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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 15**

**Draft opinion**  
**Reimer Böge**  
(PE536.196v01-00)

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

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**Amendment 1**  
**Ska Keller**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Stresses that it should be ensured that the budgetary line devoted to the Union's trade policy area ***should provide*** for sufficient appropriations for the Commission to efficiently pursue its ***ambitious*** trade agenda, ***contributing directly to growth and jobs***; moreover, considers that the appropriations should be complemented by adequate reallocations of resources and staff, ***if necessary***;

*Amendment*

1. Stresses that it should be ensured that the budgetary line devoted to the Union's trade policy area ***provides*** for sufficient appropriations for the Commission to efficiently pursue its trade agenda; moreover, considers that the appropriations should be complemented by adequate reallocations of resources and staff, ***in order to guarantee the active monitoring of trade agreements in force, including the implementation of commitments and the impact on the economy of the EU and the partner countries***;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Helmut Scholz**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Stresses that it should be ensured that the budgetary line devoted to the Union's trade policy area should provide for sufficient appropriations for the Commission to efficiently pursue its ambitious trade agenda, contributing directly to growth and jobs; moreover, considers that the appropriations should be complemented by adequate reallocations of resources and staff, if necessary;

*Amendment*

1. Stresses that it should be ensured that the budgetary line devoted to the Union's trade policy areas should provide for sufficient appropriation for the Commission to efficiently pursue its ambitious trade agenda, contributing directly to ***sustainable and ecological development and growth, decent jobs and 21 Century industrial policy***; moreover considers that the appropriations should be complemented by adequate reallocations of resources and staff, if necessary;

**Amendment 3**  
**Reimer Böge**

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

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

1. Stresses that it should be ensured that the budgetary line devoted to the Union's trade policy area should provide for sufficient appropriations for the Commission to efficiently pursue its ambitious trade agenda, contributing directly to growth and jobs, ***as well as to properly monitor the implementation of trade policy, and in particular the trade agreements in force***; moreover, considers that the appropriations should be complemented by adequate reallocations of resources and staff, if necessary;

**Amendment 4**  
**Emma McClarkin**

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

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

1. Stresses that it should be ensured that the budgetary line devoted to the Union's trade policy area should provide for sufficient appropriations for the Commission to efficiently ***and effectively*** pursue its ambitious trade agenda, contributing directly to growth and jobs ***across all EU Member States***; moreover, considers that the appropriations should be complemented by adequate reallocations

*and redeployments* of resources and staff,  
if necessary;

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Ska Keller**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Stresses that the increased range of EU trade agreements in force or under negotiation requires additional efforts and resources of Parliament for the monitoring of the EU trade policy, in order to fulfil its institutional task of controlling and legitimizing the Common Commercial Policy in a time, in which public interest in the conduct and results of EU trade policy has been sharply increasing;***

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Emma McClarkin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Recalls the continuing fiscal difficulties experienced by some Member States in their on-going attempts to bring their fiscal situations onto a more sustainable footing; recalls in light of these well-known constraints that the EU budget must reflect, as core principles, the need for effectiveness, efficiency and added value;***

**Amendment 7**  
**Marietje Schaake**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Urges the Commission to step up its efforts to engage with the general public and all stakeholders about on-going negotiations and DG Trade's activities, especially with regards to TTIP; therefore deplores that the budgeted expenditure related to information and communication has been cut compared to previous years;***

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Emma McClarkin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. Deplores the decrease in the appropriations for the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI); points out that such a decrease ***will*** undermine the EU's capacity to stabilise and assist its neighbouring countries, including those with whom the Union has already concluded deep and comprehensive free trade agreements (DCFTAs) as well as with those it is currently negotiating;

3. Deplores the decrease in the appropriations for the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI); points out that such a decrease ***may*** undermine the EU's capacity to stabilise and assist its neighbouring countries, including those with whom the Union has already concluded deep and comprehensive free trade agreements (DCFTAs) as well as with those it is currently negotiating;

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Reimer Böge**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. *Welcomes* the slight increase in the appropriations for the Development Cooperation Instrument, including Aid for Trade, and the increase in the modest appropriation in Aid for Trade - Multilateral action;

*Amendment*

4. *Notes* the slight increase in the appropriations for the Development Cooperation Instrument, including Aid for Trade, and the increase in the modest appropriation in Aid for Trade - Multilateral action;

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**David Martin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Recalls that Parliament introduced an additional credit of €1 million in 2009 specifically for actions related to Fair Trade in the budgetary line aimed at financing projects in the area of external trade and calls on the Commission to consider re-introducing this budget line in 2015 to finance actions related to Fair Trade, as defined by the Commission Communication of 5 May 2009\****;

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***(COM(2009) 215 final)***

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Marietje Schaake**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Believes that more emphasis should be put on policy coherence, especially with regard to conditionality in trade agreements; stresses that the internal cooperation between the EEAS, DG Development and DG Trade should be enhanced in order to work in an effective way. Urges therefore, that this need for cooperation and policy coherence is duly reflected in the budget;***

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Reimer Böge**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

5. Supports the extension into 2015 of the Preparatory Action "Euromed innovation entrepreneurs for change";

5. Supports the extension into 2015 of the Preparatory Action "Euromed innovation entrepreneurs for change" ***but calls on the Commission to provide an evaluation of this Preparatory Action for 2013 and 2014;***

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Reimer Böge**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6. Notes that the EU business centres in***

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*Asia will be funded by the Partnership Instrument (PI); points to concerns regarding the way **these** business centres carry out their activities, in particular in terms of outreach to SMEs, sustainability, and complementarities with existing public and private structures of the EU and of Members States; **encourages, therefore, that a significant reserve of the payment appropriations for these centres will be set aside until such time that these concerns have been adequately addressed;***

way **the** business centres **in India, China, and Thailand** carry out their activities, in particular in terms of outreach to SMEs, sustainability, and complementarities with existing public and private structures of the EU and of Members States; **calls on the Commission to commission an independent assessment of the activities of these business centres and transmit its results to the Parliament; insists that the Commission takes full account of the outcome of this evaluation in the planning of the future activities of these centres;**

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Emma McClarkin**

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

*Draft opinion*

6. Notes that the EU business centres in Asia will be funded by the Partnership Instrument (PI); points to concerns regarding the **way** these business centres carry out their activities, in particular in terms of outreach to SMEs, sustainability, and complementarities with existing public and private structures of the EU and of Members States; encourages, therefore, that a significant reserve of the payment appropriations for these centres will be set aside until such time that these concerns have been adequately addressed.

*Amendment*

6. Notes that the EU business centres in Asia will be funded by the Partnership Instrument (PI); points to **its well established** concerns regarding the **effectiveness and questionable added value of** these business centres **and the manner in which they** carry out their activities, in particular in terms of outreach to SMEs, sustainability, and complementarities with existing public and private structures of the EU and of Members States; encourages, therefore, that a significant reserve of the payment appropriations for these centres will be set aside until such time that these concerns have been adequately addressed.

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Helmut Scholz**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Support the funding of the start-up phase of an umbrella organisations for civil society groups dedicated to build up capacities for a systematic monitoring of EU trade policy and trade negotiations.***

Or. en