *with concern that the abovementioned Commission communication of 29 September 2014 does not necessarily provide reliable information on withdrawals, recoveries and pending recoveries of structural funds made by the Member States since the Commission states that it had to adopt a prudent approach due to certain weaknesses in the Member States figures, so as to ensure that the above amounts are not overstated*⁸⁵ ;

⁸⁵ See Commission communication COM(2014)0618, table 7.2.

Amendment

15. Notes *that the Commission has taken a prudent approach, due to certain weaknesses in the Member State figures, so as to ensure that the above amounts are not overstated*⁸⁵. *Calls the Commission to take measures to improve the reliability of information reported by Member States on financial corrections, particularly regarding:*

- *the performance of an annual risk assessment on data reported by Member States,*
- *contacts with the certifying authorities to clarify the reported data when inconsistencies are found,*
- *the performance of on-the-spot audits to verify the accounting system of the certifying authorities and the reliability of data reported on financial corrections based on the risk assessment results; coverage of such audits was increased in 2014 to obtain additional assurance;*

⁸⁵ See Commission communication COM(2014)0618, table 7.2.

Or. en

Amendment 99
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. *Notes with concern that the abovementioned Commission communication of 29 September 2014 does not necessarily provide reliable information on withdrawals, recoveries and pending recoveries of structural funds made by the Member States since the Commission states that it had to adopt a prudent approach due to certain weaknesses in the Member States figures, so as to ensure that the above amounts are not overstated*⁸⁵ ;

⁸⁵ See Commission communication COM(2014)0618, table 7.2.

Amendment

15. *Considers as appropriate the Commission's prudent approach of systematically subtracting from the figures for financial corrections reported by Member States the amount that equals the Commission's corrections in order to exclude possible double counting of corrections;*

Or. en

Amendment 100

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. *Demands that* the Commission put in place sound procedures to confirm the timing, the origin and the amount of corrective measures and to provide information reconciling as far as possible the year in which payment is made, the year in which the related error is detected and the year in which recoveries or financial corrections are disclosed in the notes to the accounts;

Amendment

16. *Asks* the Commission *and the Member States to* put in place sound procedures to confirm the timing, the origin and the amount of corrective measures and to provide information reconciling as far as possible the year in which payment is made, the year in which the related error is detected and the year in which recoveries or financial corrections are disclosed in the notes to the accounts, *taking into account the pluriannuality of the whole procedure;*

Or. en

Amendment 101
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Demands that the Commission put in place sound procedures to confirm the timing, the origin and the amount of corrective measures and to provide information reconciling as far as possible the year in which payment is made, the year in which the related error is detected and the year in which recoveries or financial corrections are disclosed in the notes to the accounts;

Amendment

16. Demands that the Commission put in place sound procedures to confirm the timing, the origin and the amount of corrective measures and to provide information reconciling as far as possible the year in which payment is made, the year in which the related error is detected and the year in which recoveries or financial corrections are disclosed in the notes to the accounts; ***considers it essential, furthermore, for comprehensive information to be provided on recoveries and financial corrections and for there to be full transparency with regard to data on the decommitment of appropriations and infringement proceedings for the year in question;***

Or. it

Amendment 102
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Subheading after paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

The Synthesis report and the annual activity reports

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 103
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Takes note that the Commission Directors-General made a total of 17 quantified reservations relating to the expenditure; points out that the lower number of quantified reservations in 2013 (21 in 2012) did not have the effect of reducing the scope of the amount at risk and that the maximum total amount at risk announced by the Commission in its synthesis report⁸⁶ is below EUR 4 179 million which corresponds to 2,8% of all expenditure disbursed;

deleted

⁸⁶ *Commission communication of 11.6.2014 entitled 'Synthesis of the Commission's management achievements in 2013' (COM (2014)0324), p. 14: maximum total amount at risk for the entire 2013 expenditure (EU and EDF budget).*

Or. en

Amendment 104
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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⁸⁶ Commission communication of 11.6.2014 entitled 'Synthesis of the Commission's management achievements in 2013' (COM (2014)0324), p. 14: maximum total amount at risk for the entire 2013 expenditure (EU and EDF budget).

Or. en

Amendment 105
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Recalls that the cumulative figures used by the Commission concern corrective mechanisms applied by the Commission and the Member States (financial corrections and recoveries) several years after the disbursement of the funds (in particular during the periods 1994-1999 and 2000-2006) and notes that in this time neither the Court of Auditors nor the Commission issued precise error rates;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 106
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Subheading after paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Pressure on the budget

Amendment

Growing concern about the pressure on the budget

Or. en

Amendment 107
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Is concerned by the fact that despite the high level of payments, the accounts show that outstanding financial commitments and other liabilities continued to grow in 2013: notes that at the year end, they stood at EUR 322⁸⁸ billion and the figure is likely to rise in 2014;

⁸⁸ Of the EUR 322 billion, EUR 222 billion represents outstanding budgetary commitments and EUR 99 billion relate to balance sheet liabilities not covered by outstanding commitments.

Amendment

20. Is concerned by the fact that despite the high level of payments, the accounts show that outstanding financial commitments (***in Heading 1b, mainly regional policy, the level of outstanding commitments at the end of 2013 is estimated at EUR 23,4 billion after EUR 5 billion at the end of 2010, EUR 11 billion at the end of 2011 and EUR 16 billion at the end of 2012***) and other liabilities continued to grow in 2013; notes that at the year end, they stood at EUR 322⁸⁸ billion and the figure is likely to rise in 2014;

⁸⁸ Of the EUR 322 billion, EUR 222 billion represents outstanding budgetary commitments and EUR 99 billion relate to balance sheet liabilities not covered by outstanding commitments.

Or. en

Amendment 108
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Is concerned by the fact that despite the high level of payments, the accounts show that outstanding financial commitments and other liabilities continued to grow in 2013: notes that at the year end, they stood at EUR 322⁸⁸ billion and the figure is likely to rise in 2014;

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Amendment

20. Is concerned by the fact that ***due to the unacceptable position of the Council during the negotiations and*** despite the high level of payments, the accounts show that outstanding financial commitments and other liabilities continued to grow in 2013: notes that at the year end, they stood at EUR 322⁸⁸ billion and the figure is likely to rise in 2014;

⁸⁸ Of the EUR 322 billion, EUR 222 billion represents outstanding budgetary commitments and EUR 99 billion relate to balance sheet liabilities not covered by outstanding commitments.

Or. en

Amendment 109
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Points out that at the end of 2013 outstanding commitments were estimated at EUR 322 bn and that amount was forecast to increase in 2014; considers this to be at odds with the principle of sound financial management, as established in Article 310 of the TFEU, thus placing a question mark over the legality of the budget;

Or. it

Amendment 110
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Points out that in times of economic crisis financial resources are scarce; notes, however, that for large parts of the budget, the maximum level of expenditure under the Multiannual Financial Framework headings is broken into yearly allocations per Member State; observes that the way funds are absorbed by Member States often becomes the main policy objective ('use it or lose it')⁹⁰; calls therefore on the Commission and Member States to promote a shift from spending to performance culture focussing on the results achieved;

⁹⁰ Ibid.

Amendment

22. Points out that in times of economic crisis financial resources are scarce; notes, however, that for large parts of the budget, the maximum level of expenditure under the Multiannual Financial Framework headings is broken into yearly allocations per Member State; observes that the way funds are absorbed by Member States often becomes the main policy objective ('use it or lose it')⁹⁰; calls therefore on the Commission and Member States to promote a shift from spending to performance culture focussing on the results achieved ***based on efficiency and effectiveness principles***;

⁹⁰ Ibid.

Or. en

Amendment 111
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Points out that in times of economic crisis financial resources are scarce; ***notes, however, that for large parts of the budget, the maximum level of expenditure under the Multiannual Financial Framework headings is broken into yearly allocations per Member State; observes that the way funds are absorbed by Member States often becomes*** the main

Amendment

22. Points out that in times of economic crisis financial resources are scarce; ***trusts that in view of the new rules, as from 2014, Member States will not absorb funds by pursuing what has been a, if not*** the, main policy objective ('use it or lose it')⁹⁰; calls on the Commission and Member States to promote a shift from spending to performance culture focussing on ***quality***

policy objective ('use it or lose it')⁹⁰; calls *therefore* on the Commission and Member States to promote a shift from spending to performance culture focussing on the results achieved;

⁹⁰ Ibid.

of spending and the results achieved;

⁹⁰ Ibid.

Or. es

Amendment 112

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 113

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Points out that gross pre-financing amounted to EUR 79.4 billion at the end of 2013 and insists that extended periods of pre-financing can lead to an increased risk of error or loss; stresses that this risk is particularly present for Heading 4 of the budget (EU as a global player) where for a typical operation, four years elapse between a commitment being made and the Commission recording the final related expenditure;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 114
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Urges the Commission to once again prepare and publish a 'long-range cash flow forecast' projecting future payment requirements to ensure that necessary payments can be met from approved annual budgets;

24. Urges the Commission to once again prepare and publish a 'long-range cash flow forecast' projecting future payment requirements to ensure that necessary payments can be met from approved annual budgets; *demands that the Commission present, if necessary, modifications to existing regulations in case the annual budgets cannot provide sufficient appropriations to match the necessary payments level.*

Or. en

Amendment 115
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Urges the Commission to once again prepare and publish a 'long-range cash flow forecast' projecting future payment requirements to ensure that necessary payments can be met from approved annual budgets;

Amendment

24. Urges the Commission to once again prepare and publish a 'long-range cash flow forecast' projecting future payment requirements to ensure that necessary payments can be met from approved annual budgets; ***recalls the binding commitment adopted during the 2015 budgetary procedure;***

Or. es

Amendment 116
Richard Ashworth

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Reiterates the need to work on finding longer term solutions that can allow the Commission to regain control of its budget, in particular, there is a need for an increased emphasis on accountability and a focus on performance and spending outcomes; to this end highlights the need for Parliament to play a greater role in scrutinising expenditure and performance;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Observes that, by the end of 2013, 941 financial engineering instruments (FEI) had been set up under 176 European Regional Development Funds (ERDF) and European Social Funds (ESF) Operational Programmes (OP) in 25 Member States; is particularly concerned that only 47% of the EUR 14,3 billion that had been paid to the FEIs had actually been paid out to final beneficiaries;

Amendment

25. Notes that by the end of 2013 EUR 6.7 billion of OP contributions have been paid out to final recipients, which is a significant increase compared to EUR 4.7 billion which were paid out by the end of 2012.

Observes that the average disbursement rate of 47% at the end of 2013 masks a certain variation between funds and Member States. Average disbursement covers all 900 funds: those established in 2008 as well those newly established in 2013 for which implementation was only starting. While some funds are underperforming there are others which have already achieved 100% absorption and are now re-investing revolving funds.

Recalls that specific provisions have been introduced in the Common Provisions Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 to ensure that payments to the FIs established and supported by ESI funds in the period 2014-2020 are linked to the amounts of eligible expenditure of such instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

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financial engineering instruments (FEI) **were operating in 25 Member States and receiving financial support from 176 Operational Programmes (OP) under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and European Social Fund (ESF); the total value of operational programmes (OP) contributions paid to the FEIs amounted to EUR 14,278.20 million, including EUR 9,597.62 million of ERDF and ESF; notes that there is an increase of 16 % of the cohesion policy support to FEIs for enterprises in 2013 compared to 2012; takes note of the reasons behind the average percentage of 47% paid to final beneficiaries at the end of 2013 and expects that the absorption level will significantly increase by the end of the disbursement period 31 December 2015;**

Or. en

Amendment 119
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Observes that 14 FEIs have been set up in the Members States under the rural development fund; observes that EUR 443,77 million have been paid out to banks **in Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy and Lithuania** from the Union budget until the end of 2013; **expresses concern that of this amount, not a single euro reached the final beneficiaries; observes that for six financial FEIs set up under the European Fisheries Fund EUR 72,37 million were paid out to banks in Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia and the Netherlands; notes that only in Greece and the Netherlands the available amounts were fully disbursed to the final**

Amendment

26. Observes that 14 FEIs have been set up in the Members States under the rural development fund; observes that EUR 443,77 million have been paid out to banks from the Union budget until the end of 2013;

beneficiaries while in Romania only 72% of the funds were disbursed to the final beneficiary, 23% in Bulgaria , 9% in Estonia and none in Latvia⁹¹ ;

⁹¹ *Information provided by Commission Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva during the discharge procedure.*

Or. en

Amendment 120 **Ingeborg Gräßle**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 26**

Motion for a resolution

26. Observes that 14 FEIs have been set up in the Members States under the rural development fund; observes that EUR 443,77 million have been paid out to banks in Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy and Lithuania from the Union budget until the end of 2013; expresses concern that of this amount, not a single euro reached the final beneficiaries; observes that for six financial FEIs set up under the European Fisheries Fund EUR 72,37 million were paid out to banks in Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia and the Netherlands; notes that only in ***Greece and the Netherlands*** the available amounts were fully disbursed to the final beneficiaries while in Romania only **72%** of the funds were disbursed to the final beneficiary, **23%** in Bulgaria , **9%** in Estonia and none in ***Latvia***⁹¹ ;

⁹¹ Information provided by Commission Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva during the discharge procedure.

Amendment

26. Observes that 14 FEIs have been set up in the Members States under the rural development fund; observes that EUR 443,77 million have been paid out to banks in Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy and Lithuania from the Union budget until the end of 2013; expresses concern that of this amount, not a single euro reached the final beneficiaries; observes that for six financial FEIs set up under the European Fisheries Fund EUR 72,37 million were paid out to banks in Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia and the Netherlands; notes that only in ***Latvia*** the available amounts were fully disbursed to the final beneficiaries while in Romania only **28%** of the funds were disbursed to the final beneficiary, **77%** in Bulgaria , **91%** in Estonia and none in ***the Netherlands and Greece***⁹¹ ;

⁹¹ Information provided by Commission Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva during the discharge procedure.

Amendment 121
C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Observes that 14 FEIs have been set up in the Members States under the rural development fund; observes that EUR 443,77 million have been paid out to banks in Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy and Lithuania from the Union budget until the end of 2013; expresses concern that ***of this amount, not a single euro reached the final beneficiaries***; observes that for six financial FEIs set up under the European Fisheries Fund EUR 72,37 million were paid out to banks in Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia and the Netherlands; notes that only in Greece and the Netherlands the available amounts were fully disbursed to the final beneficiaries while in Romania only 72% of the funds were disbursed to the final beneficiary, 23% in Bulgaria , 9% in Estonia and none in Latvia⁹¹ ;

⁹¹ Information provided by Commission Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva during the discharge procedure.

Amendment

26. Observes that 14 FEIs have been set up in the Members States under the rural development fund; observes that EUR 443,77 million have been paid out to banks in Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy and Lithuania from the Union budget until the end of 2013; expresses concern that ***not all final beneficiaries revived the payments due***; observes that for six financial FEIs set up under the European Fisheries Fund EUR 72,37 million were paid out to banks in Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia and the Netherlands; notes that only in Greece and the Netherlands the available amounts were fully disbursed to the final beneficiaries while in Romania only 72% of the funds were disbursed to the final beneficiary, 23% in Bulgaria , 9% in Estonia and none in Latvia⁹¹ ;

⁹¹ Information provided by Commission Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva during the discharge procedure.

Amendment 122
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Observes that **14 FEIs have been set up in the** Members States under the rural development fund; **observes that EUR 443,77 million have been paid out to banks in Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy and Lithuania from the Union budget until the end of 2013; expresses concern that of this amount, not a single euro reached the final beneficiaries;** observes that for six financial FEIs set up under the European Fisheries Fund EUR 72,37 million were paid out to banks in Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia and the Netherlands; notes that only in Greece and the Netherlands the available amounts were fully disbursed to the final beneficiaries **while** in Romania **only** 72% of the funds were disbursed to the final **beneficiary**, 23% in Bulgaria, 9% in Estonia and none in Latvia⁹¹ ;

⁹¹ Information provided by Commission Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva during the discharge procedure.

Amendment

26. Observes that **in 2013 financial instruments were utilised in 6** Members States under the rural development fund **and that the amounts transferred from rural development programmes to financial instruments at the end of 2013 represents EUR 443,77 million; takes note that EUR 429 million were actually disbursed to 1 981 beneficiaries in the respective 6 Member States until 31 December 2013;** observes that for six financial FEIs set up under the European Fisheries Fund EUR 72,37 million were paid out to banks in Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia and the Netherlands; notes that only in Greece and the Netherlands the available amounts were fully disbursed to the final beneficiaries **and that** in Romania 72% of the funds were disbursed to the final **beneficiaries**, 23% in Bulgaria, 9% in Estonia and none in Latvia⁹¹ ;

⁹¹ Information provided by Commission Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva during the discharge procedure.

Or. en

Amendment 123
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. **Regrets furthermore** that these instruments are complex **and difficult to account for correctly, which also** make public scrutiny more challenging; calls on the Commission for transparency and to

regularly report on leverage, losses and risks like investment bubbles; urges the Commission to give a full overview of the number of projects financed under each of the financial engineering instruments and the results achieved, and to indicate clearly how much Union budget allocations were used to co-finance these FEI projects;

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Or. en

Amendment 124
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Regrets furthermore that these instruments are complex and difficult to account for correctly, which also make public scrutiny more challenging; calls on the Commission for transparency and to regularly report on leverage, losses and risks like investment bubbles; urges the Commission to give a full overview of the number of projects financed under each of the financial engineering instruments and the results achieved, **and** to indicate clearly how much Union budget allocations were used to co-finance these FEI projects;

Amendment

27. Regrets furthermore that these instruments are complex and difficult to account for correctly, which also make public scrutiny more challenging; calls on the Commission for transparency and to regularly report on leverage, losses and risks like investment bubbles; urges the Commission to give a full overview of the number of projects financed under each of the financial engineering instruments and the results achieved, to indicate clearly how much Union budget allocations were used to co-finance these FEI projects **and to present a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of the instrument of FEIs compared with more direct forms of project funding**;

Or. en

Amendment 125
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Welcomes that during the Annual Review meetings, the implementation of the financial instruments is systematically included in the agenda and that shortcomings are then analysed and remedial actions proposed; acknowledges with satisfaction that for the next period 2014-2020, shortcomings in the area have been corrected (i.e. payments will only be transferred to the Funds managing financial instruments when the actual disbursement to the final recipients has reached a certain percentage;

Or. en

Amendment 126

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Recommends that considering the pressure on the budget for payments and the fact that Article 140(7) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (the Financial Regulation) requires that excessive balances should be avoided on financial instruments the Commission ensures that contributions from the Union budget to such instruments reflect real cash-flow need;

Amendment

28. Recommends that considering the pressure on the budget for payments and the fact that Article 140(7) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (the Financial Regulation) requires that excessive balances should be avoided on financial instruments the Commission ensures that contributions from the Union budget to such instruments reflect real cash-flow need; ***Welcomes the safeguards in the legislative framework which ensure that: 1) ESIF contribution will reflect market needs thoroughly assessed in ex-ante assessment , and 2) ESIF contribution will be paid in phased instalments reflecting the progress in implementation on the ground, hence, the ESIF contribution to the FIs linked to the***

disbursement to final beneficiaries and excessive balances on the accounts avoided.

Or. en

Amendment 127
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Points out that, while the facilities were well set-up, the potential benefits of blending *were* not fully realised due to Commission management shortcomings; asks the Commission to disburse funding only when the funds are actually needed by the beneficiary and to improve its monitoring of the Union grant implementation;

Amendment

30. Points out that, while the facilities were well set-up *and all the projects financed were relevant*, the potential benefits of blending *have not yet been* fully realised due to *a number of* Commission management shortcomings; asks the Commission to disburse funding only when the funds are actually needed by the beneficiary and to improve its monitoring of the Union grant implementation;

Or. es

Amendment 128
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

30a. Is concerned at the fact that some projects funded using project bonds have been tainted by corruption and criminal infiltration; believes that, in cases where criminal liability can be proved, funding should be suspended and/or withdrawn;

Or. it

Amendment 129
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Emphasises that in accordance with Article 317 TFEU, the Commission is ultimately responsible for the implementation of the Union's budget; points out that where the Commission implements the budget under shared management, implementation tasks are delegated to Member States pursuant to Article 59 of the Financial Regulation thereby engaging their political and financial responsibility;

Amendment

31. Emphasises that in accordance with Article 317 TFEU, the Commission is ultimately responsible for the implementation of the Union's budget; points out that where the Commission implements the budget under shared management, implementation tasks are delegated to Member States pursuant to Article 59 of the Financial Regulation thereby engaging their political and financial responsibility; ***underlines therefore that the Member states shall strictly act in accordance with the sound financial management and should not undermine their own responsibility in managing the EU funds;***

Or. en

Amendment 130
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

31. Emphasises that in accordance with Article 317 TFEU, the Commission is ultimately responsible for the implementation of the Union's budget; points out that where the Commission implements the budget under shared management, implementation tasks are delegated to Member States, ***which,*** pursuant to Article 59 of the Financial

thereby engaging their political and financial responsibility;

Regulation, must fulfil their respective control and audit obligations and assume the resulting responsibilities in order to protect the Union's financial interests;

Or. es

Amendment 131
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31a. Criticises the fact that the Financial Regulation does not require each Commissioner to sign the annual activity report for the area coming within his or her remit; believes that each director-general should sign the annual activity report for the area coming within his or her responsibility and should be held liable for the accuracy of the accounts of his or her DG;

Or. it

Amendment 132
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*32. Welcomes the voluntary national declaration provided by Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom; regrets, however, that **the** declarations differ in form, scope, comprehensiveness and the reporting period; **calls on the Commission to strive for national declarations, signed at the***

*32. Takes note of the Commission communication of 28 October 2014 entitled '**On the adoption of the inter-institutional working group recommendations for the establishment and use of national declarations'** (COM(2014)0688); **points out that the submission of declarations is voluntary,***

appropriate political level, which fit into a single audit chain;

and therefore welcomes the fact that four Member States - Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom - have decided to submit them; regrets, however, that those declarations differ in form, scope, comprehensiveness and the reporting period, as a result of which they are therefore of little use;

Or. es

Amendment 133
Martina Dlabajová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. Points out that according to numerous statements by European Court of Auditors national management declarations as provided by four above mentioned Member States have very limited value in the Court's auditing process and can't be considered as reliable source of information for issuing DAS;

Or. en

Amendment 134
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33. Takes note of the Commission communication of 28 October 2014 entitled 'On the adoption of the inter-institutional working group recommendations for the establishment

deleted

and use of national declarations' (COM(2014)0688); regrets the lack of substantial progress to improve the financial management which could lead to a continuous loss of Union money due to wrong decisions at political and managerial level; calls for a sanction system if Member States transmit incorrect programme information and declarations;

Or. es

Amendment 135

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Takes note of the Commission communication of 28 October 2014 entitled 'On the adoption of the inter-institutional working group recommendations for the establishment and use of national declarations' (COM(2014)0688); *regrets the lack of substantial progress to improve the financial management which could lead to a continuous loss of Union money due to wrong decisions at political and managerial level; calls for a sanction system if Member States transmit incorrect programme information and declarations;*

Amendment

33. Takes note of the Commission communication of 28 October 2014 entitled 'On the adoption of the inter-institutional working group recommendations for the establishment and use of national declarations' (COM(2014)0688);

Or. en

Amendment 136

Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Takes note of the Commission communication of 28 October 2014 entitled 'On the adoption of the inter-institutional working group recommendations for the establishment and use of national declarations' (COM(2014)0688); ***regrets the lack of substantial progress to improve the financial management which could lead to a continuous loss of Union money due to wrong decisions at political and managerial level; calls for a sanction system if Member States transmit incorrect programme information and declarations;***

Amendment

33. Takes note of the Commission communication of 28 October 2014 entitled 'On the adoption of the inter-institutional working group recommendations for the establishment and use of national declarations' (COM(2014)0688); ***welcomes the measures taken in the new regulations for the programming period 2014-2020 for improvement of financial management and control under shared management and urges the Commission and the Member States to apply them and to continue their efforts for reducing errors in absorption of EU funds;***

Or. en

Amendment 137
Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

33a. Urges the Commission to submit a recommendation to the Council and the European Parliament to promote the use of national declarations in line with the recommendations contained in the inter-institutional working group for the establishment and use of national declarations;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 138
Ryszard Czarnecki, Bas Belder, Beata Gosiewska

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33a. Calls therefore also on the Commission and the Council to take concrete and meaningful steps to enable the necessary progress in sound financial management, including the increased use of the instrument of national declarations which in practice do not require much extra effort (reportedly less than 1 fte on a yearly basis per member state) while it is of great importance that member states take political responsibility for the use of European funds by a public document; calls on the Commission and the member states to publish not only the national declarations, but also the annual summaries and management declarations in order to give more insight in and achieve a real improvement of the financial management;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34. Notes that the lack of reliability of the first level checks performed by the Member States in shared management undermines the credibility of the annual activity reports drafted by the Commission services and the Synthesis report adopted by the Commission as they are partially based on the results of the checks performed by the national authorities;

34. Reiterates its previous demand that the Commission evaluate and, if needed, correct the Member States data in order to establish reliable and objective annual activity reports;

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Or. en

Amendment 140
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Notes ***that the lack of reliability of the first level checks performed by the Member States in shared management undermines the credibility of the annual activity reports drafted by the Commission services and the Synthesis report adopted by the Commission as they are partially based on the results of the checks performed by the national authorities;*** reiterates its previous demand that the Commission evaluate and, if needed, correct the Member States data in order to ***establish reliable and*** objective annual activity reports;

Amendment

34. Notes ***the efforts made by the Commission and*** the Member States ***for strengthening the reliability of the first level checks performed by the Member States under shared management and urges them to continue working to this end;*** reiterates its previous demand that the Commission evaluate and, if needed, correct the Member States data in order to ***present*** objective annual activity reports;

Or. en

Amendment 141
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Subheading after paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

Worst performing Member States

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 142
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Subheading after paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Worst performing Member States

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 143
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Subheading after paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Worst performing Member States

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 144
C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Subheading after paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Worst performing Member States

Underperforming Member States

Or. en

Amendment 145
Georgi Pirinski, Dan Nica

Motion for a resolution
Subheading after paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Worst performing Member States

Member States **performance**

Or. en

Amendment 146
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36. Welcomes the overview of Union spending in funds managed under shared management in agriculture and cohesion over the 2007-2013 Multiannual Financial Framework published by the Court of Auditors together with its 2013 annual report which partially address Parliament's request expressed in the 2012 discharge resolution for country specific information in shared management;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 147
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36. Welcomes the overview of **Union spending in** funds managed under shared management in agriculture and cohesion **over the 2007-2013 Multiannual Financial Framework** published **by the**

36. Welcomes the overview of **the Court of Auditors audit results of** funds managed under shared management in agriculture and cohesion **2009-2013** published together with **the Court's** 2013 annual

Court of Auditors together with *its* 2013 annual report which partially address Parliament's request expressed in the 2012 discharge resolution for country specific information in shared management;

report which partially address Parliament's request expressed in the 2012 discharge resolution for country specific information in shared management;

Or. en

Amendment 148
C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37. Points out that according to the figures provided by the Court of Auditors as regards the amounts and percentage of funds at risk as to the European Regional Development Funds, the European Social Funds and the Cohesion Funds (source data included in the 2013 annual activity reports of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion and DG Regional and Urban policy), Slovakia, the United Kingdom and Spain have the highest error rates;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 149
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37. Points out that according to the figures provided by the Court of Auditors as regards the amounts and percentage of funds at risk as to the European Regional Development Funds, the European Social

37. Points out that according to the figures provided by the Court of Auditors as regards the amounts and percentage of funds at risk as to the European Regional Development Funds, the European Social

Funds and the Cohesion Funds (source data included in the 2013 annual activity reports of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion and DG Regional and Urban policy), *Slovakia, the United Kingdom and Spain* have the highest error rates;

Funds and the Cohesion Funds (source data included in the 2013 annual activity reports of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion and DG Regional and Urban policy), *three Member States* have the highest error rates;

Or. es

Amendment 150
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Points out that according to the figures provided *by the Court of Auditors as regards the amounts and percentage of funds at risk as to the European Regional Development Funds, the European Social Funds and the Cohesion Funds (source data included in the 2013 annual activity reports of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion and DG Regional and Urban policy), Slovakia, the United Kingdom and Spain have the highest error rates;*

Amendment

37. Points out that according to the figures provided *in the 2013 annual activity report of DG Regional and Urban policy the risk of error as a weighted average of the estimation for each operational programme supported by the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund is below 1% in Luxembourg (0,03%), Finland (0,29%), Estonia (0,43%), Malta (0,89%) and Portugal (0,88%), and this percentage is 5% or more in Slovenia (5%), Spain (6,18%) and Slovakia (11,48%);*

Or. en

Amendment 151
Georgi Pirinski, Dan Nica

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37a. Points out that according to the figures provided in the 2013 annual activity report of DG Employment, Social

Affairs and Inclusion the risk of error as a weighted average of the estimation for each operational programme supported by the European Social Fund is below 1% in Austria and Denmark (0,8%), Bulgaria and Poland (0,6%, Estonia (0,4%, Finland (0,1%, Hungary and Malta (0,9%); and this percentage is 5% or more in Romania (6,6%), UK (8,8%) and Belgium (9,3%);

Or. en

Amendment 152
C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38. Points out that according to the figures provided by the Court of Auditors as regards the amounts and percentage of funds at risk as to the European Agricultural Guarantee Funds and the European Agricultural Funds for Regional Development (source data included in the 2013 annual activity report of DG Agricultural and Rural Development) Romania, Bulgaria an Portugal have the highest error rates;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 153
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38. Points out that according to the figures

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provided by the Court of Auditors as regards the amounts and percentage of funds at risk as to the European Agricultural Guarantee Funds and the European Agricultural Funds for Regional Development (source data included in the 2013 annual activity report of DG Agriculture and Rural Development) **Romania, Bulgaria an Portugal** have the highest error rates;

provided by the Court of Auditors as regards the amounts and percentage of funds at risk as to the European Agricultural Guarantee Funds and the European Agricultural Funds for Regional Development (source data included in the 2013 annual activity report of DG Agriculture and Rural Development) **three Member States also** have the highest error rates;

Or. es

Amendment 154
Georgi Pirinski, Dan Nica

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Points out that according to the figures provided *by the Court of Auditors as regards the amounts and percentage of funds at risk as to the European Agricultural Guarantee Funds and the European Agricultural Funds for Regional Development (source data included in the 2013 annual activity report of DG Agricultural and Rural Development)* **Romania, Bulgaria an Portugal have the highest error rates;**

Amendment

38. Points out that according to the figures provided *in the Annexes to the 2013 annual activity report of DG AGRI the adjusted residual risk of error for each sector is as follows:*

- Market measures: below 1% in Belgium (0,92%), Bulgaria (0,91%) Hungary (0,41%); Ireland (0,90%); Luxembourg (0,85%); Latvia (0,65%); Romania (0,95%) and Slovakia (0,08%); it is above 5% in Austria (8,57%); the Czech Republic (14,48%); Spain (10,89%); France(6,37%); Netherlands (19,40%); Poland (19,05%) and UK (20,21%);

- Direct payments: below 1% in Belgium (014%); the Czech Republic (0,39%); Germany (0,63%); Estonia (0,94%); Malta (0,03%); Poland (0,97%)Sweden

(0,41%) and Slovenia (0,85%); it is above 5% in Greece (5,17%);

- Rural development: in no one Member States the adjusted residual error rate in below 1 % and only in Germany, Estonia and Malta it is under 2%; it is above 5 % in Bulgaria (14,36%); Denmark (6,60%); France (7,26%); Greece (12,37%); Italy (5,10%); Luxembourg (6,31%); Netherlands (5,77%); Portugal (7,87%); Romania (11,43%); Sweden (5,04%);

Or. en

Amendment 155

Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Asks the Court of Auditors to develop its own country-specific reporting method bearing in mind not only the amounts at risk but also the management and control systems of the Member States together with the corrective mechanisms applied by the Commission and the Member States in order to adequately assess the evolution of the management in the worst performing Member States and recommend the best possible solutions;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 156

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39. Asks the Court of Auditors to develop its own country-specific reporting method bearing in mind not only the amounts at risk but also the management and control systems of the Member States together with the corrective mechanisms applied by the Commission and the Member States in order to adequately assess the evolution of the management in the worst performing Member States and recommend the best possible solutions;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 157

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39. Asks the Court of Auditors to develop its own country-specific reporting method bearing in mind not only the amounts at risk but also the management and control systems of the Member States together with the corrective mechanisms applied by the Commission and the Member States in order to adequately assess the *evolution of the management in the worst performing Member States* and recommend the best possible solutions;

39. Asks the Court of Auditors to develop its own country-specific reporting method bearing in mind not only the amounts at risk but also the management and control systems of the Member States together with the corrective mechanisms applied by the Commission and the Member States in order to adequately assess *the similarities or differences between them* and recommend the best possible solutions

Or. es

Amendment 158

Cristian Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. Emphasises that in some Member States, there is no legislation concerning conflict of interests for members of government owing companies or shares of companies even if those companies receive national or Union funds; insists that under no condition can a **former or** current beneficiary of Union funds can be in a political and/or management position in which he or she holds a leading role in a national management and control system; urges the Commission to look for a legally binding solution to this problem;

Amendment

40. Emphasises that in some Member States, there is no legislation concerning conflict of interests for members of government owing companies or shares of companies even if those companies receive national or Union funds; insists that under no condition can a current beneficiary of Union funds can be in a political and/or management position in which he or she holds a leading role in a national management and control system; urges the Commission to look for a legally binding solution to this problem;

Or. en

Amendment 159

Martina Dlabajová, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Michael Theurer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. **Emphasises** that in some Member States, **there is no** legislation concerning conflict of interests **for** members of **government owing companies or shares of companies even if those companies receive national or Union funds; insists that under no condition can a former or current beneficiary of Union funds can be in a political and/or management position in which he or she holds a leading role in a national management and control system; urges the Commission to look for a legally binding solution to this problem;**

Amendment

40. **Regrets** that in some Member States legislation concerning conflict of interests **of members of the parliament, members of government, and members of local councils is vague and not sufficient; calls on the Commission to carefully examine current situation and if needed present recommendations or even legally binding solutions if necessary;**

Or. en

Amendment 160
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. Emphasises that in some Member States, there is no legislation concerning conflict of interests for members of government owing companies or shares of companies even if those companies receive national or Union funds; insists that under no condition can a former or current beneficiary of Union funds can be in a political and/or management position in which he or she holds a leading role in a national management and control system; urges the Commission to look for a legally binding solution to this problem;

Amendment

40. Emphasises that in some Member States, there is no legislation concerning conflict of interests for members of government owing companies or shares of companies even if those companies receive national or Union funds; insists that under no condition can a former or current beneficiary of Union funds can be in a political and/or management position in which he or she holds a leading role in a national management and control system; ***the same should apply to the candidate members and members of the Commission***; urges the Commission to look for a legally binding solution to this problem;

Or. en

Amendment 161
Martina Dlabajová, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Michael Theurer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

41a. Demands the Commission to ensure that Eurostat's and Member States data are in the perfect accord as the indicator of GNI represents the key benchmark not only for EU's revenue but also expenditure;

Or. en

Amendment 162
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43. Regrets that certain Member States, despite the fact that they were aware of the changes in the statistical methodology to calculate the GNI contribution since spring 2014, did not anticipate that it will result in an increase of their budgetary contribution; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 163
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

44. Regrets that the Commission, despite the fact that it was aware since spring 2013 that the changes in the statistical methodology to calculate the GNI contribution would create a big increase in the contributions of certain Member States, insisted on handling this file as a purely technical one⁹⁴ ; *deleted*

⁹⁴ *Jacek Dominik' statement on the revision of Member States ' gross national income, Press release, Brussels 27 October 2014 last sentence.*

Or. en

Amendment 164
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

45. Recalls that the Court of Auditors concluded in its opinion No 7/2014³ that the Commission's proposal to allow the deferred payments of value added tax (VAT) and GNI balances and adjustments in case of *exceptional* circumstances may increase the complexity of the system of own resources and the Member States budgetary uncertainty;

³Opinion No 7/2014 concerning a proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1150/2000 implementing Decision 2007/436 EC, Euratom on the system of the European Communities' own resources (OJ C 459, 19.12.2014, p. 1).

Amendment

45. Recalls that the Court of Auditors concluded in its opinion No 7/2014³ that the Commission's proposal to allow the deferred payments of value added tax (VAT) and GNI balances and adjustments in case of *specific* circumstances may increase the complexity of the system of own resources and the Member States budgetary uncertainty;

³Opinion No 7/2014 concerning a proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1150/2000 implementing Decision 2007/436 EC, Euratom on the system of the European Communities' own resources (OJ C 459, 19.12.2014, p. 1).

Or. es

Amendment 165
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Points out in particular that the Commission proposal amending Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1150/2000 implementing Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom on the system of the European Communities' own resources (COM (2014)0704) refers only to the postponement of the deadline for the Member States to make resources available

Amendment

46. Points out in particular that the Commission proposal amending Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1150/2000 implementing Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom on the system of the European Communities' own resources (COM (2014)0704) refers only to the postponement of the deadline for the Member States to make resources available

in case of significant amounts result from positive VAT and GNI balances and adjustments and notes that if Member States have a large negative VAT and GNI balances and adjustments, the Commission could be obliged to *collect* additional *revenue* by means of an amending budget;

in case of significant amounts result from positive VAT and GNI balances and adjustments and notes that if Member States have a large negative VAT and GNI balances and adjustments, the Commission could be obliged to *provide* additional *resources* by means of an amending budget;

Or. es

Amendment 166
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46a. Regrets that the Council, despite the fact that the Commission proposed a global reform of the own resources system which was welcomed by the European Parliament ^{1a} aiming at making the system of own resources fairer, more understandable, more transparent, more efficient and aiming at reducing the national contributions, has not been able to make any progress so far on the reform of the own resources system on the basis of those legislative proposals.

^{1a} *Texts adopted, P7_TA(2013)0078*

Or. en

Amendment 167
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 – indent 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– put in place and closely monitor a detailed action plan with clear targets to address the problems in the compilation of Greece's national accounts,

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 168

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 47 – indent 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*– put in place and closely monitor a detailed action plan with clear targets to address **the** problems in the compilation of **Greece's** national accounts,*

*– put in place and closely monitor a detailed action plan with clear targets to address **any** problems **observed** in the compilation of national accounts;*

Or. es

Amendment 169

Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 47 – indent 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– introduce a modification to the proposal (COM (2014)0704) in order to empower the Commission to defer the reimbursement of the amounts in case of 'negative' balances and adjustments;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 170
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 – indent 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– introduce a modification to the proposal (COM (2014)0704) in order to empower the Commission to defer the reimbursement of the amounts in case of "negative" balances and adjustments;

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 171
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47a. Points out the weaknesses found by the Court in the Special Report 02/2014, in the control strategy and risk management in Germany, France and the United Kingdom leading to potential losses to the EU budget. These weaknesses were confirmed by the amount of revenue potentially lost in these three Member States. By extrapolating the errors found in its sample of 2009, the Court has estimated the amount of duties at stake in these Member States because of time-barring to be 655 million euro. This represents around 6 % of the gross amount of import duties collected in the five selected Member States that year, made up of 167 million euro in respect of Germany, 176 million euro in respect of France and 312 million euro in respect of the United Kingdom.

Amendment 172
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Subheading after heading Agriculture

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*Agriculture: demographic and
beneficiaries' structure challenges*

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 173
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Subheading after heading Agriculture

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*Agriculture: demographic **and**
beneficiaries' structure challenges*

Agriculture: demographic challenges

Or. en

Amendment 174
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 48

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*48. Points out that demographic changes
affect the common agricultural policy
(CAP) more than any other Union policy
since nearly one third of the 12 million
Union farmers sharing more than 45 % of
the Union budget are over the age of 65*

deleted

years and only 6% are younger than 35 years old^l;

See Court of Auditors landscape review 'Making the best use of EU money: a landscape review of the risks to the financial management of the EU Budget', 2014, p. 67.

Or. es

Amendment 175
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 48

Motion for a resolution

48. Points out that demographic changes affect the common agricultural policy (CAP) more than any other Union policy *since nearly one third of the 12 million Union farmers sharing more than 45 % of the Union budget are over the age of 65 years and only 6% are younger than 35 years old⁹⁶ ;*

Amendment

48. Points out that demographic changes affect the common agricultural policy (CAP) more than any other Union policy;

⁹⁶ *See Court of Auditors landscape review 'Making the best use of EU money: a landscape review of the risks to the financial management of the EU Budget', 2014, p. 67.*

Or. en

Amendment 176
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 48

Motion for a resolution

48. Points out that demographic changes affect the common agricultural policy (CAP) more than any other Union policy since nearly one third of the 12 million Union farmers sharing more than 45 % of the Union budget are over the age of 65 years and only 6% are younger than 35 years old⁹⁶;

⁹⁶ See Court of Auditors landscape review 'Making the best use of EU money: a landscape review of the risks to the financial management of the EU Budget', 2014, p. 67.

Amendment

48. Points out that demographic changes affect the common agricultural policy (CAP) more than any other Union policy since nearly one third of the 12 million Union farmers sharing more than 45 % of the Union budget are over the age of 65 years and only 6% are younger than 35 years old⁹⁶; ***therefore welcomes the young-farmer assistance programmes launched as part of the CAP reform;***

⁹⁶ See Court of Auditors landscape review 'Making the best use of EU money: a landscape review of the risks to the financial management of the EU Budget', 2014, p. 67.

Or. de

Amendment 177
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49

Motion for a resolution

49. Regrets that the measures initiated by the Commission in agricultural policy failed so far to correct the demographic imbalance and calls on the Commission to adapt the agricultural budget support to this effect;

Amendment

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 178
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49

Motion for a resolution

49. Regrets that the measures initiated by the Commission in agricultural policy **failed** so far to correct the demographic imbalance and calls on the Commission to **adapt** the agricultural budget support **to this effect**;

Amendment

49. Regrets that the measures initiated by the Commission in agricultural policy **has** so far **been unable** to correct the demographic imbalance and calls on the Commission to **re-examine** the agricultural budget support **in light of this**;

Or. en

Amendment 179
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 50

Motion for a resolution

50. Stresses that the fact that less than 2 % of Union farmers receive 31% of the CAP direct payments; believes that **this endangers** the political acceptance of CAP;

Amendment

50. Stresses that the fact that less than 2 % of Union farmers receive 31% of the CAP direct payments; **points out that CAP should be targeting especially small farmers and** believes that **the current practice further undermines** the political acceptance of CAP;

Or. en

Amendment 180
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 50

Motion for a resolution

50. Stresses that the fact that less than 2 % of Union farmers receive 31% of the CAP direct payments; **believes that this endangers the political acceptance of CAP**;

Amendment

50. Stresses that the fact that less than 2 % of Union farmers receive 31% of the CAP direct payments;

Amendment 181
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 50 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

50a. Reminds that in order to make the CAP fairer, the European Parliament and the Council^{1a} introduced a reduction of payments above EUR 150 000 and a possible capping of direct payments; demand therefore that the ECA audit the efficiency and effectiveness of this measure on its next annual reports.

^{1a} REGULATION (EU) No 1307/2013 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 17 December 2013

Amendment 182
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 51

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

51. Points out that ***the Czech Republic followed by Slovakia, Hungary, Germany and Bulgaria maintain the most unequal agricultural systems⁹⁷***; calls on the Commission and the Member States to better balance their beneficiaries' structure and demands that the Director General of DG AGRI attach yearly to its annual activity report indicative figures on the distribution of CAP direct aid payment to

51. Points out that ***inequalities still exist in various Member States'*** agricultural systems; calls on the Commission and the Member States to better balance their beneficiaries' structure and demands that the Director General of DG AGRI attach yearly to its annual activity report indicative figures on the distribution of CAP direct aid payment to producers by Member States and category of

producers by Member States and category of beneficiaries;

beneficiaries;

⁹⁷Indicative figures on the distribution of aid by size-class of aid, received in the context of direct aid paid to the producers according to Council regulation EC 1782/2003 and Council Regulation 73/2009, transmitted by Commissioner Hogan on 8 December 2014.

Or. es

Amendment 183
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 51

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

51. *Points out that the Czech Republic followed by Slovakia, Hungary, Germany and Bulgaria maintain the most unequal agricultural systems⁹⁷*; calls on the Commission and the Member States to better balance *their beneficiaries' structure* and demands that the Director General of DG AGRI attach yearly to its annual activity report indicative figures on the distribution of CAP direct aid payment to producers by Member States and category of beneficiaries;

51. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to better balance *the structure of payments to their beneficiaries* and demands that the Director General of DG AGRI attach yearly to its annual activity report indicative figures on the distribution of CAP direct aid payment to producers by Member States and category of beneficiaries;

⁹⁷Indicative figures on the distribution of aid by size-class of aid, received in the context of direct aid paid to the producers according to Council regulation EC 1782/2003 and Council Regulation 73/2009, transmitted by Commissioner Hogan on 8 December 2014.

Or. en

Amendment 184
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

52. Regrets that the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) payments are not free from material error in 2013, the most likely error rate being estimated by the Court of Auditors at 3,6 % (3,8% in 2012)⁹⁸ ***and that of the five control systems examined for expensed payments two were found to be ineffective, two partially effective and only one was considered as effective;***

⁹⁸ The frequency increased quite significantly: from 41% in 2012 to 61% in 2013.

Amendment

52. Regrets that the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) payments are not free from material error in 2013, the most likely error rate being estimated by the Court of Auditors at 3,6 % (3,8% in 2012)⁹⁸, ***but acknowledges that the error rate has decreased from 2012 to 2013 and calls on the commission and the Member States to ensure effective control systems for expensed payments;***

⁹⁸ The frequency increased quite significantly: from 41% in 2012 to 61% in 2013.

Or. en

Amendment 185
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 53

Motion for a resolution

53. Stresses that in 33 out of 101 quantifiable errors identified by the Court of Auditors, national authorities had sufficient information to prevent, detect, and correct those errors at least partially and that if all this information had been used properly the most likely error for this area would have been 1,1 % lower and thus relatively close to the materiality threshold of 2%;

Amendment

53. Stresses that in 33 out of 101 quantifiable errors identified by the Court of Auditors, national authorities had sufficient information to prevent, detect, and correct those errors at least partially and that if all this information had been used properly the most likely error for this area would have been 1,1 % lower and thus relatively close to the materiality threshold of 2%; ***Stresses that member states have***

an important responsibility on implementing correctly and lawfully the Union budget when they are responsible for the management of the EU funds;

Or. en

Amendment 186
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 53

Motion for a resolution

53. Stresses that in 33 out of 101 quantifiable errors identified by the Court of Auditors, national authorities had sufficient information to prevent, detect, and correct those errors at least partially and that if all this information had been used *properly the most likely* error for this area *would* have been *1,1 % lower and thus* relatively close to the materiality threshold of 2%;

Amendment

53. Stresses that in 33 out of 101 quantifiable errors identified by the Court of Auditors, national authorities had sufficient information to prevent, detect, and correct those errors at least partially and that if all this information had been used *promptly the* error *rate* for this area *could* have been relatively close to the materiality threshold of 2%;

Or. en

Amendment 187
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
New subheading after paragraph 53 and paragraph 53 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

53a. Cross-compliance

Points out that the audit by the Court of Auditors covered cross-compliance requirements and that cases where cross-compliance obligations were not met were treated as error where it was established that the infringement existed in the year in which the farmer applied for aid;

Points out that the Court of Auditors includes deficiencies in the area of the crosscompliance in their calculation of the error rate while noting that, in the view of the Commission, cross-compliance does not concern the eligibility to payments but only triggers administrative penalties.

Or. en

Amendment 188
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

54. Is worried about the fact that the error rate with regards to agricultural market measures stands at 7,44% as calculated by the Commission *itself*; deplores the fact that it is the second highest error rate in a policy area for 2013;

Amendment

54. Is worried about the fact that the error rate with regards to agricultural market measures stands at 7,44% as calculated by the Commission; deplores the fact that it is the second highest error rate in a policy area for 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 189
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

55. Stresses that the reservations introduced by the Director-General of DG AGRI into its 2013 annual activity report *confirm the alarming state of play in* market measures *as* seven aid schemes in nine Member States *are targeted*, in particular the sectors of fruit and vegetables, the restructuring of vineyards,

Amendment

55. Stresses that the reservations introduced by the Director-General of DG AGRI into its 2013 annual activity report *in relation to* market measures *target* seven aid schemes in nine Member States, in particular the sectors of fruit and vegetables, the restructuring of vineyards, wine investment, export refunds for poultry

wine investment, export refunds for poultry and the school milk scheme;

and the school milk scheme;

Or. es

Amendment 190

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

55. Stresses that the reservations introduced by the Director-General of DG AGRI into its 2013 annual activity report confirm the alarming state of play in market measures as seven aid schemes in nine Member States are targeted, *in particular the sectors of fruit and vegetables, the restructuring of vineyards, wine investment, export refunds for poultry and the school milk scheme;*

Amendment

55. Stresses that the reservations introduced by the Director-General of DG AGRI into its 2013 annual activity report confirm the alarming state of play in market measures as seven aid schemes in nine Member States are targeted.

Or. en

Amendment 191

Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

55. Stresses that the reservations introduced by the Director-General of DG AGRI into its 2013 annual activity report confirm the alarming state of play in market measures as seven aid schemes in nine Member States are *targeted*, in particular the sectors of fruit and vegetables, the restructuring of vineyards, wine investment, export refunds for poultry

Amendment

55. Stresses that the reservations introduced by the Director-General of DG AGRI into its 2013 annual activity report confirm the alarming state of play in market measures as seven aid schemes in nine Member States are *identified*, in particular the sectors of fruit and vegetables, the restructuring of vineyards, wine investment, export refunds for poultry

and the school milk scheme;

and the school milk scheme;

Or. en

Amendment 192

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 56

Motion for a resolution

56. *Deplores* the *significant* shortcomings in the control procedures applied when granting recognition to producer groups⁹⁹ for fruit and vegetables in *Poland, Austria, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom* as revealed by the Court of Auditors in its Annual Report for 2013 and confirmed by the Director-General of DG AGRI who has issued in its 2013 annual activity report a reservation based on its estimate that around 25% of total expenditure under this measure is at risk, namely EUR 102,7 million;

⁹⁹In accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) (OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p.1), in certain regions, transitional support may be given to encourage producers who wish to acquire the status of producer organisation (PO) to form producer groups; this funding may be partially reimbursed by the EU and ceases once the producer group is recognised as a PO.

Amendment

56. *Regrets* the shortcomings *found* in the control procedures applied when granting recognition to producer groups⁹⁹ for fruit and vegetables in *some Member States*, as revealed by the Court of Auditors in its Annual Report for 2013 and confirmed by the Director-General of DG AGRI who has issued in its 2013 annual activity report a reservation based on its estimate that around 25% of total expenditure under this measure is at risk, namely EUR 102,7 million;

⁹⁹In accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) (OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p.1), in certain regions, transitional support may be given to encourage producers who wish to acquire the status of producer organisation (PO) to form producer groups; this funding may be partially reimbursed by the EU and ceases once the producer group is recognised as a PO.

Or. es

Amendment 193
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 56

Motion for a resolution

56. Deplores the *significant* shortcomings in the control procedures applied when granting recognition to producer groups⁹⁹ for fruit and vegetables *in Poland, Austria, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom as revealed by the Court of Auditors in its Annual Report for 2013 and confirmed by the Director-General of DG AGRI who has issued in its 2013 annual activity report a reservation based on its estimate that around 25% of total expenditure under this measure is at risk, namely EUR 102,7 million;*

⁹⁹ In accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) (OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p.1), in certain regions, transitional support may be given to encourage producers who wish to acquire the status of producer organisation (PO) to form producer groups; this funding may be partially reimbursed by the EU and ceases once the producer group is recognised as a PO.

Amendment

56. Deplores the shortcomings in the control procedures applied when granting recognition to producer groups⁹⁹ for fruit and vegetables;

⁹⁹ In accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) (OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p.1), in certain regions, transitional support may be given to encourage producers who wish to acquire the status of producer organisation (PO) to form producer groups; this funding may be partially reimbursed by the EU and ceases once the producer group is recognised as a PO.

Or. en

Amendment 194
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 57

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

57. Regrets in particular the deficiencies detected by the Commission as regard the measure concerning 'Vineyard restructuring' in Spain that justified the reservation issued by the Director-General of DG AGRI on the basis of a corrected error rate of 33 % and an amount at risk of EUR 54 million and the measure 'Poultry export in France' on the basis of a corrected error rate of 69,6% and an amount at risk of EUR 29,3 million;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 195

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 57

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

57. Regrets in particular the deficiencies detected by the Commission as **regard** the measure concerning 'Vineyard restructuring' in **Spain** that justified the reservation issued by the Director-General of DG AGRI **on the basis of** a corrected error rate of 33 % **and an** amount at risk of **EUR 54 million and** the measure 'Poultry export in France' on the basis of a corrected error rate of 69,6% and an amount at risk of EUR 29,3 million;

57. Points out that the deficiencies detected by the Commission as **regards** the measure concerning 'Vineyard restructuring' in **one Member State** that justified the reservation issued by the Director-General of DG AGRI **are based on an incomplete investigation that estimated** a corrected error rate of 33 %; **stresses that, given the stage reached in the procedure, it is not possible to infer the** amount at risk; **also draws attention to** the measure 'Poultry export in France' on the basis of a corrected error rate of 69,6% and an amount at risk of EUR 29,3 million;

Or. es

Amendment 196
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 57

Motion for a resolution

57. Regrets in particular the deficiencies detected by the Commission as regard the measure **concerning** 'Vineyard restructuring' in Spain that justified the reservation issued by the Director-General of DG AGRI on the basis of a corrected error rate of 33 % and an amount at risk of EUR 54 million and the measure 'Poultry export in France' on the basis of a corrected error rate of 69,6% and an amount at risk of EUR 29,3 million;

Amendment

57. Regrets in particular the deficiencies detected by the Commission as regard the measure **for** 'Vineyard restructuring' in Spain that justified the reservation issued by the Director-General of DG AGRI on the basis of a corrected error rate of 33 % and an amount at risk of EUR 54 million and the measure **for** 'Poultry export in France' on the basis of a corrected error rate of 69,6% and an amount at risk of EUR 29,3 million;

Or. en

Amendment 197
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60

Motion for a resolution

60. Points out that despite the fact that almost all the paying agencies for the direct payments were **under accreditation** and certified by the certifying authorities and while 79 of the 82 statements of assurance made by the paying agencies received an unqualified opinion from the certification bodies in 2013, **thus** confirming the accuracy of the statements of assurance presented by the directors of the paying agencies, the Commission had to correct upwards the error rates communicated by 42 out of 68 paying agencies with a residual error rate above 2%;

Amendment

60. Points out that despite the fact that almost all the paying agencies for the direct payments were **accredited** and certified by the certifying authorities and while 79 of the 82 statements of assurance made by the paying agencies received an unqualified opinion from the certification bodies in 2013, confirming the accuracy of the statements of assurance presented by the directors of the paying agencies, the Commission had to correct upwards the error rates communicated by 42 out of 68 paying agencies with a residual error rate above 2%;

Or. en

Amendment 198
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61

Motion for a resolution

61. Points out that the 5 paying agencies with the highest error rate were:

1.	<i>United Kingdom, RPA</i>	<i>5,66 % (Member State (MS) notification: 0,67 %)</i>
2.	<i>Greece, OKEPE</i>	<i>5,17% (MS notification: 0,83 %)</i>
2.	<i>Spain, AVGA</i>	<i>4,71% (MS notification: 1,93 %)</i>
4.	<i>Portugal, IFAP</i>	<i>4,37% (MS notification: 0,82 %)</i>
5.	<i>Romania, PIAA</i>	<i>4,27% (MS notification: 1,77 %)</i>

Amendment

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 199
C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61

Motion for a resolution

61. Points out that the 5 paying agencies with the highest error rate were:

1.	<i>United Kingdom, RPA</i>	<i>5,66% (Member State (MS) notification: 0,67 %)</i>
2.	<i>Greece, OKEPE</i>	<i>5,17% (MS notification: 0,83 %)</i>

2.	<i>Spain, AVGA</i>	<i>4,71% (MS notification: 1,93 %)</i>
4.	<i>Portugal, IFAP</i>	<i>4,37% (MS notification: 0,82 %)</i>
5.	<i>Romania, PIAA</i>	<i>4,27% (MS notification: 1,77 %)</i>

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 200
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61

Motion for a resolution

61. Points out that the 5 paying agencies with the highest error rate were:

1.	<i>United Kingdom, RPA</i>	<i>5,66% (Member State (MS) notification: 0,67 %)</i>
2.	<i>Greece, OKEPE</i>	<i>5,17% (MS notification: 0,83 %)</i>
2.	<i>Spain, AVGA</i>	<i>4,71% (MS notification: 1,93 %)</i>
4.	<i>Portugal, IFAP</i>	<i>4,37% (MS notification: 0,82 %)</i>
5.	<i>Romania, PIAA</i>	<i>4,27% (MS notification: 1,77 %)</i>

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 201
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 62

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

62. Regrets that the current legislative framework does not provide sanctions for incorrect or false reporting² by the paying agencies;

deleted

²*See the reply from the Commission to the written question No 11, CONT hearing with Commissioner Phil Hogan on 1 December 2014.*

Or. es

Amendment 202
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 62

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

62. Regrets that the current legislative framework does not provide sanctions for incorrect or false reporting¹⁰¹ by the paying agencies;

deleted

¹⁰¹*See the reply from the Commission to the written question No 11, CONT hearing with Commissioner Phil Hogan on 1 December 2014.*

Or. en

Amendment 203
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 62 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

62a. Deplores the fact that, owing to errors, fraud and inadequate controls, France is obliged to pay back more than EUR 1 bn (2%) of the EUR 40 bn received in the period 2008-2012; is disturbed by statements by the French Minister of Agriculture to the effect that the money will be paid back not by the guilty parties but the French state, i.e. French taxpayers; calls on the Commission to set up a permanent monitoring system to detect any problems that arise and thus obviate the need for such large sums to be paid back;

Or. it

Amendment 204
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64. Deplores that persistent weaknesses in excluding ineligible land from the **Landfill** Parcel Identification System (LPIS) and in the administrative treatment claims from farmers contribute significantly to the material level of error remaining in EAGF payments;

64. Deplores that persistent weaknesses in excluding ineligible land from the **Land** Parcel Identification System (LPIS) and in the administrative treatment claims from farmers contribute significantly to the material level of error remaining in EAGF payments;

Or. en

Amendment 205
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64

Motion for a resolution

64. *Deplores that persistent weaknesses in excluding ineligible land from the Landfill Parcel Identification System (LPIS) and in the administrative treatment claims from farmers contribute significantly to the material level of error remaining in EAGF payments;*

Amendment

64. *Recognises that updating of data to record changes in the Land Parcel Identification system (LPIS) is a cyclical task which must be implemented constantly by Member States, and now aided somewhat by technological changes, regrets however that weaknesses in excluding ineligible land from the LPIS and in the administrative treatment claims from farmers contribute significantly to the material level of error remaining in EAGF payments;*

Or. en

Amendment 206
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

65. Stresses once again the horizontal dimension of *the* deficiencies detected in the LPIS; notes that since 2007 the Court of Auditors examined IACS in 38 paying agencies in all 28 Member States and deeply regrets that only seven of the control systems were assessed as effective, 22 were found to be partially effective and nine control systems were considered as ineffective;

Amendment

65. Stresses once again the horizontal dimension of *certain* deficiencies detected in the LPIS; notes that since 2007 the Court of Auditors examined IACS in 38 paying agencies in all 28 Member States and deeply regrets that only seven of the control systems were assessed as effective, 22 were found to be partially effective and nine control systems were considered as ineffective;

Or. en

Amendment 207
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

65. Stresses once again the horizontal dimension of the deficiencies detected in the LPIS; notes that since 2007 the Court of Auditors examined IACS in 38 paying agencies in all 28 Member States and deeply regrets that only seven of the control systems were assessed as effective, 22 were found to be partially effective and nine control systems were considered as ineffective;

Amendment

65. Stresses once again the horizontal dimension of the deficiencies detected in the LPIS; notes that since 2007 the Court of Auditors examined IACS in 38 paying agencies in all 28 Member States and deeply regrets that only seven of the control systems were assessed as effective, 22 were found to be partially effective and nine control systems were considered as ineffective; ***invites the Commission to endure the financial risk to the budget to be covered by net financial corrections;***

Or. en

Amendment 208
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

65a. Stresses that when there are doubts about the eligibility of a parcel because the ortho-image is not precise enough on-the-spot visits are required; points out that the updating of LPIS is a continuous work. To be of the required quality, the LPIS database needs to be updated regularly to reflect the changes in the landscape; calls for technological improvements to facilitate the update, speed up the process by making good quality ortho-images more easily available or cheaper;

Or. en

Amendment 209

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Subheading after paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

Procedures to ensure recovery *of undue payments*

Amendment

Procedures to ensure recovery

Or. en

Amendment 210

Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 66

Motion for a resolution

66. Is *worried by the fact reported* by the Court of Auditors¹⁰² that sums lost as a result of irregularities *or negligence* relating to claims for the year 2008 or earlier *had been brought to the attention of debtors in Ireland after considerable delay and were not subject to any recovery or enforcement procedure for several years*;

¹⁰² See Court of Auditors' Annual Report for 2013, point 3.23 and following.

Amendment

66. Is *concerned* by the Court of Auditors *reports*¹⁰² that sums *were* lost as a result of irregularities *in the declarations under the LPIS* relating to claims for the year 2008 or earlier; *therefore welcomes action plans to ensure recovery of undue payments and effective payment and control systems*;

¹⁰² See Court of Auditors' Annual Report for 2013, point 3.23 and following.

Or. en

Amendment 211

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 67

Motion for a resolution

67. States that until the end of 2012 out of EUR 6.7 million of debts relating to these claim years EUR 2,3 million was borne by the Union under the 50/50 rule despite the delay observed by the Court of Auditors in the notification procedure ***and fears that the money would be definitely lost for the Union budget;***

Amendment

67. States that until the end of 2012 out of EUR 6.7 million of debts relating to these claim years EUR 2,3 million was borne by the Union under the 50/50 rule despite the delay observed by the Court of Auditors in the notification procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 212

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 68

Motion for a resolution

68. Is also concerned by the findings of the Court as regards the fact that Italian authorities did not record whether debts were due to irregularities or administrative errors ***which could potentially lead to charging the Union budget;***

Amendment

68. Is also concerned by the findings of the Court as regards the fact that Italian authorities did not record whether debts were due to irregularities or administrative errors;

Or. en

Amendment 213

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 68

Motion for a resolution

68. Is also concerned by the findings of the Court as regards the fact that Italian authorities did not record whether debts were due to irregularities or administrative

Amendment

68. Is also concerned by the findings of the Court as regards the fact that Italian authorities did not record whether debts were due to irregularities or administrative

errors which could potentially lead to charging the Union budget;

errors which could potentially lead to charging the Union budget; ***calls on the Commission to make a detailed analysis of this situation and report back before the end of the year;***

Or. it

Amendment 214

Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 69

Motion for a resolution

69. Notes that according to the data provided in the 2013 annual activity report of DG AGRI¹⁰³, the worst performing Member States as regards the recoveries of undue payments are Bulgaria with a recovery rate of 4%, 21% in Greece, 25% in France, 25 % in Slovenia, 27 % in Slovakia and 33 % in Hungary;

¹⁰³ See 2013 annual activity report of DG AGRI, Annex 10, table 51: 'new cases open since 2007'.

Amendment

69. Is concerned about the in parts alarmingly low levels of recoveries and requests a report from the Commission about the causes and the possibilities to achieve improvements;

Or. en

Amendment 215

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 69

Motion for a resolution

*69. Notes that according to the data provided in the 2013 annual activity report of DG AGRI¹⁰³, **the worst performing***

Amendment

69. Notes that according to the data provided in the 2013 annual activity report of DG AGRI¹⁰³, recoveries of undue

Member States as regards the recoveries of undue payments are *Bulgaria with a recovery rate of 4%, 21% in Greece , 25% in France, 25 % in Slovenia, 27 % in Slovakia and 33 % in Hungary;*

¹⁰³See 2013 annual activity report of DG AGRI, Annex 10, table 51:

payments are ***very low in some Member States;***

¹⁰³See 2013 annual activity report of DG AGRI, Annex 10, table 51:

Or. es

Amendment 216 Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 72

Motion for a resolution

72. ***Stresses that*** the 2013 increase of the average level of financial correction by comparison with the period 2008- 2012 is according to ***the findings of*** the Court of Auditors¹⁰⁵ mainly explained by the reduction of the backlog of open audit files from 553 at the end of 2012 to 516 at the end of 2013 and that the resolution of these files which related to financial years prior to 2010 resulted in financial corrections of EUR 881 million (79 % of the total);

¹⁰⁵ See 2013 ECA annual report, point 4.27.

Amendment

72. ***Notes improvements in*** the 2013 increase of the average level of financial correction by comparison with the period 2008- 2012 is according to the Court of Auditors¹⁰⁵ mainly explained by the reduction of the backlog of open audit files from 553 at the end of 2012 to 516 at the end of 2013 and that the resolution of these files which related to financial years prior to 2010 resulted in financial corrections of EUR 881 million (79 % of the total);

¹⁰⁵ See 2013 ECA annual report, point 4.27.

Or. en

**Amendment 217
Bogusław Liberadzki**
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 73

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

73. Is worried that the independence of the conciliation body which may be involved in the conformity clearance procedure is not guaranteed by the provisions currently in force¹⁰⁶ ; *deleted*

¹⁰⁶ See the reply to the written question No 29, CONT hearing with Commissioner Phil Hogan on 1 December 2014.

Or. en

Amendment 218
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 73

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

73. Is worried that the independence of the conciliation body which may be involved in the conformity clearance procedure is not guaranteed by the provisions currently in force¹⁰⁶ ; *deleted*

¹⁰⁶ See the reply to the written question No 29, CONT hearing with Commissioner Phil Hogan on 1 December 2014.

Or. en

Amendment 219
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 74

Motion for a resolution

74. **Regrets** that the payments in rural development, environment, fisheries and health are not free from material error in 2013, **that** the most likely error rate **was** **6,7 %** (7,9 % in 2012) and that seven of the 13 supervisory and control systems examined for expensed payments in Member States were assessed as being partially effective and six as ineffective;

Amendment

74. **Notes** that the payments in rural development, environment, fisheries and health are not free from material error in 2013, **with a reduction in** the most likely error rate **to 6,7 % from** 7,9 % in 2012 and that seven of the 13 supervisory and control systems examined for expensed payments in Member States were assessed as being partially effective and six as ineffective;

Or. en

Amendment 220
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 75

Motion for a resolution

75. Concurs with the view expressed by the Court of Auditors that the most likely error rate would have been reduced to 2 % if the national authorities had used all the information available to them to prevent, detect and correct errors;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 221
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 75

Motion for a resolution

75. Concurs with the view expressed by the Court of Auditors that the most likely error rate would have been reduced to 2 % if the

Amendment

75. Concurs with the view expressed by the Court of Auditors that the most likely error rate would have been reduced to 2 % if the

national authorities had used all the information available to them to prevent, detect and correct errors;

national authorities had used all the information available to them to prevent, detect and correct errors; ***Stresses that member states have an important responsibility on implementing correctly and lawfully the Union budget when they are responsible for the management of the EU funds;***

Or. en

Amendment 222
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 76

Motion for a resolution

76. Deplores the fact that the average error rate calculated by the Court of Auditors for *the* rural development *incurred* during the past three years was 8,2% and that in 2013 it was 7,9%¹⁰⁷ ; *strongly deplores* that it is the highest error rate in a policy area for 2013;

¹⁰⁷ See Court of Auditors' Special Report No 23/2014 on Errors in rural development spending, p. 10: the 8,2% is an average for the three years with a lower limit of 6.1% and an upper limit of 10.3%. The average is composed of 8,4% for 2011, 8,3% for 2012 and 7,9% for 2013.

Amendment

76. Notes the steady reductions in the error rate calculated by the Court of Auditors for rural development during the past three years *from 8,4 % in 2011 than* in 2013 it was 7,9%¹⁰⁷ ; *regrets* that it is the highest error rate in a policy area for 2013 *and notes that due to the delay between payment claims, payments, controls and reported statistics more significant impact on the error rate is likely only from the 2014 financial year onwards;*

¹⁰⁷ See Court of Auditors' Special Report No 23/2014 on Errors in rural development spending, p. 10: the 8,2% is an average for the three years with a lower limit of 6.1% and an upper limit of 10.3%. The average is composed of 8,4% for 2011, 8,3% for 2012 and 7,9% for 2013.

Or. en

Amendment 223
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 77

Motion for a resolution

77. Notes that the errors occurred mainly because beneficiaries did not respect the eligibility requirements, the procurement rules were not properly applied and agri-environmental commitments were not respected;

Amendment

77. Notes that the errors ***found by the Court*** occurred mainly because beneficiaries did not respect the eligibility requirements, the procurement rules were not properly applied and agri-environmental commitments were not respected;

Or. en

Amendment 224
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 79

Motion for a resolution

79. Concurs with the view voiced by the Court of Auditors¹⁰⁹ that the errors ***are*** partly caused by the complexity of rules and the large variety of aid schemes: 46 measures in total for rural development, each with its own rules and requirements;

Amendment

79. Concurs with the view voiced by the Court of Auditors¹⁰⁹ that the errors ***were*** partly caused by the complexity of rules and the large variety of aid schemes ***under the 2007-2013 programmes***: 46 measures in total for rural development, each with its own rules and requirements;

¹⁰⁹ Statement by the Member of the Court of Auditors, Rasa Budbergyte, CONT hearing with Commissioner Phil Hogan on 1 December 2014.

¹⁰⁹ Statement by the Member of the Court of Auditors, Rasa Budbergyte, CONT hearing with Commissioner Phil Hogan on 1 December 2014.

Or. en

Amendment 225
Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 79 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

79a. Notes that the Commission states in its reply to the Court of Auditors that for the 2014-2020 programming period, the legal framework has been simplified, and requests the Commission to report by the end of 2015 how these simplification measures worked out in practice, and which additional measures could be taken with regard to any remaining complex rules and eligibility conditions;

Or. en

Amendment 226
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 81

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

81. *Deplores the lack of* reliability of data communicated by the Member States on the results of their checks; notes that certifying bodies issued a qualified opinion stating an error rate above 2 % for only nine paying agencies of 74¹¹⁰ while the Commission issued a qualified opinion for 31 agencies in 24 Member States¹¹¹;

81. *Stresses that there must be no doubt as to the* reliability of data communicated by the Member States on the results of their checks; notes that certifying bodies issued a qualified opinion stating an error rate above 2 % for only nine paying agencies of 74¹¹⁰ while the Commission issued a qualified opinion for 31 agencies in 24 Member States¹¹¹;

¹¹⁰See the reply to the written question No 12, CONT hearing with Commissioner Phil Hogan on 1 December 2014.

¹¹¹See 2013 annual activity report of DG AGRI, table 2.1.24.

¹¹⁰See the reply to the written question No 12, CONT hearing with Commissioner Phil Hogan on 1 December 2014.

¹¹¹See 2013 annual activity report of DG AGRI, table 2.1.24.

Or. es

Amendment 227
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 82

Motion for a resolution

82. **Regrets the lack of** quality of remedial actions **by** some Member States **and the absence of** a systematic approach to eradicate the causes of the errors in all the Member States; stresses that **there is a** lack of preventive action against widespread weakness at Union level;

Amendment

82. **Stresses the need to improve the** quality of remedial actions **in** some Member States, **as well as the need for a** systematic approach to eradicate the causes of the errors in all the Member States; stresses that **the new legislation will go some way to mitigate the** lack of preventive action against widespread weakness at Union level;

Or. es

Amendment 228
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Subheading after paragraph 82

Motion for a resolution

Requests to the Commission, the Member States and the Court of Auditors concerning agriculture and rural development

Amendment

Recommendations on agriculture and rural development

Or. en

Amendment 229
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 84

Motion for a resolution

84. Recommends that the Commission actively monitors the application of remedial actions with regard to the deficiencies in the control system applicable to Union aid for producer groups for fruits and vegetables ***in Poland, Austria, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom;***

Amendment

84. Recommends that the Commission actively monitors the application of remedial actions with regard to the deficiencies in the control system applicable to Union aid for producer groups for fruits and vegetables;

Or. es

Amendment 230
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85

Motion for a resolution

85. ***Urges the Commission to demonstrate the Union added value*** of the agricultural market measures bearing in mind the risk of potential losses affecting the budget of the Union and asks the Commission to consider their suppression ***if this risk is too high***; asks the Commission to report in the 2013 Commission discharge follow-up report on the actions taken by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) in light of the audit mission for poultry export refunds in France;

Amendment

85. ***Expresses its serious doubts about the effectiveness*** of the agricultural market measures bearing in mind the risk of potential losses affecting the budget of the Union and asks the Commission to consider their suppression; asks the Commission to report in the 2013 Commission discharge follow-up report on the actions taken by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) in light of the audit mission for poultry export refunds in France;

Or. en

Amendment 231
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85

Motion for a resolution

85. Urges the Commission to demonstrate the Union added value of the agricultural market measures bearing in mind the risk of potential losses affecting the budget of the Union and asks the Commission to consider their suppression if this risk is too high; asks the Commission to report in the 2013 Commission discharge follow-up report on the actions taken by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) in light of the audit mission for poultry export refunds in France;

Amendment

85. Asks the Commission to report in the 2013 Commission discharge follow-up report on the actions taken by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) in light of the audit mission for poultry export refunds in France;

Or. es

Amendment 232

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 86

Motion for a resolution

86. Asks to the Commission to draft proposals with a view to sanctioning false or incorrect reporting by paying agencies including the three following dimensions, namely inspection statistics, statements by the paying agencies, and the work carried out by the certification bodies; asks that the Commission be empowered to withdraw the accreditation of the paying agencies in cases of grave misrepresentations;

Amendment

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 233

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86

Motion for a resolution

86. Asks to the Commission to draft proposals with a view to sanctioning false or incorrect reporting by paying agencies including the three following dimensions, namely inspection statistics, statements by the paying agencies, and the work carried out by the certification bodies; ***asks that the Commission be empowered to withdraw the accreditation of the paying agencies in cases of grave misrepresentations;***

Amendment

86. Asks to the Commission to draft proposals with a view to sanctioning false or incorrect reporting by paying agencies including the three following dimensions, namely inspection statistics, statements by the paying agencies, and the work carried out by the certification bodies;

Or. en

Amendment 234
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 87

Motion for a resolution

87. Urges the Director-General of DG AGRI to consider the ***real added value*** of delaying year after year reservations justified by deficiencies in the LPIS while those deficiencies have clear horizontal dimension;

Amendment

87. Urges the Director-General of DG AGRI to consider the ***appropriateness*** of delaying year after year reservations justified by deficiencies in the LPIS while those deficiencies have clear horizontal dimension;

Or. es

Amendment 235
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 89

Motion for a resolution

89. Urges the Commission to shed a light on the facts reported by the Court of Auditors in ***Ireland and Italy*** in points 3.24 and 3.25 of its Annual Report for 2013 as regards irregularities in recovering undue payments, to take the necessary corrective measures and to report on those to Parliament by June 2015;

Amendment

89. Urges the Commission to shed a light on the facts reported by the Court of Auditors in ***two Member States*** in points 3.24 and 3.25 of its Annual Report for 2013 as regards irregularities in recovering undue payments, to take the necessary corrective measures and to report on those to Parliament by June 2015;

Or. es

Amendment 236

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 91

Motion for a resolution

91. Asks in particular that the mandate of the Members of the conciliation body involved in the clearance of accounts procedure will be limited in time to an initial term of three years possibly prolonged for maximum one year; requests furthermore that any possible conflicts of interest be avoided in the handling of those files and that the Member States are not represented in the conciliation body when they are directly concerned by financial corrections;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 237

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 91

Motion for a resolution

91. Asks in particular that the mandate of the Members of the conciliation body involved in the clearance of accounts procedure will be limited in time to an initial term of three years possibly prolonged for maximum one year; requests furthermore that any possible conflicts of interest be avoided in the handling of those files ***and that the Member States are not represented in the conciliation body when they are directly concerned by financial corrections;***

Amendment

91. Asks in particular that the mandate of the Members of the conciliation body involved in the clearance of accounts procedure will be limited in time to an initial term of three years possibly prolonged for maximum one year; requests furthermore that any possible conflicts of interest be avoided in the handling of those files;

Or. es

Amendment 238

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 91 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment 239

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 92

Motion for a resolution

92. Asks the Court of Auditors to examine the rural development policy area in one

Amendment

91a. Asks to the Commission to report in details to Parliament on the implementation of the capping in CAP direct payments member state per Member State;

Or. en

Amendment

92. Asks the Court of Auditors to examine the rural development policy area in one

separate chapter of its annual report;

separate chapter of its annual report *or at least, to calculate separate error rates for the rural development policy area, the fisheries policy area and LIFE + programme;*

Or. en

Amendment 240

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 96

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

96. Stresses that regional policy, mostly implemented through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Cohesion Fund (CF), accounts for 96 % (EUR 43 494 million) of spending (payments EUR 45 311 million) in the policy areas;

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 241

Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 96

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

96. Stresses that regional policy, mostly implemented through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Cohesion Fund (CF), **accounts for 96 % (EUR 43 494 million) of spending (payments EUR 45 311 million) in the policy areas;**

96. Stresses that **from the total amount of payments in 2013 under this policy group (EUR 45 311 million) 96% (EUR 43 494 million) are for** regional policy, mostly implemented through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Cohesion Fund (CF), **EUR 1 059 million are for mobility and transport and EUR 758 million are for energy;**

Amendment 242

Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 97

Motion for a resolution

97. Recognises that as the largest source of Union funds to regions, localities and enterprises, representing 29% of the total Union budget in 2013 - regional policy has *assisted* Member States to *conciliate their fiscal consolidation constraints with the support to* long-term investments strategies which are necessary to recover from the crisis and return to a job-creating growth (EU2020 objective 1);

Amendment

97. Recognises that as the largest source of Union funds to regions, localities and enterprises, representing 29% of the total Union budget in 2013 - regional policy has *aimed at assisting* Member States to *engage in* long-term investments strategies which are necessary to recover from the crisis and return to a job-creating growth (EU2020 objective 1); *regrets, however, that for the measurement of the national budget deficit in the context of European economic governance, long-term investments have not been exempted, thus making it extremely difficult for Member States to engage in any such investments, despite the potential support through the ERDF and CF, taking into account that these funds require co-funding by Member States for their projects;*

Amendment 243

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 97

Motion for a resolution

97. Recognises that *as the largest source of Union funds to regions, localities and enterprises, representing 29% of the total* Union budget in 2013 - *regional policy has*

Amendment

97. Recognises that *regional policy, which represented 29% of the Union budget in 2013, has been the main source of funding for investment in most regions,*

assisted Member States to conciliate their fiscal consolidation constraints with the support to long-term investments strategies which are necessary to recover from the crisis and return to a job-creating growth (EU2020 objective 1);

mitigating the cash flow difficulties resulting from the crisis and from fiscal consolidation in many of the Member States, and thus constituting a key added value in European action for growth and job creation;

Or. es

Amendment 244
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 97

Motion for a resolution

97. Recognises *that as the largest source of Union funds to regions, localities and enterprises, representing 29% of the total Union budget in 2013 - regional policy has assisted Member States to conciliate their fiscal consolidation constraints with the support to long-term investments strategies which are necessary to recover from the crisis and return to a job-creating growth (EU2020 objective 1);*

Amendment

97. Recognises *the determining role of EU regional policy in reducing regional disparities, promoting economic, social and territorial cohesion among the regions of Member States and between Member States; recognises that this policy is the main EU-wide long-term investment policy in the real economy representing 29% of the total Union budgetary spending in 2013 and is an established tool for creating growth and jobs in the EU, which supports the achievement of the Europe 2020 strategy's goals;*

Or. en

Amendment 245
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 97 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

97a. Recognises the important role of transport and energy policies for establishing secure, sustainable and

Amendment

competitive transport and energy systems and services for European citizens and business and underlines the contribution of these policies for implementing the Europe 2020 strategy's goals;

Or. en

Amendment 246
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 98

Motion for a resolution

98. Welcomes the fact that the Commission evaluates the effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and European value added of regional policy through the ex post evaluation; *wishes* to receive *a copy when the reports become available*;

Amendment

98. Welcomes the fact that the Commission evaluates the effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and European value added of regional policy through the ex post evaluation; *expects* to receive *regular updates of the Commission's evaluation*;

Or. en

Amendment 247
Zigmantas Bal ytis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 98 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

*underlines, that Commission should ensure that it obtains consistent and reliable information from the Member States on the use of ERDF's funding; this information should indicate the Operational Programmes' progress, not only in financial but also in performance terms;*¹

¹See Court of Auditors' Special Report No 20/2014, point 68.

Amendment 248
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 98 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

98a. Draws attention to the multiannuality of the cohesion policy management system and underlines that the final evaluation of irregularities related to the policy implementation will be possible only at the closure of the programming period;

Amendment 249
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Subheading after subheading 98

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Errors

Court of Auditors' findings

Amendment 250
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 100

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

100. Emphasises that in 17 cases of

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quantifiable errors made by final beneficiaries, the national authorities had sufficient information to prevent, detect and correct the errors before declaring the expenditure to the Commission; notes that had all this information been used to correct errors, the most likely error estimated for this chapter would have been three percentage points lower;

quantifiable errors made by final beneficiaries, the national authorities had sufficient information to prevent, detect and correct the errors before declaring the expenditure to the Commission; notes that had all this information been used to correct errors, the most likely error estimated for this chapter would have been three percentage points lower; ***Stresses that member states have an important responsibility on implementing correctly and lawfully the Union budget when they are responsible for the management of the EU funds;***

Or. en

Amendment 251

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 100

Motion for a resolution

100. Emphasises that in 17 cases of quantifiable errors made by final beneficiaries, the national authorities had sufficient information to prevent, detect and correct the errors before declaring the expenditure to the Commission; ***notes that had all this information been used to correct errors, the most likely error estimated for this chapter would have been three percentage points lower;***

Amendment

100. Emphasises that in 17 cases of quantifiable errors made by final beneficiaries, the national authorities had sufficient information to prevent, detect and correct the errors before declaring the expenditure to the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 252

Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 101

Motion for a resolution

101. Points out that for ERDF and CF expenditure the main **compliance** risks **relate to: errors in** public procurement (39 %), ineligible projects/**activities or beneficiaries** (22 %), **ineligible costs included in expenditure declarations** (21 %) **and the non-compliance with state aid** rules;

Amendment

101. Points out that for ERDF and CF, **as well as for mobility, transport and energy** expenditure the main risks **of errors are related to non-compliance with** public procurement **rules and**, ineligible projects **and ineligible costs; and for ERDF and CF - to non-compliance with state aid** rules; **welcomes the Commission's actions undertaken to mitigate these risks and encourages it to continue to give guidance and training to managing authorities on the risks identified; expects that the new regulations and rules for the 2014-2020 programming period will contribute for decreasing the risk of errors and for better performance through more simplification and clarification of the procedures;**

Or. en

Amendment 253

Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 101 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

101a. Takes note that the Commission considered, based on its own review, the work of 40 national audit authorities in charge of auditing 90% of ERDF/CF allocations for the 2007-2013 programming period to be in general reliable;

Or. en

Amendment 254

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Subheading after paragraph 101

Motion for a resolution

Reliability of Member States' reporting

Amendment

Member States' reporting

Or. en

Amendment 255
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 102

Motion for a resolution

102. Notes that the Members States' authorities communicated 322 national audit opinions on their operational programmes and that the audit opinions stated in 209 cases (65 %) an error rate below 2 %; *notes that when the Commission checked the data it could only confirm the notification of the Member States' error rates for 78 national audit opinions; notes that 244 audit opinions needed to be corrected by the Commission¹¹²; asks the Commission to report in future all details in changes of error rates made by DG REGIO;*

Amendment

102. Notes that the Members States' authorities communicated 322 national audit opinions on their operational programmes and that the audit opinions stated in 209 cases (65 %) an error rate below 2 %; *Points out that globally the Directorate-General has assessed 89% of reported error rates as a reliable source of information for the purpose of calculating the risk to 2013 payments, by validating the error rates reported in the ACRs in 68% of reported rates or by being able to recalculate the error rate based on all information made available by the audit authority and validated by the Directorate-General's auditors for 21% of cases; Observes that, following its analysis of the ACRs, DG REGIO considers that it can confirm the audit opinions of the audit authorities for 304 programmes (94%);*

¹¹² See 2013 annual activity report of DG REGIO, Annex, p. 41.

Or. en

Amendment 256

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 102 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

102a. Observes that, following its analysis of the ACRs, DG Regional and Urban policy considers that it can confirm the audit opinions of the audit authorities for 304 programmes (94%). This includes 76 OPs with unqualified opinions and 110 with qualified opinions and 118 programmes (37%) for which the audit authority expressed an unqualified audit opinion but the Directorate-General expressed a qualified opinion with moderate impact, a category of audit opinion that is not available to audit authorities under the regulation.

Notes that this category of audit opinion means that any improvements needed are of a minor importance and thus do not jeopardise the assurance;

Or. en

Amendment 257

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 103

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

103. Observes that the Commission considered all nationally audited error rates in the reports of *Slovakia* to be unreliable, ***10 out of 15 error rates in the reports of Hungary, two out of seven in the reports of Bulgaria and one out of four in the***

103. Observes that the Commission considered all nationally audited error rates in the reports of ***some Member States*** to be ***somewhat or entirely*** unreliable; asks the Commission to demonstrate if and how their flat rate corrections imposed to

reports of Belgium; asks the Commission to demonstrate if and how their flat rate corrections imposed to protect the Union budget (25 % for one programme and 10 % for nine **programmes in Slovakia, two for Bulgaria and Italy and one for Belgium**¹¹³) remedied the situation;

¹¹³See 2013 annual activity report of DG REGIO, Annex, p. 42.

protect the Union budget (25 % for one programme and 10 % for **a further nine countries**¹¹³) remedied the situation;

¹¹³See 2013 annual activity report of DG REGIO, Annex, p. 42.

Or. es

Amendment 258 **Georgi Pirinski**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 103**

Motion for a resolution

103. Observes that **the Commission** considered all nationally audited error rates **in the reports of Slovakia to be unreliable, 10 out of 15 error rates in the reports of Hungary, two out of seven in the reports of Bulgaria and one out of four in the reports of Belgium**; asks the Commission to demonstrate if and how their flat rate corrections imposed to protect the Union budget (25 % for one programme and 10 % for nine programmes in Slovakia, two for Bulgaria and Italy and one for Belgium¹¹³) remedied the situation;

Amendment

103. Observes that **DG REGIO** considered¹¹³:

- **as reliable** all nationally audited error rates **for the OPs reported by 6 Member States (Austria, Finland, France, Luxembourg, Portugal and the Netherlands)**;

- **as "unreliable/flat rate"** all nationally audited error rates **for the OPs reported by 2 Member States (Slovakia and Slovenia)**;

- **both as reliable and reliable but needing recalculation the nationally audited error**

rates for the OPs reported by most of the Member States;

- that nationally audited error rates reported by 6 Member States (Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary, Italy and UK), were reliable and/or "reliable/recalculated" for some of their OPs and "unreliable/flat rate" for their other OPs;

¹¹³ See 2013 annual activity report of DG REGIO, Annex, p. 42.

¹¹³ See 2013 annual activity report of DG REGIO, Annex, p. 42.

Or. en

Amendment 259
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 104

Motion for a resolution

104. Stresses that the error reporting for the following operational programmes were particularly unreliable:

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Programme</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Decided amount EUR million</i>	<i>MS error rate in Annual Control Reports</i>	<i>COM error/flat rate</i>
<i>BE</i>	<i>2007BE162PO001</i>	<i>Brussels, Regional competitiveness</i>	<i>56,93</i>	<i>6,23 %</i>	<i>10 %</i>
<i>BG</i>	<i>2007BG161PO002</i>	<i>Technical assistance</i>	<i>1 466,43</i>	<i>4,10 %</i>	<i>10 %</i>
<i>DE</i>	<i>2007DE162PO006</i>	<i>ERDF Bremen</i>	<i>142,01</i>	<i>0,31 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>DE</i>	<i>2007DE161PO003</i>	<i>ERDF Mecklenburg-West Pomerania</i>	<i>1 252,42</i>	<i>0,81 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>DE</i>	<i>2007DE162PO005</i>	<i>ERDF Hesse</i>	<i>263,45</i>	<i>0,04 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>ETC</i>	<i>2007CB063PO052</i>	<i>INTERREG IV Italy/Austria</i>	<i>60,07</i>	<i>2,77 %</i>	<i>10 %</i>
<i>ETC</i>	<i>2007CG163PO030</i>	<i>Slovenia/Czech Republic</i>	<i>92,74</i>	<i>0,96 %</i>	<i>10 %</i>
<i>ETC</i>	<i>2007CB163PO019</i>	<i>Mecklenburg /WP - Poland</i>	<i>132,81</i>	<i>0,02 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>

<i>HU</i>	<i>2007HU161PO001</i>	<i>Economic Development</i>	<i>2 858,82</i>	<i>0,71 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>HU</i>	<i>2007HU161PO007</i>	<i>Transport</i>	<i>5 684,24</i>	<i>0,54 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>HU</i>	<i>2007HU161PO003</i>	<i>West Pannon</i>	<i>463,75</i>	<i>1,30 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>HU</i>	<i>2007HU161PO004</i>	<i>South Great Plain</i>	<i>748,71</i>	<i>1,30 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>HU</i>	<i>2007HU161PO005</i>	<i>Central Transdanubia</i>	<i>507,92</i>	<i>1,30 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>HU</i>	<i>2007HU161PO006</i>	<i>North Hungary</i>	<i>903,72</i>	<i>1,30 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>HU</i>	<i>2007HU161PO009</i>	<i>North Great Plain</i>	<i>975,07</i>	<i>1,30 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>HU</i>	<i>2007HU161PO011</i>	<i>South Transdanubia</i>	<i>705,14</i>	<i>1,30 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>HU</i>	<i>2007HU161PO001</i>	<i>Central Hungary</i>	<i>1 467,20</i>	<i>0,10 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>IT</i>	<i>2007IT161PO007</i>	<i>Development Mezzogiorno</i>	<i>579,04</i>	<i>0,63 %</i>	<i>10 %</i>
<i>IT</i>	<i>2007IT161PO008</i>	<i>Calabria</i>	<i>1 499,12</i>	<i>2,45 %</i>	<i>10 %</i>
<i>SL</i>	<i>2007SL161PO001</i>	<i>Regional development potential</i>	<i>1 783,29</i>	<i>2,80 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>SL</i>	<i>2007SL161PO002</i>	<i>Infrastructure</i>	<i>1 562,06</i>	<i>2,80 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>SK</i>	<i>2007SK161PO006</i>	<i>Competitiveness and economic growth</i>	<i>968,25</i>	<i>0 %</i>	<i>25 %</i>
<i>SK</i>	<i>2007SK161PO005</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>250,00</i>	<i>1,79 %</i>	<i>25 %</i>
<i>SK</i>	<i>2007SK161PO001</i>	<i>Information society</i>	<i>843,60</i>	<i>1,79 %</i>	<i>10 %</i>
<i>SK</i>	<i>2007SK161UPO001</i>	<i>Research & Development</i>	<i>1 209,42</i>	<i>1,30 %</i>	<i>10 %</i>
<i>SK</i>	<i>2007SK161PO002</i>	<i>Environment</i>	<i>1 820,00</i>	<i>0,33 %</i>	<i>10 %</i>
<i>SK</i>	<i>2007SK161PO004</i>	<i>Transport</i>	<i>3 160,15</i>	<i>0,74 %</i>	<i>10 %</i>
<i>SK</i>	<i>2007SK161PO003</i>	<i>Regional OP</i>	<i>1 554,50</i>	<i>0,32 %</i>	<i>10 %</i>
<i>SK</i>	<i>2007SK161PO007</i>	<i>Technical assistance</i>	<i>97,60</i>	<i>1,79 %</i>	<i>10 %</i>
<i>SK</i>	<i>2007SK162PO001</i>	<i>Bratislava</i>	<i>95,21</i>	<i>1,79 %</i>	<i>10 %</i>
<i>UK</i>	<i>2007UK162PO001</i>	<i>Lowlands & Uplands Scotland</i>	<i>375,96</i>	<i>5,98 %</i>	<i>8,42 %</i>
<i>UK</i>	<i>2007UK161PO002</i>	<i>West Wales & Valleys</i>	<i>1 250,38</i>	<i>0,36 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>UK</i>	<i>2007UK162PO012</i>	<i>East Wales</i>	<i>72,45</i>	<i>0,36 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>

Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 260
Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 104**

Motion for a resolution

104. Stresses that the error reporting for the following operational programmes were particularly unreliable

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Programme</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Decided amount EUR million</i>	<i>MS error rate in Annual Control Reports</i>	<i>COM error/flat rate</i>
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SK	2007SK16UPO001	Research & Development	1 209,42	1,30 %	10 %
SK	2007SK161PO002	Environment	1 820,00	0,33 %	10 %
SK	2007SK161PO004	Transport	3 160,15	0,74 %	10 %
SK	2007SK161PO003	Regional OP	1 554,50	0,32 %	10 %
SK	2007SK161PO007	Technical assistance	97,60	1,79 %	10 %
SK	2007SK162PO001	Bratislava	95,21	1,79 %	10 %
UK	2007UK162PO001	Lowlands & Uplands Scotland	375,96	5,98 %	8,42 %
UK	2007UK161PO002	West Wales & Valleys	1 250,38	0,36 %	5 %
UK	2007UK162PO012	East Wales	72,45	0,36 %	5 %

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Amendment 261
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 104

Motion for a resolution

104. Stresses that the error reporting for the following operational programmes were particularly unreliable

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Programme</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Decided amount EUR million</i>	<i>MS error rate in Annual Control Reports</i>	<i>COM error/flat rate</i>
BE	2007BE162PO001	Brussels, Regional competitiveness	56,93	6,23 %	10 %
BG	2007BG161PO002	Technical assistance	1 466,43	4,10 %	10 %
DE	2007DE162PO006	ERDF Bremen	142,01	0,31 %	5 %
DE	2007DE161PO003	ERDF Mecklenburg-	1 252,42	0,81 %	5 %

		<i>West Pomerania</i>			
<i>DE</i>	<i>2007DE162PO005</i>	<i>ERDF Hesse</i>	<i>263,45</i>	<i>0,04 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>ETC</i>	<i>2007CB063PO052</i>	<i>INTERREG IV Italy/Austria</i>	<i>60,07</i>	<i>2,77 %</i>	<i>10 %</i>
<i>ETC</i>	<i>2007CG163PO030</i>	<i>Slovenia/Czech Republic</i>	<i>92,74</i>	<i>0,96 %</i>	<i>10 %</i>
<i>ETC</i>	<i>2007CB163PO019</i>	<i>Mecklenburg /WP - Poland</i>	<i>132,81</i>	<i>0,02 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>HU</i>	<i>2007HU161PO001</i>	<i>Economic Development</i>	<i>2 858,82</i>	<i>0,71 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>HU</i>	<i>2007HU161PO007</i>	<i>Transport</i>	<i>5 684,24</i>	<i>0,54 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>HU</i>	<i>2007HU161PO003</i>	<i>West Pannon</i>	<i>463,75</i>	<i>1,30 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>HU</i>	<i>2007HU161PO004</i>	<i>South Great Plain</i>	<i>748,71</i>	<i>1,30 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>HU</i>	<i>2007HU161PO005</i>	<i>Central Transdanubia</i>	<i>507,92</i>	<i>130 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>HU</i>	<i>2007HU161PO006</i>	<i>North Hungary</i>	<i>903,72</i>	<i>1,30 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>HU</i>	<i>2007HU161PO009</i>	<i>North Great Plain</i>	<i>975,07</i>	<i>1,30 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>HU</i>	<i>2007HU161PO011</i>	<i>South Transdanubia</i>	<i>705,14</i>	<i>1,30 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>HU</i>	<i>2007HU161PO001</i>	<i>Central Hungary</i>	<i>1 467,20</i>	<i>0,10 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
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<i>IT</i>	<i>2007IT161PO008</i>	<i>Calabria</i>	<i>1 499,12</i>	<i>2,45 %</i>	<i>10 %</i>
<i>SL</i>	<i>2007SL161PO001</i>	<i>Regional development potential</i>	<i>1 783,29</i>	<i>2,80 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>SL</i>	<i>2007SL161PO002</i>	<i>Infrastructure</i>	<i>1 562,06</i>	<i>2,80 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
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<i>SK</i>	<i>2007SK161PO005</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>250,00</i>	<i>1,79 %</i>	<i>25 %</i>
<i>SK</i>	<i>2007SK161PO001</i>	<i>Information society</i>	<i>843,60</i>	<i>1,79 %</i>	<i>10 %</i>
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<i>UK</i>	<i>2007UK162PO001</i>	<i>Lowlands & Uplands Scotland</i>	<i>375,96</i>	<i>5,98 %</i>	<i>8,42 %</i>
<i>UK</i>	<i>2007UK161PO002</i>	<i>West Wales & Valleys</i>	<i>1 250,38</i>	<i>036 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>
<i>UK</i>	<i>2007UK162PO012</i>	<i>East Wales</i>	<i>72,45</i>	<i>0,36 %</i>	<i>5 %</i>

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Amendment 262
C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 104

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 263
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 106

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

106. Takes note that the Commission considered, based on its own review, the work of 40 national audit authorities in charge of auditing 90% of ERDF/CF

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allocations for the 2007-2013 programming period to be in general reliable;

Or. en

Amendment 264
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 107

Motion for a resolution

107. Urges the Commission to provide further guidance and technical assistance with a view to addressing the causes of *weak administration* in the Member States;

Amendment

107. Urges the Commission to provide further guidance and technical assistance with a view to addressing the causes of *the shortcomings and weaknesses* in the Member States' *management systems*;

Or. es

Amendment 265
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 107

Motion for a resolution

107. *Urges* the Commission to provide further guidance and technical assistance *with a view to addressing the causes of weak administration in the Member States*;

Amendment

107. *Calls on* the Commission to provide further guidance and technical assistance *to the Member States; Requests that the Commission and Member States pay particular attention to simplifying procedures, including those for beneficiaries, which can have benefits for both auditing and decreasing error rates, while in parallel increasing the effectiveness of the management and control systems*;

Or. en

Amendment 266
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 108

Motion for a resolution

108. Welcomes *an* improvement in the management of the funds since 2011 *in Austria, the Czech Republic and Romania; is worried about a worsening of the ERDF management in Slovakia, Spain, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom*¹¹⁴;

¹¹⁴See 2013 annual activity report of DG REGIO, Annex, p. 43.

Amendment

108. Welcomes *the* improvement in the management of the funds *seen in certain Member States* since 2011, *and stresses the need for these improvements to be extended to cover the whole of the Union*;

Or. es

Amendment 267
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 109

Motion for a resolution

109. *Fully* supports the *Commission's policy on the* interruption and suspensions of payments;

Amendment

109. *Strongly* supports the interruption and suspensions of payments *used strictly by the Commission as a preventive tool for irregularities*;

Or. en

Amendment 268
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 109 – point a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(a) Points out that the corrections applied by the Commission are based on earlier audit reports carried out by each of the Member States, which sometimes gives rise to differing interpretations leading to disparities in the amounts entered in the accounts;

Or. es

Amendment 269

Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 110

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

110. Is aware of the provisions in the new regulatory framework for the programming period 2014-2020 stipulating that serious deficiencies within the meaning of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 480/2014¹¹⁵, detected by the Commission or the Court of Auditors after the submission of the accounts will lead to net financial corrections for the concerned programmes; calls on the Commission to provide a list of these cases in time for the 2014 Commission discharge procedure;

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¹¹⁵ ***Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 480/2014 of 3 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries***

Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (OJ L 138, 13.5.2014, p. 5).

Or. en

Amendment 270
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 112

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

112. Takes note that the Courts of Auditors methodology has to be consistent and applied to all management areas; understands that further alignment could lead to inconsistencies in the Court of Auditors' definitions of an illegal transaction in direct and shared management;

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Or. en

Amendment 271
Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 112

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

112. Takes note that the Courts of Auditors methodology has to be consistent and applied to all management areas; *understands that further alignment could lead to inconsistencies in the Court of Auditors' definitions of an illegal transaction in direct and shared management;*

112. Takes note that the Courts of Auditors methodology has to be consistent and applied to all management areas;

Amendment 272
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 113

Motion for a resolution

113. Notes that in 2013 the Commission decided on financial corrections amounting to EUR 912 371 222 on Member States' operational programmes, *of which EUR 239,50 million fell on the Czech Republic, EUR 147,21 million fell on Hungary and EUR 95,47 million fell on Greece;*

Amendment

113. Notes that in 2013 the Commission decided on financial corrections amounting to EUR 912 371 222 on Member States' operational programmes;

Amendment 273
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 113

Motion for a resolution

113. Notes that in 2013 the Commission decided on financial corrections amounting to EUR 912 371 222 *on Member States' operational programmes, of which EUR 239,50 million fell on the Czech Republic, EUR 147,21 million fell on Hungary and EUR 95,47 million fell on Greece;*

Amendment

113. Notes that in 2013 the Commission decided on financial corrections amounting to EUR 912 371 222;

Amendment 274
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 113

Motion for a resolution

113. Notes that in 2013 the Commission decided *on* financial corrections *amounting to EUR 912 371 222 on Member States' operational programmes, of which EUR 239,50 million fell on the Czech Republic, EUR 147,21 million fell on Hungary and EUR 95,47 million fell on Greece;*

Amendment

113. Notes that *according to the DG REGIO AAR* in 2013 the Commission decided *or confirmed EUR 557.2 million of financial corrections for ERDF/CF concerning all programming periods and that a total of EUR 898.7 million were implemented in 2013 in relation to corrections decided/confirmed in 2013 and previous years; points to the strengthened supervisory role of DG REGIO since the adoption and implementation of the 2008 Commission Action Plan and encourages the Commission to continue its work in this regard;*

Or. en

Amendment 275
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 113 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

113a. Calls on the Commission to carry out progressive performance assessments during the implementation of projects put forward by Member States for Structural Fund financing and following their completion, with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of projects and stepping up checks on the use of public funds and thus being able to detect any abuses and fraudulent behaviour occurring during the implementation of projects;

Amendment

Or. it

Amendment 276

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 113 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

113b. Calls on the Commission to set up a system for the exchange of information between national audit authorities so that accounting entries for transactions between two or more Member States may be cross-checked, with a view to combating cross-border fraud affecting the Structural Funds and, in view of the new arrangements applying under the 2014-2020 multiannual financial framework, the ESI funds (European Social Fund (ESF), Cohesion Fund (CF), European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)) as a whole, in order to take a cross-cutting approach to the protection of EU financial interests;

Or. it

Amendment 277

Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 114

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

114. Notes furthermore that, during the programming period 2007-2013, six Member States (the Czech Republic, Greece, Spain, Hungary, Poland and Romania) were responsible for 75% (equalling EUR 1 342 million) of the confirmed financial ERDF/CF and ESF

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corrections;

Or. en

Amendment 278
Georgi Pirinski, Dan Nica

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 114

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

114. Notes furthermore that, during the programming period 2007-2013, six Member States (the Czech Republic, Greece, Spain, Hungary, Poland and Romania) were responsible for 75% (equalling EUR 1 342 million) of the confirmed financial ERDF/CF and ESF corrections;

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Or. en

Amendment 279
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 114

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

114. Notes furthermore that, during the programming period 2007-2013, six Member States (*the Czech Republic, Greece, Spain, Hungary, Poland and Romania*) were responsible for 75% (equalling EUR 1 342 million) of the confirmed financial ERDF/CF and ESF corrections;

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Or. es

Amendment 280
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 115

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

115. Regrets that in 2013 EUR 397,8 million had to be de-committed, EUR 296,7 million alone from the Czech Republic; considers that de-commitments run counter to sound financial management;

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Or. en

Amendment 281
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 115

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

115. Regrets that in 2013 EUR 397,8 million had to be de-committed, **EUR 296,7 million alone from the Czech Republic**; considers that de-commitments run counter to sound financial management;

115. Regrets that in 2013 EUR 397,8 million had to be de-committed; considers that de-commitments run counter to sound financial management;

Or. es

Amendment 282
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 115

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Republic; considers that de-commitments run counter to sound financial management;

Republic; considers that de-commitments run counter to sound financial management; *is concerned at the continuing inability of some regions to take up the funding available and calls on the Commission to identify the problems that lie at the root of this situation in those regions; calls on the Commission also to draw up and submit a detailed plan for enhancing the takeup capacity of regions with a very low takeup rate;*

Or. it

Amendment 283
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 115

Motion for a resolution

115. Regrets that in 2013 EUR 397,8 million had to be de-committed, **EUR 296,7 million alone from the Czech Republic; considers that de-commitments run counter to sound financial management;**

Amendment

115. Regrets that in 2013 EUR 397,8 million had to be de-committed; ***calls on the Commission and on the Member States to work for timely absorption of the EU funds and for avoiding de-commitment;***

Or. en

Amendment 284
C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 115 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

115a. Points out that the setting of an eligibility period was introduced in the regulation in order to set a time frame in which to make the investments and to incentivise programme authorities to

Amendment

make timely investments for jobs and growth in the EU, this will reduce the risk of non-use within the given eligibility period and thus of de-commitments;

Or. en

Amendment 285
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 116

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

116. Notes that the managing authorities of the Member States reported a total of 941 FEIs operating at the end of 2013 in 25 Member States: 91 % account for FEIs for enterprises, 6 % for urban development projects and 3 % for funds for energy efficiency/renewable energies; notes that the total value of operational programmes' (OP) contributions paid to the FEIs amounted to EUR 14 278,20 million, including EUR 9 597,62 million of structural funds; notes that with only two years left until the closure, only 47% of OP contributions, or EUR 6 678,20 million, were disbursed to final recipients;

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Or. en

Amendment 286
C t lin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 116 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

116a. Acknowledges that the Commission together with the Member States have undertaken a number of measures to

ensure that the remaining EUR 7.6 billion of OP contributions will reach final recipients by the closure of programmes at the latest;

Or. en

Amendment 287
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 117

Motion for a resolution

117. *Is worried about* the Commission's findings in its 2013 consolidated annual report on the implementation of the FEIs - in accordance with point (j) of Article 67(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006¹¹⁷ - *that* managing authorities in the Member States *did not* provide *the full picture of the FEI implementation and that certain data showed 'inaccuracies' in relation to the data for FEIs in Hungary and Italy;*

¹¹⁷ Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 25).

Amendment

117. *Observes* the Commission's findings in its 2013 consolidated annual report on the implementation of the FEIs - in accordance with point (j) of Article 67(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006¹¹⁷ *and asks* managing authorities in the Member States *to* provide *complete and accurate information for the FEI implementation;*

¹¹⁷ Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 25).

Or. en

Amendment 288
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Subheading after paragraph 117

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Greece

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Or. en

Amendment 289
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 118

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

118. Is worried about the implementation of the priority projects in Greece under the Task Force management; notes that 48 priority projects have to be accelerated; notes that the main problems are, according to the Commission: (a) delays at maturation stage, (b) delays in licensing, (c) dissolution of contracts due to lack of liquidity of contractors and (d) lengthy court appeals during awarding procedures; calls therefore on the Commission to provide an update on the priority projects for the 2013 follow-up report;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 290
Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 118

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

118. Is worried about the implementation of the priority projects in Greece under the Task Force management; notes that 48 priority projects have to be accelerated;

118. Notes the delays in and lack of implementation of the priority projects in Greece under the Task Force management; considers that this may be explained, at

notes that the main problems are, according to the Commission: (a) delays at maturation stage, (b) delays in licensing, (c) dissolution of contracts due to lack of liquidity of contractors and (d) lengthy court appeals during awarding procedures; calls therefore on the Commission to provide an update on the priority projects for the 2013 follow-up report;

least partly, because these projects were not demand driven or had unrealistic ambitions to begin with, and therefore calls upon the Commission to reconsider the working methods of the Task Force and to recognise the need for broad public support for these projects;

Or. en

Amendment 291
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 118

Motion for a resolution

118. Is worried about the **implementation** of the priority projects in Greece under the Task Force management; notes that 48 priority projects have to be accelerated; notes that the main problems are, according to the Commission: a) delays at maturation stage, (b) delays in licensing, (c) dissolution of contracts due to lack of liquidity of contractors and (d) lengthy court appeals during awarding procedures; calls therefore on the Commission to provide **an** update on the priority projects for the 2013 follow-up report;

Amendment

118. Is worried about the **problems in implementing** the priority projects in Greece under the Task Force management; notes that 48 priority projects have to be accelerated; notes that the main problems are, according to the Commission: a) delays at maturation stage, (b) delays in licensing, (c) dissolution of contracts due to lack of liquidity of contractors and (d) lengthy court appeals during awarding procedures; calls therefore on the Commission to provide **an** update on **progress made by** the priority projects for the 2013 follow-up report;

Or. es

Amendment 292
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
New subheading after paragraph 118

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Lago Trasimeno

Or. de

Amendment 293
Ingeborg Gräble

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 118 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

118a. Notes that an OLAF fact-finding mission was conducted in December 2014 in order to discuss potential irregularities in connection with EU assistance for the cycle path around Lago Trasimeno in Italy; calls on the Commission to inform Parliament about further developments in the follow-up report on discharge for 2013;

Or. de

Amendment 294
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 119

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

119. Calls on the Commission to report in detail on progress made with MCSs considered partially effective MCS in 2013 in time for the 2014 discharge procedure¹¹⁸ ;

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¹¹⁸ ***Regrets that the following 73 MCSs in Member States were considered, at best,***

partially reliable (marked in orange colour out of a green, yellow, orange, red colour range): Vorarlberg (AT), Vienna (AT), Styria (AT), Tirol (AT), Brussels (BE), regional development (BG), environment (BG), Business & Innovation (CZ), ROP NUTSII North-East(CZ), ROP NUTS II Silesia (CZ), Integrated OP (CZ), Thuringia (DE), Mecklenburg Wes Pomerania (DE), Saxony-Anhalt, Bremen (DE), North Rheine Westphalia (DE), EC ENV (EE), Attica (EL), West Greece (EL), Macedonia-Thrace (EL), Thessaly-continental Greece-Epirus (EL), Crete and Aegean Islands (EL), Murcia (ES), Melilla (ES), Ceuta (ES), Asturias (ES), Galicia (ES), Extremadura (ES), Castalia La Mancha (ES), Andalucía (ES), Cohesion Fund (ES), Cantabria (ES), Basque region (ES), Navarra (ES), Madrid (ES), Rioja (ES), Cataluña (ES), Balearic Islands (ES), Aragon (ES), Castalia y Leon (ES), Valencia region (ES), Canary Islands (ES), Research, development and innovation for business(ES), Economic development (HU), Environment energy (HU), West Pannon (HU), South Great Plain (HU), Central Transdanubia (HU), North Hungary (HU), Transport (HU), North Great Plain (HU), South Transdanubia (HU), Central Hungary (HU), Adriatic (Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance - IPA), Mecklenburg West Pomerania/Brandenburg-Poland (European Territorial Cooperation - ETC), Flanders-Netherlands border region (ETC), Networks and mobility (IT), Research (IT), Security (IT), Calabria (IT), Puglia (IT), Sicily (IT), Basilicata (IT), Sardinia (IT), Infrastructure and environment (PL), Development Eastern Poland (PL), Information society (SK), Environment (SK), Regional OP(SK), Transport (SK), Health (SK), Competitiveness and economic growth(SK), Technical assistance (SK),

Amendment 295
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 119 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

119a. Calls on the Commission to report in detail in the 2013 Commission's Discharge Follow-up Report on progress made with MCSs considered partially in the DG REGIO AAR 2013;

Amendment 296
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 120

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

120. Calls on the Commission, in line with the Court of Auditors' recommendation, to ***carry out an assessment*** of the 'first level checks' performed during the 2007-2013 programming period in accordance with Article 32(5) of the Financial Regulation; calls on the Commission to add an assessment of the reliability of the information transmitted by the certifying bodies in the Member States to the annual activity report of DG REGIO;

120. Calls on the Commission, in line with the Court of Auditors' recommendation, to ***continue with the assessments*** of the 'first level checks' performed during the 2007-2013 programming period in accordance with Article 32(5) of the Financial Regulation; calls on the Commission to add an assessment of the reliability of the information transmitted by the certifying bodies in the Member States to the annual activity report of DG REGIO; ***welcomes the assessments carried since 2010 through targeted audits on high risk programmes in the frame of its audit enquiry 'Bridging the assurance gap'***;

Amendment 297
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 120 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

120a. calls on the Court of Auditors to provide to Parliament a detailed report on the evolution of the error rate (year per year, sectorial policy per sectorial policy and member state per member state) during the whole period of the previous Multiannual Financial Framework (2007-2013);

Amendment 298
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 121

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

121. Calls on the Commission to request that audit authorities certify the accuracy of the data on financial corrections reported by certifying authorities for each OP; considers that this detailed information should be published in the annex to the DG REGIO's annual activity report;

deleted

Amendment 299
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 124

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

124. Calls on the Commission to ask national authorities to give feedback on whether the established project objectives in the area of ERDF/CF and ESF were accomplished; considers that this should be done in such a way that the recorded dates are comparable at Union level; considers that citizens concerned by the accomplishment of the project objectives should be allowed to appraise the project once completed;

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 300
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 125

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

125. Calls on the Commission to clarify the ‘inaccuracies’ in the FEIs and to assess the results in detail in the DG REGIO’s 2014 annual activity report;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 301
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Subheading after paragraph 125

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Privatisation of infrastructure projects

deleted

financed by Union funds

Or. en

Amendment 302
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 126

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

126. Notes that the Union-financed the modernisation of a water distribution network in Skorkov (CZ) with EUR 1,1 million; is concerned about the fact that the communal authorities have let the exploitation of the water distribution system to a company which already manages the local sewerage system; notes that the latter was also co-financed with EUR 1,4 million from Union funds and that the price for the supply of drinking water increased by 45 %; notes that citizens whose water quality is inferior must therefore continue to use local wells; calls on the Commission to ensure the success of the project; supports the establishment of an independent water authority;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 303
Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 126

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

126. Notes that the Union-financed the modernisation of a water distribution network in Skorkov (CZ) with EUR 1,1

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million; is concerned about the fact that the communal authorities have let the exploitation of the water distribution system to a company which already manages the local sewerage system; notes that the latter was also co-financed with EUR 1,4 million from Union funds and that the price for the supply of drinking water increased by 45 %; ***notes that citizens whose water quality is inferior must therefore continue to use local wells***; calls on the Commission to ensure ***the success of the project***; ***supports the establishment of an independent water authority***;

million; is concerned about the fact that the communal authorities have let the exploitation of the water distribution system to a company which already manages the local sewerage system; notes that the latter was also co-financed with EUR 1,4 million from Union funds and that the price for the supply of drinking water increased by 45 %; ***considers that drinking water is a public good and that all citizens need to have access to high quality drinking water at a reasonable price***; calls on the Commission to ensure ***that Union-financed projects do not directly or indirectly limit access to high quality drinking water***;

Or. en

Amendment 304 **Verónica Lope Fontagné**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 126**

Motion for a resolution

126. Notes that the Union-financed the modernisation of a water distribution network in ***Skorkov (CZ)*** with EUR 1,1 million; is concerned about the fact that the communal authorities have let the exploitation of the water distribution system to a company which already manages the local sewerage system; notes that the latter was also co-financed with EUR 1,4 million from Union funds and that the price for the supply of drinking water increased by 45 %; notes that citizens whose water quality is inferior must therefore continue to use local wells; calls on the Commission to ensure the success of the project; supports the establishment of an independent water authority;

Amendment

126. Notes that the Union-financed the modernisation of a water distribution network in ***Member State*** with EUR 1,1 million; is concerned about the fact that the communal authorities have let the exploitation of the water distribution system to a company which already manages the local sewerage system; notes that the latter was also co-financed with EUR 1,4 million from Union funds and that the price for the supply of drinking water increased by 45 %; notes that citizens whose water quality is inferior must therefore continue to use local wells; calls on the Commission to ensure the success of the project; supports the establishment of an independent water authority;

Amendment 305
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 127

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

127. Calls on the Commission to inform Parliament about all cases in which projects with an Union share of at least 30 % were afterwards privatised;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 306
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 127

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

127. Calls on the Commission to inform Parliament about all cases in which projects with an Union share of at least **30** % were afterwards privatised;

127. Calls on the Commission to inform Parliament about all cases in which projects with an Union share of at least **10** % were afterwards privatised **during the last 5 years;**

Or. en

Amendment 307
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 127

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

127. Calls on the Commission to inform

127. Calls on the Commission to inform

Parliament about all cases in which projects with an Union share of at least 30 % were afterwards privatised;

Parliament about all cases in which projects with an Union share of at least 30% were afterwards privatised *within less than five years from project finalisation*;

Or. es

Amendment 308
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 128

Motion for a resolution

128. Underlines that the employment and social policy objectives *were primarily implemented by means of the ESF*; for the reporting year payments worth EUR 14,1 billion were made available, of which 98 % were made via the ESF;

Amendment

128. Underlines that *ESF resources are contributing substantially to the achievement of* employment and social policy objectives; for the reporting year *loans for* payments worth EUR 14,1 billion were made available *for these purposes*, of which 98 % were made via the ESF;

Or. es

Amendment 309
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 128

Motion for a resolution

128. Underlines that the employment and social policy objectives were primarily implemented by means of the ESF; for the reporting year payments worth EUR 14,1 billion were made available, of which 98 % were made via the ESF;

Amendment

128. Underlines that the employment and social policy objectives were primarily implemented by means of the ESF; for the reporting year payments worth EUR 14,1 billion were made available, of which 98 % were made via the ESF; *considers, nonetheless, that an assessment of the fund's performance needs to be carried out, to measure not so much the takeup rate for the fund but the fund's effectiveness in creating jobs and bringing*

unemployed persons back on to the labour market; calls for a detailed analysis of the fund's performance, on which Parliament's political assessment of the ESF will hinge, to be submitted by the end of the year;

Or. it

Amendment 310
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 128

Motion for a resolution

128. *Underlines* that the employment and social policy objectives were primarily implemented by means of the ESF; for the reporting year payments worth EUR 14,1 billion were made available, of which 98 % were made via the ESF;

Amendment

128. *Notes* that the employment and social policy objectives were primarily implemented by means of the ESF; for the reporting year payments worth EUR 14,1 billion were made available, of which 98 % were made via the ESF;

Or. en

Amendment 311
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 129

Motion for a resolution

129. Welcomes the *policy area's contribution to achieving the EU2020 objectives not only through ESF projects but also by drafting the annual Joint Employment Report and contributing to the country specific recommendations* as part of the *Annual Growth Survey*;

Amendment

129. Welcomes the *contribution made to the achievement of these by not only ESF-funded projects but also the formulation of country-specific recommendations contained in the annual joint employment report drawn up* as part of the *European Semester process*;

Or. es

Amendment 312
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 129

Motion for a resolution

129. Welcomes the policy area's contribution to achieving the EU2020 objectives *not only* through ESF projects *but also by drafting the annual Joint Employment Report and contributing to the country specific recommendations as part of the Annual Growth Survey*;

Amendment

129. Welcomes the policy area's contribution to achieving the EU2020 objectives through ESF projects *and the other instruments under it; underlines the importance of the ESF for investments in measures in jobs creation and fight against unemployment, in human capital, education and training, social inclusion and social services' access*;

Or. en

Amendment 313
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 130

Motion for a resolution

130. Emphasises that the reduction of youth unemployment is particularly urgent; *welcomes that more than* EUR 12.4 billion from the ESF and the Youth Employment Initiative have been earmarked for the fight against youth unemployment during the new programming period; calls on the Commission to support Member States in implementing the Union funds and make sure that this money will be spent for its indicated purpose; calls on the Commission to establish a system, for the 2014-2020 programming period which allows for reports on progress made in integrating disadvantaged people or groups of people (i.e. youth, elderly, long-term unemployed,

Amendment

130. Emphasises that the reduction of youth unemployment is particularly urgent; *regrets that only around* EUR 12.4 billion from the ESF and the Youth Employment Initiative have been earmarked for the fight against youth unemployment during the new programming period; calls on the Commission to support Member States in implementing the Union funds and make sure that this money will be spent for its indicated purpose; calls on the Commission to establish a system, for the 2014-2020 programming period which allows for reports on progress made in integrating disadvantaged people or groups of people (i.e. youth, elderly, long-term unemployed,

Roma) into employment;

Roma, *women, migrants and persons with disabilities*) into employment;

Or. en

Amendment 314

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 130

Motion for a resolution

130. Emphasises that the reduction of *youth* unemployment is particularly urgent; welcomes that *more than EUR 12.4 billion from the ESF and the Youth Employment Initiative have been earmarked for the fight against youth unemployment during the new programming period*; calls on the Commission to support Member States in implementing the Union funds *and make sure that this money will be spent for its indicated purpose*; calls on the Commission to establish a system, for the 2014-2020 programming period which allows for reports on progress *made* in integrating disadvantaged people or groups of people (*i.e. youth, elderly, long-term unemployed, Roma*) into employment;

Amendment

130. Emphasises that the reduction of unemployment *rates, especially among young people*, is particularly urgent; welcomes that, *in addition to ESF resources*, the Youth Employment Initiative *has been launched, seeking to* fight against youth unemployment *from 2014*; calls on the Commission to support Member States in implementing the Union funds; calls on the Commission to establish a system, for the 2014-2020 programming period which allows for reports on *the effectiveness of the funds earmarked for stepping up* progress in integrating disadvantaged people or groups of people *or those at risk of social exclusion*;

Or. es

Amendment 315

Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 131

Motion for a resolution

131. Points out that the funds available for the integration of Roma were not always spent for this purpose; *is concerned that*

Amendment

131. Points out that the funds available for the integration of Roma were not always spent for this purpose; *calls on the*

many Roma face discrimination and social exclusion living in very poor socio-economic conditions; is also particularly concerned by the information that, following a survey carried out by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights in 2012¹¹⁹, in 90 % of the Roma households the average income was below national poverty thresholds, and that on average about 45 % of the Roma live in severely deprived housing conditions;

¹¹⁹ *European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, The situation of Roma in 11 EU Member States, Luxembourg 2012*

Commission to develop the necessary indicators and instruments for better targeting the social inclusion of Roma.

Or. en

Amendment 316
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 131

Motion for a resolution

131. *Points out that the funds available for the integration of Roma were not always spent for this purpose;* is concerned that many Roma face discrimination and social exclusion living in very poor socio-economic conditions; is also particularly concerned by the information that, following a survey carried out by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights in 2012¹, in 90 % of the Roma households the average income was below national poverty thresholds, and that on average about 45 % of the Roma live in severely deprived housing conditions;

Amendment

131. Is concerned that, ***while*** many Roma face discrimination and social exclusion ***and are*** living in very poor socio-economic conditions, ***a portion of the funds available for the integration of this community has not always been spent for their intended purpose;*** ***calls on the Commission to carry out the necessary checks to ensure that the funds are properly used;*** is also particularly concerned by the information that, following a survey carried out by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights in 2012¹, in 90 % of the Roma households the average income was below national poverty thresholds, and that on average about 45 % of the Roma live in

severely deprived housing conditions;

¹European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, The situation of Roma in 11 EU Member States, Luxembourg 2012

¹ European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, The situation of Roma in 11 EU Member States, Luxembourg 2012

Or. es

Amendment 317
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 131 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

131a. Calls on the Commission to put pressure on the Member States and urge them to implement the Roma strategy and to ensure a Roma targeted implementation of Union funds;

Or. en

Amendment 318
Damian Dr ghici

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 131 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

131a. Calls the Commission to support effective implementation of National Roma Integration Strategies at local and regional levels and ensure that budget spending targets the objectives of the mainstream policies;

Or. en

Amendment 319
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Subheading after paragraph 131

Motion for a resolution

Errors

Amendment

Court of Auditors' findings

Or. en

Amendment 320
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 132

Motion for a resolution

132. Observes that, of the 182 transactions audited by the Court of Auditors 50 (27 %) were affected by error; notes that on the basis of the 30 errors which it has quantified, the Court estimates the most likely error rate to be 3,1 % (3,2% in 2012); notes that in 13 cases of quantifiable errors made by final beneficiaries, the national authorities had sufficient information to prevent, detect and correct the errors before declaring the expenditure to the Commission; considers that if all this information had been used to correct errors, the most likely error rate estimated for this chapter would have been 1,3 percentage points lower;

Amendment

132. Observes that, of the 182 transactions audited by the Court of Auditors 50 (27 %) were affected by error; notes that on the basis of the 30 errors which it has quantified, the Court estimates the most likely error rate to be 3,1 % (3,2% in 2012); notes that in 13 cases of quantifiable errors made by final beneficiaries, the national authorities had sufficient information to prevent, detect and correct the errors before declaring the expenditure to the Commission; considers that if all this information had been used to correct errors, the most likely error rate estimated for this chapter would have been 1,3 percentage points lower; ***Stresses that member states have an important responsibility on implementing correctly and lawfully the Union budget when they are responsible for the management of the EU funds;***

Or. en

Amendment 321
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 132

Motion for a resolution

132. Observes that, of the 182 transactions audited by the Court of Auditors 50 (27 %) were affected by error; notes that on the basis of the 30 errors which it has quantified, the Court estimates the most likely error rate to be 3,1 % (3,2% in 2012); notes that in 13 cases of quantifiable errors made by final beneficiaries, the national authorities had sufficient information to prevent, detect and correct the errors before declaring the expenditure to the Commission; ***considers that if all this information had been used to correct errors, the most likely error rate estimated for this chapter would have been 1,3 percentage points lower;***

Amendment

132. Observes that, of the 182 transactions audited by the Court of Auditors 50 (27 %) were affected by error; notes that on the basis of the 30 errors which it has quantified, the Court estimates the most likely error rate to be 3,1 % (3,2% in 2012); notes that in 13 cases of quantifiable errors made by final beneficiaries, the national authorities had sufficient information to prevent, detect and correct the errors before declaring the expenditure to the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 322
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 133

Motion for a resolution

133. Notes that the errors in this policy area concerned, ***as in previous years,*** ineligible expenditure (93% concerning overcharging of overhead costs, over-declaration of personnel costs, and costs calculated incorrectly) and failures to comply with public procurement rules (7%);

Amendment

133. Notes that the errors in this policy area concerned, ineligible expenditure (93% concerning overcharging of overhead costs, over-declaration of personnel costs, and costs calculated incorrectly) and failures to comply with public procurement rules (7%);

Or. en

Amendment 323
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 133 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

133a. Notes that the Court of Auditors' report shows a slight decrease in the estimated error rate for the area of Employment and Social Affairs, which stood at 3,1 % in 2013 compared to 3,2 % in the previous year; notes that this error rate was still the second lowest amongst all policy areas and that Parliament expects a further decrease in the error rate over the next few years;

Or. en

Amendment 324
Bogusław Liberadzki
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Subheading after paragraph 133

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Reliability of Member States' reporting

Member States' reporting

Or. en

Amendment 325
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 134

Motion for a resolution

134. Regrets that faulty first-level-checks by national management and control systems remained a prime source of error; ***has therefore the impression*** that Member States seem to be less scrupulous when spending Union funds compared to the way they spend their national budget; notes that the following programmes showed particular systemic weaknesses: Poland, Spain (Castilla y Leon), Romania, Portugal, Italy (Sicily), Germany (Bund), Germany (Thüringen), Czech Republic and Hungary; notes that in addition, thematic Commission audits revealed weaknesses in the management and control systems of the operational programmes for Ireland (Human Investment Capital), Slovakia (education) and Spain (Comunidad Valenciana);

Amendment

134. Regrets that faulty first-level-checks by national management and control systems remained a prime source of error; ***is deeply concerned by the fact*** that Member States seem to be less scrupulous when spending Union funds compared to the way they spend their national budget ***while they have an important responsibility on implementing correctly and lawfully the Union budget when they are responsible for the management of the EU funds***; notes that the following programmes showed particular systemic weaknesses: Poland, Spain (Castilla y Leon), Romania, Portugal, Italy (Sicily), Germany (Bund), Germany (Thüringen), Czech Republic and Hungary; notes that in addition, thematic Commission audits revealed weaknesses in the management and control systems of the operational programmes for Ireland (Human Investment Capital), Slovakia (education) and Spain (Comunidad Valenciana);

Or. en

Amendment 326

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 134

Motion for a resolution

134. Regrets that faulty first-level-checks by national management and control systems remained a prime source of error; ***has therefore the impression that Member States seem to be less scrupulous when spending Union funds compared to the way they spend their national budget; notes that the following programmes showed particular systemic weaknesses:***

Amendment

134. Regrets that faulty first-level-checks by national management and control systems remained a prime source of error;

Poland, Spain (Castilla y Leon), Romania, Portugal, Italy (Sicily), Germany (Bund), Germany (Thüringen), Czech Republic and Hungary; notes that in addition, thematic Commission audits revealed weaknesses in the management and control systems of the operational programmes for Ireland (Human Investment Capital), Slovakia (education) and Spain (Comunidad Valenciana);

Or. es

Amendment 327
Georgi Pirinski, Dan Nica

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 134

Motion for a resolution

134. Regrets that faulty first-level-checks by national management and control systems remained a prime source of error; has therefore the impression that Member States seem to be less scrupulous when spending Union funds compared to the way they spend their national budget; notes that the following programmes showed particular systemic weaknesses: Poland, Spain (Castilla y Leon), Romania, Portugal, Italy (Sicily), Germany (Bund), Germany (Thüringen), Czech Republic and Hungary; notes that in addition, thematic Commission audits revealed weaknesses in the management and control systems of the operational programmes for Ireland (Human Investment Capital), Slovakia (education) and Spain (Comunidad Valenciana);

Amendment

134. Notes the Court's observations about the main risks to regularity of spending in this policy area, such as the risks related to the intangible nature of investments in human capital, the diversity of the activities and the involvement of multiple, often small-scale partners, in the implementation of projects; welcomes the use of simplified cost options which reduce the administrative burden on the beneficiaries and are less prone to errors being made by Member States; asks the Commission to encourage Member States not to apply more demanding rules to ESF projects than to nationally funded projects;

Or. en

Amendment 328
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 135

Motion for a resolution

135. Points out that, when reviewing the error rates communicated by Member States (MS) in their Annual Control Reports (ACR) the Commission increased the error rate by more than 2% for *the following* Operational Programmes (OP):

<i>Member State</i>	<i>OP number</i>		<i>2013 interim payments EUR</i>	<i>MS ACR error rate</i>	<i>COM correction</i>	<i>Difference</i>
<i>IT</i>	<i>2007IT052PO009</i>	<i>Bolzano</i>	<i>934 530</i>	<i>4,95 %</i>	<i>7,11 %</i>	<i>2,16 %</i>
<i>CZ</i>	<i>2007CZ052PO001</i>	<i>Praha Adapabilita</i>		<i>3,58 %</i>	<i>6,45 %</i>	<i>2,87 %</i>
<i>SK</i>	<i>2007SK05UPO002</i>	<i>OP employment & soc. inclusion</i>	<i>86 718 231</i>	<i>1,65 %</i>	<i>4,66 %</i>	<i>3,01 %</i>
<i>UK</i>	<i>2007UK052PO002</i>	<i>Lowlands & Uplands Scotland</i>	<i>74 251 497</i>	<i>1,95 %</i>	<i>10,59 %</i>	<i>8,64 %</i>
<i>IT</i>	<i>2007IT052PO001</i>	<i>Abruzzi</i>		<i>0,2 %</i>	<i>15,9 %</i>	<i>15,88 %</i>
<i>ES</i>	<i>2007ES052PO011</i>	<i>La Rioja</i>		<i>0,38 %</i>	<i>37,76 %</i>	<i>37,38 %</i>

In addition the Commission considered the ACRs *for OPs* as entirely unreliable, thereby triggering a flat-rate correction:

<i>Member State</i>	<i>OP number</i>		<i>2013 interim payments EUR</i>	<i>MS ACR error rate</i>	<i>COM flat-rat correction</i>	<i>Difference</i>
<i>LU</i>	<i>2007LU052PO001</i>	<i>Operational programme ESF</i>	<i>4 285 659</i>	<i>0,46 %</i>	<i>2,0 %</i>	<i>1,54 %</i>
<i>IT</i>	<i>2007IT051PO001</i>	<i>Campania</i>	<i>77 486 332</i>	<i>0,38 %</i>	<i>2,0 %</i>	<i>1,62 %</i>
<i>BE</i>	<i>2007BE052PO001</i>	<i>German speaking community</i>		<i>0,0 %</i>	<i>2,0 %</i>	<i>2 %</i>
<i>ES</i>	<i>2007ES052PO002</i>	<i>Castilla y León</i>	<i>10 607 012</i>	<i>0,0 %</i>	<i>2,0 %</i>	<i>2,0 %</i>
<i>BE</i>	<i>2007BE052PO003</i>	<i>Federal state</i>		<i>3,66 %</i>	<i>5,0 %</i>	<i>1,34 %</i>
<i>IT</i>	<i>2007IT051PO007</i>	<i>Pon istruzione</i>	<i>78 589 393</i>	<i>0,4 %</i>	<i>5,0 %</i>	<i>4,6 %</i>
<i>BE</i>	<i>2007BE052PO005</i>	<i>Flanders</i>	<i>118 201 220</i>	<i>1,61 %</i>	<i>10,0 %</i>	<i>8,39 %</i>
<i>UK</i>	<i>2007UK051PO002</i>	<i>West Wales & Valleys</i>	<i>149 600 091</i>	<i>0,36 %</i>	<i>10,0 %</i>	<i>9,64 %</i>
<i>UK</i>	<i>2007UK052PO001</i>	<i>East Wales</i>	<i>9 476 602</i>	<i>0,36 %</i>	<i>10,0 %</i>	<i>9,64 %</i>
<i>IT</i>	<i>2007IT052PO012</i>	<i>Tuscany</i>	<i>61.978.561</i>	<i>1,11</i>	<i>25 %</i>	<i>23,89 %</i>
<i>IT</i>	<i>2007IT052PO016</i>	<i>Sardinia</i>	<i>23.478.530</i>	<i>0,13</i>	<i>25 %</i>	<i>24,87 %</i>

Amendment

135. Points out that, when reviewing the error rates communicated by Member States (MS) in their Annual Control Reports (ACR) the Commission increased the error rate by more than 2% for *a series of* Operational Programmes (OP); in addition the Commission *considers* some of the ACRs *also* as entirely unreliable, thereby triggering a flat-rate correction

Or. es

Amendment 329 Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 135 – 1st table

Motion for a resolution

135. Points out that, when reviewing the error rates communicated by Member States (MS) in their Annual Control Reports (ACR) the Commission increased the error rate by more than 2% for the following Operational Programmes (OP):

<i>Member State</i>	<i>OP number</i>		<i>2013 interim payments EUR</i>	<i>MS ACR error rate</i>	<i>COM correction</i>	<i>Difference</i>
<i>IT</i>	<i>2007IT052PO009</i>	<i>Bolzano</i>	<i>934 530</i>	<i>4,95%</i>	<i>7,11 %</i>	<i>2,16 %</i>
<i>CZ</i>	<i>2007CZ052PO001</i>	<i>Praha Adapabilita</i>		<i>3,58%</i>	<i>6,45 %</i>	<i>2,87 %</i>
<i>SK</i>	<i>2007SK05UPO002</i>	<i>OP employment & soc. inclusion</i>	<i>86 718 231</i>	<i>1,65%</i>	<i>4,66 %</i>	<i>3,01 %</i>
<i>UK</i>	<i>2007UK052PO002</i>	<i>Low- & Uplands Scotland</i>	<i>74 251 497</i>	<i>1,95%</i>	<i>10,59 %</i>	<i>8,64 %</i>
<i>IT</i>	<i>2007IT052PO001</i>	<i>Abruzzi</i>		<i>0,2%</i>	<i>15,9 %</i>	<i>15,88 %</i>
<i>ES</i>	<i>2007ES052PO011</i>	<i>La Rioja</i>		<i>0,38%</i>	<i>37,76 %</i>	<i>37,38 %</i>

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 330
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 135 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

135a. Welcomes in this regard the specific mitigating actions taken by the Commission, including both preventative and corrective measures and the risk-based audits carried out by DG EMPL;

Or. en

Amendment 331
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 135 – 2nd table

Motion for a resolution

In addition the Commission considered the ACRs for the following OPs as entirely unreliable, thereby triggering a flat-rate correction:

<i>Member State</i>	<i>OP number</i>		<i>2013 interim payments EUR</i>	<i>MS ACR error rate</i>	<i>COM flat-rate correction</i>	<i>Difference</i>
<i>LU</i>	<i>2007LU052PO001</i>	<i>Operational programme ESF</i>	<i>4 285 659</i>	<i>0,46%</i>	<i>2,0 %</i>	<i>1,54 %</i>
<i>IT</i>	<i>2007IT051PO001</i>	<i>Campania</i>	<i>77 486 332</i>	<i>0,38%</i>	<i>2,0 %</i>	<i>1,62 %</i>
<i>BE</i>	<i>2007BE052PO001</i>	<i>German speaking community</i>		<i>0,0%</i>	<i>2,0 %</i>	<i>2 %</i>
<i>ES</i>	<i>2007ES052PO002</i>	<i>Castilla y Leon</i>	<i>10 607 012</i>	<i>0,0%</i>	<i>2,0 %</i>	<i>2,0 %</i>
<i>BE</i>	<i>2007BE052PO003</i>	<i>Federal state</i>		<i>3,66%</i>	<i>5,0 %</i>	<i>1,34 %</i>

<i>IT</i>	<i>2007IT051PO007</i>	<i>Pon istruzione</i>	<i>78 589 393</i>	<i>0,4%</i>	<i>5,0 %</i>	<i>4,6 %</i>
<i>BE</i>	<i>2007BE052PO005</i>	<i>Flanders</i>	<i>118 201 220</i>	<i>1,61%</i>	<i>10,0 %</i>	<i>8,39 %</i>
<i>UK</i>	<i>2007UK051PO002</i>	<i>West Wales and the valleys</i>	<i>149 600 091</i>	<i>0,36%</i>	<i>10,0 %</i>	<i>9,64 %</i>
<i>UK</i>	<i>2007UK052PO001</i>	<i>East Wales</i>	<i>9 476 602</i>	<i>0,36%</i>	<i>10,0 %</i>	<i>9,64 %</i>
<i>IT</i>	<i>2007IT052PO012</i>	<i>Tuscany</i>	<i>61.978.561</i>	<i>1,11</i>	<i>25 %</i>	<i>23,89 %</i>
<i>IT</i>	<i>2007IT052PO016</i>	<i>Sardinia</i>	<i>23.478.530</i>	<i>0,13</i>	<i>25 %</i>	<i>24,87 %</i>

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 332
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 136

Motion for a resolution

136. Welcomes that the Commission continued its strict policy on interruption and suspension in 2013; in this context considers noteworthy that the Commission implemented financial corrections in 2013 amounting to EUR 842 million of which EUR 153 million for 1994-1999, EUR 472 million for 2000-2006 and EUR 217 million for 2007-2013; ***over the three programming periods the following Member States showed the highest financial correction:***

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Cumulative accepted/decided financial correction (EUR million)</i>	<i>Cumulative implemented financial correction (EUR million)</i>
<i>Italy</i>	<i>497,7</i>	<i>497,7</i>
<i>Romania</i>	<i>312,1</i>	<i>299,1</i>
<i>Spain</i>	<i>1.070,1</i>	<i>1.064,3</i>

Amendment

136. Welcomes that the Commission continued its strict policy on interruption and suspension in 2013; in this context considers noteworthy that the Commission implemented financial corrections in 2013 amounting to EUR 842 million of which EUR 153 million for 1994-1999, EUR 472 million for 2000-2006 and EUR 217 million for 2007-2013;

Or. es

Amendment 333
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 136

Motion for a resolution

136. Welcomes that the Commission continued its strict policy on interruption and suspension in 2013; in this context considers noteworthy that the Commission implemented financial corrections in 2013 amounting to EUR 842 million of which EUR 153 million for 1994-1999, EUR 472 million for 2000-2006 and EUR 217 million for 2007-2013; over the three programming periods the following Member States showed the highest financial correction:

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Cumulative accepted/decided financial correction (EUR million)</i>	<i>Cumulative implemented financial correction (EUR million)</i>
<i>Italy</i>	<i>497,7</i>	<i>497,7</i>
<i>Romania</i>	<i>312,1</i>	<i>299,1</i>
<i>Spain</i>	<i>1.070,1</i>	<i>1.064,3</i>

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 334
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 136 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

136a. Notes that the Commission implemented financial corrections in 2013 amounting to EUR 841,7 million;

Or. en

Amendment 335
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 137

Motion for a resolution

137. Notes furthermore that the Directorate-General (DG) EMPL's annual activity report contains a reservation relating to payments made for the 2007-2013 programming period for an amount at risk of EUR 123,2 million in 2013; notes that that reservation covered 36 of 118 ESF Operational Programmes (compared to 27 out of 117 OPs in 2012):

Member State	OP number	Name	Reservation
BELGIUM	2007BE051PO001	Convergence Hainaut	Full
	2007BE052PO002	Troika Wallonie-Bruxelles	Full
	2007BE052PO003	Federal	Reputational
	2007BE052PO004	Bruxelles-Capitale : Emploi et cohésion sociale	Reputational
	2007BE052PO005	Vlaanderen	Full
CZECH REPUBLIC	2007CZ052PO001	Praha Adaptabilita	Reputational
	2007CZ05UPO001	Lidské zdroje a zam stnanost	Partial Reputational
FRANCE	2007FR052PO001	Programme opérationnel national FSE	Partial
GERMANY	2007DE051PO002	Mecklemburg-Vorpommern	Full
	2007DE052PO003	Berlin	Full
IRELAND	2007IE052PO001	Human Capital investment	Partial Reputational
ITALY	2007IT051PO001	Campania	Full
	2007IT051PO007	PON Istruzione	Full
	2007IT052PO001	Abruzzo	Partial Reputational
	2007IT052PO009	Bolzano	Full
	2007IT052PO002	Toscana	Full
	2007IT052PO006	Sardegna	Full
POLAND	2007PL051PO001	Program Operacyjny Kapitał Ludzki	Partial
ROMANIA	2007RO051PO001	Human Resource Development	Full
SLOVAKIA	2007SK05UPO001	OP Education	Partial
	2007SK05UPO002	OP Employment and Social Inclusion	Partial Reputational
SPAIN	2007ES051PO003	Extremadura	Partial
	2007ES051PO005	Andalucia	Full
	2007ES052PO003	Comunidad Valenciana	Reputational
	2007ES052PO004	Aragon	Full
	2007ES052PO005	Baleares	Full
	2007ES052PO000	Cataluña	Reputational

	2007BE052PO003	Federal	Reputational
	2007BE052PO004	Bruxelles-Capitale : Emploi et cohésion sociale	Reputational
	2007BE052PO005	Vladeren	Full
CZECH REPUBLIC	2007CZ052PO001	Praha Adaptabilita	Reputational
	2007CZ05UPO001	Lidské zdroje a zam stnanost	Partial Reputational
FRANCE	2007FR052PO001	Programme opérationnel national FSE	Partial
GERMANY	2007DE051PO002	Mecklemburg-Vorpommern	Full
	2007DE052PO003	Berlin	Full
IRELAND	2007IE052PO001	Human Capital investment	Partial Reputational
ITALY	2007IT051PO001	Campania	Full
	2007IT051PO007	PON Istruzione	Full
	2007IT052PO001	Abruzzo	Partial Reputational
	2007IT052PO009	Bolzano	Full
	2007IT052PO012	Toscana	Full
	2007IT052PO016	Sardegna	Full
POLAND	2007PL051PO001	Program Operacyjny Kapitał Ludzki	Partial
ROMANIA	2007RO051PO001	Human Resource Development	Full
SLOVAKIA	2007SK05UPO001	OP Education	Partial
	2007SK05UPO002	OP Employment and Social Inclusion	Partial Reputational
SPAIN	2007ES051PO003	Extremadura	Partial
	2007ES051PO005	Andalucia	Full
	2007ES052PO003	Comunidad Valenciana	Reputational
	2007ES052PO004	Aragon	Full
	2007ES052PO005	Baleares	Full
	2007ES052PO007	Cataluña	Reputational
	2007ES052PO008	Madrid	Partial Reputational
	2007ES052PO011	La Rioja	Reputational
	2007ES05UPO001	Adaptabilidad Y Empleo	Partial
	2007ES05UPO002	Lucha contra la discriminacion	Partial
	2007ES05UPO003	Asistencia tecnica	Partial
UNITED KINGDOM	2007UK051PO002	West Wales and the Valleys	Full
	2007UK052PO001	East Wales	Full
	2007UK052PO002	Lowlands and Uplands of Scotland	Full
	2007UK052PO003	Northern Ireland	Partial
2000-2006 programming period			
Member State	OP number	Name	Reservation
FRANCE	1999FR053DO001	Objectif 3 national	Reputational
	2000FR162DO021	Nord-Pas-de-Calais	
ITALY	1999IT161PO006	Calabria	
SWEDEN	1999SE161DO001	Norbotten & Vasterbotten	
UNITED KINGDOM	1999GB161DO005	Highlands and Islands of Scotland	
	2000GB162DO013	Western Scotland	

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 337
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 138

Motion for a resolution

138. Highlights that interim payments to 2007-2013 OPs worth EUR 2 159,4 million are affected by the reservations; notes that the Commission estimated the amount at risk in 2013 at EUR 123,3 million;

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Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 338
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 138

Motion for a resolution

138. Highlights that interim payments to 2007-2013 OPs worth EUR 2 159.4 million are affected by the reservations; notes that the Commission estimated the amount at risk in 2013 at EUR 123,3 million;

Amendment

138. Highlights that interim payments to 2007-2013 OPs worth EUR 2 159.4 million, **5.7%**, are affected by the reservations; notes that the Commission estimated the amount at risk in 2013 at EUR 123,3 million, **0.97% of the estimated total for the period 2007-2013;**

Or. es

Amendment 339
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 139

Motion for a resolution

139. Supports the Court of Auditors when

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Amendment

it asks the Commission to consistently disclose in its annual activity report the reasons for not making reservations (or making reservations with a lower financial impact) in those cases where this is due to exceptions to applicable Commission guidance or approved audit strategies;

Or. en

Amendment 340
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 139

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

139. Supports the Court of Auditors when it asks the Commission to consistently disclose in its annual activity report the reasons for not making reservations (or making reservations with a lower financial impact) in those cases where this is due to exceptions to applicable Commission guidance or approved audit strategies; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 341
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 140

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

140. Remains worried about systemic weaknesses in Spanish and Italian management and control systems aggravated by decentralised and devolved state structures; *deleted*

Amendment 342
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 140

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

140. Remains worried about systemic weaknesses in Spanish and Italian management and control systems aggravated by decentralised and devolved state structures;

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Amendment 343
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 140

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

140. Remains worried about systemic weaknesses in Spanish and Italian management and control systems aggravated by decentralised and devolved state structures;

140. Acknowledges that decentralised structures and devolved administration in some Member States are impeding the proper functioning of the management and control systems by multiplying the number of intermediate bodies responsible for the management, monitoring and auditing of the European funds;

Amendment 344
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 141

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

141. Asks DG EMPL to include the table on national ACRs, provided in response to question 19 in the discharge questionnaire, in its annual activity report;

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Or. en

Amendment 345
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 142

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

142. Is concerned that, by the end of 2014 EUR 129 million may have to be de-committed in six Member States (BE, CZ, DE, ES, IT and UK);

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Or. en

Amendment 346
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 142

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

142. Is concerned that, by the end of 2014 EUR 129 million may have to be de-committed in six Member States (BE, CZ, DE, ES, IT and UK);

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Or. en

Amendment 347
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 142

Motion for a resolution

142. Is concerned that, by the end of 2014 EUR 129 million may have to be de-committed in six Member States (**BE, CZ, DE, ES, IT and UK**);

Amendment

142. Is concerned that, by the end of 2014 EUR 129 million may have to be de-committed in six Member States;

Or. es

Amendment 348
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 143

Motion for a resolution

143. Observes that the Union has contributed EUR 100 million to Progress Microfinance; recalls that the European Investment Fund that implements Progress Microfinance on behalf of the Commission and the European Investment Bank reported that 52 microcredit providers in 20 Member States had signed agreements under Progress Microfinance and 31 895 microloans worth EUR 260,78 million had already been disbursed to micro-entrepreneurs; ***is concerned in this context that not enough attention is paid to the question of democratic accountability when setting up financial instruments;***

Amendment

143. Observes that the Union has contributed EUR 100 million to Progress Microfinance; recalls that the European Investment Fund that implements Progress Microfinance on behalf of the Commission and the European Investment Bank reported that 52 microcredit providers in 20 Member States had signed agreements under Progress Microfinance and 31 895 microloans worth EUR 260,78 million had already been disbursed to micro-entrepreneurs;

Or. es

Amendment 349
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 143

Motion for a resolution

143. Observes that the Union has contributed EUR 100 million to Progress Microfinance; recalls that the European Investment Fund that implements Progress Microfinance on behalf of the Commission and the European Investment Bank reported that 52 microcredit providers in 20 Member States had signed agreements under Progress Microfinance and 31 895 microloans worth EUR 260,78 million had already been disbursed to micro-entrepreneurs; ***is concerned in this context that not enough attention is paid to the question of democratic accountability when setting up financial instruments;***

Amendment

143. Observes that the Union has contributed EUR 100 million to Progress Microfinance; recalls that the European Investment Fund that implements Progress Microfinance on behalf of the Commission and the European Investment Bank reported that 52 microcredit providers in 20 Member States had signed agreements under Progress Microfinance and 31 895 microloans worth EUR 260,78 million had already been disbursed to micro-entrepreneurs;

Or. en

Amendment 350
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 143

Motion for a resolution

143. Observes that the Union has contributed EUR 100 million to Progress Microfinance; recalls that the European Investment Fund that implements Progress Microfinance on behalf of the Commission and the European Investment Bank reported that 52 microcredit providers in 20 Member States had signed agreements under Progress Microfinance and 31 895 microloans worth EUR 260,78 million had already been disbursed to micro-entrepreneurs; ***is concerned in this context that not enough attention is paid to the question of democratic accountability when setting up financial instruments;***

Amendment

143. Observes that the Union has contributed EUR 100 million to Progress Microfinance; recalls that the European Investment Fund that implements Progress Microfinance on behalf of the Commission and the European Investment Bank reported that 52 microcredit providers in 20 Member States had signed agreements under Progress Microfinance and 31 895 microloans worth EUR 260,78 million had already been disbursed to micro-entrepreneurs;

Amendment 351
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 145 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

145a. Urges the Commission to ensure that the Member State authorities in charge of managing structural funds address the issue of charging personnel costs at higher rates for EU projects compared to those financed by national funds, and to follow in this respect a zero tolerance approach instead of concentrating solely on those Member States in which the problems are of a systemic nature;

Or. en

Amendment 352
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 146

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

146. Calls on the Commission to put pressure on the Member States and urge them to implement the Roma strategy and to ensure the Roma targeted implementation of Union funds;

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Or. en

Amendment 353
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 146 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

146a. Calls on the Commission to put pressure on the Member states and urge them to actively and concretely fight against unemployment, in particular youth unemployment;

Or. en

Amendment 354
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 149

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

149. Deplores the fact that for nine transactions relating to the national programme for pre-accession, the Commission at its own initiative and in violation of Article 88 of the Financial Regulation and 100 of its Rules of Application validated expenditure of EUR 150 million in the absence of supporting documentation which would have enabled it to confirm that the expenses had actually been incurred, that they were accurately reflected in the amounts accepted and that they were eligible¹;

149. Deplores the fact that for nine transactions relating to the national programme for pre-accession, the Commission at its own initiative and in violation of Article 88 of the Financial Regulation and 100 of its Rules of Application validated expenditure of EUR 150 million in the absence of supporting documentation which would have enabled it to confirm that the expenses had actually been incurred, that they were accurately reflected in the amounts accepted and that they were eligible¹; ***considers it essential for it to be possible for such funding to be suspended not only where misuse of funds has been proven but also in cases where pre-accession countries infringe in any way the rights laid down in the Universal Charter of Human Rights;***

¹See Court of Auditors' Annual Report for 2013, point 7.16.

¹See Court of Auditors' Annual Report for 2013, point 7.16.

Amendment 355

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 149

Motion for a resolution

149. *Deplores* the fact that for nine transactions relating to the national programme for pre-accession, the Commission *at its own initiative and in violation of Article 88 of the Financial Regulation and 100 of its Rules of Application validated expenditure of EUR 150 million in the absence of supporting documentation which would have enabled it to confirm that the expenses had actually been incurred, that they were accurately reflected in the amounts accepted and that they were eligible*¹²⁰ ;

¹²⁰ See Court of Auditors' Annual Report for 2013, point 7.16.

Amendment

149. *Regrets* the fact that for nine transactions relating to the national programme for pre-accession, the Commission *has used an accounting procedure to provisionally clear amounts based on estimates, rather than on the basis of incurred, paid and accepted costs proven by supporting documents*¹²⁰ .

¹²⁰ See Court of Auditors' Annual Report for 2013, point 7.16.

Amendment 356

Michael Theurer, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 149

Motion for a resolution

149. Deplores the fact that for nine transactions relating to the national programme for pre-accession, the Commission at its own initiative and in violation of Article 88 of the Financial

Amendment

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Regulation and 100 of its Rules of Application validated expenditure of EUR 150 million in the absence of supporting documentation which would have enabled it to confirm that the expenses had actually been incurred, that they were accurately reflected in the amounts accepted and that they were eligible¹²⁰ ;

¹²⁰ See Court of Auditors' Annual Report for 2013, point 7.16.

Regulation and 100 of its Rules of Application validated expenditure of EUR 150 million in the absence of supporting documentation which would have enabled it to confirm that the expenses had actually been incurred, that they were accurately reflected in the amounts accepted and that they were eligible¹²⁰ ;

Acknowledges that the EC has consistently pointed out that no expenditure has officially been validated and excepted by former DG Enlargement under the clearance of accounts procedure, and therefore no communication to the beneficiary indicating acceptance could be assumed;

¹²⁰ See Court of Auditors' Annual Report for 2013, point 7.16.

Or. en

Amendment 357 **Ingeborg Gräßle**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 150**

Motion for a resolution

150. Deplores the fact that the Declaration of assurance of Directorate-General for Enlargement is ***irregular*** as it stated on 31 March 2014 that all procedures were in place to ensure the legality and regularity of transactions even though, at that time, 20 % of all expenditure booked by that DG was based on estimates;

Amendment

150. Deplores the fact that the Declaration of assurance of Directorate-General for Enlargement is ***erroneous*** as it stated on 31 March 2014 that all procedures were in place to ensure the legality and regularity of transactions even though, at that time, 20 % of all expenditure booked by that DG was based on estimates; ***underlines that this proceeding is a violation of the Financial Regulation which has taken place a lot of years; Welcomes that in 2014 the Commission put a system in place, and implemented it without delay, to ensure that the clearing of pre-financing is made from now on the basis***

of correctly incurred and reported costs;

Or. en

Amendment 358

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 150

Motion for a resolution

150. *Deplores the fact that the Declaration of assurance of Directorate-General for Enlargement is irregular as it stated on 31 March 2014 that all procedures were in place to ensure the legality and regularity of transactions even though, at that time, 20 % of all expenditure booked by that DG was based on estimates;*

Amendment

150. *Urges the Commission to put a system in place, and implement it without delay, to ensure that the clearing of pre-financing is made on the basis of correctly incurred and reported costs;*

Or. en

Amendment 359

Michael Theurer, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 150

Motion for a resolution

150. Deplores the fact that the Declaration of assurance of Directorate-General for Enlargement is irregular as it stated on 31 March 2014 that all procedures were in place to ensure the legality and regularity of transactions even though, at that time, 20 % of all expenditure booked by that DG was based on estimates;

Amendment

150. Deplores the fact that the Declaration of assurance of Directorate-General for Enlargement is irregular as it stated on 31 March 2014 that all procedures were in place to ensure the legality and regularity of transactions even though, at that time, 20 % of all expenditure booked by that DG was based on estimates;

Notes that the legality and regularity of costs accepted as eligible is ensured through DG Enlargement through a

formal clearance of accounts procedure at the end of the life of each programme;

Or. en

Amendment 360
Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 151 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

151a. Asks the Commission to submit a special report on the added value of budget support and, in particular, on the way it has helped developing countries in realising the Millennium Development Goals; requests in this regard a survey of measures taken to avoid part of the funding to be wasted as a result of corruption and fraud and of the effectiveness of financial management systems in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 361
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 151 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

151b. Shares the criticisms of the Court of Auditors of the so-called 'notional approach' in the case of multi-donor projects and asks the Commission to examine the option of presenting, in its own accounts an analysis of these projects as a whole, instead of limiting itself to the consideration of whether the pooled amount includes sufficient eligible

expenditure to cover the EU contribution;

Or. en

Amendment 362
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 152

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

152. Asks the Court of Auditors to calculate a separate error rate in external relations for the expenditures not included in the budget support or in the contributions to multi donor projects carried out by international organisations;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 363
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 153

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

153. Asks the Commission to modify the standing instructions given by the Secretariat General of the Commission so as to make it possible when the financial impact exceeds the materiality threshold for the whole budget under a DG's responsibility, that an adverse opinion be given;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 364
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 153

Motion for a resolution

153. Asks the Commission to **modify** the standing instructions given by the Secretariat General of the Commission so as to make it possible when the financial impact exceeds the materiality threshold for the whole budget under a DG's responsibility, that an adverse opinion be given;

Amendment

153. Asks the Commission to **clarify** the standing instructions given by the Secretariat General of the Commission so as to make it possible when the financial impact exceeds the materiality threshold for the whole budget under a DG's responsibility, that an adverse opinion be given;

Or. en

Amendment 365
Daniel Caspary, Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 154 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

154a. Asks to ensure sufficient controls on the various activities supporting the internationalisation of the Union's small and medium-sized enterprises as well as their access to third markets; reminds of the urgent need for an independent and external evaluation, in particular, of the effectiveness of the EU business centres in Asia which shall be delivered to the European Parliament in due time.

Or. en

Amendment 366
Daniel Caspary, Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 154 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

154b. Asks the Commission to redistribute personal resources from other directorates-general (DG) to the DG for Trade to ensure that the DG Trade is able to satisfy the justified demand of the European citizens and the European Parliament for an increased transparency and access to information in the context of ongoing trade negotiations of the EU and the upcoming ratification process, in particular with regard to TTIP, CETA and TISA, in an effective, efficient and timely manner without being forced to neglect other important assigned tasks.

Or. en

Amendment 367
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 156

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

156. Notes that in the light of the KPIs set up by the Commission the best performing Union delegations are those to Nepal and Namibia since they reached the benchmarks set by the Commission for 23 of the 26 key performance indicators; **regrets** that the **worst performing delegation** is the Union's delegation to Libya that reached the benchmarks for only three of 26 KPIs, followed by the **similarly bad per-forming** delegation to the Central African Republic that reached only four benchmarks;

156. Notes that in the light of the KPIs set up by the Commission the best performing Union delegations are those to Nepal and Namibia since they reached the benchmarks set by the Commission for 23 of the 26 key performance indicators; **acknowledges** that the **delegation which encounters difficulties** is the Union's delegation to Libya that reached the benchmarks for only three of 26 KPIs, followed by the delegation to the Central African Republic that reached only four benchmarks;

Or. en

Amendment 368
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 159 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution

– present to Parliament the measures taken in order to improve the performance of Union delegations as regards financial planning and resource allocation, financial administration and auditing *in particular as regards the worst performing delegations*;

Amendment

– present to Parliament the measures taken in order to improve the performance of Union delegations as regards financial planning and resource allocation, financial administration and auditing;

Or. en

Amendment 369
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 159 – indent 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

– make external assistance contingent on efforts being made to combat corruption;

Amendment

Or. it

Amendment 370
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 159 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

159a. Takes note that a leaked version of the final report of OLAF on IMG has been circulated; asks to the Commission

Amendment

and OLAF's supervisory committee to investigate why and how the OLAF report was leaked and by whom, while IMG is still not informed about the content of the report;

Or. en

Amendment 371

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 159 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

159b. Reminds that upon an earlier request OLAF declared itself not competent to investigate on the legality of the status of an international organisation; Is therefore surprised about the conclusion of the leaked OLAF report, namely that there were no cases of fraud or corruption but that there are doubts about the international status of IMG and this 24 years after its establishment as an international organisation, points out that this finding is in complete contradiction to the opinions of the legal service of the Commission which considers the IMG as a legal international organisation; reminds that this position has been regularly confirmed by several Commissioners;

Or. en

Amendment 372

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 159 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

159c. Stresses that OLAF has put undue pressure on Commission to discontinue its financial support to IMG for new contracts, pending the investigation while being well aware of the fact that this would lead to substantial difficulties for IMG, to maintain the high level of expertise required to carry out its tasks;

Or. en

Amendment 373
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 159 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

159d. Is of the same opinion as last year discharge 100 f; states as its position that IMG is an international organisation which falls completely under the definition laid down in Article 43 of the Implementing Rules of the Financial Regulation; stresses that the organisation has been existing since 1994; urges the Commission to restart authorizing the IMG to compete fairly on future calls for proposals and grants;

Or. en

Amendment 374
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 160

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

160. Is deeply concerned by the fact that the Commission continues to treated International Management Group (IMG) as an international organisation while an OLAF investigation was open in 2011 in this regard and while Parliament has alerted the Commission about this issue; notes that this organisation received more than EUR 130 million from the Commission since its creation under joint management, direct or indirect management mode; asks the Director General of OLAF to inform Parliament about the follow-up given to the OLAF enquiry opened in 2011 as regards the status of international organisation of IMG; urges the Commission to provide Parliament with a list enumerating all the organisations, companies, other bodies or persons having received contracts from the Commission without a call for proposals and detailing their legal status;

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Or. en

Amendment 375

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 160

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

160. Is deeply concerned by the fact that the Commission continues to treated International Management Group (IMG) as an international organisation while an OLAF investigation was open in 2011 in this regard and while Parliament has alerted the Commission about this issue; notes that this organisation received more than EUR 130 million from the Commission since its creation under joint

160. Urges the Commission to provide Parliament with *an exhaustive* list enumerating all the organisations, companies, other bodies or persons having received contracts from the Commission without a call for proposals and detailing their legal status;

management, direct or indirect management mode; asks the Director General of OLAF to inform Parliament about the follow-up given to the OLAF enquiry opened in 2011 as regards the status of international organisation of IMG; urges the Commission to provide Parliament with a list enumerating all the organisations, companies, other bodies or persons having received contracts from the Commission without a call for proposals and detailing their legal status;

Or. en

Amendment 376
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 160 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

160a. Recalls that, one year ago, Parliament declined to include in the 2012 discharge for the European Commission reference to concerns at the lack of international status for the IMG and other reiterated concerns;

is very surprised and deeply concerned at the possibly serious consequences for the IMG of the recent wrongful leaking of an OLAF report, seriously harming its image and reputation and jeopardising the jobs of over 300 employees, as well as the very survival of the organisation as such;

questions the suitability of OLAF to deal yet again with a case relating not to fraud but to the legal status of an organisation, especially since, when it was consulted on this in 2008, OLAF decided that, having failed to detect any financial fraud in the IMG, it was neither competent nor empowered to rule on its status;

recalls that the IMG was formally

established in the context of the war in former Yugoslavia at a meeting in Geneva on 25 November 1994 chaired by the coordinator of the UNHCR Special Operation in former Yugoslavia, at which all present acknowledged that it was at that time the only body systematically monitoring water supply, electricity and housing infrastructures, the UNHCR being responsible for emergency humanitarian aid;

recalls that, at this meeting, the IMG was formally established with the signatures of Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and ECHO, the EU Humanitarian Aid Office (Sweden announced its intention to sign later) and with Denmark, Germany, the Russian Federation, ECHO, Italy, Sweden, Finland, the Netherlands, Switzerland, France Norway and the United Kingdom pledging financial assistance;

stresses that IMG has for 20 years been working for the European Commission and Member States specialising in project implementation focused exclusively on in crisis- or emergency-stricken countries (Bosnia, Kosovo, Palestine, Lebanon, Haiti, Myanmar, etc) obtaining excellent results earning it a reputation recognised by the Commission and the international community; points out in addition that the Commission's own legal service has endorsed its credentials as an international organisation under the EU Financial Regulation;

Amendment 377

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Subheading after paragraph 160

Motion for a resolution

Ukraine

Amendment

*European Neighbourhood and
Partnership Instrument (ENPI)*

Or. en

Amendment 378

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 161

Motion for a resolution

161. Notes that in 2013 payments of bilateral assistance to Ukraine, funded from the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) budget, amounted to EUR 152,8 million; notes that 42,5% of these payments (EUR 64,9 million) are linked to contracts directly managed by the Union delegation to Ukraine; notes that the remaining 57,5% (EUR 87,9 million) were disbursed in the form of budget support;

Amendment

161. Notes that in 2013 payments of bilateral assistance to Ukraine, funded from the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) budget, amounted to EUR 152,8 million; notes that 42,5% of these payments (EUR 64,9 million) are linked to contracts directly managed by the Union delegation to Ukraine; notes that the remaining 57,5% (EUR 87,9 million) were disbursed in the form of budget support;

Or. en

Amendment 379

Bogusław Liberadzki

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 162

Motion for a resolution

162. Emphasises that budget support payments are conditional on the achievement of jointly agreed results and benchmarks; notes that the beneficiary government commits to these results and benchmarks by signing a bilateral financing agreement and if results and benchmarks are not achieved, payments are not disbursed;

Amendment

162. Emphasises that budget support payments are conditional on the achievement of jointly agreed results and benchmarks; notes that the beneficiary government commits to these results and benchmarks by signing a bilateral financing agreement and if results and benchmarks are not achieved, payments are not disbursed;

Or. en

Amendment 380
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 163

Motion for a resolution

163. Appreciates that Ukraine finds itself currently in a particularly difficult situation (illegal annexation of the Crimean peninsula by Russia and a separatist rebellion in Eastern Ukraine);

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Or. en

Amendment 381
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 163

Motion for a resolution

163. Appreciates that Ukraine finds itself currently in a particularly difficult situation

Amendment

163. Appreciates that Ukraine finds itself currently in a particularly difficult

(illegal annexation of the Crimean peninsula by Russia and a separatist rebellion in Eastern Ukraine);

situation, *but maintains that this may not be an excuse for not fulfilling the conditions under which budget support is given and, in particular, for not addressing the wide-spread corruption in the country;*

Or. en

Amendment 382
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 164

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

164. Calls therefore on the Commission and the Union delegation to Ukraine to be particularly vigilant when disbursing funds and to assure themselves that the funds are invested in the projects they were destined for;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 383
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 165

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

165. Is concerned about the high administration costs of aid delivery to Central Asia calculated by the Court of Auditors; asks the Commission to inform Parliament about the administrative costs of external aid delivery if they exceed **10** % of the forecasted budget;

165. Is concerned about the high administration costs of aid delivery to Central Asia calculated by the Court of Auditors; asks the Commission to inform Parliament about the administrative costs of external aid delivery if they exceed **significantly** of the forecasted budget;

Or. en

Amendment 384

Inés Ayala Sender, Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution

Subheading after paragraph 165

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Possible embezzlement of Union humanitarian and development aid funds

Union humanitarian and development aid funds

Or. en

Amendment 385

Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 166

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

166. Is surprised by the fact that OLAF has not recommended that the Commission establish a recovery order on the basis of the financial damage caused to the Union budget with regard the humanitarian support granted to the refugee camp of Tindouf whilst it has estimated in its report (OF 2003/0526) that the number of refugees was considerably lower than indicated by the Sahrawi or Algerian authorities;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 386

Jytte Guteland, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 166

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

166. Is surprised by the fact that OLAF has not recommended that the Commission establish a recovery order on the basis of the financial damage caused to the Union budget with regard the humanitarian support granted to the refugee camp of Tindouf whilst it has estimated in its report (OF 2003/0526) that the number of refugees was considerably lower than indicated by the Sahrawi or Algerian authorities; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 387

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 166

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

166. Is surprised by the fact that OLAF has not recommended that the Commission establish a recovery order on the basis of the financial damage caused to the Union budget with regard the humanitarian support granted to the refugee camp of Tindouf whilst it has estimated in its report (OF 2003/0526) that the number of refugees was considerably lower than indicated by the Sahrawi or Algerian authorities; *deleted*

Or. it

Amendment 388

Javier Nart, Fernando Maura Barandiarán, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Juan Carlos Girauta Vidal, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Ivo Vajgl, Cecilia Wikström, Jozo Radoš, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 166

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

166. Is surprised by the fact that OLAF has not recommended that the Commission establish a recovery order on the basis of the financial damage caused to the Union budget with regard the humanitarian support granted to the refugee camp of Tindouf whilst it has estimated in its report (OF 2003/0526) that the number of refugees was considerably lower than indicated by the Sahrawi or Algerian authorities;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 389
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 166

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

166. Is surprised by the fact that OLAF has not recommended that the Commission establish a recovery order on the basis of the financial damage caused to the Union budget with regard the humanitarian support granted to the refugee camp of Tindouf whilst it has estimated in its report (OF 2003/0526) that the number of refugees was considerably lower than indicated by the Sahrawi or Algerian authorities;

166. Calls on the Commission to carry out more rigorous evaluation and monitoring with regard to humanitarian support granted to the refugee camps , ensuring that the needs and interests of the refugees are under no circumstances sacrificed, given that they are the most vulnerable to the consequences of any irregularities;

Or. es

Amendment 390
Michael Theurer, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 166

Motion for a resolution

166. Is surprised by the fact that OLAF has not recommended that the Commission establish a recovery order on the basis of the financial damage caused to the Union budget with regard the humanitarian support granted to the refugee camp of Tindouf whilst it has estimated in its report (OF 2003/0526) that the number of refugees was considerably lower than indicated by the Sahrawi or Algerian authorities;

Amendment

166. Is surprised by the fact that OLAF has not recommended that the Commission establish a recovery order on the basis of the financial damage caused to the Union budget with regard the humanitarian support granted to the refugee camp of Tindouf whilst it has estimated in its report (OF 2003/0526) that the number of refugees was considerably lower than indicated by the Sahrawi or Algerian authorities;

Notes that, according to a UNHRC inquiry report, the non-registration of a refugee population for such a prolonged period (i.e. almost 30 years after their arrival) constitutes "an abnormal and unique situation in the UNHRC's history";

Asks the Commission whether all other recommendations of the report, including the reduction of aid levels, have been implemented.

Or. en

Amendment 391
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 166

Motion for a resolution

166. *Is surprised by the fact that OLAF* has not recommended that the Commission establish a recovery order *on the basis of the financial damage caused to the Union budget* with regard the humanitarian support granted to the refugee camp of Tindouf *whilst it has estimated in its*

Amendment

166. *Takes note that a leaked version of the final report of OLAF (OF 2003/0526)* has not recommended that the Commission establish a recovery order with regard the humanitarian support granted to the refugee camp of Tindouf; *calls for clarification by the Commission on the*

report (OF 2003/0526) that the number of refugees was considerably lower than indicated by the Sahrawi or Algerian authorities;

measures taken in response to the findings of this report;

Or. en

Amendment 392
Inés Ayala Sender, Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 166 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

166a. Notes that last year an old OLAF Report (OF 2003/0526) from 2003 on allegations of misapplication of funds to Sahrawi refugees in Tindouf camp was disclosed upon request by a private party showing that:

1) the Commission suspended the funding in 2003, assessed together with OLAF the number of refugees and adapted the funding to the Tindouf camp according to the new needs.

2) As a result of the new assessment done by the Commission and OLAF, the UN took the new figures of refugees as reference

3) OLAF concluded that the amount of financial damage caused to the European Union budget could not precisely be determined;

4) OLAF closed the report in 2007 as no evidence was found which would have led to any judicial or administrative proceedings.

Or. en

Amendment 393

Javier Nart, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Fernando Maura Barandiarán, Juan Carlos Girauta Vidal, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Ivo Vajgl, Cecilia Wikström, Jozo Radoš, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 166 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

166a. Takes note that OLAF carried out a report on the humanitarian aid granted to the Saharawi refugee camp of Tindouf in Algeria (dated 2007). Calls for clarification by the Commission on the measures taken in response to the findings of this report. Reminds the Commission of the importance to adapt Union aid to the actual needs of the population concerned;

Or. en

Amendment 394

Inés Ayala Sender, Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 167

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

167. Urges the Commission to adapt Union aid to the actual needs of the population concerned in order to put an end to all kinds of trafficking and to the embezzlement of humanitarian assistance;

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Or. en

Amendment 395

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 167

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

167. Urges the Commission to adapt Union aid to the actual needs of the population concerned in order to put an end to all kinds of trafficking and to the embezzlement of humanitarian assistance; *deleted*

Or. it

Amendment 396
Jytte Guteland, Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 167

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

167. Urges the Commission to adapt Union aid to the actual needs of the population concerned in order to put an end to all kinds of trafficking and to the embezzlement of humanitarian assistance; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 397
Javier Nart, Fernando Maura Barandiarán, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Juan Carlos Girauta Vidal, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Ivo Vajgl, Cecilia Wikström, Jozo Radoš, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 167

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

167. Urges the Commission to adapt Union aid to the actual needs of the population concerned in order to put an *deleted*

end to all kinds of trafficking and to the embezzlement of humanitarian assistance;

Or. en

Amendment 398
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 167

Motion for a resolution

167. Urges the Commission to *adapt* Union aid to the actual needs of the population concerned *in order to put an end to* all kinds of trafficking and to the embezzlement of humanitarian assistance;

Amendment

167. Urges the Commission to *guarantee that* Union aid *is channelled towards* to the actual needs of the population concerned, *preventing* all kinds of trafficking and the embezzlement of humanitarian assistance;

Or. es

Amendment 399
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 167

Motion for a resolution

167. Urges the Commission to adapt Union aid to the actual needs of the population concerned *in order to put an end to all kinds of trafficking and to the embezzlement of humanitarian assistance;*

Amendment

167. Urges the Commission to adapt Union aid to the actual needs of the population concerned ;

Or. en

Amendment 400
Michael Theurer, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 167

Motion for a resolution

167. Urges the Commission to adapt Union aid to the actual needs of the population concerned in order to put an end to all kinds of trafficking and to the embezzlement of humanitarian assistance;

Amendment

167. Urges the Commission to adapt Union aid to the actual needs of the population concerned in order to put an end to all kinds of trafficking and to the embezzlement of humanitarian assistance;

urges the Commission to ensure that the Algerian or Sahrawi individuals incriminated by the OLAF report (OF 2003/0526) no longer have access to aid funded by European taxpayers;

Or. en

Amendment 401
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 167 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

167a. Points out that the attempt to deprive Saharawi refugees vital humanitarian aid based on a more than a decade-old research in a report recently exhumed from the archives not only contradicts definitely the long term and strongly based position of the European Parliament on the Saharawi refugees but is just unacceptable;

Or. en

Amendment 402
Inés Ayala Sender, Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 167 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

167b. Acknowledges that the Commission has reviewed its approach with respect to the aid provided in order to reduce the risk of diversion by privileging the supply of food items for distribution which are less prone to diversion and intervening in sectors where diversion is unlikely, such as water network in the camp;

Or. en

Amendment 403

Inés Ayala Sender, Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 167 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

167c. Acknowledges that following the results and recommendations drawn by the OLAF report, ECHO has further strengthened the control architecture in place for operations in the Tindouf camp, composed of five sub camp. This includes regular and strict monitoring of operations by ECHO staff, and control by all Commission-funded partners of the logistic chain and the distribution of aid, including joint efforts to improve WFP procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 404

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 169

Motion for a resolution

169. Congratulates the Commission on the implementation the Seventh Framework Programme (7FP): notes that 809 grant agreements, involving 10 345 participants for a total of EUR 3 439 million in Union contributions were signed; notes that progress was made in meeting key performance indicators (gross expenditure on Research and Development (R&D), share of public expenditure on R&D, progress in the implementation of the Innovation Union, share of Union financial contributions to small and medium-sized enterprises, reduction of Time-to-Grant);

Amendment

169. Stresses that the Seventh Framework Programme (7FP) was the main programme financed by the Commission: notes that 809 grant agreements, involving 10 345 participants for a total of EUR 3 439 million in Union contributions were signed; **notes that the 7FP contributes to the Union's efforts to invest in a sustainable competitiveness but points that the EU as a whole is still far from its objective of having at least 3% of GDP spent on R&D;** notes that *some* progress was made in meeting key performance indicators (gross expenditure on Research and Development (R&D), share of public expenditure on R&D, progress in the implementation of the Innovation Union, share of Union financial contributions to small and medium-sized enterprises, reduction of Time-to-Grant);

Or. en

Amendment 405
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 169 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

169a. Takes note that the main component of this spending area is research and innovation projects, with EUR 7,7 billion of payments in 2013. Other internal policies cover spending on a range of policy objectives, including education and culture, security, migration and measures to combat the effects of the financial crisis. Recalls that the majority of the expenditure is managed by the Commission;

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Amendment 406
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 169 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

169b. Regrets that 35% of the estimated error is caused by incorrectly calculated or ineligible personnel costs. This includes declaring budgeted rather than actual personnel costs, as well as charging time that was not spent on the projects;

Or. en

Amendment 407
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Subheading after paragraph 169

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Errors

Court of Auditors' findings

Or. en

Amendment 408
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 170

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

170. Observes that the spending in this policy group covered a wide range of

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policy objectives, such as research and innovation, education, security, migration and measures to combat the effects of the financial crisis; notes that the Commission spent more than 50 % (EUR 5 771 million) of the available amount on research; notes that 45 % of the Commission's research budget was implemented by bodies (i.e. agencies, joint undertakings) outside the Directorate General; notes that almost 90 % of the spending took the form of grants to beneficiaries participating in projects and that in 2013 the Commission concluded 809 grant agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 409
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 170

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

170. Observes that the spending in this policy group covered a wide range of policy objectives, such as research and innovation, education, security, migration and measures to combat the effects of the financial crisis; notes that the Commission spent more than 50 % (EUR 5 771 million) of the available amount on research; notes that 45 % of the Commission's research budget was implemented by bodies (i.e. agencies, joint undertakings) outside the Directorate General; notes that almost 90 % of the spending took the form of grants to beneficiaries participating in projects and that in 2013 the Commission concluded 809 grant agreements;

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Or. en

Amendment 410
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 171

Motion for a resolution

171. Notes that Court of Auditors audited 150 transactions, namely 89 transactions relating to research (86 for the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) and three for the Sixth Framework Programme (FP6)), 25 transactions for the Lifelong Learning (LLP) and Youth in Action (YiA) Programmes and 36 transactions for other programmes; **notes** that the Court of Auditors estimated the most likely error at 4,6 % (2012: 3,9%);

Amendment

171. Notes that Court of Auditors audited 150 transactions, namely 89 transactions relating to research (86 for the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) and three for the Sixth Framework Programme (FP6)), 25 transactions for the Lifelong Learning (LLP) and Youth in Action (YiA) Programmes and 36 transactions for other programmes; **regrets** that the Court of Auditors estimated the most likely error at 4,6 % (2012: 3,9%);

Or. en

Amendment 411
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 171 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

171a. Observes that the spending in this policy group covered a wide range of policy objectives, such as research and innovation, education, security, migration and measures to combat the effects of the financial crisis; notes that the Commission spent more than 50 % (EUR 5 771 million) of the available amount on research; notes that 45 % of the Commission's research budget was implemented by bodies (i.e. agencies, joint undertakings) outside the Directorate General; notes that almost 90 % of the spending took the form of grants to

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beneficiaries participating in projects and that in 2013 the Commission concluded 809 grant agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 412
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 172 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

172a. Regrets that 23% of indirect ineligible costs, 25% other ineligible direct costs (VAT, travelling, etc.), 17% do not respect the rules on public procurement;

Or. en

Amendment 413
Dan Nica

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 172 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

172a. Observes that first-time applicants, particularly SMEs, are with a largely unknown risk/error profile; Calls on the Commission not to undermine the efforts made to encourage these participants to participate in the programme, by systematically increasing the level of control or administrative burden on them;

Or. en

Amendment 414
Dan Nica

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 172 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

172b. Calls on the Commission to increase the awareness of auditors for fulfilling their role.

Or. en

Amendment 415
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 173

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

173. Is astounded that in nine of 32 cost statements certified by independent auditors the Court of Auditors found a significant level of error; ***considers that such a level of error is not acceptable as auditors work in the area of their professional expertise;***

173. Is astounded that in nine of 32 cost statements certified by independent auditors the Court of Auditors found a significant level of error;

Or. es

Amendment 416
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 173

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

173. ***Is astounded*** that in nine of 32 cost statements certified by independent auditors the Court of Auditors found a significant level of error; considers that such a level of error is not acceptable as auditors work in the area of their

173. ***Regrets*** that in nine of 32 cost statements certified by independent auditors the Court of Auditors found a significant level of error; considers that such a level of error is not acceptable as auditors work in the area of their

professional expertise;

professional expertise;

Or. en

Amendment 417
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 174

Motion for a resolution

174. **Welcomes** the fact that the Commission conducted, in 2013, 500 ex post audits and the associated recovery and corrective action, and risk based ex ante checks;

Amendment

174. **Takes note** the fact that the Commission conducted, in 2013, 500 ex post audits and the associated recovery and corrective action, and risk based ex ante checks;

Or. en

Amendment 418
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 176

Motion for a resolution

176. Reiterates the necessity to strike the right balance between less administrative burden and effective financial control;
notes that due to the specifics of the research field, a risk-tolerant and science-based approach should be encouraged so as to achieve research excellence and better impact of projects;

Amendment

176. Reiterates the necessity to strike the right balance between less administrative burden and effective financial control;

Or. en

Amendment 419
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 177

Motion for a resolution

177. **Welcomes** that, in 2014, the time-to-grant time span has dropped from 249 days to 209 days for 94% of the grant agreements;

Amendment

177. **Takes note** that, in 2014, the time-to-grant time span has dropped from 249 days to 209 days for 94% of the grant agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 420
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 177 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

177a. Regrets that within the comparison of the results from those certified by independent auditors (for those projects with a budget over EUR 375 000), the Court found out that in 9 out of 32 cases, costs attained a significant level of error;

Or. en

Amendment 421
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 180

Motion for a resolution

180. Notes that project stakeholders (ITER organisation and the domestic agencies – including Fusion for Europe) have recognised that the current schedule and budget is not realistic, as confirmed by several independent assessments in the last two years (2013-2014); wishes to receive a

Amendment

180. Notes that project stakeholders (ITER organisation and the domestic agencies – including Fusion for Europe) have recognised that the current schedule and budget is not realistic, as confirmed by several independent assessments in the last two years (2013-2014); wishes to receive a

copy of the revised schedule and budget which will be submitted to the ITER Council in June 2015;

copy of the revised schedule and budget which will be submitted to the ITER Council in June 2015; *is concerned by the regular delays in ITER programme which questions its efficiency and effectiveness; is deeply concerned by the overcosts which increased the cost-effectiveness of the programme and put into danger other European programmes, mainly in the research policy area; believes that the ITER should be stopped in order to avoid further delays and overcosts; stresses that the funds could be redeployed for other programmes, in the research policy sector for instance, or returned to European taxpayers;*

Or. en

Amendment 422

Dennis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 181

Motion for a resolution

181. *Notes the Commission replies on the progress made in implementing the Galileo project: four Galileo In-Orbit Validation (IOV) satellites were successfully launched in 2011 and 2012, the Galileo In-Orbit Validation phase was successfully concluded in 2014, the system design, the performance targets and the baseline for system operation were successfully confirmed, the ground infrastructure, with many ground stations worldwide, has been completed for the initial operations, the Galileo Search-and-Rescue capability of the IOV-satellites was successfully demonstrated, the launch of two satellites (no. 5 and 6) on 22 August 2014 resulted in an injection of these satellites into incorrect orbit, and since December 2014 the satellites have*

Amendment

181. *Is concerned about the costs of the Galileo system which are estimated at €13 million will become yet higher because of the failure to correctly launch the latest two satellites; considers that due to the ever-increasing costs of Galileo and taking into account that in 2007 the EU stepped into the project after a consortium of eight European companies withdrew their investment as they considered it not financially sound, there is every reason to re-examine the usefulness of this project;*

been gradually moved to a more favourable orbit to allow their best possible use, and the testing of the satellites' navigation payload is on-going; expects to be informed about additional costs for these unforeseen measures;

Or. en

Amendment 423
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 182

Motion for a resolution

182. *Is surprised* that the Director-General of Directorate-General for Research and Innovation issued a general reservation with regard to the accuracy of cost claims (EUR 3 664 million) for the FP7 in the Directorate-General's annual activity report, although he himself expects the 'net financial impact of errors', based on 1552 closed projects, to be around 2,09%, meaning close to the materiality threshold; considers that such reservations render the term 'sound financial management' meaningless; calls therefore on the Director-General to use reservations, in future, in a more specific and targeted way;

Amendment

182. *Takes note* that the Director-General of Directorate-General for Research and Innovation issued a general reservation with regard to the accuracy of cost claims (EUR 3 664 million) for the FP7 in the Directorate-General's annual activity report, although he himself expects the 'net financial impact of errors', based on 1552 closed projects, to be around 2,09%, meaning close to the materiality threshold; considers that such reservations render the term 'sound financial management' meaningless; calls therefore on the Director-General to use reservations, in future, in a more specific and targeted way;

Or. en

Amendment 424
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 184 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

184a. Regrets that the Commission did

still not send the list of beneficiaries by country; expects to receive answer in the 2013 Commission discharge follow-up report;

Or. en

Amendment 425
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 185

Motion for a resolution

185. Calls on the Commission to transmit the audit report on the operational costs for two programmes (Lifelong learning EUR 6,9 million, Youth in action EUR 1,65 million) in 2012 and 2013 in Turkey before the end of April 2015;

Amendment

185. Notes that in December 2013 Turkish media reported alleged misuse of EU funds with regard to operational costs for two programmes (Lifelong learning EUR 6,9 million, Youth in action EUR 1,65 million) in 2012 and 2013 in Turkey; criticises the Commission for not granting the discharge authority access to the audit findings, as the latter requested on numerous occasions in 2014; expects to receive the audit report by mid-April 2015, i.e. in time for the vote on the 2013 Commission discharge;

Or. en

Amendment 426
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 189

Motion for a resolution

189. Is worried that a fully functioning working arrangement between OLAF and its Supervisory Committee (SC) may still not be in place;

Amendment

189. Welcomes the on-going discussions between OLAF and OLAF Supervisory Committee (SC) on the revision of the Working Arrangements (WA) and encourages them to reach a common and

satisfactory agreement; Takes note of the efforts of OLAF to implement the WA. Stresses that these efforts should not be disproportionate, considering the resource constraints in the office;

Or. en

Amendment 427
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 190

Motion for a resolution

190. Points out that Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹²³ in force since 1 October 2013 obliges OLAF to guarantee the independent functioning of the Supervisory Committee Secretariat (Recital 40 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013); *is unaware, at this stage, of measures taken to implement this legal obligation; urges the Commission to take immediate steps to remedy the situation;*

¹²³ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999 (OJ L 248, 18.9.2013, p. 1).

Amendment

190. Points out that Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹²³ in force since 1 October 2013 obliges OLAF to guarantee the independent functioning of the Supervisory Committee Secretariat (Recital 40 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013); *ask OLAF's in this regard to assess the situation in the context of the evaluation of Regulation 883/2013 foreseen by 2 October 2017;*

¹²³ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999 (OJ L 248, 18.9.2013, p. 1).

Or. en

Amendment 428
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 191

Motion for a resolution

191. Calls on OLAF to timely consult the OLAF-SC prior to modifying instructions to staff on investigation procedures and prior to setting investigation policy priorities;

Amendment

191. ***In the framework of the WA***, calls on OLAF to timely consult the OLAF-SC prior to modifying instructions to staff on investigation procedures and prior to setting investigation policy priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 429
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 192

Motion for a resolution

192. Regrets the fact that OLAF does not necessarily implement the OLAF-SC's recommendations, sometimes even without giving a justification; calls on the Director General to improve his cooperation in this respect;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 430
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 193

Motion for a resolution

193. Recalls that OLAF opened 423 ***investigations*** on 31 January 2012; is concerned about the legality of such a procedure; ***calls on the OLAF-SC to assess the legality of the 423 investigations opened over night and the outcome of***

Amendment

193. Recalls that OLAF opened 423 ***cases*** on 31 January 2012; is concerned about the legality of such a procedure; ***welcomes that the OLAF-SC analysed the procedure chosen by the director general of OLAF in its report 3/2014; is deeply worried by***

those investigations; also asks the OLAF-SC to assess the statistics on the duration of investigations, to analyse the functioning of the case management system and to report back to Parliament;

the conclusion saying "the OLAF Director-General opened all the cases in question without establishing beforehand the existence of a sufficiently serious suspicion that there had been fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of the Union – which is in contradiction with the legal requirement for opening an OLAF investigation, in force at that time."; takes note that OLAF disagrees with this finding;

Or. en

Amendment 431
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 193

Motion for a resolution

193. Recalls that OLAF opened 423 investigations on 31 January 2012; is concerned about the legality of such a procedure; calls on the OLAF-SC to assess the legality of the 423 investigations opened over night and the outcome of those investigations; also asks the OLAF-SC to assess the statistics on the duration of investigations, to analyse the functioning of the case management system and to report back to Parliament;

Amendment

193. Asks OLAF-SC to assess the statistics on the duration of investigations, including the costs of the 423 investigations opened from 2012, to analyse the functioning of the case management system and to report back to Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 432
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 193 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

193a. Calls on the OLAF-SC to assess also the statistics on the duration of investigations, to analyse the functioning of the case management system and to report back to Parliament's competent committee;

Or. en

**Amendment 433
Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 193 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

193a. Asks OLAF to provide more detailed statistics of the frequency of opening and closing of investigations in its Annual Report;

Or. en

**Amendment 434
Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 193 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

193b. Asks OLAF to provide more information for the Parliament on practicalities of the procedure of case selection process, length and internal guidelines of the process;

Or. en

Amendment 435
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 194 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

194a. asks the Commission to provide Parliament with the highest pension paid in 2013 for Commission officials;

Or. en

Amendment 436
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 198

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

198. Asks the Commission to provide information about the financing of all social, sports and cultural measures for its staff;

198. Asks the Commission to provide information about the financing of all social, sports and cultural measures for its staff; ***including the benefits of those measures on the performance and the integration of expats and their families.***

Or. en

Amendment 437
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 198 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

198a. Asks the Commission to report on the use of flexitime in the follow-up of the 2013 Commission discharge;

Or. en

Amendment 438
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 199

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

199. Is worried about the substantial increase in the number of high officials with grades AD 13 to AD 16 with a monthly income of between EUR 11 700 and EUR 18 500 who used the flexitime scheme in 2013¹²⁵ ; sees a reputational risk for the Union as it is difficult to explain that overtime is not seen to be included in such high salaries;

deleted

¹²⁵ See Commission Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva's reply to question 48 in the questionnaire.

Or. en

Amendment 439
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 199

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

199. Is worried about the substantial increase in the number of high officials with grades AD 13 to AD 16 with a monthly income of between EUR 11 700 and EUR 18 500 who used the flexitime scheme in 2013¹²⁵ ; sees a reputational risk for the Union as it is difficult to explain that overtime is not seen to be included in such high salaries;

199. Is worried about the substantial increase in the number of high officials with grades AD 13 to AD 16; sees a reputational risk for the Union as it is difficult to explain that overtime is not seen to be included in such high salaries;

¹²⁵ See Commission Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva's reply to question 48 in the questionnaire.

Or. en

Amendment 440
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 199

Motion for a resolution

199. Is worried about the substantial increase in the number of high officials with grades AD 13 to AD 16 with a monthly income of between EUR 11 700 and EUR 18 500 who used the flexitime scheme in 2013¹²⁵; *sees a reputational risk for the Union as it is difficult to explain that overtime is not seen to be included in such high salaries;*

¹²⁵ See reply of Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva to question 48 of the questionnaire.

Amendment

199. Is worried about the substantial increase in the number of high officials with grades AD 13 to AD 16 with a monthly income of between EUR 11 700 and EUR 18 500 who used the flexitime scheme in 2013¹²⁵; *calls on the Commission to ensure strict compliance with the provisions of the European Staff Regulations;*

¹²⁵ See reply of Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva to question 48 of the questionnaire.

Or. es

Amendment 441
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 199 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

199a. Notes that the differences in pay levels for civil servants working for EU-institutions and for those working for national administrations, remain very high, leading, inter alia, to a lack of

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mobility between staff at European and at national levels; calls on the Commission to carry out an in-depth study on the reasons for these differences and to develop a long-term strategy to reduce these, whilst paying particular attention to the different allowances (family, expatriation, installation and resettlement allowances), annual leave, holidays, travel days, and compensation for over-time;

Or. en

Amendment 442
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 199 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

199a. Points to the notice issued by the Commission Secretariat-General on limiting answers to parliamentary questions, which lays down a 20-line limit; calls on the Commissioners to shoulder their political responsibility and stop allowing themselves to be limited in their answers by the Secretariat-General;

Or. de

Amendment 443
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 199 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

199a. Is concerned about the protection afforded to whistle-blowers, and calls on the Commission to ensure that their rights are fully upheld;

Amendment 444
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 199 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

199a. Points out that non-governmental organisations received in 2013 almost 9 mio. EUR from DG Environment, almost 4 mio. EUR from DG Health and Consumers and 5,7 mio EUR from DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion; takes note of a permanent externalisation of Commission tasks; asks the Commission to present to the Parliament the European added value of the money channelled via these NGOs;

Or. en

Amendment 445
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 199 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

199a. Notes with concern the enormous translation cost disparities between the different European institutions; calls on that the Interinstitutional Work Group for Translation accordingly to identify the causes thereof and propose solutions designed to even out the imbalance and harmonise translation costs, taking full account of quality and language diversity; to this end, the Work Group should re-launch interinstitutional collaboration in order to share best practices and results

and identify areas where cooperation or interinstitutional agreements can be consolidated; it should also seek to standardise translation cost presentation for all institutions, so as to simplify cost analysis and comparison; it should submit the results before the end of 2015; calls on all institutions to participate actively in its work; recalls in this connection the importance of upholding multilingualism in the European institutions, so as to guarantee equal treatment and opportunities for all citizens of the Union;

Or. es

Amendment 446
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 199 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

199b. Calls on the Commission to provide Commissioners who have been in office for less than two years with a transitional allowance for a period which does not exceed their term of office as a Commissioner;

Or. de

Amendment 447
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 199 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

199b. Considers that, in times of crisis and general budget cuts, expenditure on away days for EU staff should be reduced,

and that such activities should, as far as possible, be confined to in the places of work of the institutions, since the added value resulting does not justify such high costs;

Or. es

Amendment 448
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 199 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

199c. Is concerned about the absence of women in positions of responsibility at the Commission; calls on the Commission to launch an equal opportunities scheme designed to remedy this imbalance as soon as possible, particularly at management level;

Or. es

Amendment 449
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 200

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

200. Regrets that despite some progress reported by the Court of Auditors¹²⁶ the fourth evaluation report as provided for in Article 318 TFEU is not yet a useful contribution to the discharge activity while according to the TFEU it should be part of the evidence when Parliament gives discharge each year to the Commission in respect of the budget;

200. Regrets that despite some progress reported by the Court of Auditors¹²⁶ the fourth evaluation report as provided for in Article 318 TFEU is not yet a useful contribution to the discharge activity while according to the TFEU it should be part of the evidence when Parliament gives discharge each year to the Commission in respect of the budget; *is concerned that the lack of focus on performance is a major*

problem of the EU budget;

¹²⁶ See Court of Auditors' Annual Report for 2013, point 10.24.

¹²⁶ See Court of Auditors' Annual Report for 2013, point 10.24.

Or. en

Amendment 450

Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Martina Dlabajová, Michael Theurer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 200 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

200a. In its 2013 report, the Court of Auditors concludes that Member States, when selecting projects under shared management, have focused first on the need to spend available EU money, rather than on their expected performance. In order to reverse this incentive and to change towards a culture of good performance, the European Parliament requests that an independent high-level working group (including academics) on performance of the EU budget will be convened in order to make recommendations to structurally shift the incentive from spending to good performance, based on an assessment of European added value, while respecting compliance with the rules. The findings of this high-level working group should be available in due time before the mid-term review of the current MFF, and form the basis for the new MFF programming period;

Or. en

Amendment 451

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 202

Motion for a resolution

202. Demands that the Commission includes in the next evaluation reports provided for in Article 318 TFEU an analysis of the results achieved in terms of growth and jobs by the investment plan of EUR 315 billion announced by the President of the Commission Jean-Claude Juncker on 26 November 2014 in the plenary session of Parliament;

Amendment

202. Demands that the Commission includes in the next evaluation reports provided for in Article 318 TFEU an analysis of the *efficiency, the effectiveness and the* results achieved in terms of growth and jobs by the investment plan of EUR 315 billion announced by the President of the Commission Jean-Claude Juncker on 26 November 2014 in the plenary session of Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 452
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 203

Motion for a resolution

203. Demands that in the next evaluation report provided for in Article 318 TFEU the Commission includes an analysis made in cooperation with the European Investment Bank of the results achieved by the Growth and Jobs plan of EUR 120 billion adopted by the European Council in its meeting of 28 and 29 June 2012;

Amendment

203. Demands that in the next evaluation report provided for in Article 318 TFEU the Commission includes an analysis made in cooperation with the European Investment Bank of the *efficiency, the effectiveness and the* results achieved by the Growth and Jobs plan of EUR 120 billion adopted by the European Council in its meeting of 28 and 29 June 2012;

Or. en

Amendment 453
Martina Dlabajová, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Michael Theurer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 204 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

204a. Calls on the European Commission to manage its budget in such a way that there are no thematic policy overlaps and duplications amongst its various DGs with similar or nearly identical competences;

Or. en

Amendment 454

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 204 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

204a. Believes that the President of the Commission should give a formal undertaking to obtain a positive Statement of Assurance from the Court of Auditors within a predefined time period;

Or. it

Amendment 455

Bernd Kölmel, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 204 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

204a. Recalls the Parliament's proposal for a full-time Commissioner for Budgetary Control and welcomes comments made by the new Budget Commissioner that she should also be treated as Commissioner for Budgetary Control - suggests that this be reflected in her official title;

Amendment 456

Martina Dlabajová, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Michael Theurer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 204 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

204b. The concept/ idea of Sustainability Impact Assessment Studies is to be applied for all types of financial support, not only in the Commission expenditure, but those of all EU institutions and organizations. No expenditure that does comply with an impact assessment study/ analysis is to be permitted and allowed;

Or. en

Amendment 457

Bernd Kölmel, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 204 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

204b. Requests that the Commission submit to Parliament's competent committee by September 2015 a comprehensive report on its activities to encourage whistle-blowing by the wider public;

Or. en

Amendment 458

Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 205

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

205. Regrets that according to the audit report on the annual accounts of the Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency¹²⁷, the Agency does not perform satisfactory ex ante verification on the charges for its premises invoiced by the building manager resulting in EUR 113 513 of VAT unduly paid and not recovered in 2013 by the Executive Agency; notes that most of the underlying contracts, invoices and receipts were not at the Executive Agency's disposal; points out to the high carry over rate for Title II (27% equivalent to EUR 666 119) which raises questions to the sound financial management of this Executive Agency;

deleted

¹²⁷ See Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (formerly the Trans-European Transport Network Executive Agency) for the financial year 2013, together with the Agency's replies (OJ C 442, 10.12.2014, p. 358), points 11 to 13.

Or. en

Amendment 459
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 206

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

206. Recalls that Parliament asked in the resolution accompanying the 2012 Commission discharge for an assessment of the existing agreements with the four

206. Recalls that Parliament asked in the resolution accompanying the 2012 Commission discharge for an assessment of the existing agreements with the four

tobacco groups (Philip Morris International Corporation Inc. (PMI), Japan Tobacco International Corporation, British American Tobacco Corporation and Imperial Tobacco Corporation); *deplores that* the Commission *did not give the requested follow-up and reiterates this demand*.

tobacco groups (Philip Morris International Corporation Inc. (PMI), Japan Tobacco International Corporation, British American Tobacco Corporation and Imperial Tobacco Corporation); *notes that during the in camera hearing on this issue, the Commission committed to presenting, by May 2015, an assessment of the experiences made with respect to the agreement with PMI which expires soon*.

Or. en

Amendment 460
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 206

Motion for a resolution

206. Recalls that Parliament asked in the resolution accompanying the 2012 Commission discharge for an assessment of the existing agreements with the four tobacco groups (Philip Morris International Corporation Inc. (PMI), Japan Tobacco International Corporation, British American Tobacco Corporation and Imperial Tobacco Corporation); deplores that the Commission did not give the requested follow-up and reiterates this demand.

Amendment

206. Recalls that Parliament asked in the resolution accompanying the 2012 Commission discharge for an assessment of the existing agreements with the four tobacco groups (Philip Morris International Corporation Inc. (PMI), Japan Tobacco International Corporation, British American Tobacco Corporation and Imperial Tobacco Corporation); deplores that the Commission did not give the requested follow-up and reiterates this demand; *calls, furthermore, on the Commission to say exactly how much revenue was generated by those agreements and how the monies were used by the Member States*.

Or. it