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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 2020 - all sections
(2019/2028(BUD))

Amendment 1
Álvaro Amaro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki, Stelios Kypouropoulos

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Or. en

Amendment 3

Stéphane Bijoux, Ondřej Knotek

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

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Amendment

1a. Underlines that the outermost regions referred to in Article 349 of the TFEU benefit from specific measures, particularly in the context of the cohesion policy, with regard to the conditions for accessing much-needed and essential funds to promote sustainable development and therefore achieve the sustainable development goals (SDGs), in view of their economic and social situation, the high structural impact of their geographical remoteness and their specific exposure to the effects associated with climate change;

Or. fr

Amendment 4

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Isabel García Muñoz, Mónica Silvana González

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Amendment

2. Underlines that cohesion policy is based on a policy of solidarity, pursuing its Treaty-posed objective of promoting and supporting the overall harmonious development of Member States and regions, and aims to reduce economic, social and territorial disparities between and within EU regions and to ***insure*** that no region is left behind; considers that it creates growth and jobs across the Union as well as delivering key Union objectives and priorities, including its climate ***and energy targets***, smart, sustainable and inclusive economic growth;

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sustainable and inclusive economic growth;

Or. es

Amendment 5
Maria Spyraiki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Or. en

Amendment 6
Stelios Kypouropoulos

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Or. en

Amendment 7

Daniel Buda, Mircea-Gheorghe Hava, Iuliu Winkler

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Or. ro

Amendment 8

Álvaro Amaro

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Or. en

Amendment 9

Francesca Donato, Rosanna Conte, Alessandro Panza, Stefania Zambelli

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Or. en

Amendment 10

Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Isabel García Muñoz, Mónica Silvana González

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Paragraph 2 a (new)

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Amendment

2a. Reaffirms that, in order to achieve the cohesion policy objectives, regional, local, urban and other authorities must work together and establish a dialogue with civil society organisations, including universities, environmental organisations and groups which represent ethnic and religious diversity, age, people with disabilities, sexual orientation or gender identity;

Or. es

Amendment 11

Francesca Donato, Rosanna Conte, Alessandro Panza, Stefania Zambelli

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Recalls in particular the role of cohesion policy with regard to energy, climate change and the mitigation of its effects; stresses its importance for the infrastructure development which is necessary to reduce the existing territorial, social and economic gap among regions;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Tonino Picula

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. *Strengthens the need to close the climate budget gap of EUR 3.5 billion and the need to avoid spending public money on fossil fuels in order to focus further on tackling climate change to achieve the Paris Agreement and net-carbon neutrality by 2050 at the latest;*

Or. en

Amendment 13
Tonino Picula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Recalls that cohesion policy is one of the most important instruments addressing priorities outlined in the Commission's draft budget for 2020;

Amendment

3. Recalls that cohesion policy is one of the most important instruments addressing priorities outlined in the Commission's draft budget for 2020; ***underlines the return of investment of cohesion policy as every 1 EUR invested leads to an outcome of 2,74 EUR in growth and jobs creation;***

Or. en

Amendment 14
Martina Michels

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. *Recalls that cohesion policy is a helpful tool to support the reception and integration of migrants and insists that 2020 EU budget should contribute to tackling the challenges linked to migration in a spirit of solidarity;*

Or. en

Amendment 15
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Stelios Kypouropoulos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Notes that budgetary year 2020 is the last one of the current MFF period and therefore stresses the importance of preparation and smooth adaptation to the new financial period;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Stelios Kypouropoulos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. Stresses that the 2021-2027 Cohesion Policy Fund should not decrease in volume from 2020 levels, even in case of Brexit, and that new EU initiatives must be matched with new and adequate financial resources and be dealt with under the co-decision procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Stelios Kypouropoulos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 c. Is deeply concerned about the budgetary consequences of a non-deal Brexit and, since regions need to plan

their activity in advance, strongly opposes any unexpected cut of cohesion policy allocations in 2020 in case there is no agreement between the Union and the United Kingdom;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Tonino Picula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Welcomes that there are no more payment needs for the 2007-2013 and that the improved execution of payments and the increased project selection rate proceeds at cruising speed and has finally caught up with the levels of the previous programming period, standing at 75 % as of *January* 2019;

Amendment

4. Welcomes that there are no more payment needs for the 2007-2013 and that the improved execution of payments and the increased project selection rate proceeds at cruising speed and has finally caught up *and further advanced* with the levels of the previous programming period, standing at 83 % as of *September* 2019; *notes, however, large disparities between the Member States related to this rate and calls on the Commission to further assist the Member States lagging behind in improving their results;*

Or. en

Amendment 19
Rosa D'Amato

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

5 a. Reiterates the importance of strengthening administrative capacity of local and regional authorities, which is a key element for the correct preparation and implementation of projects on the ground;

Amendment

Amendment 20

Daniel Buda, Mircea-Gheorghe Hava, Iuliu Winkler

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission and the Council to consider the lessons of this programming period and avoid any further payment crises;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission and the Council to consider the lessons of this programming period and avoid any further payment crises; ***draws attention that delays in funded programme launches and late project implementation are resulting in a logjam of payment requests at the end of the programming period;***

Or. ro

Amendment 21

Martina Michels

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission and the Council to consider the lessons of this programming period and avoid any further payment crises;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission and the Council to consider the lessons of this programming period and avoid any further payment crises; ***is worried about the consequences of a possible no deal Brexit and calls the Union and MS to avoid any possible impact on cohesion policy;***

Or. en

Amendment 22

Manolis Kefalogiannis, Stelios Kypouropoulos

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission and the Council to consider the lessons of this programming period and avoid any **further payment crises**;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission and the Council to consider the lessons of this programming period and avoid any **future delays**;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Alexandra Geese

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. Expresses concern that the target of 20% climate spending of the EU budget for the 2014-2020 MFF will not be reached; considers that the proposed 21% of the allocations for 2020 to be spent on climate action are not sufficient to compensate for the underspending of the past years; urges the Commission to significantly raise the percentage for climate spending for 2020; calls on the Member States and regions to take due account of the important contribution of cohesion policy for investment in climate protection and for reaching the Union's climate spending target;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Rosa D'Amato

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. Stresses that cohesion policy should not undergo any transfer that could jeopardize structural and investment funds' ability to promote the

*development of infrastructures
throughout the European Union;*

Or. en

Amendment 25
Martina Michels

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. *Recalls that cohesion policy and economic governance have different and partly contradictory objectives;*

Or. en

Amendment 26
Daniel Buda, Mircea-Gheorghe Hava, Iuliu Winkler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Notes that the Structural Reform Support Programme funding will be financed using the Global Margin for Commitments; warns that increases should come at no expense to cohesion policy;

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Or. ro

Amendment 27
Ondřej Knotek

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Notes that the Structural Reform Support Programme funding will be financed using the Global Margin for Commitments; warns that increases should come at no expense to cohesion policy;

Amendment

8. Notes that the Structural Reform Support Programme funding will be financed using the Global Margin for Commitments; warns that increases should come at no expense to cohesion policy; ***recalls that new EU initiatives should be financed with new additional resources and not at the expense of long-standing EU policies;***

Or. en

Amendment 28
Rosa D'Amato

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Notes that the Structural Reform Support Programme funding will be financed using the Global Margin for Commitments; warns that increases should come at no expense to cohesion policy;

Amendment

8. Notes that the Structural Reform Support Programme funding will be financed using the Global Margin for Commitments; warns that increases should come at no expense to cohesion policy ***and that reforms, in accordance with national authorities, should take in due consideration territorial needs and specificities;***

Or. en

Amendment 29
Tonino Picula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Notes that the Structural Reform Support Programme funding will be financed using the Global Margin for Commitments; warns that increases should come at no expense to cohesion policy;

Amendment

8. Notes that the Structural Reform Support Programme funding will be financed using the Global Margin for Commitments; ***reiterates its support to the Structural Reform Support Programme***

and warns that increases *of funding* should come at no expense to cohesion policy;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Daniel Buda, Mircea-Gheorghe Hava, Iuliu Winkler

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls for a reprogramming exercise for the Youth Employment Initiative, following the agreement in the 2019 budgetary procedure to increase the level of commitment appropriations;

Amendment

9. Calls for a reprogramming exercise for the Youth Employment Initiative, following the agreement in the 2019 budgetary procedure to increase the level of commitment appropriations; ***stresses the need to channel funding into specific measures aimed at limiting the exodus of young people from less developed regions;***

Or. ro

Amendment 31

Rosa D'Amato

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls for a reprogramming exercise for the Youth Employment Initiative, following the agreement in the 2019 budgetary procedure to increase the level of commitment appropriations;

Amendment

9. Calls for a reprogramming exercise for the Youth Employment Initiative, following the agreement in the 2019 budgetary procedure to increase the level of commitment appropriations; ***underlines at the same time the need for better planning and management of the available resources;***

Or. en

Amendment 32

Tonino Picula

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Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

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9. Calls for a reprogramming exercise for the Youth Employment Initiative, following the agreement in the 2019 budgetary procedure to increase the level of commitment appropriations;

Amendment

9. Calls for a reprogramming exercise for the Youth Employment Initiative, following the agreement in the 2019 budgetary procedure to ***significantly*** increase the level of commitment appropriations;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Adrian-Dragoş Benea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Regrets the decrease in Cohesion Fund appropriations compared to the previous programming period and notes the risks of widening development gaps in terms of basic infrastructure, in particular the transport infrastructure; calls for more flexible budgetary mechanisms to facilitate the reallocation of funding to additional investments in basic infrastructure, especially TEN-T infrastructure, as the driving force behind economic, social and territorial inclusion at EU level in those Member States whose development is clearly lagging behind;

Or. ro

Amendment 34
Maria Spyraiki, Stelios Kypouropoulos, Manolis Kefalogiannis, Peter Jahr

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9 a. *Stresses the challenge to address the climate change goal also by supporting the 41 regions dependent on coal to decarbonize their economy and re-skilling and up-skilling workers on the coal sector and as such calls for flexibility in reprogramming, wherever necessary, with a view to allocating cohesion funding to this scope. In order to address a smooth transition for these regions, calls for the establishment of a Just Transition Fund, providing additional funding, within the Multi-annual Financial Framework 2021-2027;*

Or. en

Amendment 35
Alexandra Geese, Bronis Ropè

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9 a. *Supports the Commission to intensify looking into regions with specific needs in order to promote the just transition towards future-oriented and climate-proof development paths; expects the Commission to take into account coal phasing-out regions in particular; considers that sufficient support should be given for actions with a special focus on health and environmental aspects, too, that could derive from requirements related to the energy transition, such as decommissioning of nuclear power plants;*

Or. en

Amendment 36
Raffaele Fitto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. *Invites the Commission, on the basis of monitoring findings, to reprogramme, in the course of 2020, resources not committed to tangible and intangible infrastructural measures intended to strengthen and implement connectivity between areas, ensure environmental protection and conservation and promote the growth of the manufacturing sector, especially in the fields of research and innovation;*

Or. it

Amendment 37
Ondřej Knotek

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9 a. *Notes the proposal of the European Commission to dedicate 21% of the overall 2020 budget to tackle climate change and to ensure the decarbonisation of the European economy; underlines the need to ensure a just and fair transition to low-carbon economy by 2050;*

Or. en

Amendment 38
Ondřej Knotek

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9 b. *Points out that increased investments are needed in research and*

innovation to develop low-carbon technologies; calls on the Commission and the Council to allocate sufficient resources in the budget to implement the future Just Transition Fund to ensure the necessary support for coal and carbon intensive regions to facilitate a just and inclusive transition; recalls that the transition to low-carbon economy has led to the loss of 27.000 jobs between 2015 and 2020 in the coal industry and could reach 160.000 jobs by 2030;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Raffaele Fitto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9b. *Calls on the Commission to step up resources earmarked for security and citizenship and assist Member States that are in the front line of the migration and refugee crisis;*

Or. it

Amendment 40
Raffaele Fitto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9c. *In view of the increase in resources earmarked for sustainable growth, calls on the Commission to channel additional funding towards Member States affected by natural disasters or plant diseases, particularly the 'Xyella fastidiosa' bacterium;*

Amendment 41

Daniel Buda, Mircea-Gheorghe Hava, Iuliu Winkler

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Calls on the Commission to ensure the transparent, fair and responsible use of Union resources.

Amendment

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