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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft report**  
**Benedek Jávor**  
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on the Annual Report 2014 on the Protection of the EU's Financial Interests -  
Fight against fraud  
(2015/2128(INI))



**Amendment 1**

**Nedzhmi Ali, Martina Dlabajová, Michael Theurer, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ba. whereas achieving good performance involves inputs, outputs, results and impacts regularly assessed through the performance audits;***

Or. en

**Amendment 2**

**Aldo Patriciello**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital C**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

C. whereas the diversity of legal and administrative systems in the Member States presents a challenging environment in which to overcome irregularities and combat fraud; ***whereas any incorrect use of EU funds entails not only individual, but also collective, losses;***

C. whereas the diversity of legal and administrative systems in the Member States presents a challenging environment in which to overcome irregularities and combat fraud ***and the Commission should therefore step up its efforts to ensure that the fight against fraud is implemented effectively and produces more tangible and satisfactory results;***

Or. it

**Amendment 3**

**Benedek Jávor, Julia Pitera**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital C a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ca. whereas the European Anti-Fraud***

*Office (OLAF) has the responsibility to protect the Union's financial interests by investigating fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities; whereas its Supervisory Committee has been established in order to reinforce and guarantee OLAF's independence by regularly monitoring the implementation of OLAF's investigative function; whereas the Supervisory Committee shall in particular monitor developments concerning the application of procedural guarantees and the duration of investigations in the light of the information supplied by the Director-General in accordance with Article 7(8);*

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Aldo Patriciello**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ca. whereas any incorrect use of EU funds entails not only individual, but also collective, losses, and seriously undermines the credibility and transparency of the EU institutions and of the EU as a whole;*

Or. it

**Amendment 5**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Benedek Jávor**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle, Julia Pitera**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Stresses that 1 649 out of a total of 16 473 irregularities reported to the Commission in 2014 were fraudulent, **involving** an amount of around EUR 3.24 billion, of which about EUR 2.27 billion related to expenditure, representing 1.8% of total payments;

*Amendment*

2. Stresses that 1 649 out of a total of 16 473 irregularities reported to the Commission in 2014 were fraudulent; **notes that all reported irregularities involve** an amount of around EUR 3.24 billion, of which about EUR 2.27 billion related to expenditure, representing 1.8% of total payments;

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Benedek Jávor**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Underlines that the overall financial impact of non-fraudulent irregularities reported in 2014 is **36 %** greater than in 2013, while the number of such irregularities registered increased by **48%**;

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3. Underlines that the overall financial impact of non-fraudulent irregularities reported in 2014 is **47%** greater than in 2013, while the number of such irregularities registered increased by **5%**; **non-fraudulent irregularities related to**

*expenditure affected 1,54% of total payments and those related to revenue affected 3.66% of gross amount of TOR collected in 2014;*

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Ingeborg Gräble, Julia Pitera**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Underlines that the overall financial impact of non-fraudulent irregularities reported in 2014 is 36% greater than in 2013, while the number of such irregularities registered increased by 48%;

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3. Underlines that the overall financial impact of *fraudulent and* non-fraudulent irregularities reported in 2014 is 36% greater than in 2013, while the number of such irregularities registered increased by 48%;

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Julia Pitera, Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4 – point 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(1) Underlines that the simplification of administrative rules will decrease the number of non-fraudulent irregularities, help identify fraudulent cases, and make EU funds more accessible to the beneficiaries;*

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Petri Sarvamaa, Julia Pitera**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4a. Calls for the Commission and the European Court of Auditors to facilitate openness of the audit data by releasing more detailed information as regards the best- and worst-performing Member-states per policy area and sector, so as to allow actors to identify the areas where help is most needed and design actions accordingly;***

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Benedek Jávor**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

5. Notes with concern that the amount of Traditional Own Resources (TOR) affected by fraud **or** irregularities was **125%** higher in 2014 than the previous year;

5. Notes with concern that the amount of Traditional Own Resources (TOR) affected by fraud **was 191% higher in 2014 than in 2013 and the amount affected by non-fraudulent** irregularities was **146%** higher in 2014 than the previous year;

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Benedek Jávor**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

6. Is concerned by the fact that the TOR recovery rate for 2014 is, at 24%, at its

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historic lowest point; urges *the United Kingdom and Bulgaria to improve their contributions, as their level of irregularities is three times the EU average*;

*both fraudulent and non-fraudulent irregularities* for 2014 is, at 24%, at its historic lowest point; urges *Member States to recover faster the amounts due and especially urges those Member States which still need to recover biggest amounts to do so*;

Or. en

### Amendment 13

Nedzhmi Ali, Martina Dlabajová, Michael Theurer, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

#### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

##### *Motion for a resolution*

6. Is concerned by the fact that the TOR recovery rate for 2014 is, at 24%, at its historic lowest point; urges the *United Kingdom and Bulgaria to improve their contributions, as their level of irregularities is three times the EU average*;

##### *Amendment*

6. Is concerned by the fact that the TOR recovery rate for 2014 is, at 24%, at its historic lowest point; urges the *member-states whose level of irregularities is well above the EU average to improve their contributions*;

Or. en

### Amendment 14

Julia Pitera, Benedek Jávor, Ingeborg Gräble

#### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

##### *Motion for a resolution*

7. Is concerned about the VAT gap, which amounted to EUR 168 billion in 2013; underlines the fact that in *many Member States VAT fraud and avoidance remains at a continuously high level*; reiterates that the Commission has the competence to control and supervise measures taken by the Member States<sup>1</sup>; calls on the Commission to make full use of its

##### *Amendment*

7. Is concerned about the VAT gap *and the estimated losses on VAT collection*, which amounted to EUR 168 billion in 2013; underlines the fact that in *13 out of 26 EU countries examined in 2014, the average estimated VAT loss exceeded 15,2%*; reiterates that the Commission has the competence to control and supervise measures taken by the Member States<sup>1</sup>;



executive powers in order to both control and help the Member States in their fight against VAT fraud and tax avoidance;

calls on the Commission to make full use of its executive powers in order to both control and help the Member States in their fight against VAT fraud and tax avoidance; ***acknowledges the fact that since 2013 Commission has been using the Quick Reaction Mechanism in order to deal with massive and sudden VAT fraud;***

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<sup>1</sup> Council Regulations (EU, Euratom) No 1553/89/EEC and (EU, Euratom) No 608/2014.

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Or. en

## **Amendment 15** **Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 7**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

7. Is concerned about the VAT gap, which amounted to EUR 168 billion in 2013; underlines the fact that in many Member States VAT fraud and avoidance remains at a continuously high level; reiterates that the Commission has the competence to control and supervise measures taken by the Member States<sup>1</sup>; calls on the Commission to make full use of its executive powers in order to both control and help the Member States in their fight against VAT fraud and tax avoidance;

#### *Amendment*

7. Is concerned about the VAT gap, which amounted to EUR 168 billion in 2013; underlines the fact that in many Member States VAT fraud and avoidance remains at a continuously high level; ***points out that the fight against VAT fraud is a national competence, meaning that the Commission does not have access to the information exchanged between Member States to prevent and combat so-called 'carousel' fraud; calls on all Member States to participate in all EUROFISC's fields of activity so as to facilitate the exchange of information to help combat fraud;*** reiterates that the Commission has the competence to control and supervise measures taken by the Member States<sup>1</sup>; calls on the Commission to make full use of its executive powers in order to both control and help the Member States in their fight against VAT fraud and tax avoidance;

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Or. it

**Amendment 16**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***7a. Encourages the Commission to develop such a mechanism that would motivate the companies to pay regular taxes rather than avoiding them;***

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Julia Pitera, Benedek Jávor**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***7a. Notes an increasing number of coordination centres supported by Eurojust and Europol; welcomes the results of cross-border operations vertigo 2 and 3 and the efficient cooperation between law enforcement and judicial authorities from Germany, Poland, the Netherlands, the UK, Belgium, Spain, the Czech Republic and Switzerland, leading to the neutralization of criminal networks responsible for defrauding approximately EUR 320 million of tax revenues, including VAT;***

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*7a. Expresses concern with regard to customs inspections and the related collection of customs duties, which are one of the own resources under the EU budget; points out that it is the customs authorities of the Member States that conduct inspections to check that importers are complying with the rules on tariffs and imports, and stresses that the Court of Auditors has found the quality of those inspections to vary from one Member State to another; calls on the Commission to update the Customs Audit Guide, published in 2014, in order to eliminate the shortcomings detected by the Court of Auditors, such as the issues surrounding the handling of imports cleared through customs in another Member State;*

Or. it

**Amendment 19**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

8. Notes *with concern* that the number of irregularities reported as fraudulent in 2014 dropped by only 4 % after a 76 % increase in 2013; urges the competent authorities to take all necessary measures to decrease the number of fraudulent irregularities, although not at the expense of control

8. Notes that the number of irregularities *related to expenditure* reported as fraudulent in 2014 dropped by only 4 % after a 76 % increase in 2013; urges the competent authorities to take all necessary measures to decrease the number of fraudulent irregularities, although not at the

standards;

expense of control standards;

Or. en

## **Amendment 20**

**Benedek Jávor, Julia Pitera, Georgi Pirinski**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 9**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

9. Encourages the Commission to further enhance its supervisory role through audit, control and inspection activities, remedial action plans and early warning letters; calls on the Member States to intensify their efforts and to tap their potential to detect and correct errors prior to claiming reimbursement from the Commission;

##### *Amendment*

9. Encourages the Commission to further enhance its supervisory role through audit, control and inspection activities, remedial action plans and early warning letters; calls on the Member States to intensify their efforts and to tap their potential to detect and correct errors prior to claiming reimbursement from the Commission; ***underlines, in this regard, the particular value of preventive actions in forestalling disbursements and thus eliminating the need for subsequent actions to recover misappropriated funds***

Or. en

## **Amendment 21**

**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 9 a (new)**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

##### *Amendment*

***9a. Repeats its call on the Commission to develop a system for the exchange of information among the competent authorities so as to enable the cross-checking of accounting entries between two or more Member States in order to prevent transnational fraud in respect of the Structural and Investment Funds, hence ensuring a cross-cutting***

*approach to the protection of the EU's financial interests;*

Or. it

**Amendment 22**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Benedek Jávor**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*9a. Is concerned that in 2014 the rural development sector accounted for the largest number of reported fraudulent irregularities showing the biggest increase in comparison with 2013 and takes note that four Member States reported about 71% of the total fraudulent cases;*

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

10. Acknowledges that *Member States' recovery for the EAGF is below the overall average, and fewer than half of the irregularities detected in 2009 had been recovered by the end of 2014; points to significant differences between the abilities of Member States to recover sums for irregular payments detected under the CAP and urges Bulgaria, France, Greece and Slovakia to significantly improve their results;*

10. Acknowledges that *the clearance mechanism (50/50 rule) provides a strong incentive for Member States to recover undue payments under EAGF from the beneficiaries as quickly as possible and takes note that by the end of financial year 2014, 45% of the new EAGF debts from 2007 and thereafter had already been recovered; is concerned, however, that 10 Member States have recovered from final beneficiaries less than the EU average of 45%;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 24**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 10**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

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##### *Amendment*

10. Acknowledges that Member States' recovery for the EAGF is below the overall average, and fewer than half of the irregularities detected in 2009 had been recovered by the end of 2014; ***Expresses concern that 2014 was a third consecutive year with a noted growth of number of cases of fraudulent irregularities in the EAGF and a fourth consecutive year of growth of the amount of fraudulent cases reported in the rural development;*** points to significant differences between the abilities of Member States to recover sums for irregular payments detected under the CAP and urges Bulgaria, France, Greece and Slovakia to significantly improve their results;

Or. en

## **Amendment 25**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 10**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

10. Acknowledges that Member States' recovery for the EAGF is below the overall average, and fewer than half of the irregularities detected in 2009 had been recovered by the end of 2014; points to significant differences between the abilities of Member States to recover sums for

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irregular payments detected under the CAP and urges Bulgaria, France, Greece and Slovakia to significantly improve their results;

irregular payments detected under the CAP and urges Bulgaria, France, Greece and Slovakia to significantly improve their results; ***points out that 71% of the total number of fraudulent irregularities notified for natural resources (agriculture, rural development and fisheries) come from Hungary, Poland, Romania and Italy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Anders Primdahl Vistisen**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

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*Amendment*

10. Acknowledges that Member States' recovery for the EAGF is below the overall average, and fewer than half of the irregularities detected in 2009 had been recovered by the end of 2014; points to significant differences between the abilities of Member States to recover sums for irregular payments detected under the CAP and urges Bulgaria, France, Greece and Slovakia to significantly improve their results; ***stresses the need for faster recovery of funds;***

Or. en

**Amendment 27**  
**Petri Sarvamaa, Julia Pitera**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. ***Acknowledges*** that Member States' recovery for the EAGF is below the overall

*Amendment*

10. ***Regrets*** that Member States' recovery for the EAGF is below the overall average,

average, and fewer than half of the irregularities detected in 2009 had been recovered by the end of 2014; points to significant differences between the abilities of Member States to recover sums for irregular payments detected under the CAP and urges Bulgaria, France, Greece and Slovakia to significantly improve their results;

and fewer than half of the irregularities detected in 2009 had been recovered by the end of 2014; points to significant differences between the abilities of Member States to recover sums for irregular payments detected under the CAP and urges Bulgaria, France, Greece and Slovakia to significantly improve their results;

Or. en

**Amendment 28**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Notes that the irregularities linked to the Common Fisheries Policy in 2014 returned to a level comparable to 2012 after a one-year peak in 2013; expresses concern regarding the high amount of **fraudulent cases reported by Spain, Poland, the United Kingdom and Romania**;

*Amendment*

11. Notes that the irregularities linked to the Common Fisheries Policy in 2014 returned to a level comparable to 2012 after a one-year peak in 2013; **takes note about decrease in number of cases and amounts affected by fraud in 2014 as well as in amounts affected by non-fraudulent irregularities**; expresses, **however**, concern regarding the **increased number of reported non-fraudulent irregularities, and regarding high amount of payments affected by both kind of irregularities reported by 7 Member States**;

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Julia Pitera**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

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the Common Fisheries Policy in 2014 returned to a level comparable to 2012 after a one-year peak in 2013; *notes that the most detected category of irregularity during the period 2010-2014 was "Non-eligibility for aid of the action/project" followed by "Infringements of public procurement rules";*

Or. en

### **Amendment 30** **Ingeborg Gräßle**

#### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 11**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

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##### *Amendment*

11. Notes that the irregularities linked to the Common Fisheries Policy in 2014 returned to a level comparable to 2012 after a one-year peak in 2013; expresses concern regarding the high amount of *non-fraudulent and* fraudulent cases reported by Spain, Poland, the United Kingdom and Romania;

Or. en

### **Amendment 31** **Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

#### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 12**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

12. Notes that in the area of cohesion policy the trend for the number of irregularities reported as fraudulent is *stabilising*, with 306 cases reported; is seriously concerned about the increase of *over EUR 115 million*, which is mainly due to a sharp increase (*by 660 %*) in

##### *Amendment*

12. Notes that in the area of cohesion policy the trend for the number of irregularities reported as fraudulent is *decreasing by 5% in 2014 compared to 2013*, with 306 cases reported; is seriously concerned about the increase of *76% of the amounts affected by fraudulent*

*reported fraudulent irregularities in the 2007-2013 cohesion fund programming period* from EUR 21 million to EUR 161 million;

*irregularities in 2014 over 2013* which is mainly due to a sharp increase *of amounts involved under the* Cohesion fund from EUR 21 million to EUR 161 million;

Or. en

**Amendment 32**  
**Benedek Jávor, Ingeborg Gräble**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Notes that in the area of cohesion policy the trend for the number of irregularities reported as fraudulent is stabilising, with 306 cases reported; is seriously concerned about the increase of over EUR 115 million, which is mainly due to a sharp increase (by 660 %) in reported fraudulent irregularities in the 2007-2013 cohesion fund programming period from EUR 21 million to EUR 161 million;

*Amendment*

12. Notes that in the area of cohesion policy the trend for the number of irregularities reported as fraudulent is stabilising, with 306 cases reported; is seriously concerned about the increase of over EUR 115 million, which is mainly due to a sharp increase (by 660 %) in reported fraudulent irregularities in the 2007-2013 cohesion fund programming period from EUR 21 million to EUR 161 million; *takes note that out of 74 cases of established fraud in the cohesion policy between 2008 and 2014, 61 (82%) were reported by three Member States - Germany (42 cases), Poland (11 cases) and Slovenia (8 cases); expresses concern that 14 Member States have a 0% established fraud ratio for that period of time which may raise questions to the efficiency of their systems of control.*

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Notes that in the area of cohesion policy the trend for the number of irregularities reported as fraudulent is stabilising, with 306 cases reported; is seriously concerned about the increase of over EUR 115 million, which is mainly due to a sharp increase (by 660%) in reported fraudulent irregularities in the 2007-2013 cohesion fund programming period from EUR 21 million to EUR 161 million;

*Amendment*

12. Notes that in the area of cohesion policy the trend for the number of irregularities reported as fraudulent is stabilising, with 306 cases reported; is seriously concerned about the increase of over EUR 115 million, which is mainly due to a sharp increase (by 660%) in reported fraudulent irregularities in the 2007-2013 cohesion fund programming period from EUR 21 million to EUR 161 million; **welcomes the use of the Arachne tool in support of the management and control of operational programmes and calls on all the Member States to apply that tool so as to reduce the error rate and strengthen the prevention and detection of fraud;**

Or. it

**Amendment 34**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle, Julia Pitera**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***12a. Is furthermore worried that the overall time gap between the occurrence of an irregularity, its detection and finally its reporting to the Commission is increasing in the cohesion area up to 3 years and 4 months; recalls that after the detection of the irregularity further procedures kick in (recovery orders, OLAF investigations etc.); urges the Commission to work together with Member States to improve the detection and reporting efficiency;***

Or. en

**Amendment 35**  
**Miroslav Poche**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Welcomes the overall drop in reported irregularities in Pre-Accession Assistance (PAA); regrets the steadily increasing trend concerning irregularities in the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA) since 2010, both in amounts and in the number of cases, with Turkey being the main contributor to this negative development;

*Amendment*

13. Welcomes the overall drop in reported irregularities in Pre-Accession Assistance (PAA); regrets the steadily increasing trend concerning irregularities in the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA) since 2010, both in amounts and in the number of cases, with Turkey being the main contributor to this negative development ***and calls on the Commission to do everything it can to improve the situation, in particular in the context of the upcoming efforts to enhance EU-Turkey cooperation;***

Or. cs

**Amendment 36**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Welcomes the overall drop in reported irregularities in Pre-Accession Assistance (PAA); regrets the steadily increasing trend concerning irregularities in the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA) since 2010, both in amounts and in the number of cases, with Turkey being the main contributor to this negative development.

*Amendment*

13. Welcomes the overall drop in reported irregularities in Pre-Accession Assistance (PAA); regrets the steadily increasing trend concerning irregularities in the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA) since 2010, both in amounts and in the number of cases, with Turkey being the main contributor to this negative development. ***expresses concern at the fact that in Serbia pre-accession funding is being used to offer tax advantages to European companies that set up production operations there; calls on the Commission to ensure that the use of pre-accession funding by recipient States goes hand-in-hand with complete transparency;***

**Amendment 37**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13a. Takes note of the decrease in non-fraudulent irregularities regarding directly managed EU funds by the Commission, in terms both of the number of cases and the sums involved; is surprised that the number of fraudulent irregularities in 2014 quadrupled compared to the previous year and asks the Commission for detailed explanations and necessary action to counter this trend;***

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13b. Notes with concern that despite of the numerous calls from the Parliament for the establishment of uniform reporting principles in all Member States the situation remains highly unsatisfactory and there are still significant differences in the number of fraudulent and non-fraudulent irregularities reported by each Member State; Considers that this problem creates a distorted picture of the real situation of the level of infringements and protection of the EU financial interests; Urges the Commission to make***

*serious efforts to resolve the problem of existing different approaches in Member States to detect irregularities and non-homogeneous interpretations when applying the EU legal framework;*

*(This amendment should come immediately below the subtitle "Better reporting")*

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Welcomes the Commission's commitment to publish an EU Anti-Corruption report biannually, and looks forward to reading the next report in early 2016; asks the Commission to add a chapter on the performance of the EU institutions in fighting corruption;

*Amendment*

14. Welcomes the Commission's commitment to publish an EU Anti-Corruption report biannually, and looks forward to reading the next report in early 2016; asks the Commission to add a chapter on the performance of the EU institutions in fighting corruption *with carrying out further analysis at the level of the EU institutions concerning which policies are implemented, in order to identify inherent critical factors, vulnerable areas and risk factors conducive to corruption;*

Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*14a. Calls on the Commission to harmonize the framework of reporting 'suspected fraud' and to establish rules on*

*reporting all judicial action undertaken in the Member states related to potential fraudulent use of community resources, indicating the judicial actions based on OLAF judicial recommendations specifically in the reporting*

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Miroslav Poche**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Invites the Commission to develop a system of strict indicators and easily applicable criteria based on the requirements set out in the Stockholm Programme to measure the level of corruption in the Member States; is concerned about the reliability and quality of data coming from the Member States; calls on the Commission, therefore, to work closely with Member States to guarantee comprehensive, exact and reliable data; invites the Commission to work out a corruption index to categorise Member States;

*Amendment*

15. Invites the Commission to develop a system of strict indicators and easily applicable *uniform* criteria based on the requirements set out in the Stockholm Programme to measure the level of corruption in the Member States; is concerned about the reliability and quality of data coming from the Member States; calls on the Commission, therefore, to work closely with Member States to guarantee comprehensive, exact and reliable data; invites the Commission to work out a corruption index to categorise Member States;

Or. cs

**Amendment 42**  
**Petri Sarvamaa, Julia Pitera**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Invites the Commission to develop a system of strict indicators and easily applicable criteria based on the

*Amendment*

15. Invites the Commission to develop a system of strict indicators and easily applicable criteria based on the

requirements set out in the Stockholm Programme to measure the level of corruption in the Member States; is concerned about the reliability and quality of data coming from the Member States; calls on the Commission, therefore, to work closely with Member States to guarantee comprehensive, exact and reliable data; invites the Commission to work out a corruption index to categorise Member States;

requirements set out in the Stockholm Programme to measure the level of corruption in the Member States; is concerned about the reliability and quality of data coming from the Member States; calls on the Commission, therefore, to work closely with Member States to guarantee comprehensive, exact and reliable data *keeping in mind the goal of full implementation of the Single Audit Scheme*; invites the Commission to work out a corruption index to categorise Member States;

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Invites the Commission to develop a system of strict indicators and easily applicable criteria based on the requirements set out in the Stockholm Programme to measure the level of corruption in the Member States; is concerned about the reliability and quality of data coming from the Member States; calls on the Commission, therefore, to work closely with Member States to guarantee comprehensive, exact and reliable data; invites the Commission to work out a *corruption index to categorise* Member States;

*Amendment*

15. Invites the Commission to develop a system of strict indicators and easily applicable criteria based on the requirements set out in the Stockholm Programme to measure the level of corruption in the Member States; is concerned about the reliability and quality of data coming from the Member States; calls on the Commission, therefore, to work closely with Member States to guarantee comprehensive, exact and reliable data; invites the Commission to work out a *system categorising the effectiveness of Member States' anti-corruption policies*;

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Dennis de Jong**



**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Invites the Commission to evaluate the performance of Member States in fighting corruption on a yearly basis; believes that these control mechanisms should reflect the performance of the Member States in fighting corruption (*corruption index*) and should incentivise Member States to improve their performance;

*Amendment*

16. Invites the Commission to evaluate the performance of Member States in fighting corruption on a yearly basis; believes that these control mechanisms should reflect the performance of the Member States in fighting corruption and should incentivise Member States to improve their performance;

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Aldo Patriciello**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***16a. Calls on the Commission, as part of the annual evaluation of the results achieved in the fight against corruption, to give Member State precise guidelines as to how to facilitate gradual and continuous implementation of the obligations taken on by each State as regards combating corruption;***

Or. it

**Amendment 46**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Reiterates its call on the Commission to swiftly promote legislation on the minimum level of protection for whistle-

*Amendment*

17. Reiterates its call on the Commission to swiftly promote legislation on the minimum level of protection for whistle-

blowers in the European Union; calls on the European institutions to amend the Staff Regulations to ensure that these not only formally oblige officials to report irregularities, but also lay down adequate protection for whistle-blowers; calls on the European institutions that have not done so and other bodies to implement Article 22(c) of the Staff Regulations without delay;

blowers in the European Union; calls on the European institutions to amend the Staff Regulations to ensure that these not only formally oblige officials to report irregularities, but also lay down adequate protection for whistle-blowers; calls on the European institutions that have not done so and other bodies to implement Article 22(c) of the Staff Regulations without delay; ***calls firmly for all EU institutions to adopt internal rules concerning whistle-blowing by employees and the latter's obligations, focusing on protection for whistle-blowers;***

Or. it

**Amendment 47**  
**Julia Pitera, Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Underlines the importance of access to information and the transparency of lobbying, and of using EU funding to support the work of independent organisations in this area, ***inter alia to establish financial support for cross-border investigative journalism;***

*Amendment*

18. Underlines the importance of access to information and the transparency of lobbying, and of using EU funding to support the work of independent organisations in this area;

Or. en

**Amendment 48**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***18a. Believes that the level of transparency could be raised through the***

*creation of a legislative footprint for EU lobbying, with the objective of switching from a voluntary to a mandatory EU register for all lobbying activities for any of the EU institutions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Julia Pitera**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Urges the Commission to maintain its strict policy on interruptions and suspension of payments; *calls on* Commission, *moreover, to keep the Member States and local authorities better informed about the implementation of its policy, bearing in mind that this process should not be undermined by political considerations; welcomes the fact that the Commission adopted a new decision on the Early Warning Mechanism (EWS) and looks forward to the creation of a comprehensive system of early detection and exclusion to be proposed by the Commission;*

*Amendment*

19. Urges the Commission to maintain its strict policy on interruptions and suspension of payments; *welcomes the fact that the Commission adopted a new decision on the Early Warning Mechanism (EWS); looks forward to the creation of a comprehensive system of early detection and exclusion to be proposed by the Commission; and calls on the Commission to better inform the Member States and local authorities about the implementation of its policy, bearing in mind that this process should not be undermined by political considerations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Urges the Commission to maintain its strict policy on interruptions and suspension of payments; calls on

*Amendment*

19. Urges the Commission to maintain its strict policy on interruptions and suspension of payments *as a preventive*

Commission, moreover, to keep the Member States and local authorities better informed about the implementation of its policy, bearing in mind that this process should not be undermined by political considerations; welcomes the fact that the Commission adopted a new decision on the Early Warning Mechanism (EWS) and looks forward to the creation of a comprehensive system of early detection and exclusion to be proposed by the Commission;

*measure against irregularities affecting the EU budget according to the relevant legal basis*; calls on Commission, moreover, to keep the Member States and local authorities better informed about the implementation of its policy *as well as to assist them to overcome the difficulties they meet to comply with EU requirements*, bearing in mind that this process should not be undermined by political considerations; welcomes the fact that the Commission adopted a new decision on the Early Warning Mechanism (EWS) and looks forward to the creation of a comprehensive system of early detection and exclusion to be proposed by the Commission;

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**19a. Calls for the EU to apply for membership of the Council of Europe Group of States against Corruption (GRECO);**

Or. en

**Amendment 52**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**20. Is concerned by the steady increase in non-fraudulent irregularities regarding**

20. Emphasises the complex nature of irregularities; takes the view that the

*directly managed EU funds, in terms both of the number of cases and the sums involved; is surprised that the number of fraudulent irregularities in 2014 quadrupled compared to the previous year and asks the Commission for detailed explanations and necessary action to counter this trend;* emphasises the complex nature of irregularities; takes the view that the Commission and the Member States take firm action against fraudulent irregularities; believes that non-fraudulent irregularities should be tackled with administrative measures, and in particular with more transparent and simpler requirements;

Commission and the Member States take firm action against fraudulent irregularities; believes that non-fraudulent irregularities should be tackled with administrative measures, and in particular with more transparent and simpler requirements, *more technical assistance by the Commission to the Member States and enhanced exchange of good practices and lessons learned among them;*

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Miroslav Poche**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Is concerned by the steady increase in non-fraudulent irregularities regarding directly managed EU funds, in terms both of the number of cases and the sums involved; is surprised that the number of fraudulent irregularities in 2014 quadrupled compared to the previous year and asks the Commission for detailed explanations and necessary action to counter this trend; emphasises the complex nature of irregularities; takes the view that the Commission and the Member States take firm action against fraudulent irregularities; believes that non-fraudulent irregularities should be tackled with administrative measures, and in particular with more transparent and simpler requirements;

*Amendment*

20. Is concerned by the steady increase in non-fraudulent irregularities regarding directly managed EU funds, in terms both of the number of cases and the sums involved; is surprised that the number of fraudulent irregularities in 2014 quadrupled compared to the previous year and asks the Commission for detailed explanations and necessary action to counter this trend; emphasises the complex nature of irregularities; takes the view that the Commission and the Member States take firm action against fraudulent irregularities; believes that non-fraudulent irregularities should be tackled with administrative measures, and in particular with more transparent and simpler requirements, *but also that the methodology for calculating error rates must be harmonised at EU and Member*

*State level;*

Or. cs

**Amendment 54**  
**Benedek Jávor, Julia Pitera, Georgi Pirinski**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***20a. Welcomes the fact that the ex-ante and ex-post 'Community Controls' detect more and more cases of irregularities and therefore these controls should be further promoted;***

Or. en

**Amendment 55**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***20a. Calls on the relevant authorities in Member States to perform better control and to use all available information to avoid errors and irregular payments involving EU funds;***

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Motion for a resolution*

21. Welcomes the fact that all of the Commission's services developed and implemented their anti-fraud strategies in 2014; invites the EU agencies, executive agencies and joint undertakings to do the same; emphasises the role of the Anti-Fraud Coordination Services (AFCOS) in fighting fraud; calls on the Member States concerned to submit their national anti-fraud strategies (NAFS) as soon as possible; calls on the Commission to monitor closely the implementation of the NAFSs;

*Amendment*

21. Welcomes the fact that all of the Commission's services developed and implemented their anti-fraud strategies in 2014; invites the EU agencies, executive agencies and joint undertakings to do the same; emphasises the role of the Anti-Fraud Coordination Services (AFCOS) in fighting fraud; **welcomes the adoption of national anti-fraud strategies by Bulgaria, Greece, Croatia, Malta and Slovakia** and calls on the Member States concerned to submit their national anti-fraud strategies (NAFS) as soon as possible; calls on the Commission to monitor closely the implementation of the NAFSs;

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 22**

*Motion for a resolution*

22. Welcomes the *positive results of the* first annual overview of the Hercule III Programme; *expresses concern that the budget reserved for it might be insufficient*;

*Amendment*

22. Welcomes the first annual overview of the Hercule III Programme, **but requests additional performance based information in particular on the contribution of the 55 conferences and training sessions to the effectiveness of the actions taken by Member States to counter fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities affecting the financial interests of the European Union**;

Or. en

**Amendment 58**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. Reiterates that, according to Article 325(2) TFEU, Member States 'shall take the same measures to counter fraud affecting the financial interests of the Union as they take to counter fraud affecting their own financial interests'; is of the opinion that this provision is not met in *the EU*; is of the opinion that the Commission should **develop a horizontal policy on the fight** against fraud and corruption; emphasises that the Commission is also responsible for the effective spending of funds, and calls therefore on the Commission to put in place internal performance requirements;

*Amendment*

23. Reiterates that, according to Article 325(2) TFEU, Member States 'shall take the same measures to counter fraud affecting the financial interests of the Union as they take to counter fraud affecting their own financial interests'; is of the opinion that this provision is not met in **a satisfactory level by all Member States**; is of the opinion that the Commission should **strengthen its internal** policy against fraud and corruption; emphasises that the Commission is also responsible for the effective spending of funds, and calls therefore on the Commission to put in place internal performance requirements;

Or. en

**Amendment 59**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**23a. Considers that greater involvement of EU citizens is necessary at the programming and control stage, through easily accessible information tools, especially where major infrastructure is being financed; calls on the Commission to consider the idea of participatory budgeting, in order to involve citizens in monitoring the spending of EU funds, and to establish an accessible electronic desk to report cases of fraud;**

Or. it



## Amendment 60

Dennis de Jong

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 24

##### *Motion for a resolution*

24. Reiterates its strong views on the need to adopt the PIF Directive, with **VAT included in its scope and with** a clear definition of PIF offences, minimum **and** maximum applicable imprisonment penalties, and minimum rules on the statute of limitations as soon as possible; recalls the Taricco Case, in which the Court of Justice of the European Union draws attention to the fact that VAT is a TOR;

##### *Amendment*

24. Reiterates its strong views on the need to adopt the PIF Directive, with a clear definition of PIF offences, minimum maximum applicable imprisonment penalties, and minimum rules on the statute of limitations as soon as possible; recalls the Taricco Case, in which the Court of Justice of the European Union draws attention to the fact that VAT is a TOR;

Or. en

## Amendment 61

Ingeborg Gräßle, Julia Pitera

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 24

##### *Motion for a resolution*

24. Reiterates its **strong** views **on the** need to adopt the PIF Directive, with VAT included in its scope and with a clear definition of PIF offences, minimum **and** maximum applicable imprisonment penalties, and minimum rules on the statute of limitations as soon as possible; recalls the Taricco Case, in which the Court of Justice of the European Union draws attention to the fact that VAT **is a TOR**;

##### *Amendment*

24. Reiterates its views **that there is an urgent** need to adopt the PIF Directive, with VAT included in its scope and with a clear definition of PIF offences, minimum **rules for** maximum applicable imprisonment penalties, and minimum rules on the statute of limitations as soon as possible; recalls the Taricco Case, in which the Court of Justice of the European Union draws attention to the fact that VAT **fraud is indeed included in the 1995 PIF Convention's definition of PIF fraud**;

Or. en

## **Amendment 62**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 24**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

24. **Reiterates** its strong views on the need to adopt the PIF Directive, with VAT included in its scope and with a clear definition of PIF offences, minimum and maximum applicable imprisonment penalties, and minimum rules on the statute of limitations as soon as possible; recalls the Taricco Case, in which the Court of Justice of the European Union draws attention to the fact that VAT is a TOR;

##### *Amendment*

24. **Welcomes the European Commission statement in its 2014 annual PIF report[1], which reminds that both the PIF directive and the European Public Prosecutor's Office regulation (EPPO regulation) "would complement and strengthen the legal framework and would considerably reinforce the fight against fraud"; reiterates** its strong views on the need to adopt the PIF Directive, with VAT included in its scope and with a clear definition of PIF offences, minimum and maximum applicable imprisonment penalties, and minimum rules on the statute of limitations as soon as possible; recalls the Taricco Case, in which the Court of Justice of the European Union draws attention to the fact that VAT is a TOR;

Or. en

## **Amendment 63**

**Dennis de Jong**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 25**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

25. **Stresses that the EPPO Regulation should also be adopted swiftly and demands that the Council explain its reasons for delaying the negotiations;**

##### *Amendment*

25. **Calls for the Commission to clarify the main reasons why Member States are not giving follow-up to alleged cases of fraud affecting the financial interests of the European Union, as submitted to them by OLAF;**

**Amendment 64****Marco Valli, Marco Zanni****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 26***Motion for a resolution*

26. Notes that the level of irregularities due to non-compliance with public procurement rules remains high; calls on the Member States to transpose rapidly into national law Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on public procurement<sup>1</sup>, which makes e-procurement mandatory and introduces monitoring and reporting obligations to curb procurement fraud and other serious irregularities;

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 65.

*Amendment*

26. Notes that the level of irregularities due to non-compliance with public procurement rules remains high; calls on the Member States to transpose rapidly into national law Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on public procurement<sup>1</sup>, which makes e-procurement mandatory and introduces monitoring and reporting obligations to curb procurement fraud and other serious irregularities; ***calls on the Commission to make it compulsory to publish all documentation relating to beneficiaries, and in particular to subcontractors;***

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 65.

Or. it

**Amendment 65****Tamás Deutsch****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 26 a (new)***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

***26a. Asks the Commission to apply strictly the measures pertaining to discretion and exclusion in respect of public procurement, with proper background checks being carried out in every instance, and to apply the exclusion***

*criteria in order to debar companies in the event of any conflict of interest, this being essential to protect the credibility of the institutions;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 66**

**Benedek Jávor, Julia Pitera, Georgi Pirinski**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 28**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

28. Emphasises that the failure to comply with public procurement rules was a significant source of error for the 2009-2013 programming period; points out that the new public procurement directives have to be implemented by April 2016; emphasises that reducing the incidence of irregularities requires correct implementation of the directives by the Member States; calls on the Commission to closely monitor the implementation of these directives; is of the belief that ex ante conditionalities have the potential to improve public procurement;

##### *Amendment*

28. Emphasises that the failure to comply with public procurement rules was a significant source of error for the 2009-2013 programming period *amongst others the avoidance of public procurement by splitting contracts into smaller tenders to avoid exceeding thresholds and the use of inappropriate procedure;* ; points out that the new public procurement directives have to be implemented by April 2016; emphasises that reducing the incidence of irregularities requires correct implementation of the directives by the Member States; calls on the Commission to closely monitor the implementation of these directives; is of the belief that ex ante conditionalities have the potential to improve public procurement;

Or. en

## **Amendment 67**

**Benedek Jávor, Julia Pitera, Georgi Pirinski**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 28**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

28. Emphasises that the failure to comply

##### *Amendment*

28. Emphasises that the failure to comply

with public procurement rules was a significant source of error for the 2009-2013 programming period; points out that the new public procurement directives have to be implemented by April 2016; emphasises that reducing the incidence of irregularities requires correct implementation of the directives by the Member States; calls on the Commission to closely monitor the implementation of these directives; is of the belief that ex ante conditionalities have the potential to improve public procurement;

with public procurement rules was a significant source of error for the 2009-2013 programming period; points out that the new public procurement directives have to be implemented by April 2016; emphasises that reducing the incidence of irregularities requires correct implementation of the directives by the Member States; calls **therefore on the Commission to work out guidelines for the proper implementation of the directives**; calls on the Commission to closely monitor the implementation of these directives; is of the belief that ex ante conditionalities have the potential to improve public procurement;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 68**

**Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 28**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

28. Emphasises that the failure to comply with public procurement rules was a significant source of error for the 2009-2013 programming period; points out that the new public procurement directives have to be implemented by April 2016; emphasises that reducing the incidence of irregularities requires correct implementation of the directives by the Member States; calls on the Commission to closely monitor the implementation of these directives; is of the belief that ex ante conditionalities have the potential to improve public procurement;

##### *Amendment*

28. Emphasises that the failure to comply with public procurement rules was a significant source of error for the 2009-2013 programming period; points out that the new public procurement directives have to be implemented by April 2016; emphasises that reducing the incidence of irregularities requires correct implementation of the directives by the Member States; calls on the Commission to closely monitor the implementation of these directives; is of the belief that ex ante conditionalities have the potential to improve public procurement; **calls on the Commission to develop a database on irregularities capable of providing a basis for meaningful analysis of public procurement errors**;

Or. en

**Amendment 69**  
**Anders Primdahl Vistisen**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. Emphasises that the failure to comply with public procurement rules was a significant source of error for the 2009-2013 programming period; points out that the new public procurement directives have to be implemented by April 2016; emphasises that reducing the incidence of irregularities requires correct implementation of the directives by the Member States; calls on the Commission to closely monitor the implementation of these directives; is of the belief that ex ante conditionalities have the potential to improve public procurement;

*Amendment*

28. Emphasises that the failure to comply with public procurement rules was a significant source of error for the 2009-2013 programming period; points out that the new public procurement directives have to be implemented by April 2016; emphasises that reducing the incidence of irregularities requires correct implementation of the directives by the Member States; calls on the Commission to closely monitor the implementation of these directives; is of the belief that ex ante conditionalities have the potential to improve public procurement; ***emphasizes the need for transparent and accessible rules;***

Or. en

**Amendment 70**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***28a. Questions the non-fraudulent nature of the increasing number of serious errors made in the context of public procurement procedures and asks the Commission to be particularly vigilant in this regard, not only by engaging into a dialogue with Member States with a view of better application of the existing and new public procurement directives, but also by submitting relevant cases to OLAF***

*for further consideration;*

Or. en

**Amendment 71**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*28a. Points out that in emergency situations, such as the use of funds for refugees, there are often exemptions from normal procurement procedures, involving direct access to funds; regrets that, for this reason, there have often been cases of misconduct; calls on the Commission to supervise more effectively the use of such exemptions and the widespread practice of splitting procurement contracts so as not to exceed the thresholds, thereby avoiding regular procurement procedures;*

Or. it

**Amendment 72**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*28b. Calls on the Commission to make public all the documentation relating to the Lyon-Turin project and to consider submitting a proposal to make it compulsory for all accounting and planning documents concerning major infrastructure work to be published, including documentation on subcontractors;*

**Amendment 73**

**Julia Pitera**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Subheading 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

**Results-based** budgeting and the ‘Value for Money’ approach

*Amendment*

**Performance-based** budgeting and the ‘Value for Money’ approach

Or. en

**Amendment 74**

**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 29**

*Motion for a resolution*

29. Calls on the Commission to **adopt the planning, implementation and control phase of the MFF** in accordance with the results-based budgeting principle;

*Amendment*

29. Calls on the Commission to **conduct the MFF mid-term review** in accordance with the results-based budgeting principle;

Or. en

**Amendment 75**

**Julia Pitera**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 29**

*Motion for a resolution*

29. Calls on the Commission to adopt the planning, implementation and control phase of the MFF in accordance with the **results-based** budgeting principle;

*Amendment*

29. Calls on the Commission to adopt the planning, implementation and control phase of the MFF in accordance with the **performance-based** budgeting principle;



**Amendment 76**

**Benedek Jávor, Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 29**

*Motion for a resolution*

29. Calls on the Commission to adopt the planning, implementation and control phase of the MFF in accordance with the results-based budgeting principle;

*Amendment*

29. ***Stresses the importance of leading by example and warmly welcomes the inter-institutional approach to implement the Performance Based Budgeting***; Calls on the Commission to adopt the planning, implementation and control phase of the MFF in accordance with the results-based budgeting principle;

Or. en

**Amendment 77**

**Julia Pitera**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Notes the importance of further and continuous measures to avoid fraudulent irregularities, but also ***pushes for more focus on ensuring the ‘Value for Money’ principle in public spending***;

*Amendment*

30. Notes the importance of further and continuous measures to avoid fraudulent irregularities, but also ***reiterates its call for the adoption of a new methodology focused on performance rather than on formalistic evaluation of the programmes, in line with the principle of an EU budget focused on results***;

Or. en

**Amendment 78**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Notes the importance of further and continuous measures to avoid fraudulent irregularities, but also pushes for more focus on ensuring the ‘Value for Money’ principle in public spending;

*Amendment*

30. Notes the importance of further and continuous measures to avoid fraudulent irregularities, but also pushes for more focus on ensuring the ‘Value for Money’ principle in public spending; ***calls on Commission to reinforce their activities in relation to applying efficiency and effectiveness indicators in all its programmes and not to concentrate only on the error rate; furthermore calls on the Commission not to work only on the 3 main categories – namely Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness- but to start focusing also on the new triptych (Ecology, Equality and Ethics);***

Or. en

**Amendment 79**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Notes the importance of further and continuous measures to avoid fraudulent irregularities, but also pushes for more focus on ensuring the ‘Value for Money’ principle in public spending;

*Amendment*

30. Notes the importance of further and continuous measures to avoid fraudulent irregularities, but also pushes for more focus on ensuring the ‘Value for Money’ principle in public spending; ***calls for the mandatory inclusion of ex ante assessments of environmental, economic and social added value in the process to select projects for funding, both within and outside the Union, and for the results of those assessments and the indicators used to be made public and to be fully accessible;***

Or. it

**Amendment 80**

**Nedzhmi Ali, Martina Dlabajová, Michael Theurer, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 30 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***30a. Notes that the reporting on performance is still weak. There is a need to assess regularly input parameters (financial, human, material, organizational or regulatory means needed for implementation of the programme), outputs (the deliverables of the programme), results (the immediate effects of the programme) and impacts (long-term changes in the society);***

Or. en

**Amendment 81**

**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 30 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***30a. Emphasises that EU added value must always be demonstrated, not only by pointing to results, but also by showing that the same results would not have been achieved without EU-funding and by including the costs of applying for EU-funding and of the accompanying lobbying activities of Member States and, in particular, of their local and regional authorities;***

Or. en

**Amendment 82**  
**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 32 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***32a. Calls on the Commission to be fully transparent as regards its agreements with tobacco companies and urges Member States always to report on any money they spend from the funds received as a result of those agreements;***

Or. it

**Amendment 83**  
**Benedek Jávor, José Bové, Bart Staes**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 34**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

34. Welcomes the successful outcomes of numerous joint customs operations (JCOs) involving the cooperation of OLAF and Member States with various third-country services, which have resulted in the seizure of, inter alia, 1.2 million counterfeit goods, including perfumes, car spare parts, electronic devices and 130 million cigarettes;

34. Welcomes the successful outcomes of numerous joint customs operations (JCOs) involving the cooperation of OLAF and Member States with various third-country services, which have resulted in the seizure of, inter alia, 1.2 million counterfeit goods, including perfumes, car spare parts, electronic devices and 130 million cigarettes; ***underlines the fact that the smuggling of heavily taxed goods causes significant losses of revenue to the budgets of the EU and the Member States, and that direct losses in customs revenue as a result of cigarette smuggling alone are estimated at more than EUR 10 billion a year;***

Or. en

## **Amendment 84**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 34**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

34. Welcomes the successful outcomes of numerous joint customs operations (JCOs) involving the cooperation of OLAF and Member States with various third-country services, which have resulted in the seizure of, inter alia, 1.2 million counterfeit goods, including perfumes, car spare parts, electronic devices and 130 million cigarettes;

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Or. en

## **Amendment 85**

**Marco Valli, Marco Zanni**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 34**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

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Or. it

**Amendment 86**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 34 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***34a. Takes note of the role of OLAF within different JCOs in preventing losses for the EU budget and asks OLAF to include in its future annual reports more information and concrete figures about its contribution to the protection of the revenue side of the EU budget;***

*(This amendment should come immediately below the subtitle "Investigations and the role of OLAF")*

Or. en

**Amendment 87**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 37**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

37. Is of the opinion that the Supervisory Committee should, as a matter of consistency with its mandate, have autonomous staff who are detached from the OLAF administration and financial autonomy; calls on OLAF to grant the SC access to the documents necessary to fulfil its task;

37. Is of the opinion that the Supervisory Committee should, as a matter of consistency with its mandate, have autonomous staff who are detached from the OLAF administration and financial autonomy; calls on OLAF to grant the SC access to the documents ***that the SC deems*** necessary to fulfil its task;

Or. en

**Amendment 88**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle, Julia Pitera**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 37**

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*Motion for a resolution*

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*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 89**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle, Julia Pitera**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 37 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

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*Amendment*

***37a. Urges the Commission to give full transparency on all demands of national prosecutors to lift immunity of OLAF staff including the OLAF Director-General.***

Or. en

**Amendment 90**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 39**

*Motion for a resolution*

39. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission, the Court of Justice of the European Union, the European Court of Auditors, the OLAF Supervisory

*Amendment*

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Committee *and OLAF*.

Supervisory Committee.

Or. en