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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Reimer Böge
(PE560.817v01-00)

on the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016 - all sections
(2015/2132(BUD))

Amendment 1
David Campbell Bannerman
on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that adequate appropriations should be allocated *to the trade-related budget lines* to enable the Commission to pursue its ambitious trade agenda aimed at creating growth and jobs *across Europe and attaining the Union's wider international goals as well as to step up its efforts regarding the monitoring of the implementation and the effects of trade agreements*;

Amendment

1. Stresses that adequate appropriations should be allocated to enable the Commission to pursue its ambitious trade agenda aimed at creating growth and jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Ska Keller

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses *that adequate appropriations should be allocated* to the trade-related budget lines to enable the Commission to pursue its ambitious trade agenda *aimed at creating growth and jobs across Europe* and attaining the Union's wider international goals as well as to step up its efforts regarding the monitoring of the implementation and the effects of trade agreements;

Amendment

1. Stresses *the need for a proper evaluation of the trade-related priorities of the Commission and the concomitant allocation of resources* to the trade-related budget lines, to enable the Commission to pursue its ambitious trade agenda and attaining the Union's wider international goals as well as to step up its efforts regarding the monitoring of the implementation and the effects of trade agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Reimer Böge

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

1. Stresses that adequate appropriations should be allocated to the trade-related budget lines to enable the Commission to ***efficiently and effectively*** pursue its ambitious trade agenda aimed at creating growth and jobs across Europe and attaining the Union's wider international goals as well as to step up its efforts regarding the monitoring of the implementation and the effects of trade agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

1. Stresses that adequate appropriations should be allocated to the trade-related budget lines to enable the Commission to pursue its ambitious trade agenda aimed at creating growth and jobs across Europe and attaining the Union's wider international goals as well as to step up its efforts regarding the monitoring of the implementation and the effects of trade agreements, ***ensuring that adequate funding is available for both ex ante and ex post impact assessments for the trade agreements currently being negotiated or those already ratified;***

Or. it

Amendment 5
Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that adequate appropriations should be allocated to the *trade-related* budget lines *to enable the Commission to pursue its ambitious trade agenda aimed at creating growth and jobs across Europe and attaining the Union's wider international goals as well as to step up its efforts regarding the monitoring of the implementation and the effects of trade agreements;*

Amendment

1. Stresses that adequate appropriations should be allocated to the budget lines *relating to the protection of employment, due to the negative impact that agreements such as TTIP will have on the number of employed people in Europe and efforts should be stepped up* regarding the monitoring of the implementation and the effects of trade agreements;

Or. it

Amendment 6
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

1a. Stresses the need for additional efforts to boost the active monitoring of the application and repercussions of trade agreements signed by the Union, guaranteeing that trade-related budget lines earmark sufficient resources for ex-ante, ex-post and interim assessment of trade agreements in relation to the EU economy and the economy of its partner countries;

Amendment

Or. es

Amendment 7
David Campbell Bannerman
on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that the Union must step up its efforts regarding the monitoring of the implementation and the effects of trade agreements, ensuring that those obligations entered into by trading partners are fully implemented and enforced;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Stresses the need to allocate specific resources for the comprehensive ex-ante and ex-post assessment of the possible gender-equality impact of trade agreements signed by the Union;

Or. es

Amendment 9
David Campbell Bannerman
on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Is concerned that many Union citizens

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equate globalisation with a loss of European output and jobs; points to the increasing role of NGOs in shaping public opinion on trade-related matters due to the lack of an effective Union communication strategy; emphasises the need for an increase in the Commission's information and communication budget to allow for better engagement with citizens; calls on the Commission to present a study on the funding sources and *the impact* of NGOs active in trade issues;

equate globalisation with a loss of European output and jobs; points to the increasing role of NGOs in shaping public opinion on trade-related matters due to the lack of an effective Union communication strategy; emphasises the need for an increase in the Commission's information and communication budget to allow for better engagement with citizens, *while underlining that any increase should come from redeployments and reallocations from other areas of the budget*; calls on the Commission to present a study *by 31st March 2016* on the funding sources and *transparency policies* of NGOs active in trade issues, *as well as their impact on the public discourse*;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Is concerned that many Union citizens *equate* globalisation with a loss of European output and jobs; *points to the increasing role of NGOs in shaping public opinion on trade-related matters due to the lack of an effective Union communication strategy*; emphasises the need for an increase in the Commission's information and communication budget to allow for *better engagement with citizens*; *calls on the Commission to present a study on the funding sources and the impact of NGOs active in trade issues*;

Amendment

2. Is concerned that many Union citizens *associate* globalisation *exclusively* with a loss of European output and jobs; emphasises the need for an increase in the Commission's information and communication budget to allow for *the development of an effective communication strategy for the Union's trade policy that will help to restore public support, participation and commitment*;

Or. es

Amendment 11

Ska Keller

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Is concerned that many Union citizens equate globalisation with a loss of European output and jobs; points to the increasing role of NGOs in shaping public opinion on trade-related matters due to the lack of an effective Union communication strategy; emphasises the need for an increase in the Commission's information and communication budget to allow for better engagement with citizens; calls on the Commission to present a study on the funding sources and the impact of NGOs active in trade issues;

Amendment

2. Recognizes the increased public attention and interest in the Union's trade policy and emphasises the need for an increase in the Commission's information and communication budget to allow for better engagement with citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Is concerned that many Union citizens equate globalisation with a loss of European output and jobs; points to the increasing role of NGOs in shaping public opinion on trade-related matters due to the lack of an effective Union communication strategy; emphasises the need for an increase in the Commission's information and communication budget to allow for better engagement with citizens; calls on the Commission to present a study on the funding sources and the impact of NGOs active in trade issues;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the increasing role of NGOs in shaping public opinion on trade-related matters, stresses the need for an effective Union communication strategy to inform and allow for better engagement with citizens and with civil society organisations active in trade issues;

Or. it

Amendment 13
Reimer Böge

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Is concerned that many Union citizens equate globalisation with a loss of European output and jobs; points to the increasing role of NGOs in shaping public opinion on trade-related matters due to the lack of an effective Union communication strategy; emphasises the need for an increase in the Commission's information and communication budget to allow for better engagement with citizens; calls on the Commission to present a study on the funding sources and the impact of NGOs active in trade issues;

Amendment

2. Is concerned that many Union citizens equate globalisation with a loss of European output and jobs; points to the increasing role of NGOs in shaping public opinion on trade-related matters due to the lack of an effective Union communication strategy ***explaining the Union's trade policy***; emphasises the need for an increase in the Commission's information and communication budget to allow for better engagement with citizens; calls on the Commission to present a study on the funding sources and the impact of NGOs active in trade issues ***to increase transparency regarding the role of NGOs and to identify possible adjustment needs of NGOs funding from the EU budget***;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. ***Is concerned that*** many Union citizens equate globalisation with a loss of European output and jobs; points to the increasing role of ***NGOs in shaping public opinion on trade-related matters due to the lack of an effective Union communication strategy***; emphasises the need for an increase in the Commission's information and communication budget to

Amendment

2. Many Union citizens ***rightly*** equate globalisation ***and liberalisation*** with a loss of European output and jobs; points to the increasing role of ***lobbies made up of multinational companies in trade negotiations***; emphasises the need for an increase in the Commission's information and communication budget ***with regard to the lobbying activities of the large***

allow for *better engagement with* citizens; calls on the Commission to present a study on the *funding sources and the* impact of *NGOs active in trade issues*;

multinationals and their relations with negotiators, to allow for *greater transparency for* citizens; calls on the Commission to present a study on the funding sources and the impact of *lobbies in the Union's trade negotiations*;

Or. it

Amendment 15 **Ska Keller**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 3**

Draft opinion

3. *Welcomes* the slight increase in commitments for the Instrument for Macro-Financial Assistance and the European Neighbourhood Instrument; is concerned, however, that these increases *will not be sufficient to respond to* the needs in the Eastern and Southern neighbourhood, including possible further assistance programmes for Ukraine;

Amendment

3. *Takes note of* the slight increase in commitments for the Instrument for Macro-Financial Assistance and the European Neighbourhood Instrument; is concerned, however, that these increases *are not the result of a proper assessment of the effectiveness of funds spent or realistic projections of* the needs in the Eastern and Southern neighbourhood, including possible further assistance programmes for Ukraine;

Or. en

Amendment 16 **William (The Earl of) Dartmouth**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 3**

Draft opinion

3. *Welcomes the slight* increase in commitments for the Instrument for Macro-Financial Assistance and the European Neighbourhood Instrument; is *concerned, however, that these increases will not be sufficient to respond to the*

Amendment

3. *Deplores the* increase in commitments for the Instrument for Macro-Financial Assistance and the European Neighbourhood Instrument; is *furthermore of the opinion that in view of Turkey's persistent and systematic human rights*

needs in the Eastern and Southern neighbourhood, including possible further assistance programmes for Ukraine;

violations (which include imprisoning journalists), the Macro-Financial Assistance to Turkey should be suspended;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. *Welcomes the slight increase in commitments for the **Instrument for Macro-Financial Assistance and the European Neighbourhood Instrument**; is concerned, however, that these increases will not be sufficient to respond to the needs in the Eastern and Southern neighbourhood, including possible further assistance programmes for Ukraine;*

Amendment

3. *Notes the increase in commitments for the European Neighbourhood Instrument and the **Development Cooperation Instrument**; welcomes the increase in payments for these two instruments, which is necessary in order to make them fully effective and to honour the commitments already made; notes the increase in commitment appropriations for the **Instrument for Macro-Financial Assistance**; takes the view, however, that this instrument should not be used to impose the Union's interests on third countries;*

Or. it

Amendment 18

Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Welcomes the slight increase in commitments for the Instrument for Macro-Financial Assistance and the European Neighbourhood Instrument; *is concerned, however, that these increases*

Amendment

3. Welcomes the slight increase in commitments for the Instrument for Macro-Financial Assistance and the European Neighbourhood Instrument; *calls for monitoring and control of the real*

will not be sufficient to respond to the needs in the Eastern and Southern neighbourhood, including possible further assistance programmes for Ukraine;

implementation of the programmes, especially regarding assistance to Ukraine;

Or. it

Amendment 19
David Campbell Bannerman
on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement reached at the 9th Ministerial Conference of the WTO will require funding support for the least developed and developing countries; *deplores*, therefore, the reduced appropriations for Aid for Trade;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement reached at the 9th Ministerial Conference of the WTO will require funding support for the least developed and developing countries; *notes*, therefore, the reduced appropriations for Aid for Trade;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement reached at the 9th Ministerial Conference of the WTO will require funding support for the least developed and developing countries; *deplores*, therefore, the reduced appropriations for Aid for Trade;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement reached at the 9th Ministerial Conference of the WTO will require funding support for the least developed and developing countries; *deplores*, therefore, the reduced appropriations for Aid for Trade *and multilateral initiatives*;

Or. es

Amendment 21

Ska Keller

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement reached at the 9th Ministerial Conference of the WTO will require funding support for the least developed and developing countries; ***deplores, therefore, the*** reduced appropriations for Aid for Trade;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement reached at the 9th Ministerial Conference of the WTO will require funding support for the least developed and developing countries; ***stresses the need of coordinated efforts between the Commission and the Member States in the international financial institutions to avoid*** reduced appropriations for Aid for Trade ***and ensures it works for development;***

Or. en

Amendment 22

Reimer Böge

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement reached at the 9th Ministerial Conference of the WTO will require funding support for the least developed and developing countries; ***deplores, therefore, the*** reduced appropriations for Aid for Trade;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement reached at the 9th Ministerial Conference of the WTO will require ***increased*** funding support for the least developed and developing countries; ***is concerned by indications of irregularities in relation to the cooperation with certain partners leading to reduced spending effectiveness of Aid for Trade; calls for the additional appropriations to be put into a reserve until the Commission has proved that the programme fully complies with the Financial Regulation;***

Amendment 23
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Recalls that Parliament introduced an additional credit of EUR 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 2016 to finance actions related to Fair Trade, as defined by the Commission Communication of 5 May 2009^{1 a} ;

^{1 a} ***COM (2009)0215.***

Or. es

Amendment 24
Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Notes the moderate increase in appropriations for the Partnership Instrument; recalls the programme objective to foster international trade and investment opportunities of European SMEs; calls on the Commission to assess and improve the existing tools regarding their efficiency and effectiveness and to ensure sufficient controls and oversight of all activities.

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activities, *such as European business centres, for example.*

Or. it

Amendment 25
Reimer Böge

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Notes the moderate increase in appropriations for the Partnership Instrument; recalls the programme objective to foster international trade and investment opportunities of European SMEs; calls on the Commission to assess and improve the existing tools regarding their efficiency and effectiveness and to ensure sufficient controls and oversight of all activities.

Amendment

5. Notes the moderate increase in appropriations for the Partnership Instrument; recalls the programme objective to foster international trade and investment opportunities of European SMEs; calls on the Commission to assess and improve the existing tools regarding their efficiency and effectiveness and to ensure sufficient controls and oversight of all activities *with the aim to develop a more coherent approach, also taking account of existing private initiatives.*

Or. en

Amendment 26
Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Stresses the importance of increasing funding for customs policies in order to deal with the large volume of customs declarations and address the need to promote computerisation, facilitate legitimate trade and meet the expectations of stakeholders regarding the protection of their interests; points out, in this regard, that the absence of effective, harmonised customs systems is resulting

*in a severe disruption of European trade,
which is weakening European
competitiveness and undermining the
safety of citizens.*

Or. it