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OPINION

of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

for the Committee on Budgets

on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020
(2019/2028(BUD))

Rapporteur for opinion: Pascal Canfin

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety calls on the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Underlines that 21,0 % of the total commitments in the draft budget for 2020 (2020 DB) are climate-related; regrets that the Union budget trend would deliver only 19,7 % for the current multiannual financial framework (MFF) period while the objective agreed upon before 2014 said “at least 20 %” over the 2014-2020 period; highlights that, according to the Commission, an additional € 3,5 billion in climate-related spending will be needed in the 2020 budget in order to reach the 20 % target; stresses that every effort should be made to ensure that the overall Union budget target will be reached by the end of 2020; reiterates its call to have more ambitious climate mainstreaming, to be set at 40 %, noting that Parliament urged for 30 % in its November 2018 resolution, improved climate action tracking methodology and proofing in the next MFF period, and to their alignment with the Paris Agreement and Union climate action goals; insists that the next MFF should rely on robust methodology, set up in line with internationally established methodologies, in order to track climate action funding and to avoid the risk of overestimation of climate action; believes that green budgeting of the next MFF is key to achieve our climate objectives;
2. Notes with concern that only 8,3 % of total commitments are related to reversing the decline in biodiversity again, which is the lowest ratio since 2015, despite the unprecedented and accelerating species extinction rate observed; calls for sufficient increases and traceable resources to be allocated to ensure the long-term and coherent protection of biodiversity across the Union; insists that the next MFF should rely on a robust methodology, set up in line with internationally established methodologies, in order to track biodiversity and avoid the risk of overestimation of action towards biodiversity;
3. Believes that in particular in the last year of the MFF an ambitious budget in climate action related programmes and for the protection of biodiversity is needed to build a bridge to the forthcoming MFF, which it is anticipated will have a slow start until all new programmes are fully operational;
4. Calls on the Union to commit sufficient funding to the full and efficient implementation of the future European Green Deal;
5. Stresses that furthermore, in the context of the Political Guidelines for the Next European Commission launched by the Commission President-elect, there is an absolute urgency to accelerate emissions reduction;
6. In line with the Agenda 2030 and the commitments acquired by the Union and its Member States within the General Assembly of the United Nations, underlines the need to ensure sufficient resources in the 2020 budget for the achievement of the sustainable development goals;
7. Notes the increase of EUR 21,5 million in commitments for LIFE (+3,9 %); is

convinced that the LIFE budget 2020 is insufficient (€ 529,6 million); calls for significant increases for 2020 in order to be prepared and in line with Parliament's demands to double the LIFE programme during the post-2020 MFF; deeply regrets that LIFE represents only 0,3 % of the 2020 DB;

8. Welcomes that the new rescEU programme will receive €156,2 million in order to help it better tackle earthquakes, wildfire, forest fires and other natural disasters; stresses the need for instruments such as the Civil Protection Mechanism and the Solidarity Fund to cover environmental catastrophes and valorise the damage to the environment;
9. Takes note of the proposed EUR 69,7 million in commitments (+2,0 %) and EUR 64,2 million in payments (+4,7 %) for health; regrets that this amount is only 0,04 % of the 2020 DB and 1,9 % of heading 3 (in commitments);
10. Underlines that adequate resources should be allocated in the budget to elaborate and implement the future European Plan to fight against cancer; stresses that this plan is essential to promote and improve prevention, research, access to innovation and reintegration;
11. Takes note of the proposed EUR 280,0 million in commitments (-3,3 %) and EUR 244,7 million in payments (2,3 %) for food and feed; regrets that this amount is only 0,17 % of the 2020 DB and 7,5 % of heading 3 (in commitments);
12. Takes note of the proposed EUR 156,2 million in commitments (+4,4 %) and EUR 77,0 million in payments (-5,7 %) for the Union Civil Protection Mechanism, which is a cornerstone of Union solidarity;
13. Notes that permanent and temporary posts authorised under the 2020 DB remain unchanged compared to the 2019 budget for the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the European Medicines Agency (EMA), while those posts increase for the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) (+34, following revision of the general food law), the European Environment Agency (EEA) (+1) and the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) (+2); highlights that, where appropriate, more financial and human resources must be allocated to those agencies in order to fulfil their mandate and execute their tasks, and in order to promote a science-based approach in the Union; underlines that better coordination between the agencies would optimise their work, as well as the use of public funds;
14. Calls on the Commission to swiftly implement pilot projects and preparatory actions (PP-PAs);
15. Points that PP-PAs should be aligned with climate goals and should receive substantial funding throughout their life cycle, so that they can achieve their full potential and prepare the ground for the adoption of future measures.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	4.9.2019
Result of final vote	+: 60 -: 10 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Bartosz Arłukowicz, Margrete Auken, Simona Baldassarre, Marek Paweł Balt, Aurelia Beigneux, Monika Beňová, Malin Björk, Delara Burkhardt, Cristian-Silviu Buşoi, Pascal Canfin, Sara Cerdas, Mohammed Chahim, Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé, Miriam Dalli, Seb Dance, Esther de Lange, Marco Dreosto, Eleonora Evi, Agnès Evren, Fredrick Federley, Pietro Fiocchi, James Alexander Glancy, Andreas Glück, Catherine Griset, Jytte Guteland, Teuvo Hakkarainen, Pär Holmgren, Jan Huitema, Yannick Jadot, Petros Kokkalis, Athanasios Konstantinou, Ewa Kopacz, Joanna Kopcińska, Peter Liese, Sylvia Limmer, Javi López, César Luena, Liudas Mažylis, Anthea McIntyre, Aileen McLeod, Tilly Metz, Silvia Modig, Alessandra Moretti, Ljudmila Novak, Grace O'Sullivan, Rory Palmer, Jutta Paulus, Rovana Plumb, Jessica Polfjård, Frédérique Ries, Sándor Rónai, Rob Rooker, Silvia Sardone, Christine Schneider, Günther Sidl, Nicolae Ştefănuţă, Nils Torvalds, Edina Tóth, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Caroline Voaden, Alexandr Vondra, Mick Wallace, Michal Wiezik, Anna Zalewska
Substitutes present for the final vote	Michael Bloss, Christophe Hansen, Lídia Pereira, Susana Solís Pérez, Nikolaj Villumsen

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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ECR	Pietro Fiocchi, Joanna Kopcińska, Alexandr Vondra, Anna Zalewska
GUE/NGL	Malin Björk, Petros Kokkalis, Silvia Modig, Nikolaj Villumsen, Mick Wallace
NI	Eleonora Evi, Athanasios Konstantinou
PPE	Bartosz Arłukowicz, Cristian-Silviu Buşoi, Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé, Agnès Evren, Christophe Hansen, Ewa Kopacz, Esther de Lange, Peter Liese, Liudas Mažylis, Ljudmila Novak, Lídia Pereira, Jessica Polfjård, Christine Schneider, Edina Tóth, Michal Wiezik
RENEW	Pascal Canfin, Catherine Chabaud, Fredrick Federley, Andreas Glück, Jan Huitema, Frédérique Ries, Susana Solís Pérez, Nicolae Ştefănuţă, Nils Torvalds, Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Caroline Voaden
S&D	Marek Paweł Balt, Monika Beňová, Delara Burkhardt, Sara Cerdas, Mohammed Chahim, Miriam Dalli, Seb Dance, Jytte Guteland, Javi López, César Luena, Alessandra Moretti, Rory Palmer, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Günther Sidl
VERTS/ALE	Margrete Auken, Michael Bloss, Pär Holmgren, Yannick Jadot, Aileen McLeod, Tilly Metz, Grace O'Sullivan, Jutta Paulus

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ECR	Anthea McIntyre, Rob Rooker
ID	Simona Baldassarre, Aurelia Beigneux, Marco Dreosto, Catherine Griset, Teuvo Hakkarainen, Sylvia Limmer, Silvia Sardone
NI	James Alexander Glancy

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Key to symbols:

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- : against

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