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Discharge 2015: EU general budget - 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th EDFs
(2016/2202(DEC))

Amendment 1
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Proposal for a decision 1 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. ***Grants the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh European Development Funds for the financial year 2015*** / Postpones its decision on granting the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh European Development Funds for the financial year 2015;

Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh European Development Funds for the financial year 2015;

Or. it

Amendment 2
Ryszard Czarnecki, Notis Marias, Raffaele Fitto

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh European Development Funds for the financial year 2015;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Karin Kadenbach

Proposal for a decision 1

Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Grants the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh European Development Funds for the financial year 2015.

Or. en

Amendment 4

Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Beata Gosiewska, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Proposal for a decision 2

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. ***Approves the closure of the accounts of the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh European Development Funds for the financial year 2015*** / Postpones the closure of the accounts of the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh European Development Funds for the financial year 2015;

Amendment

1. Postpones the closure of the accounts of the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh European Development Funds for the financial year 2015;

Or. en

Amendment 5

Karin Kadenbach

Proposal for a decision 2

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 6
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the main objective of Council Decision 2013/755/EU²⁹ is to contribute to the progressive development of the *ACP countries and the* OCTs, by enhancing the competitiveness and strengthening the resilience of the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) reducing their economic and environmental vulnerability and promoting cooperation among them and other partners,

²⁹ Council Decision 2013/755/EU of 25 November 2013 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Union ('Overseas Association Decision') OJ L 344, 19.12.2013, p. 1.

Amendment

B. whereas the main objective of Council Decision 2013/755/EU²⁹ is to contribute to the progressive development of the OCTs, by enhancing the competitiveness and strengthening the resilience of the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) reducing their economic and environmental vulnerability and promoting cooperation among them and other partners,
Technical/linguistic adjustment (French section): Council Decision 2013/755/EU only refers to the OCTs

²⁹ Council Decision 2013/755/EU of 25 November 2013 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Union ('Overseas Association Decision') OJ L 344, 19.12.2013, p. 1.

Or. fr

Amendment 7
Younous Omarjee, Maurice Ponga

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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²⁹ Council Decision 2013/755/EU of 25 November 2013 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Union ('Overseas Association Decision') OJ L 344, 19.12.2013, p. 1.

B. whereas the main objective of Council Decision 2013/755/EU²⁹ is to *further the sustainable* development of the *OCTs; whereas the partnership is based around three new priorities: enhancing the OCTs' competitiveness and strengthening their resilience and regional integration,*

²⁹ Council Decision 2013/755/EU of 25 November 2013 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Union ('Overseas Association Decision') OJ L 344, 19.12.2013, p. 1.

Or. fr

Amendment 8

Younous Omarjee, Maurice Ponga

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas the history of its Member States confers obligations on the Union regarding the development of the ACP countries and the OCTs,

Amendment

I. whereas the history of its Member States confers obligations on the Union regarding the development of the ACP countries and *cooperation with* the OCTs,

Or. fr

Amendment 9

Younous Omarjee, Maurice Ponga

Motion for a resolution

Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas the future of the Union and that of the ACP countries and the OCTs are linked due to *geography*, globalisation and

Amendment

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demographic change,

global challenges such as the effects of climate change or even demographic change, global security and migration,

Or. fr

Amendment 10
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas the global population projections for 2100, coupled with the effects of new migratory flows, armed conflicts, global warming and numerous economic and social crises, require immediate attention by the Union, in particular within its development policy's objectives; whereas *that* development aid is an essential tool *that* must be optimized to face those many global challenges,

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 11
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas the migration crisis has not only questioned the international aid principles and objectives but highlighted the principle of solidarity *required by the* Member States,

Amendment

L. whereas the migration crisis has not only questioned the international aid principles and objectives but highlighted *that* the principle of solidarity *needs to be applied more uniformly and unconditionally by all* Member States,

Or. en

Amendment 12
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Recital P

Motion for a resolution

P. whereas a number of OCTs are located in the same regions as the ACP countries; whereas the OCTs face similar global challenges but, unlike ACP countries, are part of the European family and should therefore receive increased attention in the delivery of funds; whereas the very small size of the OCTs and the constitutional link between the OCTs and the Union are specificities that should be taken into account,

Amendment

(Does not affect the English version.)

Or. fr

Amendment 13
Younous Omarjee, Maurice Ponga

Motion for a resolution
Recital P

Motion for a resolution

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Or. fr

Amendment 14
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution

Recital Y

Motion for a resolution

Y. whereas Union governance support is a key component of the development aid to generate effective governance reforms,

Amendment

(Does not affect the English version.)

Or. fr

Amendment 15

Joachim Zeller

Motion for a resolution

Recital Z

Motion for a resolution

Z. whereas budget support, while **being** a key-driver for change and to address main developments challenges, carries a considerable fiduciary risk and should be granted only if it provides sufficient transparency, traceability, accountability and effectiveness alongside to proven commitment in policy reforms; whereas budget support is particularly adapted for small and isolated territories, such as ACP islands,

Amendment

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Or. de

Amendment 16

Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Expresses strong concern that of a recovery order of EUR 1 million, EUR 623 000 were waived after an amicable settlement between the Commission and the debtor^{1a} ; acknowledges the coherence with the Financial Regulation as well as

the principle of proportionality concerning recovery orders; stresses, however, the fact that tax payers' money is at stake and needs to be protected by the necessary means;

^{1a} Communication CAB D(2016) Ares 06675546

Or. en

Amendment 17

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Regrets that the Court's report estimates that the most likely error rate for expenditure transactions from the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh EDFs remains identical to that in 2014, which was 3,8 %, and higher than that in 2013, which was 3,4% and that in 2012, which was 3 %;

Amendment

12. Regrets that the Court's report estimates that the most likely error rate for expenditure transactions from the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh EDFs remains identical to that in 2014, which was 3,8 %, and higher than that in 2013, which was 3,4% and that in 2012, which was 3 %; ***calls on the EIB and the Commission to prepare an action plan to turn around the increasing trend of material error and present it to the discharge authority;***

Or. en

Amendment 18

Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Expresses concern about the Court's assessment related to the legality and regularity of payments underlying the accounts which are materially affected by

Amendment

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error; is concerned by the results of the sampling with regard to payments transactions whereby 35 among 140 payments (25 %) were affected by error;

error; is concerned by the results of the sampling with regard to payments transactions whereby 35 among 140 payments (25 %) were affected by error; ***notes that internal control systems and checks of their effectiveness involve not only Commission headquarters and Union Delegations in beneficiary countries, but also other actors such as the National Authorising Officers designated by ACP countries, where frequently weaknesses in checks have been detected; calls on the Commission to support and strengthen those fragile institutional and administrative capacities;***

Or. en

Amendment 19

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Is concerned that the typology of errors underlying the 2015 error rate of 3,8 % remains the same as 2014 i.e. the absence of supporting documents (the sum affected to this category of error being EUR 3,692 833 million) and non-compliance with procurement rules (the sum affected to this category of error amounting to EUR 1,176 140 million) representing 70 % of the estimated level of error (compared to 63 % in 2014);

Amendment

14. Is concerned that the typology of errors underlying the 2015 error rate of 3,8 % remains the same as 2014 i.e. the absence of supporting documents (the sum affected to this category of error being EUR **3,692 833** million) and non-compliance with procurement rules (the sum affected to this category of error amounting to EUR **1,176 140** million) representing 70 % of the estimated level of error (compared to 63 % in 2014); ***asks the EIB and the Commission to step up their efforts and effectively improve both ex-ante and ex-post controls of the funding projects in order to bring the sums effected by errors in the categories like "absence of supporting documents" and "non-compliance with the procurement rules" considerably down;***

Amendment 20
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Expresses, furthermore, its long-standing concern on the weaknesses of ex-ante checks insofar as 16 out the of 28 final transactions were subject to ex-ante checks were subsequently authorise on the basis of quantifiable errors in the ex-ante checks; regrets that most of the errors found concerned, as in previous years, programme estimates, grants and operations managed with international organisations; notes that budget support operations were free of regulatory errors;

Amendment

15. Expresses, furthermore, its long-standing concern on the weaknesses of ex-ante checks insofar as 16 out the of 28 final transactions were subject to ex-ante checks were subsequently authorise on the basis of quantifiable errors in the ex-ante checks; regrets that most of the errors found concerned, as in previous years, programme estimates, grants and operations managed with international organisations; ***calls therefore on the Commission to pay more attention to ex-ante checks to ensure the legality and regularity of EDF implementation***, notes that budget support operations were free of regulatory errors;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Expresses, furthermore, its long-standing concern on the weaknesses of ex-ante checks insofar as 16 out the of 28 final transactions were subject to ex-ante checks were subsequently authorise on the basis of quantifiable errors in the ex-ante checks; regrets that most of the errors found concerned, as in previous years, programme estimates, grants and operations managed with international

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organisations; *notes that budget support operations were free of regulatory errors;*

organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. *Stresses the inherent risk related to the notional approach, which declares the Commission's contributions to multi-donor projects regulatory free of error when pooled with those of other donors and are not earmarked for specific identifiable items of expenditure, as the Commission assumes that Union eligibility rules are complied with as long as the pooled amount includes sufficient eligible expenditure to cover the Union contribution;*

Or. en

Amendment 23
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 b. *Expresses concern that the notional approach substantially limits the Court's work, particularly in light of the fact that for the budget year 2015, EUR 763 million were disbursed via budget support, which amounts to 24% of 2015 EDF spending^{2a} ;*

^{2a} *European Court of Auditors, Annual Report 2015*

Amendment 24
Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Recalls that the legality and regularity is crucial for an effective running of controls whilst also concurring to the overall performance management;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 25
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Welcomes the shift from a general **reserve** to the issuance of differentiated **reserves** as requested by Parliament in its previous EDF resolutions, namely (i) one thematic **reserve** for the two high-risks pending domains of grants in direct management (18 % of the total amount paid in 2015) and indirect management with international organisations; and (ii) a specific **reserve** for the African peace facility;

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Or. en

Amendment 26
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Invites the Commission to continue refining the risk assessment of its activity based budgeting to further ensure an adequate level of sectorial assurance; asks, in that context, to evaluate the level of risk and vulnerabilities of indirect management, ***the latter being potentially a risky spending activity or to examine the risks encountered by the Commission Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development with cross sub-delegated funds;***

Amendment

21. Invites the Commission to continue refining the risk assessment of its activity based budgeting to further ensure an adequate level of sectorial assurance; asks, in that context, to evaluate the level of risk and vulnerabilities of indirect management;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

21. Invites the Commission to continue refining the risk assessment of its activity based budgeting to further ensure an adequate level of sectorial assurance; asks, in that context, to evaluate the level of risk and vulnerabilities of indirect management, ***the latter being potentially a risky spending activity or to examine the risks encountered by the Commission Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development with cross sub-delegated funds;***

Amendment

21 a. Expresses concern over the risky nature of indirect management, particularly due to the lack of traceability of funds when they are disbursed by the Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) to local actors and subcontractors;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the fact that a residual error rate (RER) study was carried out for

Amendment

23. Welcomes the fact that a residual error rate (RER) study was carried out for

the fourth consecutive year and *is becoming* a key tool within the control strategy while the 2015 RER related to contracts closed and included in the annual activity report was estimated at 2,2 %, or about EUR 174 million, including EUR 98 million for the EDF; calls on the Commission to maintain high methodological standards in its RER assessment;

the fourth consecutive year and *has become* a key tool within the control, monitoring and auditing strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. Stresses that the RER is calculated by deducting from the audit authorities' annual error rates the multiannual financial corrections imposed at national and Union levels;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 b. Expresses strong concern over the fact that the 2015 RER of contracts closed included in the annual activity report was estimated at 2,2 %, which is still over the materiality threshold of 2% and equal to about EUR 174 million including EUR 98 million for the EDFs;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 c. Calls on the Commission to maintain high methodological standards in its RER assessment as well as to extensively monitor and enforce financial corrections by Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Invites the Commission to integrate into its ex-ante and ex-post evaluation, management and performance assessment tools the impact of other Union external policies and actions on the situation of the beneficiary countries;

26. Invites the Commission to integrate into its ex-ante and ex-post evaluation, management and performance assessment tools ***in line with the Commission's Budget for Results initiative targeted to analyse*** the impact of other Union external policies and actions on the situation of the beneficiary countries;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Indrek Tarand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28. Points out the need to improve the

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use of terminology regarding long-term results (outputs, outcomes and impacts) and the importance of formulating true S.M.A.R.T. objectives before any decision on financing different projects is taken; highlights the need to put extra focus on formulating “attainable and realistic” goals to avoid the cases where the initial objectives were met by partner countries but without significant results in term of development;

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Or. en

Amendment 34
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

28. Points out the need to improve the use of terminology regarding long-term results (outputs, outcomes and impacts) and the importance of formulating true S.M.A.R.T. objectives before any decision on financing different projects is taken; highlights the need to put extra focus on formulating “attainable and realistic” goals to avoid the cases where the initial objectives were met by partner countries but without significant results in term of development; *reiterates that social and environmental aspects have to be taken into account, as well as economic ones, when assessing development objectives;*

Or. it

Amendment 35
Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Considers it to be necessary to refrain from focusing on budgetary outturn as the sole management objective which can be detrimental to the principle of sound financial management and the achievement of results; believes that ***an incentive-based*** approach, founded on a 'positive conditionality' system, could improve performance and achievement of results;

Amendment

29. Considers it to be necessary to refrain from focusing on budgetary outturn as the sole management objective which can be detrimental to the principle of sound financial management and the achievement of results; believes that ***a performance-based*** approach, founded on a 'positive conditionality' system ***resulting to incentives for the well-performing beneficiaries and stricter controls for the ill-performing beneficiaries***, could improve performance and achievement of results ***overall***;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Considers it to be necessary to refrain from focusing on budgetary outturn as the sole management objective which can be detrimental to the principle of sound financial management and the achievement of results; ***believes that an*** incentive-based approach, ***founded on a 'positive conditionality' system, could improve performance and achievement of results***;

Amendment

29. Considers it to be necessary to refrain from focusing on budgetary outturn as the sole management objective which can be detrimental to the principle of sound financial management and the achievement of results; ***stresses that any*** incentive-based approach ***should be linked to specific and stringent performance indicators, allowing for a quantifiable approach to assess shortcomings and targets met***;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29 a. *Strongly underlines that any system founded on 'positive conditionality' should adhere without exception to the precautionary principle;*

Or. en

Amendment 38
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Believes that developing partner countries' capacity building, governance frameworks and ownership is ***also an important way*** to mitigate systemic risks ***in order to favour a conducive environment allowing*** funds to reach their intended purposes and respond the 3 Es' requirements (economy, efficiency and effectiveness); ***encourages in this regard the use of local audit firms and local services contract;***

Amendment

32. Believes that developing partner countries' capacity building, governance frameworks and ownership is ***instrumental*** to mitigate systemic risks, ***to allow*** funds to reach their intended purposes and ***to*** respond ***to*** the 3 Es' requirements (economy, efficiency and effectiveness);

Or. en

Amendment 39
Indrek Tarand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Believes that developing partner countries' capacity building, governance frameworks and ownership is also an important way to mitigate systemic risks in order to favour a conducive environment allowing funds to reach their intended purposes and respond the 3 Es' requirements (economy, efficiency and effectiveness); encourages in this regard

Amendment

32. Believes that developing partner countries' capacity building, governance frameworks and ownership is also an important way to mitigate systemic risks in order to favour a conducive environment allowing funds to reach their intended purposes and respond the 3 Es' requirements (economy, efficiency and effectiveness) ***with a special focus within***

the use of local audit firms and local services contract;

the effectiveness principle on the ecology, equality and ethics; encourages in this regard the use of local audit firms and local services contract;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Believes that developing partner countries' capacity building, governance frameworks and ownership is also an important way to mitigate systemic risks in order to favour a conducive environment allowing funds to reach their intended purposes and respond the 3 Es' requirements (economy, efficiency and effectiveness); encourages in this regard the use of local audit firms and local services contract;

Amendment

32. Believes that developing partner countries' capacity building, governance frameworks and ownership is also an important way to mitigate systemic risks in order to favour a conducive environment allowing funds to reach their intended purposes and respond the 3 Es' requirements (economy, efficiency and effectiveness); encourages *the Commission* in this regard *to further examine the possibility and risks of* the use of local audit firms and local services contract;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

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effectiveness); encourages in this regard the use of local audit firms and local services contract, *ensuring full transparency and accountability*;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32 a. Acknowledges that the Financial Regulation allows beneficiaries to contract local audit firms; is, however, strongly concerned by the shortcomings in EuropeAid's management information system on the results and the follow-up of external audits, as mentioned by the Court for the EDF discharge procedure 2014; urges DG DEVCO to put a quality grid to assess the reliability of checks also in place for audits and expenditure verifications done by local audit companies directly contracted by beneficiaries, where the risk of insufficient quality is assessed to be higher and audit and verification reports do not contain sufficient information on the actual work done to enable the current grid to be used effectively;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33. Underlines that to establish the credibility of development assistance,

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particularly as regards the instruments used, aid delivery methods and the funds concerned, it is essential that the value for money and results achieved with this support can be demonstrated, but also the coherence between external policies and actions of the Union and the objectives of development aid;

particularly as regards the instruments used, aid delivery methods and the funds concerned, it is essential that the value for money and results achieved with this support can be demonstrated, but also the coherence between external policies and actions of the Union and the objectives of development aid, ***in particular the objectives for social development, defence of human rights and environmental protection***;

Or. it

Amendment 44
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35a. Considers that for infrastructure projects financed through the EDF, an independent ex-ante assessment that takes the social and environmental impact of the projects into account, as well as their added value, is essential; considers that funding decisions ought to be correlated to a proper cost-benefit analysis, with projects funded if their implementation is not environmentally, financially or socially controversial;

Or. it

Amendment 45
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36. Recalls that undermining performance monitoring and results evaluation is detrimental to public

36. Recalls that ***the*** undermining ***of*** performance monitoring and results evaluation is detrimental to public

accountability and to comprehensive information of policymakers; points out that it is indispensable to provide Parliament with a clear view of the real extent to which the Union's main objectives have been achieved;

accountability and to comprehensive information of policymakers; points out that it is indispensable to provide Parliament with a clear view of the real extent to which the Union's main objectives have been achieved; ***stresses the importance of a more balanced approach of less confidentiality and more transparency, particularly regarding the External Assistance Management Reports;***

Or. en

Amendment 46
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Believes that stronger support to technical and administrative resources is necessary for improving the EDF aid effectiveness;

Amendment

38. Believes that stronger support to technical and administrative resources is necessary for improving the EDF aid effectiveness ***in particular with regard to the complexity of rules, since the EDF Financial Regulation is not a stand-alone document and needs to be used in conjunction with other legal sources, which entails a significant risk of legal uncertainty and errors;***

Or. en

Amendment 47
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Believes that simplification of the rules of funds allocation is necessary to ensure better use of the funds and enhancing the effectiveness of the aid

Amendment

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delivery; encourages the Commission to initiate simplification of the rules of funds allocation and to support local partners in the implementation of the projects;

delivery; encourages the Commission to initiate simplification of the rules of funds allocation and to support local partners in the implementation of the projects;
stresses, however, that simplification cannot be to the detriment of the current system of ex-ante and ex-post checks and balances, which are essential to comprehensive oversight; underlines that there are already persistent weaknesses in the ex-ante checks, an area where simplification needs to be carefully weighed against risks;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Believes that simplification of the rules of funds allocation is necessary to ensure better use of the funds and enhancing the effectiveness of the aid delivery; encourages the Commission to initiate simplification of the rules of funds allocation and to support local partners in the implementation of the projects;

Amendment

39. Believes that simplification of the rules of funds allocation is necessary to ensure better use of the funds and enhancing the effectiveness of the aid delivery; encourages the Commission to initiate simplification of the rules of funds allocation and to support local partners in the implementation of the projects;
reminds the Commission, however, to stress the right balance between less administrative burden and effective financial control while simplifying the rules for the allocation of development funds;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39 a. *Claims that the simplification of the rules of funds allocation should not divert appropriations from the objectives and principles of the basic acts, and believes that any channelling through the trust fund should not go at the expense of the EDF and the long-term Union policies;*

Or. en

Amendment 50
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42. Welcomes the progress in the analysis of global results achieved by the Union's delegations, based on the results provided key performance indicators (KPIs) *versus* targets as regards the efficiency of internal controls system and audit systems in place as well as on the effective management of operations and resources for 2015;

42. Welcomes the progress in the analysis of global results achieved by the Union's delegations, based on the results provided key performance indicators (KPIs) *compared to* targets as regards the efficiency of internal controls system and audit systems in place as well as on the effective management of operations and resources for 2015;

Or. fr

Amendment 51
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42 a. *Calls for a higher level of ambition in the strategy, management and accountability of EDF funds; emphasises that there is an opportunity to optimise all EDF activities' resilience by reinforcing the economic and financial efficiency*

criteria and by identifying gains in efficiency and effectiveness, reflected in the management performance; considers that the preparation of needs assessments is an efficient preliminary stage towards ensuring final effectiveness of the Union funding;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

44. **Observes**, however, that nine delegations out of 86 have not reached the benchmark of 60 % of their KPIs; calls on the Commission services to closely monitor those delegations which have recently reached the target of 60 % or which stand just above the 60 % target to refine and consolidate the delegations trend analysis;

Amendment

44. **Regrets to observe**, however, that nine delegations out of 86 have not reached the benchmark of 60 % of their KPIs; calls on the Commission services to closely monitor those delegations which have recently reached the target of 60 % or which stand just above the 60 % target to refine and consolidate the delegations trend analysis;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

45. Invites the Commission services both to regularly update the definition of KPIs and related modes of assessment and to further develop the risks assessment, in particular through the setting-up of risk profile (a priori or output risks) of projects in each delegation's portfolio with a view to better select at early stage only viable projects;

Amendment

45. Invites the Commission services both to regularly update the definition of KPIs and related modes of assessment and to further develop the risks assessment, in particular through the setting-up of risk profile (a priori or output risks) of projects in each delegation's portfolio with a view to better select at early stage only viable projects; **strongly suggests a more**

comprehensive ex-ante risk assessment so only the most viable projects are selected;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Invites the Commission to develop a typology of the causes of the *bottlenecks* and difficulties encountered in the implementation of the projects in order to identify immediately the most appropriate responses and corrective measures;

Amendment

46. Invites the Commission to develop a typology of the causes of the *blockages* and difficulties encountered in the implementation of the projects in order to identify immediately the most appropriate responses and corrective measures;

Or. fr

Amendment 55
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47

Motion for a resolution

47. Considers it to be essential that the head of delegations continue to be steadily made aware of their key-role in the overall strengthening of assurance, their management *and accountability*, in particular as regards the weighting of the various components likely to trigger the issuance of a reservation, *in addition to their political duties*;

Amendment

47. Considers it to be essential that the head of delegations continue to be steadily made aware of their key-role in the overall strengthening of assurance, their management, in particular as regards the weighting of the various components likely to trigger the issuance of a reservation;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47 a. Reiterates strongly that the accountability of Union delegations staffed by the European External Action Service (EEAS) needs to be increasingly enforced; believes that this should be done in addition to the external assistance management reports (EAMR), which are prepared and signed by the heads of Union delegations;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47 b. Takes the view that Heads of Union delegations should be clearly reminded of their duties and their management and oversight responsibilities and that they should not only concentrate on the political component of their duties;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 48

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

48. Calls on the Commission to report immediately on **the** specific remedial actions taken when a project has been classified 'red' three years consecutively in

48. Calls on the Commission to report immediately on specific remedial actions taken when a project has been classified 'red' three years consecutively in relation

relation to the KPI 5 (i.e. percentage of projects with red traffic light for implementation progress) and KPI 6 (i.e. percentage of projects with red traffic light for achieving results) in order to rapidly re-examine the initial programming objectives, *reallocate* available funds to more *appropriate* projects *and aid needs*, or even *consider to possibly* stopping *the project*;

to the KPI 5 (i.e. percentage of projects with red traffic light for implementation progress) and KPI 6 (i.e. percentage of projects with red traffic light for achieving results) in order to rapidly re-examine the initial programming objectives; *strongly suggests the swift reallocation of* available funds to more *viable* projects or even stopping *projects*;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 48 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

48 a. Acknowledges the diplomatic consequences of stopping project funding as well as direct budget support disbursement stops but strongly underlines the importance of the protection of the financial interests of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

49. Asks *to* the Commission to pay particular attention to the monitoring of operations carried out with international organisations *and related bodies*, the old RAL, especially in the EDF context and to the reliability of the Common External Relations Information System data and values used for the preparation of EAMRs;

49. Asks the Commission to pay particular attention to the monitoring of operations carried out with international organisations *such as the United Nations as well as its sub-organisations*, the old RAL, especially in the EDF context and to the reliability of the Common External Relations Information System data and

values used for the preparation of EAMRs;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49

Motion for a resolution

49. *Asks* to the Commission to pay particular attention to the monitoring of operations carried out with international organisations and related bodies, the old *RAL*, especially in the EDF context and to the reliability of the Common External Relations Information System data and values used for the preparation of EAMRs;

Amendment

49. *Urges* to the Commission to pay particular attention to the monitoring of operations carried out with international organisations and related bodies, *to* the old *outstanding commitments*, especially in the EDF context and to the reliability of the Common External Relations Information System data and values used for the preparation of EAMRs;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

49 a. Underlines that the total resources of the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh EDFs amount to EUR 76,88 billion, of which EUR 41,98 billion are indicated as payments; is highly concerned that outstanding commitments amount to EUR 11,61 billion and the available balance at the end of 2015 amounts to EUR 23,27 billion;^{3a}

Amendment

^{3a} *European Court of Auditors, Annual Report 2015, page 295 - Figure 2, Use of EDF Resources at 31 December 2015*

Amendment 63**Marco Valli, Laura Agea****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 51***Motion for a resolution*

51. Recalls that external, objective and impartial feedback on the performance of Commission aid projects and programmes should be provided as part of the Commission's commitment to quality assurance; considers outcomes of the evaluations to be key-elements to feed into policy and political review process to adjust strategic political objectives and enhance the overall coherence with other Union policies;

Amendment

51. Recalls that external, objective and impartial feedback on the performance of Commission aid projects and programmes should be provided as part of the Commission's commitment to quality assurance; considers outcomes of the evaluations to be key-elements to feed into policy and political review process to adjust strategic political objectives and enhance the overall coherence with other Union policies; ***considers it advisable to guarantee that projects funded will undergo a final assessment through an independent ex-post analysis;***

Or. it

Amendment 64**Marco Valli, Laura Agea****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 58***Motion for a resolution*

58. Stresses that the contribution of budget support to desired development outcomes must be clearly demonstrated and its use must be made conditional on the improvement of public finance management and on democratic oversight and accountability as well as full transparency towards national parliaments and citizens of recipient countries;

Amendment

58. Stresses that the contribution of budget support to desired development outcomes must be clearly demonstrated and its use must be made conditional on the improvement of public finance management and on democratic oversight and accountability as well as full transparency towards national parliaments and citizens of recipient countries; ***considers tying this support to corruption being fought effectively in countries benefiting from budget support to be a***

priority;

Or. it

Amendment 65
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60

Motion for a resolution

60. Considers necessary to strengthen the political and policy dialogue, aid conditionality and the logical chain framework in order to ensure **both** the coherence between decision and preconditions of payments **or disbursements in financing agreements** by clearly linking payments to the achievement of **actions and results as well as the relevance of selected objectives and indicators**; invites the Commission services to further consolidate its supervision framework accordingly; calls on the Commission to closely monitor and report more systematically on performance and results;

Amendment

60. Considers necessary to strengthen the political and policy dialogue, aid conditionality and the logical chain framework in order to ensure the coherence between decision and preconditions of payments by clearly linking payments to the achievement of results, **selected objectives and predefined key performance** indicators; invites the Commission services to further consolidate its supervision framework accordingly; calls on the Commission to closely monitor and report more systematically on performance and results;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61

Motion for a resolution

61. Calls on the Commission **services to** report on the implementation of the Addis Tax Initiative launched in 2015 particularly on the actions launched to tackle tax avoidance, tax evasion and illicit financial flows; considers also that **the** government effectiveness and public financial management, corruption and

Amendment

61. Calls on the Commission **to regularly** report on the implementation of the Addis Tax Initiative launched in 2015 particularly on the actions launched to tackle tax avoidance, tax evasion and illicit financial flows; considers also that government effectiveness and public financial management, corruption and

fraud *risks* are the main *risks* dimension to be steadily and thoroughly scrutinised;

fraud are the main *risk* dimension to be steadily and thoroughly scrutinised;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 62

Motion for a resolution

62. *Recognises* the rationale for developing dedicated trusts funds as pooling instruments of financial resources from various stakeholders with a view to increase flexibility and speed up the Union response to global *international* issues, major crises or emergency situations; believes, nevertheless, that small-scale projects with clearly identified objectives, *operators* and beneficiaries, producing concrete results and responding to a long-term strategy *can also effectively participate* in the Union response to *those* challenges;

Amendment

62. *Acknowledges* the rationale for developing dedicated trusts funds as pooling instruments of financial resources from various stakeholders with a view to increase flexibility and speed up the Union response to global issues, major crises or emergency situations; believes, nevertheless, that small-scale projects with clearly identified objectives and beneficiaries, producing concrete results and responding to a long-term strategy *are instrumental* in the Union response to *recent* challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 63

Motion for a resolution

63. Believes that the *consistency of those* new development tools with the EDFs should be duly taken into account *from a perspective of* aid impact, *as well as their* management *or* administrative costs against total contributions; calls on the Commission to ensure that those new development tools are always in line with the Unions overall strategy and

Amendment

63. Believes that the *coherence and complementarity of any* new development tools with the EDFs should be duly taken into account *regarding* aid impact, management *and* administrative costs against total contributions; calls on the Commission to ensure that those new development tools are always in line with the Unions overall strategy and

development policy objectives;

development policy objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64

Motion for a resolution

64. Expresses concern about the multiplicity of trust funds and blending platforms which *raises* issues regarding governance, effectiveness, transparency and accountability; warns the Commission about the risk of outsourcing and dilution of the objectives of the development policy;

Amendment

64. Expresses concern about the multiplicity of trust funds and blending platforms, which *are financed by Member States with substantial amounts but are not part of the Union budget; strongly underlines possible* issues regarding governance, effectiveness, transparency and accountability; warns the Commission about the risk of outsourcing and dilution of the objectives of the development policy;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Indrek Tarand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64

Motion for a resolution

64. Expresses concern about the multiplicity of trust funds and blending platforms which raises issues regarding governance, effectiveness, transparency and accountability; warns the Commission about the risk of outsourcing and dilution of the objectives of the development policy;

Amendment

64. Expresses concern about the multiplicity of trust funds and blending platforms which raises issues regarding governance, effectiveness, transparency and accountability; warns the Commission about the risk of outsourcing and dilution of the objectives of the development policy; *calls on the Court to help in assessing the risks, improving the overall transparency and accountability and compare the effectiveness of investments through the trust funds with those of*

direct or indirect EDF management;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64 a. *Notes that trust funds were part of an ad hoc response which shows that the EDF, the Union budget and the Multiannual Financial Framework lack the resources and flexibility needed for a rapid and comprehensive approach to major crises; believes that more time is needed to prove its effectiveness;*

Or. en

Amendment 72
Joachim Zeller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65. **Welcomes, in principle,** the setting-up of the Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (**EUTF**) but regrets that no prior consultation of Parliament took place although Parliament enjoys reinforced oversight of EDF programming based on a political commitment made by the Commission; observes that 57 % of the initial amount pledged by Member States and other donors (Switzerland and Norway) were paid for the EUTF (i.e. EUR 47,142 million); notes that EUR 1,4 billion from the EDF reserve will be used for the EUTF and that the total financial pledges made by Member States represent only EUR 81,492 million (i.e. 4,3 % of the

65. **Acknowledges** the setting-up of the Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (**EUTF**) but regrets that no prior consultation of Parliament took place although Parliament enjoys reinforced oversight of EDF programming based on a political commitment made by the Commission; observes that 57 % of the initial amount pledged by Member States and other donors (Switzerland and Norway) were paid for the EUTF (i.e. EUR 47,142 million); notes that EUR 1,4 billion from the EDF reserve will be used for the EUTF and that the total financial pledges made by Member States represent only EUR 81,492 million (i.e. 4,3 % of the

projected EUR 1,8 billion); notes the Bekou Trust Fund of the amount pledged and paid of EUR 34,925 million;

projected EUR 1,8 billion); notes the Bekou Trust Fund of the amount pledged and paid of EUR 34,925 million;

Or. de

Amendment 73
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66

Motion for a resolution

66. Calls on the Commission to implement *sufficient* control mechanisms to ensure political scrutiny, especially from Parliament, on the governance *and* management *of budget* implementation of these new instruments in the context of the discharge procedure; considers it to be important to develop specific supervision strategies *of* those instruments, with specific objectives, targets and reviews;

Amendment

66. Calls on the Commission to implement *comprehensive* control mechanisms to ensure political scrutiny, especially from Parliament, on the governance, management *and* implementation of these new instruments in the context of the discharge procedure; considers it to be important to develop specific supervision strategies *for* those instruments, with specific objectives, targets and reviews;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67

Motion for a resolution

67. *Deplores the insufficiency of* specific objectives, indicators and targets to *measure the operational* performance of the Trust Funds; asks that performance monitoring arrangements (or results matrix or frameworks) relating to planned actions *to* be further enhanced;

Amendment

67. *Expresses strong concern over the insufficiently* specific objectives, *lack of binding* indicators and *measureable* targets to *assess* performance of the Trust Funds; asks that performance monitoring arrangements (or results matrix or frameworks) relating to planned actions be further enhanced;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 67

Motion for a resolution

67. Deplores the insufficiency of specific objectives, indicators and targets to measure the operational performance of the Trust Funds; asks that performance monitoring arrangements (or results matrix or frameworks) relating to planned actions to be further enhanced;

Amendment

67. Deplores the insufficiency of specific objectives, indicators and targets to measure the operational performance of the Trust Funds; asks that performance monitoring arrangements (or results matrix or frameworks) relating to planned actions to be further enhanced ***including a middle and long term goals fully in line with the Union's policy objectives;***

Or. en

Amendment 76

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 70

Motion for a resolution

70. Recognises the added value of the cooperation with international organisations in certain specific contexts; points out, however, recurrent weaknesses such as the level of financial errors affecting the error level rate, the reporting weaknesses, the lack of Union's visibility and the need to harmonize the expectations as regards results orientation and reinforce value for money;

Amendment

70. Recognises the added value of the cooperation with international organisations in certain specific contexts; points out, however, recurrent weaknesses such as the level of financial errors affecting the error level rate, the reporting weaknesses, the ***problem with results' ownership and as a consequence*** lack of Union's visibility and the need to harmonize the expectations as regards results orientation and reinforce value for money;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Monica Macovei, Richard Sulík, Monica Macovei, Monica Macovei

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 76**

Motion for a resolution

76. Asks to the Commission to report *in due course* to Parliament on the corrective measures, level of recoveries and improvements in the management of funds by the APF;

Amendment

76. Asks to the Commission to report *before 30 June 2017* to Parliament on the corrective measures, level of recoveries and improvements in the management of funds by the APF;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Younous Omarjee, Maurice Ponga

**Motion for a resolution
Subheading 15**

Motion for a resolution

Aid delivery to OCTs

Amendment

Cooperation with the OCTs

Or. fr

Amendment 79

Claudia Schmidt

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 77**

Motion for a resolution

77. *Considers* that OCTs should *benefit from an increased attention* in terms of political objectives; calls on the Commission to implement synergies with the Union internal and horizontal policies, *and ensure the concrete participation of the OCTs to those latter*;

Amendment

77. *Acknowledges that the EDFs mainly focus on African countries and considers* that OCTs should *not be sidelined* in terms of political objectives; calls on the Commission to implement *more* synergies with the Union internal and horizontal policies *with concrete OCTs-participation*;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Younous Omarjee, Maurice Ponga

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 77

Motion for a resolution

77. Considers that OCTs should benefit from an increased attention in terms of political objectives; calls on the Commission to implement synergies with *the* Union internal *and horizontal* policies, and ensure the *concrete participation of the OCTs to those latter*;

Amendment

77. Considers that OCTs should benefit from an increased attention in terms of political objectives, *so that they become privileged partners of the European Union in their respective regions, as well as greater flexibility regarding access to funding*; calls on the Commission to implement *increased* synergies with Union internal policies, and ensure the *OCTs do indeed participate in those European Union horizontal programmes for which they are eligible*;

Or. fr

Amendment 81
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 78

Motion for a resolution

78. Believes that attention should be brought on the aid performance and impact of the development policy but also other European and international policies on countries located in the same geographical area than OCTs; *calls for particular attention to be paid to the specific situation of Mayotte which converted from being an OCT to becoming an Outermost Region in 2014*;

Amendment

78. Believes that attention should be brought on the aid performance and impact of the development policy but also other European and international policies on countries located in the same geographical area than OCTs;

Or. en

Amendment 82

Younous Omarjee, Maurice Ponga

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 78

Motion for a resolution

78. Believes that attention should be brought on the aid performance and impact of the development policy but also other European and international policies on countries located in the same geographical area than OCTs; calls for particular attention to be paid to the specific situation of Mayotte *which converted from being an OCT to becoming* an Outermost Region in 2014;

Amendment

78. Believes that attention should be brought on the aid performance and impact of the development policy but also other European and international policies on countries located in the same geographical area than OCTs; calls for particular attention to be paid to the specific situation of Mayotte *owing to its change in status from OCT to that of* an Outermost Region in 2014;

Or. fr

Amendment 83

Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 79

Motion for a resolution

79. Invites the Commission to ensure that funding benefits fairly and equally *to* all OCT, in particular the most isolated territories; calls on the Commission to further support OCT administrations *for* implementation of EDF *and* projects, in particular through training and technical assistance *in order to ensure aid performance*;

Amendment

79. Invites the Commission to ensure that funding benefits fairly and equally all OCT, in particular the most isolated territories; calls on the Commission to further support OCT administrations *in the* implementation of EDF projects, in particular through training and technical assistance;

Or. en

Amendment 84

Younous Omarjee, Maurice Ponga

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 79

Motion for a resolution

79. Invites the Commission to ensure that funding benefits fairly and equally to all OCT, *in particular **the most isolated** territories*; calls on the Commission to further support OCT administrations for implementation of **EDF and projects**, in particular through training and technical assistance in order to ensure **aid** performance;

Amendment

79. Invites the Commission to ensure that funding benefits fairly and equally to all OCT, **taking particular account of the fact that some territories are widely scattered**; calls on the Commission to further support OCT administrations for implementation of **the EDF**, in particular through training and technical assistance in order to ensure **EU performance and action on behalf of the OCTs**;

Or. fr

Amendment 85

Younous Omarjee, Maurice Ponga

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 79 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment 86

Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 80

Motion for a resolution

80. Recalls **that given their** geographic characteristics **OCTs are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and loss of biodiversity**; calls on the Commission to better integrate **resilience, climate change adaptation, biodiversity conservation, energy self-sufficiency and sustainable development**

Amendment

79a. Calls on the Commission to establish from 2020 a specific instrument for OCTs that bears in mind their special status and their membership of the European family;

Or. fr

Amendment

80. Recalls **the** geographic characteristics **of OCTs**; calls on the Commission to better integrate **targeted key** performance indicators for funding in OCTs;

in performance indicators for funding in OCTs;

Or. en

Amendment 87

Younous Omarjee, Maurice Ponga

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 80

Motion for a resolution

80. Recalls that given their geographic characteristics OCTs are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and loss of biodiversity; calls on the Commission to better integrate resilience, climate change adaptation, biodiversity conservation, energy self-sufficiency and sustainable development in performance indicators for funding in OCTs;

Amendment

80. Recalls that given their geographic characteristics OCTs are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and loss of biodiversity; calls on the Commission to better integrate resilience, climate change adaptation, biodiversity conservation, energy self-sufficiency and sustainable development in performance indicators for funding in OCTs; ***calls also on the Commission to propose, as part of the extension of the BEST preparatory action, a permanent mechanism to protect biodiversity, develop ecosystem services and combat the effects of climate change in the EU's overseas countries and territories;***

Or. fr

Amendment 88

Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 81

Motion for a resolution

81. Recalls that the main goal of Union development policy is to reduce and eventually eradicate poverty and that EDF have so far achieved progress in ACP countries and in the OCTs; believes that development and migration issues are interconnected as migration can result from

Amendment

81. Recalls that the main goal of Union development policy is to reduce and eventually eradicate poverty and that EDF have so far achieved progress in ACP countries and in the OCTs; believes that ***successful*** development ***aid*** and migration issues are interconnected as migration can

social and economic vulnerabilities and as the *success of migration flows can contribute to the* development;

result from social and economic vulnerabilities and as the *mitigation of root causes of migration can be traced back to targeted* development aid;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 83 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

83 a. Acknowledges that the Union has increased support for security sector reforms; however, the Commission should ensure that funds are not shifted towards promoting security without a parallel strengthening of support for democratic reforms;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 84

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

84. Believes that the *migratory* crisis has *changed prism and volume, requiring rapid adaptation towards more effective aid delivery and response*; considers *that it may be* useful to develop an appropriate sector code for ‘migration’ in the OECD Development Assistance Committee to better integrate migration into the development agenda *and goals*, to facilitate the encoding and use of funds and to better track and monitor the amounts targeted for external action on migration;

84. Believes that the *magnitude of the migration* crisis has *triggered the need for more rapid and effective response and* aid delivery; considers *it* useful to develop an appropriate sector code for ‘migration’ in the OECD Development Assistance Committee to better integrate migration into the development agenda, to facilitate the encoding and use of funds and to better track and monitor the amounts targeted for external action on *the fight against root causes of* migration;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85

Motion for a resolution

85. ***Takes note of*** the fact that it is intended to launch an external investment plan in Africa on the model of the European Fund for Strategic Investment to address specific bottlenecks in investment;

Amendment

85. ***Welcomes*** the fact that it is intended to launch an external investment plan in Africa on the model of the European Fund for Strategic Investment to address specific bottlenecks in investment; ***considers this as one of the most appropriate and efficient tools to achieve the Parliament's long-term aim to provide people with adequate living conditions, and hence also address the root causes of excessive migration from Africa;***

Or. en

Amendment 92
Karin Kadenbach

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

85 a. Acknowledges that EDF's funds are contributing to address the root causes of the current global refugee and migration crisis; underlines that EDF's funds shall not be misused for purposes other than determined in the provisions such as security border control and effective return measures; calls the Commission to engage constructively to achieve synergies between the Union budget; the EDF and bilateral cooperation in order to address issues concerning migration crisis prevention;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 93
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 91

Motion for a resolution

91. Believes that climate change, migration and development are closely intertwined; **warns of the impact of climate change on the development of ACP countries and OCTs and** calls for a better understanding of this **reality** in the allocation of development aid and in the development policy objectives;

Amendment

91. Believes that climate change **and its challenges**, migration and development are closely intertwined; calls for a better understanding of this **correlation** in the allocation of development aid and in the development policy objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Indrek Tarand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 91

Motion for a resolution

91. Believes that climate change, migration and development are closely intertwined; warns of the impact of climate change on the development of ACP countries and OCTs and calls for a better understanding of this reality in the allocation of development aid and in the development policy objectives;

Amendment

91. Believes that climate change, migration and development are closely intertwined; warns of the impact of climate change on the development of ACP countries and OCTs and calls for a better understanding of this reality in the allocation of development aid and in the development policy objectives; **calls on the Commission and the EIB to avoid simply increasing the funds spent to tackle migrations related problems on account of the projects aimed to climate change adaptations and other development projects;**

Or. en

Amendment 95
Petri Sarvamaa, Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 95

Motion for a resolution

95. Invites the EIB to insist and give priority to long-term effect of investments and their contribution to sustainable development;

Amendment

95. Invites the EIB to insist and give priority to long-term effect of investments and their contribution to sustainable development *in all economic, social and environmental aspects*;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 97

Motion for a resolution

97. Invites the EIB to ensure that ongoing project are regularly *followed* and that original objectives and criterion are effectively met during the life time of the project; believes that the EIB should take into account the possible evolution of a project and of its objectives;

Amendment

97. Invites the EIB to ensure that ongoing project are regularly *monitored* and that original objectives and criterion are effectively met during the life time of the project; believes that the EIB should take into account the possible evolution of a project and of its objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 99

Motion for a resolution

99. Believes that the framework measuring results and performance of the *investment facility* should measure for every project *the impact on development and* targeting *globally* the same objectives and *strategy than the Union* development policies; invites the EIB to further align its

Amendment

99. Believes that the framework measuring results and performance of the Investment Facility should measure *the impact on development* for every project; *underlines the importance of* targeting the same objectives and *strategies as the Union's* development policies; invites the

activities with Union development policies objectives;

EIB to further align its activities with Union development policies objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 100

Motion for a resolution

100. Calls for a systematic disclosure of the ACP investment facility on lending agreements and **access to** the board decisions and steering documents;

Amendment

100. Calls for a systematic disclosure of the ACP investment facility on lending agreements and **increased transparency on** the board decisions and steering documents;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Claudia Schmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 101

Motion for a resolution

101. Considers the audit on the **investment facility** to be good practice in terms of cooperation and collaborative scrutiny between Parliament and the Court; **regrets, however, that projects implemented in and funds allocated to the OCTs are not covered by the audit;** deplores the fact that the **investment facility** does not fall within the scope of the Court's annual statement of assurance audit and is not subject to Parliament's discharge procedure;

Amendment

101. Considers the audit on the Investment Facility to be good practice in terms of cooperation and collaborative scrutiny between Parliament and the Court; deplores the fact that the Investment Facility does not fall within the scope of the Court's annual statement of assurance audit and is not subject to Parliament's discharge procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 100

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Claudia Schmidt

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 102**

Motion for a resolution

102. Acknowledges the EDF achievements *so far* while considering that new prospects should be considered in order to take into account the changes in the landscape of the ACP countries and the OCTs and in the development of new sustainable objectives, in particular the *new link* between peace, humanitarian, climate change, loss of biodiversity *and* migration;

Amendment

102. Acknowledges the EDF achievements while considering that new prospects should be considered in order to take into account the changes in the landscape of the ACP countries and the OCTs and in the development of new sustainable objectives, in particular the *correlation* between peace, humanitarian *aid*, climate change *and its challenges*, loss of biodiversity *as well as* migration;

Or. en

**Amendment 101
Claudia Schmidt**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 107**

Motion for a resolution

107. Calls for recognition of the impact of climate change and loss of biodiversity on all development factors; believes that the post-Cotonou agreement should be more focused on the sustainable development of beneficiary countries and especially on the issue of energy self-efficiency;

Amendment

107. Calls for recognition of the impact of climate change and *its challenges and* loss of biodiversity on all development factors; believes that the post-Cotonou agreement should be more focused on the sustainable development of beneficiary countries and especially on the issue of energy self-efficiency;

Or. en

**Amendment 102
Claudia Schmidt**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 108**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

108. Calls on the Commission to recognise and further develop the island dimension in the development policy and to create a specific instrument for small island developing states, allowing better allocation of funds, performance and adapted control;

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 103
Younous Omarjee**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 109**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

109. Calls on the Commission to provide a priori assessment and to report more systematically on the impact of development policy on the OCTs and Outermost Regions in the same geographical area than the beneficiary countries and to allow more synergies between all Funds available in those regions;

(Does not affect the English version.)

Or. fr

**Amendment 104
Claudia Schmidt**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 109**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

109. ***Calls on*** the Commission to provide a priori assessment and to report more systematically on the impact of development policy on ***the OCTs and Outermost Regions*** in the same geographical area ***than the beneficiary countries and*** to allow more synergies

109. ***Suggests to*** the Commission to provide a priori assessment and to report more systematically on the impact of development policy on ***countries and*** regions in the same geographical area to allow ***for*** more synergies between all Funds available in those regions;

between all Funds available in those regions;

Or. en