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Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Catherine Stihler
(PE536.197v01-00)

on General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015 – all sections
(2014/2040(BUD))

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Amendment 1
Dita Charanzová
Kaja Kallas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses to the new President-elect of the Commission that Consumer Protection should continue to be represented by a dedicated Commissioner in addition to a Commissioner for the Single Market; underlines the role of the Commission as guardian of consumer rights throughout Europe, and especially across borders, and stresses that an adequate budget for Union actions in this area should be foreseen;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Acknowledges the importance of financing the "Single Market Forum" (SMF) and calls for an extension of its Preparatory Action to the year 2015; calls on the Commission to propose a legal base to be established in secondary legislation in order to secure the continuation of the SMF beyond 2015;

5. Acknowledges the importance of financing the "Single Market Forum" (SMF) and calls for an extension of its Preparatory Action to the year 2015 (***600 000 EUR for both Commitment and Payment Appropriations***); calls on the Commission to propose a legal base to be established in secondary legislation in order to secure the continuation of the SMF beyond 2015;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Urges the Commission to update Parliament on the level of implementation of the pilot project "Your Europe Travel Application for mobile Devices"(YET); recommends that funding be released upon a positive feasibility study outcome;

Amendment

7. Urges the Commission to update Parliament on the level of implementation of the pilot project "Your Europe Travel Application for mobile Devices"(YET); ***stresses the importance of increasing consumer awareness about these kinds of services; warmly welcomes the European Consumer Centres Network's former actions in this respect; points out that the application should be integrated into an ongoing campaign at Union level to raise awareness about consumer rights and interests;*** recommends that funding be released upon a positive feasibility study outcome;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

10a. Highlights that standards are important tools for the competitiveness of undertakings and especially SMEs, whose participation in the standardisation process is essential for technological progress in the Union; therefore, considers it important to finance appropriately the initiatives aimed at supporting standardisation activities performed by CEN, Cenelec and ETSI;

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Amendment 5
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Recalls the need to finance the multilingual tool for the online dispute resolution (ODR) platform; stresses that this multilingual facility was adopted in Parliament's legislative resolution of 12 March 2013 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on online dispute resolution for consumer disputes (Regulation on consumer ODR)¹; emphasises that *efficient ODR procedures* will boost online purchases, in particular from traders in other Member States.

Amendment

11. Recalls the need to finance the multilingual tool for the online dispute resolution (ODR) platform; stresses that this multilingual facility was adopted in Parliament's legislative resolution of 12 March 2013 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on online dispute resolution for consumer disputes (Regulation on consumer ODR); emphasises that *well-functioning ODR systems across the EU will encourage consumers to seek solutions to the problems they encounter when buying products and services in the Single Market and* will boost online purchases, in particular from traders in other Member States; *recalls that more online and cross-border trade in the EU will also provide businesses with new opportunities and help drive economic growth.*

¹ Texts adopted of 12.3.2013, P7_TA(2013)0065