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## **AMENDMENTS**

### **1 - 8**

**Draft opinion**  
**György Schöpflin**  
(PE427.160v01-00)

Draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2010  
(C6-0300/2009 – 2009/2002(BUD))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Syed Kamall, Ashley Fox**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*B. whereas the possible entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty would require the development of a communications campaign aiming to explain to citizens the changes that would be introduced by the Treaty, notably the new powers of the European Parliament and of national Parliaments, as well as the introduction of the citizens' initiative, which would provide citizens with a new tool with which to influence European policies,* *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Syed Kamall, Ashley Fox**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*C. whereas Parliament, in its resolution of 10 March 2009 on the Guidelines for the 2010 budget procedure<sup>1</sup>, drew "attention to the need for sufficient funding to be made available for communication policy, notably that it be in alignment with the objectives set out in the common Declaration on Communicating Europe in Partnership adopted by Parliament, the Council and the Commission in October 2008",* *deleted*

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<sup>1</sup> *Texts Adopted, P6\_TA(2009)0096.*

**Amendment 3**  
**Syed Kamall, Ashley Fox**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Underlines the need for developing a wide-ranging communications policy so as to raise awareness of the benefits that are linked to European integration and to provide a basis for a real dialogue with European citizens; ***hence stresses that these activities need further financial support;***

*Amendment*

1. Underlines the need for developing a wide-ranging communications policy so as to raise awareness of ***both*** the benefits ***and the drawbacks*** that are linked to European integration and to provide a basis for a real dialogue with European citizens;

**Amendment 4**  
**Syed Kamall, Ashley Fox**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Notes that, although the overall Draft Budget (DB) for 2010 provides for an increase in commitment appropriations compared to the 2009 budget, the amount under heading 3.2 (Citizenship) is to decrease; ***considers that such a decrease in this crucial policy area is regrettable and stresses, therefore, that the amounts must be increased and optimally used;***

*Amendment*

2. Notes that, although the overall Draft Budget (DB) for 2010 provides for an increase in commitment appropriations compared to the 2009 budget, the amount under heading 3.2 (Citizenship) is to decrease;

**Amendment 5**  
Syed Kamall, Ashley Fox

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

**3. Believes that the information outlets and EU representations have a potentially pivotal role to play in this communications strategy, as they represent a means of reaching the citizens and bringing the European Union closer to them, and therefore stresses the need for supporting their activities and enhancing their impact;**

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
Syed Kamall, Ashley Fox

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

**4. Considers the emergence of real pan-European parties to be *desirable*, notably in view of future European elections, *in order to* increase turnout; *believes that such a goal could be achieved notably through a increased financing of political foundations and parties at EU level;***

*Amendment*

**4. Considers the emergence of real pan-European parties to be *a possible option*, notably in view of future European elections, *as it might* increase turnout; *notes, however, that organically created pan-European parties have been attempted in the past with limited success;***

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
Syed Kamall, Ashley Fox

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5. Recalls the importance of the initiative Communicating Europe in Partnership, which will notably help in reinforcing both the coherence and efficiency of the European communication strategy; recommends that the funds to be allocated in 2010 take into account the supplementary challenges that are likely to follow the possible institutional reforms linked to the Lisbon Treaty.***

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Or. en

**Amendment 8**

**Marietta Giannakou**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Points out that a failure to take specific initiatives with measurable outcomes so that European citizens learn the extent and far-reaching nature of the project of European construction and realise the benefits which have accrued and continue to accrue for the freedom of the peoples of Europe would be a very grave strategic error with incalculable repercussions.***

Or. el