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*Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs*

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## **AMENDMENTS 1 - 7**

**Draft opinion**  
**Pervenche Berès**  
(PE407.786v01-00)

on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2009  
(C6-0000/2008 – 2008/2026(BUD))

Section III - Commission

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**Amendment 1**  
**Mariela Velichkova Baeva, Daniel Dăianu**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Notes the changes in the international economy, which open new opportunities for SMEs at the global level and calls for more SME involvement in international projects through subcontracts concerning activities within their expertise; suggests that preparatory action provide a basis for a European strategy for SME involvement in projects with third countries;***

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Daniel Dăianu, Bilyana Ilieva Raeva**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3b. Underlines the necessity for improved efficiency, competitiveness and quality of SME products; in order to meet the needs of SMEs, suggests providing funding for a pilot project leading to the creation of a European centre for digital innovation in industry;***

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Daniel Dăianu**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Welcomes the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between the Financial Supervisory Authorities, Central Banks and Finance Ministries of the European Union on Cross-Border Financial Stability; calls for sufficient funding and a full commitment to its implementation at EU level; in this respect, recommends funding a pilot project aimed at identifying a common toolbox of procedures for crisis prevention, management and resolution at EU level;***

Or. en

**Amendment 4**

**Daniel Dăianu, Bilyana Ilieva Raeva**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Calls for appropriate funding for targeted projects that would facilitate access to finance for SMEs; suggests that a pilot project be promoted for training and coaching SMEs to obtain financing; considers that particular attention should be attributed in this project to the exchange of experience and knowledge between SMEs across Member States;***

Or. en

**Amendment 5**

**Sharon Bowles, Daniel Dăianu, Wolf Klinz**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Notes that an estimated EUR 40 billion are lost every year due to VAT fraud; calls for a pilot project to explore the potential of reducing carousel fraud and other shortcomings in the VAT payment cycle; considers that that pilot project should, in particular, explore the possibility of moving the point of taxation from the invoicing to the settlement stage, using an automated intra-EU VAT-collection system;***

Or. en

**Amendment 6  
Ieke van den Burg**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***8a. Stresses the need for funding to support consumer and SME organisations in better representing their interests by enabling them to hire experts to advise them on the various Commission initiatives and comitology (Lamfalussy level 3 committees) consultations in the area of financial services;***

Or. en

**Amendment 7  
Ieke van den Burg**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 8 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***8b. Considers it appropriate to provide budgetary resources for the Lamfalussy level 3 committees (the Committee of European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Supervisors, the Committee of European Securities Regulators, and the Committee of European Banking Supervisors) with a view to their increasing Community activities and responsibilities;***

Or. en