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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Peter Jahr
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Amendment 1
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the Court of Auditors has concluded that as far agricultural policy is concerned, the proportion of tested transactions resulted in an increased error rate as compared to 2012, while conversely, cases that are free of error have gone down; notes that the most likely error rate for 2013 is 3.26% (as compared to 2.9% in 2012); recalls that errors are often administrative in nature and do not necessarily mean that funds have disappeared, been lost or wasted or that fraud has been committed;

Amendment

1. Notes that the Court of Auditors has concluded that as far agricultural policy is concerned, the proportion of tested transactions resulted in an increased error rate as compared to 2012, while conversely, cases that are free of error have gone down; notes that the most likely error rate for 2013 is 3.26% (as compared to 2.9% in 2012); recalls that errors are often administrative in nature and do not necessarily mean that funds have disappeared, been lost or wasted or that fraud has been committed; ***considers that the priority objective of error identification should be to rectify errors by providing deadlines and support with a view to remedying deficiencies.***

Or. ro

Amendment 2
Beata Gosiewska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Points out that 70 % of the financial corrections identified in 2013 have been attributed to four countries, namely Greece, France, Poland and United Kingdom;

Amendment

deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 3
Peter Jahr

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls that other relevant Committees such as Committee on Regional Development or Committee on Development etc. also prepare a thorough discharge opinion; stresses that only through a proper discharge procedure the causes of error rates can be reduced.

Or. en

Amendment 4
Peter Jahr

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Acknowledges that for the CAP a system is in place, where the Commission is imposing net financial corrections on Member States to claw back any ineligible expenditures and hence reduces the risk of irregular payments;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Maintains that payments should only

be interrupted or suspended in the event of serious deficiencies, and that minor errors should be rectified on a rolling basis in order to avoid gridlock.

Or. ro

Amendment 6
Marc Tarabella

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Stresses that the new school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme must utilise EU funding in an efficient and targeted manner, while also ensuring that the organisational and administrative burdens on participating schools are kept to a minimum.

Or. fr

Amendment 7
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Stresses the fact that some programmes have attracted less interest owing to their rigidity and suggests that the Commission reassess those programmes with a view to reducing the bureaucracy they involve.

Or. ro

Amendment 8
Beata Gosiewska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Calls for the move of all smaller programmes into the second pillar of the CAP;

deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 9
Jens Rohde

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Calls for the move of all smaller programmes into the second pillar of the CAP;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 10
Peter Jahr

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Calls for the move of all smaller programmes into the second pillar of the CAP;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 11
Peter Jahr

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls for the move of all smaller programmes into the second pillar of the CAP;

Amendment

7. Notes that small programmes such as the school milk programme have persistently high error rates; therefore calls to simplify those programmes, as less bureaucratic programmes decrease error rates.

Or. en

Amendment 12
Peter Jahr

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls for a less bureaucratic CAP with a view to reducing the error rates;

Amendment

8. Calls for a less bureaucratic CAP with a view to reducing the error rates; *welcomes therefore the commitment taken by the Commission to make simplification and subsidiarity one of the top priorities in the next five years; calls in extreme cases, that persistent underperforming paying agencies being stripped of their accreditation.*

Or. en

Amendment 13
Jens Rohde

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 – point a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(a) Calls on the Commission in due time to present a detailed plan for reducing red tape in the CAP by 25% within the following 5 years.

Or. en

Amendment 14
Jens Rohde

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. Calls for Union officials to be in charge of the national paying agencies within the respective Member States, instead of officials of that Member State, in particular for those paying agencies that continuously under-performed over the last three years ;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 15
Peter Jahr

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. Calls for Union officials to ***be in charge of the*** national paying agencies within the respective Member States, ***instead of officials of that Member State***, in particular for those paying agencies that continuously under-performed over the last three years ;

9. Calls for Union officials to ***give extra supervision and monitor more closely*** national paying agencies within the respective Member States, in particular for those paying agencies that continuously under-performed over the last three years ;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls for Union officials to ***be in charge*** of the national paying agencies within the respective Member States, ***instead of officials of that Member State***, in particular for those paying agencies that continuously under-performed over the last three years;

Amendment

9. Calls for Union officials to ***directly monitor and coordinate*** the national paying agencies within the respective Member States ***with the aim of resolving the deficiencies they are experiencing***, in particular for those paying agencies that ***have*** continuously under-performed over the last three years, ***with a view to making payments management more efficient***;

Or. ro

Amendment 17
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Notes that the error rate indicated by the Commission differs significantly in some areas from the error rate identified by the European Court of Auditors; requests an explanation from the Commission in this respect;

Amendment

11. Notes that the error rate indicated by the Commission differs significantly in some areas from the error rate identified by the European Court of Auditors; requests an explanation from the Commission in this respect; ***highlights the need to devise a common methodology for calculating the error rate so as to ensure its validity***;

Or. it

Amendment 18
Peter Jahr

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Notes that the error rate indicated by the Commission differs significantly in some areas from the error rate identified by the European Court of Auditors; ***requests an explanation from*** the Commission in ***this respect***;

Amendment

11. Notes that the error rate indicated by the Commission differs significantly in some areas from the error rate identified by the European Court of Auditors; ***calls for greater harmonization in the methods for calculating error rates by the European Court of Auditors and*** the Commission in ***order to ensure a greater comparability***.

Or. en

Amendment 19
Peter Jahr

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

12. Welcomes the new rules for the 2014-2020 ***programming*** period, including measures such as the designations of audit and certifying authorities, accreditations of audit authorities, audit examination and acceptance of accounts, financial corrections and net financial corrections, proportional control, ex-ante conditionalities that aim to further contribute to the reduction of the level of error; welcomes also the definition of serious deficiencies and the anticipated increased level of corrections for repeated deficiencies;

Amendment

12. Welcomes the new rules for the 2014-2020 ***financial*** period, including measures such as the designations of audit and certifying authorities, accreditations of audit authorities, audit examination and acceptance of accounts, financial corrections and net financial corrections, proportional control, ex-ante conditionalities that aim to further contribute to the reduction of the level of error; welcomes also the definition of serious deficiencies and the anticipated increased level of corrections for repeated deficiencies;

Or. en