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Committee on Regional Development

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OPINION

of the Committee on Regional Development

for the Committee on Budgets

on Draft amending budget No 3/2014: Revenue from fines and interest payments - revenue from reimbursements and repayments to FEMIP (Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership) - Redeployment of appropriations to the European Fisheries Fund - Increase in payment appropriations for commitments corresponding to previous annual budgets - Unforeseen actions in accordance with Article 13 of the MFF Regulation - Staff of the European Commission, the Offices, the Committee of the Regions and the European Data Protection Supervisor
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Rapporteur: Jan Marian Olbrycht

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Regional Development calls on the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Considers the payments backlog in heading 1b, which has been consistently increasing in the past years, to be unacceptable having reached the amount of EUR 23,4 billion at the end of 2013; reminds that it exceeded significantly the Commission's forecasts for the same period and is expected to be even higher at the end of this year;
2. Supports the Commission's proposal on the DAB 3/2014, which requests a reinforcement in payments and proposes using all instruments available in order to meet the payments shortages across all headings; welcomes in particular the allocation of over 70% of the requested amount to heading 1b which is the main area affected by the shortage of payments in the EU budget in general;
3. Considers imperative that DAB 3/2014 is adopted unconditionally and as quickly as possible without modifications, as its adoption has also a significant impact on the Budget 2015;
4. Is of the opinion that the proposed DAB 3/2014 contributes only to a small extent to the reduction of the payment backlog in EU budget and stresses that it does not solve the problem which is of a structural and political nature; calls on the Commission to come up with a long term solution in this respect and encourages the Commission and the Council to apply all the flexibility instruments within the MFF to further reduce the problem in the meantime;
5. Calls on the Commission to make a full and timely appraisal of the payments situation under heading 1b, and to report back to the Parliament regularly on the expected evolution of payments under this heading, regarding in particular the effective application by the Commission of the 60-day payment deadline on payments requests received.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	23.9.2014
Result of final vote	+: 33 -: 3 0: 2
Members present for the final vote	José Blanco López, Franc Bogovič, Victor Boștinăru, Mercedes Bresso, Andrea Cozzolino, Rosa D'Amato, Tamás Deutsch, Bill Etheridge, Raffaele Fitto, Michela Giuffrida, Anna Hedh, Krzysztof Hetman, Ivan Jakovčić, Constanze Krehl, Andrew Lewer, Louis-Joseph Manscour, Martina Michels, Iskra Mihaylova, Younous Omarjee, Stanislav Polčák, Julia Reid, Liliana Rodrigues, Monika Smolková, Maria Spyridaki, Olaf Stuger, Ángela Vallina, Monika Vana, Matthijs van Miltenburg, Derek Vaughan, Kerstin Westphal, Joachim Zeller
Substitutes present for the final vote	Salvatore Cicu, Andor Deli, James Nicholson, Jan Marian Olbrycht, Davor Škrlec, Iuliu Winkler, Milan Zver