Amendment 17
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 99

Motion for a resolution	*Amendment*
99. Concludes that, in order to deepen democratic political union and economic integration commensurate with monetary union, all relevant expenditure from the EU budget must be effectively streamlined with the aim of increasing the competitiveness of the EU as a whole and of the less competitive regions, so as to maximise Europe's economic strength in the interest of its citizens, while preserving or regaining a fair social balance; believes, therefore, that the EU budget needs to be raised to a level between 5% and 10% of the Union's GDP; asks that, in parallel to the increase in the EU budget on the basis of own resources – to finance policies and measures in the fields of foreign and security policy, the energy and transport sectors, development cooperation and R&D – the national budgets should be reduced to ensure tax neutrality for citizens;	99. Concludes that, in order to deepen democratic political union and economic integration commensurate with monetary union, all relevant expenditure from the EU budget must be effectively streamlined with the aim of increasing the competitiveness of the EU as a whole and of the less competitive regions, so as to maximise Europe's economic strength in the interest of its citizens, while preserving or regaining a fair social balance; believes, therefore, that the EU budget needs to be *substantially increased and* raised to a level between 5% and 10% of the Union's GDP; asks that, in parallel to the increase in the EU budget on the basis of own resources – to finance policies and measures in the fields of foreign and security policy, the energy and transport sectors, development cooperation and R&D – the national budgets should be reduced to ensure tax neutrality for citizens;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 99 a (new)

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	99a. Recalls that studies preceding the realisation of monetary union – notably the McDougall report, which analysed the conditions necessary for the implementation of the Werner plan – affirmed that the volume of such a budget would have to be between 2.5 and 10 percent of Union GNI, depending on whether and which re-allocation functions would be assumed by the Union budget, that the budget would need to be financed on the basis of own resources, and that it should be used to finance policies and measures in the fields of foreign, security and defence policy, the energy and transport sectors, development cooperation and R&D, and that national budgets would be reduced correspondingly in order to achieve tax neutrality for citizens and businesses;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 98

Motion for a resolution	*Amendment*
98. Stresses that tackling the public debt crisis and increasing the EU's competitiveness, convergence and solidarity require a shift of competences and spending towards the Union;	98. Stresses that tackling the public debt crisis and increasing the EU's competitiveness, convergence and solidarity require a shift of competences and spending towards the Union*, whereby the burden on national budgets would be considerably eased, and stresses the need to create significant synergies between national budgets and the EU budget, allowing for optimal use and allocation of existing fiscal resources on all levels, while respecting the principle of subsidiarity in order to support strong regions and states*;

Or. en

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	Jb. whereas in the same resolution, the European Parliament notes that the own-resources ceiling has been unchanged since 1993; believes that the own-resources ceiling might require some progressive adjustment as Member States confer more competences on, and set more objectives for, the Union; takes the view that, while the current own-resources ceiling set unanimously by the Council provides sufficient budgetary leeway to meet the most pressing Union challenges, it would still be insufficient for the EU budget to become a real tool for European economic governance or to contribute in a major way to investing in the Europe 2020 Strategy at EU level;

Or. en

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Recital J a (new)

Motion for a resolution	*Amendment*
	Ja. whereas the European Parliament, in its resolution of 8 June 2011 on 'Investing in the future: a new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for a competitive, sustainable and inclusive Europe', clearly stated that regardless of realisable savings, the EU budget, at its current overall level of 1 % of GNI, is not capable of closing the financing gap deriving from additional financing needs arising from the Treaty and from existing policy priorities and commitments; whereas the European Parliament is therefore convinced that an increase of at least 5 % in resources is needed for the next MFF as compared to the 2013 level;

Or. en