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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Helga Trüpel
(PE430.933v01-00)

on the discharge for implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2008, Section III – Commission and executive agencies (SEC(2009)1089 – C7-0172/2009 – 2009/2068(DEC))

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Amendment 1
Ivo Belet

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Welcomes the efforts of the Commission to achieve greater transparency and customer-friendliness and supports further steps in that direction;

Or. nl

Amendment 2
Hans-Peter Martin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Commission, in the interests of transparency and cost control, to separate the organisational and staff costs of national agencies from funds to be paid in grants;

Or. de

Amendment 3
Ivo Belet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Draws attention, on the other hand, to the dangers of control measures which are disproportionate to the budgets administered; considers that the relevant

control requirements must not under any circumstances result in pressure to make increases in scale which will raise the threshold for participants;

Or. nl

**Amendment 4
Ivo Belet**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission, in the light of the revision of the Financial Regulation, to work towards a new arrangement under which beneficiaries can be allowed to acquire more assets without having to fear that this will result in a reduction in the support allocated to them on the basis of EU cofinancing;

Or. nl

**Amendment 5
Ivo Belet**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Calls on the Commission, together with the national agencies, to seek a reasonable and flexible solution to the problem of interest on unspent decentralised budgets on which withholding tax is paid in the Member States but which national agencies must repay in full;

Or. nl

Amendment 6
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Notes the significant reduction of errors related to payments; considers, however, that further improvements are needed for interim and final payments;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Calls on the Commission to supervise more closely the annual ex-post declaration process in respect of the Lifelong Learning Programme, by means of monitoring visits and direct verification;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Lothar Bisky

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls for a readjustment of funding distributions for student mobility programmes; underlines that increased

financial support (instead of just an increase of the number of scholarships) would increase participation, especially as regards those Member States that are only able to offer very limited national support in the form of grants for student mobility; recommends that these changes should be achieved at the latest in the framework of recently announced 'Youth on the Move' programme;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Lothar Bisky

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Calls on the Commission to review the bureaucratic obstacles impeding the 'Youth in Action' Programme; calls especially for the measures under Actions 1.1 and 1.3 of the Programme to be made available as low-threshold services; emphasises that selection criteria must be transparent and comprehensible for applicants;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Lothar Bisky

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. Calls on the Commission to consider the introduction of a new mode of allocation of funding under the 'Youth in

Action' Programme so as to make funding available to small-scale and youth projects which are unable in the current situation to raise their own finance.

Or. en