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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 14**

**Draft opinion**  
**Giovanni La Via**  
(PE536.226v01-00)

General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015 - all sections  
(COM(2014)0300 – 2014/2040(BUD))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Julie Girling**  
**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Recalls that the 2015 budget comes at a time of continued efforts by many Member States, often at the request of the Union, to bring their fiscal situations under strict control; believes therefore that it is more important than ever that the EU show solidarity with these Member States and agree budgets that enshrine as core principles efficiency, effectiveness and European added value;***

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Julie Girling**  
**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

2. Recalls the recent agreement on the 2014-2020 multiannual financial framework (MFF), which defines the main parameters for the annual budgets until 2020; ***expects that the Council will not attempt to impose restricted interpretations of specific provisions;*** underlines the fact that each annual budget must be in line with Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013<sup>1</sup> and with the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management<sup>2</sup> ***and should not be considered an excuse to re-negotiate the MFF;*** is convinced that a high level of environmental protection in the European Union, health as a

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Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Nils Torvalds**  
**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

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**Amendment 4**  
**Jan Huitema**  
**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

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Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Julie Girling**  
**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Emphasises that, as the second year of the new MFF, 2015 will be important for the successful implementation of the new 2014-2020 multiannual programmes; underlines the fact that, in order not to hamper the implementation of key EU policies, all programmes need to be up ***and running and in full swing*** as soon as possible;

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Julie Girling**  
**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Notes that fiscal tightening is likely to result in scarcity of budgetary resources for the year in 2015, in this regard, expresses its willingness to identify both positive and negative priorities that, while allowing for fiscal consolidation, will foster sustainable growth;***

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Julie Girling**  
**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. **Notes** that the 2015 budget will be lower in real terms than the 2013 budget; urges, in this context, the Commission and the Member States to do their utmost to ensure the swift adoption of all partnership agreements and operational programmes, so as not to lose any additional time in implementing the new investment programmes; stresses the importance of the Commission's full support for national administrations at all stages of the process;

*Amendment*

9. **Welcomes** that the 2015 budget will be lower in real terms than the 2013 budget; urges, in this context, the Commission and the Member States to do their utmost to ensure the swift adoption of all partnership agreements and operational programmes, so as not to lose any additional time in implementing the new investment programmes; stresses the importance of the Commission's full support for national administrations at all stages of the process;

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Nicola Caputo**  
**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

***9a. Recalls that Horizon 2020 will contribute to objectives in the remit of this committee with research projects in the areas of climate, health, environment and in particular the production of renewable energy through innovative solutions; affirms its commitment to monitor the alignment of the projects with the corresponding objectives and the progress of the implementation;***

*Amendment*

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Jan Huitema**  
**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Draft opinion*

12. Points out that, the management of grants, a major part of the LIFE programme, will be delegated to the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME), notes that the externalisation of this part of the LIFE programme (+/- EUR 206 million) is the object of a Memorandum of Understanding with EASME which is in the final stage of negotiation; underlines that once the Memorandum will be signed the corresponding operational appropriations will be delegated to the Agency;

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Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Jan Huitema**  
**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Draft opinion*

13. Is aware that the 2015 Draft Budget indicates a Commission subsidy of 5,5 million to European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) for activities in the area of biocides and PIC (legislation on import and export of dangerous chemicals) based on an assumption of 3.25 million of fees received from the industry by the Agency. Invites the Commission to ensure that sufficient resources are made available in case of shortage in fees appropriations for 2015;

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*on agencies to look into clear and transparent rules on the financing of agencies;*

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Giovanni La Via**  
**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Draft opinion*

14. Notes, that the contribution to the European Medicines Agency for 2015, as requested by the Agency and as adopted by the Commission amounts to EUR 31,516 million; is aware that to this amount, the 2013 outturn of EUR 1,499 million needs to be added, reaching a total contribution of EUR 33,015 million in 2015; points out that the proposed contribution does not cover any additional contribution relating to the implementation of the Pharmacovigilance legislation, as the costs of this activity are to be covered by fees; recalls that the Regulation (EU) No 658/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>1</sup> entered into force in July 2014 and that the Agency will have to adapt its existing resources to cover the Pharmacovigilance activities;

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*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Julie Girling**  
**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Draft opinion*

***16. Is in general not convinced that the externalisation of services aiming at reducing staff in establishment plans will be more cost-efficient in the long-run as service contractors need supervision and guidance while looking for profit at the same time;***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Nils Torvalds**  
**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

***16a. Points out the alarming situation in the Baltic Sea that stems from the specific nature and shallowness of it; stresses that measures to enhance the situation of Europe's most polluted sea have to be efficient and on a long-term basis and that continued support for these measures be given under the appropriate budget line.***

*Amendment*

Or. en