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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 33**

**Draft opinion**

**Charles Goerens**

(PE609.383v01-00)

General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018 - all sections  
(2017/2044(BUD))



**Amendment 1**  
**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Enrique Guerrero Salom**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Underlines that the development assistance from the EU budget needs to be kept at least at the level foreseen in the MFF and maintain its focus on long-term efforts to eradicate poverty; **welcomes the phasing out of ODA for middle income countries;**

*Amendment*

1. Underlines that the development assistance from the EU budget needs to be kept at least at the level foreseen in the MFF and maintain its focus on long-term efforts to eradicate poverty **and on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); considers that since the majority of the world's poorest people (some 75 per cent) live in middle-income countries, in which inequalities persist among different geographical areas and between urban and rural areas, and affect women and minorities in particular, withdrawing aid to middle-income countries would be a backward step as regards the achievement of SDGs in such countries;**

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**György Hölvényi**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

1. Underlines that the development assistance from the EU budget needs to be kept at least at the level foreseen in the MFF and maintain its focus on long-term efforts to eradicate poverty;

Or. hu

**Amendment 3**  
**Maurice Ponga, Bogdan Brunon Wenta**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Paul Rübzig**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

1. Underlines that the development assistance from the EU budget needs to be kept at least at the level foreseen in the MFF and maintain its focus on long-term efforts to eradicate poverty; ***calls for there to be a special focus on least developed countries;***

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Paul Rübzig, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Maurice Ponga**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1 a. Calls for an incentive-based***

*approach to development by introducing the more-for-more principle, taking as an example the European Neighbourhood Policy; believes that the more and the faster a country progresses in its internal reforms in relation to the building and consolidation of democratic institutions, the respect for human rights and the rule of law, the more support it should receive from the EU;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 6**

**Paul Rübiger, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Maurice Ponga**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1 b. Recognises that no country has ever developed without engaging in further trade relations with their neighbours and the rest of the world; further encourages the financing of aid for trade activities, in order to allow developing countries to participate to a much greater degree in global value chains in the future; stresses in this context the increasing importance of digital connectivity in order to achieve a more balanced distribution of the globalisation benefits in favour of developing countries;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 7**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

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humanitarian needs triggered by unprecedented conflicts necessitate the full use of the margin in heading IV to address this challenge and help prevent new crises; stresses the need to step up European humanitarian aid, also beyond Europe's neighbourhood;

humanitarian needs triggered by unprecedented conflicts ***and climate change-related catastrophes***, necessitate the full use of the margin in heading IV to address this challenge and help prevent new crises; stresses the need to step up European humanitarian aid, also beyond Europe's neighbourhood;

Or. en

## **Amendment 8**

**Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Maurice Ponga, Paul Rübzig**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2 a. Emphasises the need for the EU budget to adequately contribute to the delivery of the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); recalls that its implementation has to cut across the EU's internal and external policies, as well as integrate in a balanced and coherent manner the three dimensions of sustainable development, addressing the interlinkages between the different SDGs;***

Or. en

## **Amendment 9**

**Vincent Peillon, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Arne Lietz**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. Considers that an increase in the investment in access to reproductive health care is necessary to help counter the negative impact of the reinstatement of the Global Gag Rule;

***3. Notes that the requirement that 20 % of the assistance under the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) be allocated to basic social services, in particular health and education, is not being fulfilled for the period 2014-2017<sup>1a</sup>;***

considers that an increase in the investment ***in human development, especially*** in access to reproductive health care is necessary to help counter the negative impact of the reinstatement of the Global Gag Rule;

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Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Paul Rübzig, Bogdan Brunon Wenta**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Considers that an increase in the investment in access to ***reproductive*** health care is necessary to help ***counter the negative impact*** of the ***reinstatement of the Global Gag Rule***;

*Amendment*

3. Considers that an increase in the investment in access to health care is necessary to help ***to fight against epidemic diseases; in this context emphasises the importance of the provision of clean water and of the building of additional wastewater disposal facilities***;

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**György Hölvényi**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Considers that an increase in the investment in access to reproductive health care is necessary ***to help counter the negative impact of the reinstatement of the Global Gag Rule***;

*Amendment*

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Or. hu

**Amendment 12**  
**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Considers that an increase in the investment in access to reproductive health *care* is necessary to help counter the negative impact of the reinstatement of the Global Gag Rule;

*Amendment*

3. Considers that an increase in the investment in access to *sexual and reproductive health and rights* is necessary to help counter the negative impact of the reinstatement of the Global Gag Rule;

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Heidi Hautala, Maria Heubuch**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3 a. Recalls that in the 2017 budget, the DCI-human development budget line was reduced compared to the initial multi-annual planning; notes that the Commission stated that this was merely a backloading exercise and not a cut to the programme; considers it therefore important to preserve a substantial increase of the human development budget line in comparison to last year's budget;**

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Paul Rübigen, Maurice Ponga, Bogdan Brunon Wentă**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3 a. Underlines the high importance of supporting micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises and calls in particular for a further strengthening of micro-finance loan and guarantee systems;**

Or. en

**Amendment 15**

**Paul Rübzig**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3 b. Encourages the establishment of vocational dual training institutions in developing countries in which young people, while undergoing a professional apprenticeship programme with an emphasis on practical aspects of a profession will have theoretical lectures at specialised professional schools;**

Or. en

**Amendment 16**

**Paul Rübzig, Bogdan Brunon Wenta**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3 c. Calls for an enlargement of the "Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs" programme beyond Europe in particular to developing countries while providing the necessary financial means;**

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Paul Rübig, Maurice Ponga, Bogdan Brunon Wenta**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. *Considers that the EU budget is not the adequate tool for financing migration policies, as most Member States remain reluctant to launch a common policy in this field;*

*Amendment*

4. *Believes that promoting peace, security and justice in developing countries is of paramount importance for the EU in order to address the root causes of migration; recognises that expenditure relating to security is particularly relevant in the current efforts to comprehensively address the security-development nexus and deliver on Goal 16 of the Sustainable Development Agenda;*

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers that the EU budget is not the adequate tool for financing migration policies, as most Member States remain reluctant to launch a common policy in this field;

*Amendment*

4. Considers that the EU budget is not the adequate tool for financing migration policies, as most Member States remain reluctant to launch a common policy in this field; *stresses that development aid must not be made conditional on cooperation in migration matters such as border management or readmission agreements;*

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Vincent Peillon, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Arne Lietz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers that the ***EU budget is not the adequate tool for financing migration policies, as most Member States remain reluctant to launch*** a common policy in this field;

*Amendment*

4. Considers that the ***mobilisation of the EU budget to respond to the migration challenge should be accompanied by a*** common policy in this field;

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**György Hölvényi**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers that the EU budget is ***not the adequate*** tool for financing migration policies, as ***most Member States remain reluctant to launch a common policy in this field;***

*Amendment*

4. Considers that the EU budget is ***an important*** tool for financing migration policies, as ***it may contribute significantly towards efforts to tackle the causes of migration in the countries of origin;***

Or. hu

**Amendment 21**  
**Elly Schlein**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. ***Considers*** that the ***EU budget is not the adequate tool for financing migration policies, as most Member States remain reluctant to launch a common policy in this field;***

*Amendment*

4. ***Recalls*** that the ***migrant and refugee crisis has significantly impacted the EU budget and will continue to require dynamic responses in the coming years;***

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Maurice Ponga, Bogdan Brunon Wenta**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Reiterates its rejection of the use of development funds for non-development objectives and ***underlines that funding that does not fulfil ODA criteria must be sourced from other instruments than the DCI and the EDF;***

*Amendment*

5. Reiterates its rejection of the use of development funds for non-development objectives and ***points out that programming is to be designed so as to fulfil to the greatest extent possible the criteria for official development assistance ('ODA') established by the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD/DAC), taking into account the Union's aim to ensure over the period 2014-2020 that at least 90 % of its overall external assistance be counted as ODA;***

Or. en

**Amendment 23**

**Vincent Peillon, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Arne Lietz**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

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5. Reiterates its rejection of the use of development funds for non-development objectives and underlines that funding that does not fulfil ODA criteria must be sourced from other instruments than the DCI and the EDF; ***points to its opinion of 5 July 2017 on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 230/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an instrument contributing to stability and peace, which excludes any contribution from the Development Cooperation Instrument to finance the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace;***

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Elly Schlein**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Reiterates its rejection of the use of development funds for non-development objectives and underlines that funding that does not fulfil ODA criteria must be sourced from other instruments than the DCI and the EDF;

*Amendment*

5. Reiterates its rejection of the use of development funds for non-development objectives and underlines that funding that does not fulfil ODA criteria must be sourced from other instruments than the DCI and the EDF; ***stresses that any mechanisms that benefit from such instruments, in particular the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa, should serve genuine long-term development objectives and respond to partner countries' development needs and not donors' political objectives;***

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Paul Rübig, Bogdan Brunon Wenta**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. ***Reiterates its rejection of the use of development funds for non-development objectives and underlines that funding that does not fulfil ODA criteria must be sourced from other instruments than the DCI and the EDF;***

*Amendment*

5. ***Fully recognises the complex nature of many challenges and the need for multifaceted and complementary response actions, but insists on the need for clarity in funding arrangements and respect for international commitments;***

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou**

**Draft opinion**

## Paragraph 5 a (new)

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5 a.** *Deplores the lack of parliamentary scrutiny over the new trust funds; reiterates the importance of ensuring that trust funds do not respond to specific geopolitical interests of the EU but are pro sustainable development while being fully aligned with the principle of policy coherence for development and the internationally agreed principles of development effectiveness;*

Or. en

## Amendment 27

**Paul Rübiger, Bogdan Brunon Wenta**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

6. Emphasises that the EU and its Member States must honour their collective commitment, confirmed in 2015, to raise their ODA to 0.7% of their GNI by 2030; calls on the Commission and the Member States to prepare ***timelines for progressive*** increases towards this level.

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Or. en

## Amendment 28

**Charles Goerens**

**Draft opinion**

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## Paragraph 6

### *Draft opinion*

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### *Amendment*

6. Emphasises that the EU and its Member States must honour their collective commitment, confirmed in 2015, to raise their ODA to 0.7% of their GNI by 2030; calls on the Commission and the Member States to prepare timelines for progressive increases towards this level; ***calls on the Commission to take due and timely account of the impact of Brexit, the United Kingdom being one of the major donors of ODA.***

Or. en

## **Amendment 29** **György Hölvényi**

### **Draft opinion** **Paragraph 6**

### *Draft opinion*

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### *Amendment*

6. Emphasises that the EU and its Member States must ***seek to*** honour their collective commitment, confirmed in 2015, to raise their ODA to 0.7% of their GNI by 2030; calls on the Commission and the Member States to prepare timelines for progressive increases towards this level ***over the period ending in 2030.***

Or. hu

## **Amendment 30** **Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou**

### **Draft opinion** **Paragraph 6**

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collective commitment, confirmed in 2015, to raise their ODA to 0.7% of their GNI by 2030; calls on the Commission and the Member States to *present binding* timelines for progressive increases towards this level.

Or. en

### **Amendment 31**

**Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Maurice Ponga, Paul Rübzig**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6 a. Underlines the importance of increasing the attribution of funds aiming at supporting good governance, democracy and the rule of law in developing countries in order to promote accountable and transparent institutions, support capacity building and foster participatory decision-making and public access to information;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 32**

**Vincent Peillon, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Arne Lietz**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6 a. Reiterates that the United Kingdom's contribution amounts to 15 % of the EU's development aid budget; calls on the Commission and the Council to engage in a reflection on the ambition and priorities of EU development aid after Brexit;*

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Vincent Peillon, Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Arne Lietz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6 b. Considers that the proliferation of trust funds, rendered necessary by the lack of resources, undermines the unity of the budget and is at odds with the requirements of transparency and democratic accountability; reiterates that the budgetisation of the European Development Fund (EDF) on the one hand and the creation of a specific instrument for financing security expenses linked to development cooperation on the other, would strengthen the effectiveness of EU action.***

Or. en