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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Ingeborg Gräble
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**on the General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016 -
all sections**
(2015/2132(BUD))

Amendment 1
Petri Sarvamaa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Asks the Commission and the Member States to improve transparency in regard to the recoveries, especially in regard to the year in which payment is made, the year in which the related error is detected and the year in which recoveries or financial corrections are disclosed in the notes to the accounts;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Ingeborg Gräßle

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission to provide Parliament with a summary of the costs actually incurred and the funding tranches made available for the structural fund projects already funded during the 2000-2006 and 2007-2013 funding periods and for those which have still not yet been completed;

Or. de

Amendment 3
Jens Geier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Reiterates its demand that the Commission draft proposals to sanction false or incorrect reporting by the Member States' authorities in the management of European Union funds;

Amendment

4. Reiterates its demand that the Commission draft proposals to sanction false or incorrect reporting by the Member States' authorities in the management of European Union funds; ***recalls that almost all paying agencies for direct payments were accredited and certified by the certifying authorities in the Member States and is therefore concerned that some paying agencies have particularly high error rates; calls in this context on the Member States to implement a 'better spending' of the EU budget by ensuring more effective and efficient national management and control systems;***

Or. en

Amendment 4
Rina Ronja Kari

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Reiterates its demand that the Commission draft proposals to sanction false or incorrect reporting by the Member States' authorities in the management of European Union funds;

Amendment

4. Reiterates its demand that the Commission draft proposals to sanction false or incorrect reporting by the Member States' authorities in the management of European Union funds; ***also calls on the Commission to submit proposals for ways in which Member States can strengthen ex-ante checks so as to reduce the number of sums unduly paid, and secure a system whereby proper investigations are carried out into suspicions of false or incorrect reporting and such reporting is sanctioned;***

Or. da

Amendment 5
Marco Valli, Marco Zanni

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission to include in its annual report on the protection of the EU's financial interests and the fight against fraud an assessment of the impact of corruption in each Member State on EU funds in the relevant year, and to set out a specific, targeted plan of action to combat such corruption;

Or. it

Amendment 6
Jens Geier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Urges the Commission to improve transparency in the use of financial engineering instruments (FEI), to regularly report on leverage, losses and risks and to present a cost-benefit analysis of FEIs compared with more direct forms of project funding;

5. Urges the Commission to improve transparency in the use of financial engineering instruments (FEI), to regularly report on leverage, losses and risks and to present a cost-benefit analysis of FEIs compared with more direct forms of project funding; ***calls on the Commission to implement effective monitoring systems to analyse the demand for financial instruments in the Member States, which would lower the risk of overcapitalisation;***

Or. en

Amendment 7
Dennis de Jong

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. In this regard, calls on the Commission to pay particular attention to the functioning of the decentralised agencies of the EU and, in particular, to their visibility and democratic accountability, in light of their distant locations and of lack of awareness of EU citizens of their activities and even of their existence;

Or. en

**Amendment 8
Petri Sarvamaa**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Reminds that there is an urgent need to concentrate on the accountability and performance of the use of the budget of the European Union; therefore, calls for the development of concrete evaluation mechanisms and indicators;

Or. en

**Amendment 9
Dennis de Jong**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Calls on the Commission to explain in detail its transparency policies with regard to EU funding, and, in particular, its measures to provide for balanced decision-making, involving all relevant

stakeholders, including consumer organisations, SME's, trade unions and general interest organisations, in particular environmental organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Dennis de Jong

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7c. Considering that due to its new 'better regulation' policies the Commission is proposing far less legislative initiatives than in the past, calls on the Commission to explain in detail the budgetary and staffing implications of this shift in emphasis from legislative to implementing activities and, in particular, to indicate whether economies can be made in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Petri Sarvamaa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. Urges the Commission to report to Parliament on measures to combat youth unemployment *implemented with EU financial resources, and achievements in this area;*

9. Urges the Commission to report to Parliament on *EU funded* measures to combat youth unemployment *and on the results achieved with those measures;*

Or. en

Amendment 12
Jens Geier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Calls on the budgetary authorities to reflect on the Union's efforts to prevent and combat fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities affecting its financial interests; emphasises in this respect that budgetary cuts in programmes such as HERCULE or AFIS would be detrimental to the budget of the European Union, as they support OLAF and the Member States to protect the Union's financial interests;

Or. en