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on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2010, Section III – Commission (C7-0127/2009 – 2009/2002(BUD)) and Letter of amendment No 1/2010 (SEC(2009)1133) to the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2010 (2009/2002(BUD))

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Amendment 1
Alain Lamassoure

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

3. Recalls that the key objective of the 2010 budget must be to give special attention to the recent economic crisis, in this context the Parliament will put European citizens first, proving that the European Union is not **at the origin of** the problem, but **can be instrumental in** the solution; therefore has amended accordingly the Draft Budget of the Council, with the aim of using the EU budget as a tool to help overcome the current crises, by giving impetus to economic growth, competitiveness, cohesion and job protection;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Göran Färm, Francesca Balzani

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3. Recalls that the key objective of the 2010 budget must be to give special attention to the recent economic crisis, in this context the Parliament will put European citizens first, proving that the European Union is not the problem, but **a part of** the solution; therefore has amended accordingly the Draft Budget of the Council, with the aim of using the EU budget as a tool to help overcome the current crises, by giving impetus to economic growth, competitiveness,

cohesion and job protection;

cohesion and job protection;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Jan Olbrycht

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Stresses that the financing of the second phase of the European Economic Recovery Plan is a priority for the European Parliament; intends to use the tools foreseen in the IIA in order to guarantee its financing; recalls, in this context, that the European Council was not able to present its plans in its draft budget; recalls that the financing agreement should not jeopardise the financial envelopes of the co-decided programmes nor the annual budgetary procedure as outlined in the declaration agreed by the budgetary authority on the financing of the European Recovery Plan of 2 April 2009; recalls also its view on the principles and the prudence required when using available margins under a particular heading;

Amendment

6. Stresses that the financing of the second phase of the European Economic Recovery Plan is a priority for the European Parliament; intends to use the tools foreseen in the **IB and** IIA in order to guarantee its financing; recalls, in this context, that the European Council was not able to present its plans in its draft budget; recalls that the financing agreement should not jeopardise the financial envelopes of the co-decided programmes nor the annual budgetary procedure as outlined in the declaration agreed by the budgetary authority on the financing of the European Recovery Plan of 2 April 2009; recalls also its view on the principles and the prudence required when using available margins under a particular heading;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Göran Färm, Francesca Balzani

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Is committed to do its utmost to secure adequate financing for all activities and policies under heading 1 a which *delivers*

Amendment

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solutions to European citizens namely providing greater energy security, increasing support for research and innovation, promoting small and medium sized enterprises **and fostering growth and job creation;**

sustainable growth and job creation and deliver solutions to European citizens namely **by** providing greater energy security, increasing support for research and innovation, promoting small and medium sized enterprises, **supporting social dialogue and life long learning policies;**

Or. en

Amendment 5
Helga Trüpel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Is committed to do its utmost to secure adequate financing for all activities and policies under heading 1 a which delivers solutions to European citizens namely providing greater energy security, increasing support for research and innovation, promoting small and medium sized enterprises and fostering growth and job creation;

Amendment

8. Is committed to do its utmost to secure adequate financing for all activities and policies under heading 1 a which delivers solutions to European citizens namely providing greater energy security, increasing support for **ecological** research and innovation, promoting small and medium sized enterprises and fostering **sustainable** growth and job creation;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Salvador Garriga Polledo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

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8. Is committed to do its utmost to secure adequate financing for all activities and policies under heading 1 a which delivers solutions to European citizens namely providing greater energy security,

increasing support for research and innovation, promoting small and medium sized enterprises and fostering growth and job creation;

increasing support for research and innovation, *particularly clean energy technologies*, promoting small and medium sized enterprises and fostering growth and job creation;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Göran Färm, Francesca Balzani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Advocates the revision of the European Globalisation Fund, for the benefit of workers who suffer from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns, to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market;

Amendment

9. Recalls that the legislative authority has agreed on the revision of Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 on establishing the European Globalisation Fund¹ with Regulation (EC) No 546/2009² of 18 June 2009 in order to widen its application and to take into account the effects of the current economic crisis in order to assist redundant workers with their reintegration into the labour market; stresses that depending on the implementation of these new rules, raising the maximum allocation of EUR 500 million foreseen for this fund in Point 28 of the IIA of 17 May 2006 should be considered;

¹ OJ L 406, 30.12.2006, p. 1.

² OJ L 167, 29.6.2009, p. 26.

Or. en

Amendment 8
Jutta Haug

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. **Advocates the revision of** the European Globalisation Fund, for the benefit of workers who suffer from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns, to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market;

Amendment

9. **Recalls the revised rules in the Regulation (EC) No 546/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006 on establishing the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund¹** for the benefit of workers who suffer from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns, to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market; **stresses the need to have a thorough examination of the EGF in the Midterm Review;**

¹ OJ L 167, 29.6.2009, p. 26.

Or. en

Amendment 9
Jan Olbrycht

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Regrets the cuts introduced by the Council to the PDB in a period when structural and cohesion funds should be used for stimulating economic growth and recovery; proposes systematic increases to payments on the main lines (ERDF, ESF, Cohesion Fund) to boost implementation of structural **policy** in the Member States, for the benefit of all European citizens;

Amendment

10. Regrets the cuts introduced by the Council to the PDB in a period when structural and cohesion funds should be used for stimulating economic growth and recovery; proposes systematic increases to payments on the main lines (ERDF, ESF, Cohesion Fund) to boost implementation of structural **actions** in the Member States, for the benefit of all European citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Göran Färm, Francesca Balzani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Points out that the current weak implementation of structural and cohesion policy is mainly due to the low flexibility in the system of complicated rules and requirements imposed by the Commission and/or Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Göran Färm, Francesca Balzani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10b. Insists that Member States use all the existing tools to accelerate or even revise their operational programmes in order to tackle the consequences of the recent economic and financial crisis more efficiently; calls on the Commission to endorse these modifications in the shortest possible period of time so as not to delay their implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Göran Färm, Francesca Balzani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10c. Urges Member States to find an agreement on the proposal made by the Commission in July for amending the general provisions of the ERDF, ESF and Cohesion Funds as regards simplification of provision relating to financial management;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Göran Färm, Francesca Balzani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Underlines that this sub-heading finances numerous important policies and activities aimed at fighting climate change and supporting growth for jobs;

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Or. en

Amendment 14
Göran Färm, Francesca Balzani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Is of the opinion that the EU budget in its present format cannot address effectively and realistically the goals that the EU has set for climate change; considers that European citizens need a

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tangible European initiative to *face the consequences of* climate change;

tangible European initiative to *fight* climate change, *face its consequences and finance the necessary policies;*

Or. en

Amendment 15
Jutta Haug

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recalls that, in view of the Copenhagen conference in December 2009, the fight against climate change will remain one of its top priorities for Budget 2010; considers, however, that this priority is not sufficiently reflected in the draft budget and intends, consequently, to put stronger emphasis on this key policy;

Amendment

14. Recalls that, in view of the Copenhagen conference in December 2009, the fight against climate change will remain one of its top priorities for Budget 2010; considers, however, that this priority is not sufficiently reflected in the draft budget and intends, consequently, to put stronger emphasis on this key policy; *reminds the Commission to submit timely a reasonable financing proposal in the aftermath of the climate change conference;*

Or. en

Amendment 16
Göran Färm, Francesca Balzani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

14a. Urges the Commission and the Council immediately after the Copenhagen summit to start forming a strategy for the financing of global climate change policies, including a strategic role for the EU budget;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Elisabeth Jeggle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Stresses the need to extend the scope and increase the funding of programmes with the potential to promote the consumption of agricultural products (e.g. school milk and school fruit schemes);

Or. de

Amendment 18
Göran Färm, Francesca Balzani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Acknowledges European citizens' wish for a safe and secure Europe and welcomes the increases in this sub-heading relative to the 2009 budget;

17. Acknowledges that all countries in the European Union are facing many challenges in relation to policies covered by this heading; urges Member States to take advantage of the increases in this subheading relative to the 2009 budget to tackle these challenges together;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Salvador Garriga Polledo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Stresses the importance of further

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funding being made available via the EU budget to manage legal immigration and integration of third country nationals while, in parallel, tackling illegal immigration and strengthening border protection, including the strengthening of the European Refugee Fund to facilitate solidarity between the Member States;

funding being made available via the EU budget to manage legal immigration and integration of third country nationals while, in parallel, tackling illegal immigration and strengthening border protection, including the strengthening of **the European Return Fund and** the European Refugee Fund to facilitate solidarity between the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Göran Färm, Francesca Balzani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Stresses the importance of further funding being made available via the EU budget to manage legal immigration and integration of third country nationals while, in parallel, tackling illegal immigration **and strengthening border protection, including** the strengthening of the European Refugee Fund to facilitate solidarity between the Member States;

Amendment

18. Stresses the importance of further funding being made available via the EU budget to manage legal immigration and integration of third country nationals while, in parallel, tackling illegal immigration **in full respect of human fundamental rights; welcomes** the strengthening of the European Refugee Fund to facilitate solidarity between the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Göran Färm, Francesca Balzani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Recalls that the low turnout in the European elections has shown once again that information and communication policy has to be improved in the 2010 budget **and**

Amendment

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has therefore tabled several amendments putting in reserve a part of appropriations foreseen for the information and communication policy; calls on the Commission to present to the Parliament its plans on how to implement the outcome of the findings of the Interinstitutional Group of Information (IGI);

2010 budget; ***acknowledges that this represents a common challenge for the Commission, the Member States and Parliament as a necessary part of the democratic process***; has therefore tabled several amendments putting in reserve a part of appropriations foreseen for the information and communication policy; calls on the Commission to present to the Parliament its plans on how to implement the outcome of the findings of the Interinstitutional Group of Information (IGI);

Or. en

Amendment 22
Alain Lamassoure

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Recalls that the low turnout in the European elections has shown once again that information and communication policy has to be improved in the 2010 budget and has therefore tabled several amendments putting in reserve a part of appropriations foreseen for the information and communication policy; calls on the Commission to present to the Parliament its plans on how to implement the outcome of the findings of the Interinstitutional Group of Information (IGI);

Amendment

20. Recalls that the low turnout in the European elections has shown once again that information and communication policy has to be improved in the 2010 budget and has therefore tabled several amendments putting in reserve a part of appropriations foreseen for the information and communication policy, ***until such time as greater effectiveness of this policy is ensured***; calls on the Commission to present to the Parliament its plans on how to implement the outcome of the findings of the Interinstitutional Group of Information (IGI);

Or. en

Amendment 23
Göran Färm, Francesca Balzani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Has decided to **put the** increase on budget line climate change in developing countries **into reserve, waiting for the** outcome of the Conference on Climate Change in Copenhagen;

Amendment

22. Has decided to **increase appropriations** on **the** budget line climate change in developing countries **as a sign of the firm commitment of the Union to achieve an ambitious and balanced outcome at the Conference on Climate Change in Copenhagen; is however of the view that the current MFF does not equip the EU with sufficient funding to tackle the issue of climate change in developing countries;**

Or. en

Amendment 24
Jutta Haug

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Has decided to put the increase on budget line climate change in developing countries into reserve, waiting for the outcome of the Conference on Climate Change in Copenhagen;

Amendment

22. Has decided to put the increase on budget line climate change in developing countries into reserve, waiting for the outcome of the Conference on Climate Change in Copenhagen; **stresses, however the need for a new financial instrument to help developing countries to cope with the effects of climate change, so the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) can fulfil its originally assigned tasks in the future;**

Or. en

Amendment 25
Helga Trüpel, Franziska Katharina Brantner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Calls on the Commission to make full use of the financial envelope for implementation of Article 24 of Regulation (EC) No 1717/2006 of the European Parliament and Council of 15 November 2006 establishing the Instrument for Stability¹;

¹ OJ L 327, 24.11.2006, p. 1.

Or. en

Amendment 26
Helga Trüpel, Franziska Katharina Brantner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23b. Calls on the Commission to present a plan to restore, over the period 2010 to 2013, the financial means reallocated from the Instrument for Stability to the Food Facility, in order to ensure that the European Union has the full financial means available, under heading 4 of the budget, to fulfil its role on the international stage as expected by the citizens of Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Helga Trüpel, Franziska Katharina Brantner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23c. Reminds the Commission of the commitments made by the Community in the Instrument for Stability, namely the promotion of stable conditions for human and economic development and the promotion of human rights, democracy and fundamental freedoms as the prime objectives of European Union external action; in this respect, calls on the Commission to present a plan for the mobilisation of financial resources for any external emergency assistance facilities or mechanisms that are created outside the Instrument for Stability in a way that would avoid drawing on the funds foreseen for the Instrument for Stability;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Alain Lamassoure

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Considers securing energy supply an important issue for the European Union, therefore welcomes the signature of all participatory countries to the Nabucco project;

25. Considers securing energy supply an important issue for the European Union, therefore welcomes the signature of all participatory countries to the Nabucco project, ***and expects consistency from all of them when dealing with other projects that might put Nabucco at risk;***

Or. en

Amendment 29
Göran Färm, Francesca Balzani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Continues to count on support for the peace process in Palestine **and the reconstruction needs in Gaza Strip**; calls on the Commission to communicate which measures it has taken **to minimise the risks that projects and programmes financed under this budget line are used or diverted to terrorist organisations or acts of terrorism**;

Amendment

26. Continues to count on support for the peace process in Palestine; **increased support for the Palestinian Authority regarding institution building in view of the future Palestinian State as well as meeting the humanitarian and reconstruction needs in the Gaza Strip**; calls on the Commission to **continue to communicate which measures it has taken to ensure that this funding is not diverted from its original aim**;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Alain Lamassoure

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Continues to count on support for the peace process in Palestine and the reconstruction needs in Gaza Strip; calls on the Commission to communicate which measures it has taken to minimise the risks that projects and programmes financed under this budget line are used or diverted to terrorist organisations or acts of terrorism;

Amendment

26. Continues to count on support for the peace process in Palestine and the reconstruction needs in Gaza Strip; calls on the Commission to communicate which measures it has taken to minimise the risks that projects and programmes financed under this budget line are used or diverted to terrorist organisations or acts of terrorism, **or inefficient bureaucracy, and to specify whether part of the aid is aimed at rebuilding premises or infrastructure previously financed by the EU or its Member States and damaged by military action**;

Amendment 31
Carl Haglund, Anne E. Jensen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Stresses the necessity of allocating sufficient funding to the EU Baltic Sea Strategy in order to finance actions that cannot be financed from other budget lines (coordination, information and pilot projects in any of the four pillars of the action plan);

Or. en

Amendment 32
Göran Färm, Francesca Balzani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28. Has reinstated the appropriations for staff expenditure however; points out that the total amount of all types of administrative expenditure financed outside heading 5 has substantially increased in recent years; ***requests that in future, proposals from Commission to transfer administrative expenditure to the operational headings is fully justified;***

28. Has reinstated the appropriations for staff expenditure however; points out that the total amount of all types of administrative expenditure financed outside heading 5 has substantially increased in recent years; ***acknowledges that operational programmes can not function without the necessary administrative support; is, however, greatly concerned that under the current MFF part of the overall envelope for multi-annual programmes under headings other than heading 5 is being used for administrative expenditure;***

Or. en

Amendment 33
Francesca Balzani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Is worried about the current call for tender for a New European Quarter; reiterates its request to be fully informed on the selection process and the need for further information on the Commission's building policy in general; has decided to put part of the appropriations designated to buildings in Brussels in the reserve in order to make sure that it obtains answers to those questions in due time;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 34
Göran Färm, Francesca Balzani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Considers these projects an indispensable tool for Parliament to initiate new policies for European citizens; **regrets that, for the majority of ongoing pilot projects and preparatory actions, the Commission has entered payment appropriations only, which means that no follow-up will be given; has analysed a series of interesting proposals, only some of which could be entered into the 2010 budget due to the constraints of IIA and MFF ceilings;**

Amendment

32. Considers these projects an indispensable tool for Parliament to initiate new policies for European citizens; **notes that, for all but four pilot projects and preparatory actions, the Commission has entered payment appropriations only, which has enabled the Parliament to fully scrutinize whether a follow-up was needed or not and whether or not new commitments should be voted; moreover has analysed a series of new interesting proposals, only some of which could be entered into the 2010 budget due to the constraints of IIA and MFF ceilings;**

