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*Committee on Budgetary Control*

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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 4**

**Draft opinion**  
**Markus Pieper**  
(PE536.026v01-00)

on the General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015 – all sections  
(2014/2040(BUD))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Recalls its deep concern about the fact that the Commission finds it increasingly difficult to honour all payments requests in the year within the limits of the payment appropriations originally voted and stresses that one reason for this situation is that commitment appropriations have been close to the ceiling defined while payment appropriations have been kept to a minimum during each period;

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Or. it

**Amendment 2**  
**Derek Vaughan**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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**Amendment 3**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. ***Fears*** that the Council will keep following its strategy during the 2014-2020 period to cut the level of payments, without taking into consideration real needs for which a sustainable solution must be found;

*Amendment*

2. ***Considers*** that the Council will keep following its strategy during the 2014-2020 period to cut the level of payments, without taking into consideration real needs for which a sustainable solution must be found; ***calls on the Commission to identify which programmes do not provide EU added value and have not performed efficiently in order to discontinue them and free up resources to be used efficiently;***

Or. it

**Amendment 4**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***12a. Points out that the EU budget is never actually in balance in accordance***

*with Article 310 TFEU; considers that the current amount of RAL is a significant indication of how the EU budget has, for years, been infringing this principle and takes the view that this seriously undermines the legality of the entire EU construction;*

Or. it