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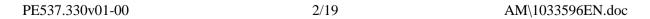
AMENDMENTS 1 - 26

Draft opinion Jerzy Buzek (PE537.273v01-00)

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

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Amendment 1 Pablo Echenique, Paloma López, Miloslav Ransdorf, Marisa Matias, João Ferreira

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

1. Is deeply concerned by the significant cuts in the Commission draft budget 2015 proposed by the Council notably in such key areas as innovation, research, infrastructures, SMEs and energy; firmly believes that, in order to leave the economic crisis behind as soon as possible, it is not the moment for decreasing EU investment in these areas, but it is rather the time for a significant and brave increase beyond the draft budget proposed by the Commission; considers the proposed cuts to be potentially detrimental to the EU's competitiveness and growth; is concerned by the fact that already now considerable sums are missing in the EU budget for payments and the proposed cuts will aggravate the situation even further; emphasises that all appropriate measures should be taken in order to meet the Union's legal obligations and avoid delays in payments to the important stakeholders such as researchers, universities and entrepreneurs; calls therefore for full restoration of the Commission draft budget in areas strategically important for competitiveness, growth and creation of jobs;

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Or. en

Amendment 3 Morten Helveg Petersen, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Juan Carlos Girauta Vidal, Fredrick Federley, Pavel Telička

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key areas as innovation, research, infrastructures, SMEs and energy; considers the proposed cuts to be potentially detrimental to the EU's competitiveness and growth, as well as Europe's strategic interests, particularly energy security, which demands a high level of investment in energy efficiency measures, energy infrastructure, interconnection, and renewable energy *production*; is concerned by the fact that already now considerable sums are missing in the EU budget for payments and the proposed cuts will aggravate the situation even further; emphasises that all appropriate measures should be taken in order to meet the Union's legal obligations and avoid delays in payments to the important stakeholders such as researchers, universities, SMEs and entrepreneurs; calls therefore for full restoration of the Commission draft budget in areas strategically important for competitiveness, growth and creation of jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Or. en

Amendment 5 Béla Kovács

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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jobs;

jobs, with a special focus on youth;

Or. en

Amendment 6 Patrizia Toia

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Or. it

Amendment 7 Evžen Tošenovský

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Is deeply concerned by the significant cuts in the Commission draft budget 2015 proposed by the Council notably in such key areas as innovation, research, space, infrastructures, SMEs and energy; considers the proposed cuts to be potentially detrimental to the EU's competitiveness and growth; is concerned by the fact that already now considerable sums are missing in the EU budget for payments and the proposed cuts will aggravate the situation even further; emphasises that all appropriate measures should be taken in order to meet the Union's legal obligations and avoid delays in payments to the important stakeholders such as researchers, universities and entrepreneurs; calls therefore for full restoration of the Commission draft budget in areas strategically important for competitiveness, growth and creation of jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 8 Jens Geier

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Is astonished that the Heads of State and Government keep announcing on every summit the importance of the EU budget in respect to growth and job creation, whereas at the same time the Council keeps cutting the EU budget in exactly these fields; reminds the Council that it was agreed during the MFF negotiations to frontload funds for a number of programmes; is convinced that

the severe cuts in Heading 1a commitment and payment appropriations are oppositional to the compromise agreed upon in the MFF;

Or. en

Amendment 9 Jens Geier

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Is alarmed by the Council's cut in Heading 1a of 1.85% in commitment appropriations and 8.57% in payment appropriations; finds this cut completely unacceptable since the margins of the MFF should be fully used to support the recovery of the economy and to pay all outstanding bills to the beneficiaries;

Or. en

Amendment 10 João Ferreira, Miloslav Ransdorf, Pablo Echenique, Paloma López, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Considers it essential, given that they make up 99% of the EU's corporate fabric and account for 80% of jobs in the EU, to provide greater support to micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in order to boost their competitiveness within a stable business environment, minimise the effect of dominant market positions occupied by large companies and conglomerates, encourage the culture

of entrepreneurship, and help SMEs to be set up and to grow;

Or. pt

Amendment 11 João Ferreira, Miloslav Ransdorf, Pablo Echenique, Paloma López, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Calls for an increase in resources for budget headings providing subsidies for micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) and cooperatives and for 40% of the amounts entered under those headings to be earmarked as direct support to promote solid growth and sustainable development of MSMEs and cooperatives in order to cope with rising production factor costs and keep pace with the evolving knowledge society and with development based on balanced economic growth, especially in Member States where the crisis has had a greater impact in terms of MSME closures;

Or. pt

Amendment 12 João Ferreira, Miloslav Ransdorf, Pablo Echenique, Paloma López, Neoklis Sylikiotis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Points to the importance of narrowing the gulf between entities considered to be excellent and those which are not, the object being to ensure that science and research can also be supported in

institutes which, though not considered excellent, are progressing towards excellence or could be raised to that level in cooperation with others already considered to have attained it; believes that achieving a more even-handed share-out of Horizon 2020 appropriations is an aim that should continue to be pursued with a view to improving upon the status quo created under the earlier research framework programmes;

Or. pt

Amendment 13 Jens Geier

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Recalls that multiannual programmes such as Horizon 2020, COSME and CEF are crucial for achieving the goals of Europe 2020 strategy and thus to securing a steady growth path for the EU; believes that proper functioning of the programmes is also essential for efficient absorption of funds from the whole MFF; reminds that several of the crucial programmes are still in their starting phase; underlines that 2015 Budget should therefore provide for all necessary measures such as bringing forward investment by frontloading commitments to ensure that the programmes reach their full pace of operation without further delay;

Amendment

2. Recalls that multiannual programmes such as Horizon 2020, COSME and CEF are crucial for achieving the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy and thus to securing a steady growth path for the EU; believes that proper functioning of the programmes is also essential for efficient absorption of funds from the whole MFF; points out that several of the crucial programmes are still in their starting phase and the 2015 Budget will be decisive for the success of the new multiannual programmes for 2014-2020; underlines that the 2015 Budget should therefore provide for all necessary measures such as bringing forward investment by frontloading commitments to ensure that the programmes reach their full pace of operation without further delay;

Or. en

Amendment 14 Reinhard Bütikofer on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Recalls that multiannual programmes such as Horizon 2020, COSME and CEF are crucial for achieving the goals of Europe 2020 strategy and thus to securing a steady growth path for the EU; believes that proper functioning of the programmes is also essential for efficient absorption of funds from the whole MFF: reminds that several of the crucial programmes are still in their starting phase; underlines that 2015 Budget should therefore provide for all necessary measures such as bringing forward investment by frontloading commitments to ensure that the programmes reach their full pace of operation without further delay;

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2. Recalls that multiannual programmes such as Horizon 2020, COSME and CEF are crucial for achieving the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy and thus to securing a steady growth path for the EU; believes that proper functioning of the programmes is also essential for efficient absorption of funds from the whole MFF; points out that several of the crucial programmes are still in their starting phase and their scaling-up should be accelerated: underlines that the 2015 Budget should therefore provide for all necessary measures such as bringing forward investment by frontloading commitments to ensure that the programmes reach their full pace of operation without further delay;

Or. en

Amendment 15 Theresa Griffin, Clare Moody, Jude Kirton-Darling

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Recalls that multiannual programmes such as Horizon 2020, COSME and CEF are crucial for achieving the goals of Europe 2020 strategy and thus to securing a steady growth path for the EU; believes that proper functioning of the programmes is also essential for efficient absorption of funds from the whole MFF; *reminds* that several of the crucial programmes are still

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2. Recalls that multiannual programmes such as Horizon 2020, COSME and CEF are crucial for achieving the goals of *the* Europe 2020 strategy and thus to securing a steady growth path for the EU; believes that proper functioning of the programmes is also essential for efficient absorption of funds from the whole MFF; *points out* that several of the crucial programmes are still

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in their starting phase; underlines that 2015 Budget should therefore provide for all necessary measures such as bringing forward investment by frontloading commitments to ensure that the programmes reach their full pace of operation without further delay;

in their starting phase and highlights the added value EU programmes can bring; underlines that the 2015 Budget should therefore provide for all necessary measures such as bringing forward investment by frontloading commitments to ensure that the programmes reach their full pace of operation without further delay;

Or. en

Amendment 16 Patrizia Toia

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Amendment

2. Recalls that multiannual programmes such as Horizon 2020, COSME, CEF, and **EaSI** are crucial for achieving the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy and thus to securing a steady growth path for the EU; believes that proper functioning of the programmes is also essential for efficient absorption of funds from the whole MFF: points out that several of the crucial programmes are still in their starting phase; underlines that the 2015 Budget should therefore provide for all necessary measures such as bringing forward investment by frontloading commitments to ensure that the programmes reach their full pace of operation without further delay;

Or. it

Amendment 17
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Draft opinion Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Emphasises the role of SMEs innovation for driving EU economic recovery; expects the Commission to fulfil its legal and budgetary commitments with regard to the SME Instrument in Horizon 2020 and calls upon the Council to enable this by providing an appropriate budget; requests the Commission to establish as of 2016 an unique budget line for the SME Instrument, in order to allow clearer budgetary oversight and control, and ensure a genuine bottom-up approach to its implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 18 Evžen Tošenovský

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Underlines the importance of key European space programmes such as Galileo and Copernicus as boosters for innovation, growth and competitiveness and future providers of daily services to the EU's citizens; points to the great potential of the space sector for SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 19 Morten Helveg Petersen, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Juan Carlos Girauta Vidal, Fredrick Federley, Pavel Telička

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Believes that the implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy requires improved governance and closer coordination between the EU, the Member States and the regions; calls for the highest possible synergy between EU funds and financing instruments as well as between European and national expenditure;

Amendment

3. Believes that the implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy, which is vital to achieving our climate goals whilst stimulating growth and jobs in the renewables and low-carbon technologies sectors, requires improved governance and closer coordination between the EU, the Member States and the regions; calls for the highest possible synergy between EU funds and financing instruments as well as between European and national expenditure;

Or. en

Amendment 20 Theresa Griffin, Clare Moody, Jude Kirton-Darling

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Believes that the implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy requires improved governance and closer coordination between the EU, the Member States and the regions; calls for the highest possible synergy between EU funds and financing instruments as well as between European and national expenditure;

Amendment

3. Believes that the implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy requires improved governance and closer coordination between the EU, the Member States and the regions and consultation with representatives of industry and research-based bodies; calls for the highest possible synergy between EU funds and industry-relevant and flexible financing instruments as well as between European and national expenditure;

Or. en

Amendment 21 Morten Helveg Petersen, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Juan Carlos Girauta Vidal,

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Fredrick Federley, Pavel Telička

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. *Reminds* that reindustrialisation is essential for boosting growth and job creation; *alerts that further cuts in investments for* European industry *would seriously slow down its* recovery;

Amendment

4. Points out that reindustrialisation is essential for boosting growth and job creation; notes that EU funds can contribute to maintaining investment in European industry to promote Europe's reindustrialisation and recovery; highlights the essential role of Europe's producers of renewable energy, low-carbon and resource-efficient technologies in delivering this reindustrialisation by placing Europe at the forefront of research and innovation as well as production of such technologies while strengthening Europe's long-term competitiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 22 José Blanco López

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. *Reminds* that reindustrialisation is essential for boosting growth and job creation; alerts that further cuts in investments for European industry would seriously slow down its recovery;

Amendment

4. Points out that reindustrialisation is essential for boosting growth and job creation and that industry should account for 20% of GDP by 2020, a goal to be achieved by improving the business environment, especially for SMEs, and supporting the development of a strong, sustainable industrial base capable of competing at global level; alerts to the fact that further cuts in investments for European industry would seriously slow down its recovery;

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Amendment 23
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. *Reminds* that reindustrialisation is essential for boosting growth and job creation; alerts that further cuts in investments for European industry would seriously slow down *its* recovery;

Amendment

4. **Points out** that reindustrialisation **combining competitiveness with social inclusion and sustainability** is essential for boosting growth and job creation; alerts **to the fact** that further cuts in **research**, **innovation and infrastructure** investments for European industry would seriously slow down **the EU's economic** recovery;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Welcomes the circular economy package published by the Commission on 2 July 2014 ^{1a}; calls for adequate resources to be allocated for the implementation of its activities;

^{1a} Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of 2 July 2014: Towards a circular economy: A zero waste

programme for Europe (COM(2014)0398).

Or. en

Amendment 25 Theresa Griffin, Clare Moody, Jude Kirton-Darling

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses the importance of investing sufficiently in cleaner energy and renewable technologies to help combat climate change which will also help to create new sustainable businesses and high-quality GDP employment opportunities;

Or. en

Amendment 26 Morten Helveg Petersen, Pavel Telička, Juan Carlos Girauta Vidal

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for appropriate funding for the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, as well as for executive agencies to enable them to properly fulfil the tasks assigned to them by the legislative authority.

Amendment

5. Calls for appropriate funding for all relevant EU bodies which contribute to Europe's competitiveness and growth, for example the European Institute of Innovation and Technology amongst others, as well as for executive agencies to enable them to properly fulfil the tasks assigned to them by the legislative authority.

Or. en

