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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015 - all sections
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Amendment 1
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Barbara Spinelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Takes into account the decrease of 1,9% in commitments in Heading 3 on security and Citizenship compared to the 2014 budget, mostly due to the end of the Schengen Facility for Croatia, in accordance with its Treaty of Accession and welcomes the increase of 12,2% in payments, which will contribute to ensure that payment appropriations are sufficient to implement the policies in this area;

Amendment

1. Takes into account the decrease of 1,9% in commitments in Heading 3 on security and Citizenship compared to the 2014 budget, mostly due to the end of the Schengen Facility for Croatia, in accordance with its Treaty of Accession and welcomes the increase of 12,2% in payments, which will contribute to ensure that payment appropriations are sufficient to implement the policies in this area; ***notes, however, that the commitment appropriations in the titles Home Affairs and Justice increase by 3,27% and payment appropriations by more than 57% compared to 2014; regrets that the budget allocations for asylum, migration and integration policies and for the Justice, fundamental rights and citizenship sector increase very slightly and are not in line with the challenges the Union and the Member States are facing in order to meet the increasing number of asylum seekers and refugees, the Union objectives regarding legal migration and integration of migrants, the promotion of the rule of law and the respect for fundamental rights and freedoms and access to and exercise of the rights of residents within the area of freedom, security and justice;***

Or. en

Amendment 2
Tomáš Zdechovský

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recalls that the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice entered into a new phase following the adoption of the strategic guidelines at the European Council of 26-27 June 2014; underlines that the implementation of the guidelines could entail, in some very specific areas, the need to reinforce the financial means allocated to those areas; underlines that, in this event, the already allocated resources should not be put under pressure and expects the Commission to bring forward concrete proposals if a financial reinforcement is needed during 2015;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Barbara Spinelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Doubts that the increased budget of the EASO will be sufficient, as this Agency is crucial ***to address pressing asylum issues and will have a reinforced role in promoting the uniform application of the Asylum package;***

3. Doubts that the increased budget of the EASO will be sufficient ***and therefore requests that the budget be increased*** as this Agency is crucial ***for the implementation of the Common European Asylum System, the convergence of best practices as regards asylum and the cooperation between Member States ;***

Or. en

Amendment 4
Petr Ježek, Cecilia Wikström

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. *Doubts* that the *increased budget* of the EASO *will be* sufficient, as this Agency is crucial to address pressing asylum issues and will have a reinforced role in promoting the uniform application of the Asylum package;

Amendment

3. *Stresses* that the *foreseen increase* of the EASO *budget is not* sufficient, as this Agency is crucial to address pressing asylum issues and will have a reinforced role in promoting the uniform application of the Asylum package; *therefore requests an appropriate budget increase in order to allow the Agency to effectively fulfil its tasks and operations;*

Or. en

Amendment 5
Péter Niedermüller

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. *Doubts that the increased budget of the EASO will be sufficient, as* this Agency is crucial *to address* pressing asylum issues and *will have a reinforced role in* promoting the uniform application of the Asylum package;

Amendment

3. *Calls for a greater increase in the budget of EASO because* this Agency is crucial *in addressing* pressing asylum issues and promoting the uniform application of the Asylum package;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Kostas Chrysogonos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Notes the very low budget increase of

FRA; underlines that this increase is insufficient to take into account the extension of its competences and the degradation of the situation of fundamental rights and freedoms in the Union and the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Kostas Chrysogonos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Welcomes the increase of the budget lines "Ensuring the protection of rights and empowering citizens" and "Promoting non-discrimination and equality", implementing the programme Rights, Equality and Citizenship 2014 - 2020; notes however that these appropriations are insufficient to meet the challenges the Union and the Members States are facing in order to respect, promote and facilitate the access to fundamental rights and freedoms of all Union residents;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. *Is satisfied with* the increase in the budget of Frontex as *it must reinforce its operational assistance in particular to*

4. *Regrets* the increase in the budget of Frontex as *the measures taken by the Agency are still not in line with its*

Member States facing strong pressure at the external borders and to increase its reactivity to rapid evolutions in migration flows; considers that Frontex should have additional staff to fulfil its tasks and implement the EUROSUR system;

obligations to respect human rights, the principle of non-refoulement and the right to international protection in the context of its operations;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Laura Ferrara, Ignazio Corrao

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Is satisfied with the increase in the budget of Frontex as it must reinforce its operational assistance in particular to Member States facing strong pressure at the external borders and to increase its reactivity to rapid evolutions in migration flows; considers that Frontex should have additional staff to fulfil its tasks and implement the EUROSUR system;

Amendment

4. Is *not entirely* satisfied with the *limited* increase in the budget of Frontex as it must reinforce its operational assistance in particular to Member States facing strong pressure at the external borders and to increase its reactivity to rapid evolutions in migration flows; considers that Frontex should have additional staff *and resources* to fulfil its tasks and implement the EUROSUR system;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Laura Ferrara, Ignazio Corrao

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses the importance of an adequate EU budget in the field of asylum and migration to face the current situation affecting in particular Southern Member States and calls for a clear commitment of all Union partners in that

direction;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Péter Niedermüller

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to increase Europol's annual budget; considers that the Agency's establishment plan should be adjusted to allow it to recruit additional personnel, in particular cybercrime experts, criminal analysts and IT experts so that the EC3 and Europol ICT capabilities can keep up with the rising demand for support in the fight against cybercrime and serious international crime and terrorism;

Amendment

5. Believes that significant increases in Europol's budget would be better justified once the new Europol Regulation has been adopted by the co-legislators; recognises that increases in agencies' budgets to enable them to properly fulfil their functions must be matched by an appropriate staffing level for those agencies;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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Amendment

5. Regrets the Commission's proposal to increase Europol's annual budget; agrees with the objective to fight against different risks, such as cybercrime, serious international crime, and terrorist threats, but underlines that the budget allocation for these measures should be based on an independent and contradictory assessment and analysis of these risks and not only based on the strengthening of security

international crime and terrorism;

measures;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Laura Ferrara, Ignazio Corrao

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 14

Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

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IT experts so that the EC3 and Europol ICT capabilities can keep up with the rising demand for support in the fight against cybercrime and serious international crime and terrorism;

analysts and IT experts so that the EC3 and Europol ICT capabilities can keep up with the rising demand for support in the fight against cybercrime and serious international crime and terrorism;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. *Supports the increase of the budget of eu.LISA in order to ensure secure and well-functioning IT systems in Home Affairs; supports the further development of the Agency in view of possible further tasks such as the entry-exit system and the registered travellers programme;*

Amendment

6. *Deplores the high increase of the budget of eu.LISA as adopted reforms and various proposals regarding data and information exchange systems between law enforcement authorities of the Member States raise serious concerns as regards the compliance with Union laws on personal data protection and privacy;*

Or. en

Amendment 16
Péter Niedermüller

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Supports the increase of the budget of eu.LISA in order to *ensure secure and well-functioning IT systems in Home Affairs; supports the further development of the Agency in view of possible further tasks such as the entry-exit system and the registered travellers programme;*

Amendment

6. Supports the increase of the budget of eu.LISA in order to *deal with the upgrade of the VIS II system; recalls that there is no agreement either within Council or in Parliament in respect of the so-called 'smart-borders' package;*

Or. en

Amendment 17
Laura Ferrara, Ignazio Corrao

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. *Supports* the increase of the budget of eu.LISA in order to ensure secure and well-functioning IT systems in Home Affairs; supports the further development of the Agency in view of possible further tasks such as the entry-exit system and the registered travellers programme;

Amendment

6. ***Takes note of*** the increase of the budget of eu.LISA in order to ensure secure and well-functioning IT systems in Home Affairs; supports the further development of the Agency in view of possible further tasks such as the entry-exit system and the registered travellers programme; ***asks, however, for a rationalisation of the organisational structure of the Agency (i.e. a single location) in order to avoid unnecessary expenses;***

Or. en

Amendment 18
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Barbara Spinelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Questions the existence of the budget line "Setting up new IT systems to support the management of migration flows across the external borders of the Union" even though the "Smart Borders" package has yet to be adopted by the co-legislators; underlines that no specific funding has been allocated to that budget line since its creation; calls on the Commission to establish budget lines for such actions only after the co-legislators have approved those actions through the appropriate legislative act;

Amendment 19
Tomáš Zdechovský

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Is disappointed by the decrease of the budget dedicated to EMCDDA as the Centre will have to deal with the possible adoption of the Regulation on new psychoactive substances (2013/0305 (COD)), which provides for additional tasks for the Centre;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Péter Niedermüller, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Recalls that the fair and transparent distribution of funding between the different objectives of the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund was a priority for Parliament during negotiations leading to the adoption of that fund; calls on the Commission accordingly to increase the number of budget lines under the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund to facilitate a better readability and transparency of how the financial resources allocated to the different objectives and thus to those budgetary lines will be spent; calls, in particular, on the Commission to separate expenditure on enhancing fair and

effective return strategies from expenditure on legal migration and promoting the effective integration of third-country nationals in all future draft budgets;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Tomáš Zdechovský

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Deplores that the Commission still has not provided sufficient evidence to implement the European Public Prosecutor's Office at Eurojust with no additional means; insists that every additional task of an Agency must be reflected in its budget;

Or. en