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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the Commission's communication expenses for 2016

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the Commission's communication expenses for 2016

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission communication by President Juncker and Vice-President Georgieva on the institutional communication campaign for 2016,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Commission is planning to spend EUR 26 million in 2016 in a huge publicity campaign (billboards, the internet, TV ads) to promote the European Union;
- B. whereas this campaign could be the biggest propaganda measure ever taken by the Union;
- C. whereas while the Union is imposing the most unhealthy austerity measures on eurozone countries, its pointless and indecent communication expenditure is going through the roof;
- D. whereas there is no shortage of media reporting positively on EU measures across Europe;
- E. whereas it is not by getting taxpayers to pay for propaganda measures that people will be convinced of the benefits of the European Union;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to purely and simply abolish its communication budget, to reduce Member States' contributions to the EU budget.