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DRAFT OPINION

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

for the Committee on Budgets

on the next MFF: Preparing Parliament's position on the MFF post-2020
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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. Calls on the Commission to structure the next multiannual financial framework (MFF) in a manner that clearly reflects the EU's priorities for the coming years, particularly with respect to the resources needed to sustain the EU's leading role in tackling climate change and its internal and external biodiversity commitments and goals;
2. Stresses that the next MFF must be compatible with the commitments made by the Union externally, and with its own long-term goals in the field of climate-relevant spending; believes that this can only be achieved by a thorough climate mainstreaming of EU spending; calls on the Commission therefore to develop a transparent and reliable method of calculation that can provide evidence of expected impacts for climate-relevant spending, as well as their weighting for ex post assessment in reporting obligations;
3. Emphasises that the transition to a sustainable economy is the only way to ensure a healthy living environment and the long-term wellbeing of Union citizens and the European economy; considers that the EU should be the global frontrunner in the transition to a low-carbon economy and a sustainable production-consumption system;
4. Recalls that the next MFF should help the Union achieve its 2030 climate and energy framework objectives; underlines that the EU should not finance projects and investments that are contrary to the achievement of these goals;
5. Stresses the importance of programmes safeguarding biodiversity and protecting the environment, such as the LIFE Programme, being continued in the next MFF;
6. Recognises the European added value of collaboration in tackling common public health threats; considers that, on the basis of the first positive outcomes of the ongoing health programme, the next MFF should include a robust health programme that tackles health issues on a cross-border basis.