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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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Amendment 1
Brian Hayes

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Encourages an increased focus on social sustainability in the EIB's urban investment activities; acknowledges the improvement in EIB funding for social housing but emphasises the need to develop further research and activity on social sustainability in the context of sustainable urban regeneration;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Iris Hoffmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Acknowledges the essential counter-cyclical and stabilising role of the EIB's actions to support sound projects throughout the EU and beyond with an increased lending capacity up to EUR 75 billion, i.e. an increase of 37 % compared to 2012, and invites the EIB to further identify ***and obtain*** additional sources of funding to fuel economic recovery;

3. Acknowledges the essential counter-cyclical and stabilising role of the EIB's actions to support sound projects throughout the EU and beyond with an increased lending capacity up to EUR 75 billion, i.e. an increase of 37 % compared to 2012, and invites the EIB to further identify, ***obtain and apply*** additional sources of funding to fuel economic recovery ***and growth***;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Dennis de Jong

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Requests in this respect more information on the precise nature of individual projects funded directly and indirectly through the EIB's lending activities, and, in particular, on their added value and impact on economic growth, recovery, and employment;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Brian Hayes

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Welcomes the decision to increase the EIF capital by EUR 1.5 billion, which should allow boosting of the fund's activities at short term, in particular by unlocking and facilitating SMEs' access to finance, but also requests to consequently adapt its risk-management system through an EIB Group risk mapping broken down by intervention policies;

5. Welcomes the decision to increase the EIF capital by EUR 1.5 billion, which should allow boosting of the fund's activities at short term, in particular by unlocking and facilitating SMEs' access to finance, but also requests to consequently adapt its risk-management system through an EIB Group risk mapping broken down by intervention policies; ***emphasises the importance of the EIB in facilitating partnerships for funding SME activity; points to an agreement between the Irish government and German bank KFW in 2014 to provide lending of €150 million to Irish businesses, developed in conjunction with the EIB, as a positive example of this system of lending;***

Or. en

Amendment 5
Dennis de Jong

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. Notes that complaints from especially small businesses persist on the lack of access to funding originating in the EIB's external lending capacities, as well as funding supported by the EIF. Requests therefore an annual survey of how many SMEs, and in particular micro-enterprises, have benefited from these facilities and which measures the EIB has taken in respect of the policies of intermediaries used by the EIB to improve effective access to funding for SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Brian Hayes

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 a. Highlights the importance of the EIB's role in developing educational infrastructure as a means of developing skills and tackling youth unemployment problems in Europe; welcomes increased EIB activity on developing educational facilities to address job shortages for young people;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Iris Hoffmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13

Draft opinion

13. Recalls the need to continuously support civil society's components involved in democratic and economic transitions in Southern Mediterranean and Eastern partner countries, in line with the European Union's foreign policy objectives defined by the Commission and the European External Action Service;

Amendment

13. *Acknowledges the need of civil society's participation to create prosperous and sustainable neighbouring regions through socio-economic development initiatives and private sector investment*; Recalls the need to continuously support civil society's components involved in democratic and economic transitions in Southern Mediterranean and Eastern partner countries, in line with the European Union's foreign policy objectives defined by the Commission and the European External Action Service;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Dennis de Jong

Draft opinion
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

16 a. *Notes with concern that contrary to the commitments made under the IATI, the EIB is considering to change its rules on access to documents for stakeholders and citizens and make these more restrictive; Calls upon the EIB to ensure the full application of existing EU-legislation, and, in particular, Regulation (EC) No. 1049/2001, in respect of access to documents relating to its administrative tasks, whilst respecting the general principle of 'working as openly as possible' laid down in Article 15,*

paragraph 1, of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to all tasks of the EIB;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Brian Hayes

Draft opinion
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

16 a. Proposes that regular structured dialogue between the President of the EIB and the European Parliament, similar to the quarterly monetary dialogue between the ECB and the European Parliament, is set up to ensure increased parliamentary oversight of the EIB's activities and to facilitate enhanced cooperation and coordination between the two institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Dennis de Jong

Draft opinion
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

19 a. Notes that the Tripartite Agreement mentioned in Article 287 (3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU governing cooperation between the Bank, the Commission and the Court of Auditors with respect to the modes for controls exercised by the Court on Bank's activity in managing Union and Member States' funds, is up for renewal in 2015. Calls upon the EIB to update the remit of the

European Court of Auditors in this respect, by including any new facilities of the EIB involving public funds from the EU or the European Development Fund.

Or. en