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on Protecting the European Union's financial interests: Towards performance-based controls of Common Agricultural Policy
(2014/2234(INI))

Amendment 1
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the 2013 annual activity report of the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development,

Or. it

Amendment 2
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the objectives of the CAP have to be fulfilled, while the mutual understanding and trust between all EU institutions, national and regional bodies have to be ensured for the effective implementation of the CAP;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas farmers are incentivised to provide services such as landscapes, farmland biodiversity and climate stability *even though they have no market value;*

B. whereas farmers are incentivised to provide services such as landscapes, farmland biodiversity and climate stability;

Amendment 4
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas the cost of controls and providing advice to stakeholders and farmers may be currently estimated at EUR 4 billion at Member State level; emphasizes the need to minimize the cost of controls and their bureaucracy burden;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bb. whereas performance based controls may become a useful methodology, while stability and an enabling approach are needed on the part of administrative bodies in order to build trust with final beneficiaries; recalls however that a oneseize- fits-all system cannot be imposed on the diverse types and scale of agricultural holdings in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Recital C – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas greening measures introduced by the last reform of the common agricultural policy aim to **achieve improved** agricultural sustainability through the effect of various instruments:

Amendment

C. whereas greening measures introduced by the last reform of the common agricultural policy aim to **improve and promote** agricultural sustainability through the effect of various instruments:

Or. it

Amendment 7
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. Considerando che la DG Agri^{1 a} ha ritenuto necessario imporre 51 riserve a livello di agenzie di pagamento;

***1 a 2013 Annual Activity Report
Directorate General for Agriculture and
Rural Development***

Or. xm

Amendment 8
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Shares the opinion expressed by the European Court of Auditors that ‘the arrangements for the common agricultural policy spending for the period 2014-2020 continue to be complex¹’;

Amendment

1. Shares the opinion expressed by the European Court of Auditors that ‘the arrangements for the common agricultural policy spending for the period 2014-2020 continue to be complex¹’; ***recalls nonetheless that the complexity of the***

CAP is due to the diversity of farming in Europe, moreover that the aim of reducing the error rate must not be pursued to the detriment of the attainment of the objectives of the CAP, and that simplification must not result in a dismantling of the instruments that have been adopted;

¹ Opinion No 1/2012 of the European Court of Auditors on certain proposals for regulations relating to the common agricultural policy for the period 2014-2020.

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Or. en

Amendment 9
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Believes a significant reduction of all CAP subsidies is necessary and possible;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Calls for a less bureaucratic CAP with a view to reducing the error rate and for instruments to be established which will make it possible to distinguish between error and fraud ;

Amendment 11
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1b. Supports the Commission's initiative of simplifying the CAP with immediate examination of measures which can be implemented quickly , as this would benefit farmers, paying agencies, EU institutions and taxpayers; also urges that at the mid-term review, proposals for amendments to the basic legislative act be brought forward for consideration for the reform for the next funding period;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. *Fears* that the most likely error rate determined by the Court of Auditors will increase in the common agricultural policy direct payments area during the period 2014-2020, owing in particular to the fact that the next framework for cross-compliance does not yet correspond to a reduction in the level of complexity of this policy for the managing authorities or for the beneficiaries;

2. *Finds it unacceptable* that the most likely error rate determined by the Court of Auditors will increase in the common agricultural policy direct payments area during the period 2014-2020, owing in particular to the fact that the next framework for cross-compliance does not yet correspond to a reduction in the level of complexity of this policy for the managing authorities or for the beneficiaries;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Miroslav Poche

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Fears that the most likely error rate determined by the Court of Auditors will increase in the common agricultural policy direct payments area during the period 2014-2020, owing in particular to the fact that the next framework for cross-compliance *does not yet correspond to a reduction in the level of complexity* of this policy for the managing authorities or for the beneficiaries;

Amendment

2. Fears that the most likely error rate determined by the Court of Auditors will increase in the common agricultural policy direct payments area during the period 2014-2020, owing in particular to the fact that the next framework for cross-compliance *has in fact made* this policy *more complicated* for the managing authorities or for the beneficiaries;

Or. cs

Amendment 14
Diane Dodds

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Fears that the most likely error rate determined by the Court of Auditors will increase in the common agricultural policy direct payments area during the period 2014-2020, owing in particular to the fact that the next framework for cross-compliance does not yet correspond to a reduction in the level of complexity of this policy for the managing authorities or for the beneficiaries;

Amendment

2. Fears that the most likely error rate determined by the Court of Auditors will increase in the common agricultural policy direct payments area during the period 2014-2020, owing in particular to the fact that the next framework for cross-compliance does not yet correspond to a reduction in the level of *needless* complexity of this policy for the managing authorities or for the beneficiaries;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Calls for an integrated approach to CAP controls so that costs can be cut;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. *Notes* that the costs of the common agricultural policy controls already amount to EUR 4 billion a year and that they concern 50 million transactions with a budget for agriculture of around EUR 58 billion;

4. ***Is utterly concerned*** that the costs of the common agricultural policy controls already amount to EUR 4 billion a year and that they concern 50 million transactions with a budget for agriculture of around EUR 58 billion;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Welcomes the fact that the Commission is giving priority to a new CAP simplification exercise and that it is proposing, firstly, to simplify a number of delegated and implementing acts;

Or. es

Amendment 18
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Favours an improvement of the quality rather than an increase in the number of controls in agriculture by the Member States, the Commission and the Court of Auditors;

Amendment

5. Favours **strongly** an improvement of the quality rather than an increase in the number of controls in agriculture by the Member States, the Commission and the Court of Auditors;

Or. it

Amendment 19
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Favours an improvement of the quality rather than an increase in the number of controls in agriculture **by the** Member States, **the Commission and the Court of Auditors**;

Amendment

5. **Supports the approach of reducing controls in Member States where error rates have been extremely low over a given period, and** favours an improvement of the quality rather than an increase in the number of controls in agriculture **in** Member States **with high or increasing error rates**;

Or. es

Amendment 20
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Favours an improvement of the quality **rather than an increase in the number** of controls in agriculture by the Member

Amendment

5. Favours an improvement of the quality of controls in agriculture by the Member States, the Commission and the Court of

States, the Commission and the Court of Auditors;

Auditors;;

Or. it

Amendment 21
Diane Dodds

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Favours an improvement of the quality rather than an increase in the number of controls in agriculture by *the* Member States, the Commission and the Court of Auditors;

Amendment

5. Favours an improvement of the quality ***and constituency of inspections*** rather than an increase in the number of controls in agriculture by ***all*** Member States, the Commission and the Court of Auditors;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Beata Gosiewska, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Also emphasises that controls are a guarantee that money from the EU budget earmarked for the funding of CAP instruments is being properly spent;

Or. pl

Amendment 23
Miroslav Poche

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Recalls that the objective of the single audit scheme is to put in place a single chain of audits from the final beneficiaries to the European Union institutions;

Amendment

6. Recalls that the objective of the single audit scheme is to put in place a single chain of audits from the final beneficiaries to the European Union institutions, ***and that auditing procedures, including error-rate calculation procedures, should be harmonised;***

Or. cs

Amendment 24

Beata Gosiewska, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment 25

Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Points out that in the EU legislator's view the payment scheme should be integrated with the control system, i.e. that the results of controls should be taken into account in determining the criteria for the calculation of payment entitlements;

Or. pl

Amendment

7a. Encourages the Commission and the Member States, as a guideline, to find ways to optimise and combine CAP - related inspections in a way that chosen beneficiaries would, whenever possible, be subjected to only one round of controls annually;

Amendment 26
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Calls on the Commission to amend the guidelines for certification bodies in order to verify more closely the compilation of statistical reports;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls for the introduction of an ongoing monitoring and control system in those Member States affected by the shortcomings of paying agencies and the provision of support to remedy the problems identified;

Or. it

Amendment 28
Miroslav Poche

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Expects the Commission to ***make*** full

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use of the process of simplification of the CAP, especially with regard to the burdensome and complex regulations governing cross-compliance and greening;

proactive in making full use of the process of simplification of the CAP, especially with regard to the burdensome and complex regulations governing cross-compliance and greening, *and to present its first proposals by the end of 2015*;

Or. cs

Amendment 29
Diane Dodds

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Expects the Commission to make full use of the process of simplification of the CAP, especially with regard to the burdensome and complex regulations governing cross-compliance and greening;

Amendment

12. Expects the Commission to *urgently* make full use of the process of simplification of the CAP, especially with regard to the burdensome and complex regulations governing cross-compliance and greening *which ultimately impacts upon farmers across Europe*;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Louis Aliot, Edouard Ferrand, Philippe Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Expects the Commission to make full use of the process of simplification of the CAP, especially with regard to the burdensome and complex regulations governing cross-compliance and greening;

Amendment

12. Expects the Commission to make full use of the process of simplification of the CAP, especially with regard to the burdensome and complex regulations governing cross-compliance and greening, *by reducing or grouping together issues relating to regulation*;

Or. fr

Amendment 31
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Reminds the Commission that the risk of unintentional errors owing to complex regulation is in the end borne by the beneficiary; calls for a reasonable, proportional and effective policy on sanctions to support this approach, such as avoiding double sanctioning for the same error under both the payment scheme and cross-compliance;

Amendment

13. Reminds the Commission that the risk of unintentional errors owing to complex regulation is in the end borne by the beneficiary; calls for a reasonable, proportional and effective policy on sanctions to support this approach, such as avoiding double sanctioning for the same error under both the payment scheme and cross-compliance; ***stresses that any sanctions should be imposed on those responsible and not the entire population;***

Or. it

Amendment 32
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Emphasises that criteria should be developed in order to define which Member States are identified as best/worst performers

Or. en

Amendment 33
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Recalls that a large spectrum of Member States can be considered as 'worst performing' as regards EU funds management, depending on the policy area concerned;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 34
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Insists that the definition of performance in respect of controls should primarily entail the quality of the Member States' checks and administrative systems, i.e. the efficiency, consistency and reliability of the managing and certifying authorities;

16. Insists that the definition of performance in respect of controls should ***be based on a checklist and*** primarily entail the quality of the Member States' checks and administrative systems, i.e. the efficiency, consistency and reliability of the managing and certifying authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Considers that the best performing Member States in each policy area should be rewarded by a reduction in Union controls;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 36
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Considers that the best performing Member States in each policy area should be rewarded by a reduction in Union controls;

Amendment

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 37
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Considers that the best performing Member States in each policy area should be rewarded by a reduction in Union controls;

Amendment

17. Supports the approach of reducing controls in well-performing Member States where error rates have been extremely low over a given period; calls for stricter controls and sanctions in Member States where the error rate is high or increasing;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Ivan Jakovčić, Nedzhmi Ali

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

17a. Calls the best performing Member States to share their experience with the worst performing Member States;

Amendment

Amendment 39

Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Encourages the Member States to develop further e-government initiatives aiming at reducing the error rate by preventing mistakes in the application phase as a mid- to long-term objective;

Amendment

20. Encourages the Member States to develop further e-government initiatives aiming at reducing the error rate by preventing mistakes in the application phase as a mid- to long-term objective; ***believes that full data transparency and accessibility are essential to prevent and combat any abuse; calls in this connection on the Commission to make mandatory the publication of documentation provided by all beneficiaries;***

Or. it

Amendment 40

Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. ***Encourages*** the Member States to ***develop further e-government initiatives aiming at reducing*** the error rate by preventing mistakes in the application phase as a mid- to long-term objective;

Amendment

20. ***Calls upon the Commission and*** the Member States to ***regard the target date, as provided for in Article 122 (3) from the Common Provision Regulation, to switch to e-cohesion in project application, management and control, aiming to reduce*** the error rate by preventing mistakes in the application phase as a mid- to long-term objective;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Gilles Pargneaux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Calls on Member States to ensure that the governmental/regional bodies dealing with the new CAP implementation communicate and work together effectively to the benefit of farmers implementing the policy on the ground.

Or. en

Amendment 42
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Considers the potential benefits in the long term of developing and adopting industrial internet -based solutions in both farming and controls, especially as regards integrated solutions for beneficiaries and paying agencies, to be numerous; expects this to impact positively on the consistency, reliability and cost-efficiency of controls; urges the Commission to adopt and execute pilot projects in this field; reminds that this approach is dependent on Member State commitment aiming to deliver fast broadband connections to rural areas throughout the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Stresses that the withholding of funds on a systematic basis is appropriate only in cases of fraud, corruption, terrorism and organised crime;

Or. it

Amendment 44
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Invites the Commission to cooperate with all relevant stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the Court of Auditors, the Member States and the beneficiaries' organisations, in preparing a long term strategy that would seek to address non-policy -related ways to keep the burden of the beneficiaries and inspectors from increasing further following future CAP reforms and changes to the basic acts;

Or. en