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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 10**

**Draft opinion**  
**Jens Geier**  
(PE456.599v01-00)

Discharge in respect of the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2009, Section III - Commission and executive agencies  
(2010/2142(DEC))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Jan Olbrycht**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Notes that cohesion funds are subject to particularly complex rules and are implemented differently from other EU spending areas, which makes them more vulnerable to errors; draws attention to the fact that the error rate in cohesion spending **remains the highest of all EU payments with greater than 5 % in 2009; is aware of the decrease in the error rate in comparison to 2008;**

*Amendment*

1. Notes that cohesion funds are subject to particularly complex rules and are implemented differently from other EU spending areas, which makes them more vulnerable to errors; draws attention to the fact that the error rate in cohesion spending **decreased from 11 % in 2008 to just above 5 % in 2009;**

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Sophie Auconie, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Notes that cohesion funds are subject to particularly complex rules and are implemented differently from other EU spending areas, which makes them more vulnerable to errors; draws attention to the fact that the error rate in cohesion spending remains the highest of all EU payments with greater than 5 % in 2009; **is aware of the decrease in the error rate in comparison to 2008;**

*Amendment*

1. Notes that cohesion funds are subject to particularly complex rules and are implemented differently from other EU spending areas, which makes them more vulnerable to errors; draws attention to the fact that the error rate in cohesion spending remains the highest of all EU payments with greater than 5 % in 2009; **highlights, nonetheless, the major decrease in the error rate in comparison to 2008;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 3**  
**Luis Paulo Alves**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Notes that cohesion funds are subject to particularly complex rules and are implemented differently from other EU spending areas, which makes them more vulnerable to errors; draws attention to the fact that the error rate in cohesion spending remains the highest of all EU payments with greater than 5 % in 2009; is aware of the decrease in the error rate in comparison to 2008;

*Amendment*

1. Notes that cohesion funds are subject to particularly complex rules and are implemented differently from other EU spending areas, which makes them more vulnerable to errors; draws attention to the fact that the error rate in cohesion spending remains the highest of all EU payments with greater than 5 % in 2009; is aware of the decrease in the error rate in comparison to 2008, **and therefore calls for greater simplification and more technical support to enable the Member States and regions to ensure more effective implementation; points out that regional authorities must be given the technical knowledge that will enable them to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the resources made available to them;**

Or. pt

**Amendment 4**  
**Jens Geier**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Is concerned that the Directorate General for Regional Policy (DG REGIO) states in its Declaration of Assurance of the Annual Activity Report 2009 that for 38 out of the 79 programmes concerned, DG REGIO does not have reasonable assurance on the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions in relation to reimbursements in 2009 of expenditure declared; asks for

*Amendment*

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further details on missing information with regard to reimbursements in 2009; notes that Member States have an obligation to provide sufficient information in their Annual Activity Reports and asks the Commission to propose a penalty system in case information provided does *to* allow the Commission to ensure legality and regularity;

further details on missing information with regard to reimbursements in 2009; notes that Member States have an obligation to provide sufficient information in their Annual Activity Reports and asks the Commission to propose a penalty system in case information provided does *not* allow the Commission to ensure legality and regularity;

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Jan Olbrycht**

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

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

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Or. pl

**Amendment 6**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. In the context of the revision of the Financial Regulation, ***stresses the need to harmonise rules and management schemes for cohesion programmes under shared management***; notes that ***any*** governance ***problem*** between the Financial Regulation and the cohesion regulations can be avoided by better alignment of eligibility rules across various policies;

*Amendment*

5. In the context of the revision of the Financial Regulation, notes that ***some*** governance ***problems*** between the Financial Regulation and the cohesion regulations can be avoided by better alignment of eligibility rules across various policies;

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Jan Olbrycht**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. In the context of the revision of the Financial Regulation, stresses the need to harmonise rules and management schemes ***for cohesion programmes*** under shared management; notes that any governance problem between the Financial Regulation and the cohesion regulations can be avoided by better alignment of eligibility rules across various policies;

*Amendment*

5. In the context of the revision of the Financial Regulation, stresses the need to harmonise rules and management schemes under shared management, ***and in respect of cohesion policy that this harmonisation shall be to the maximum extent possible***; notes that any governance problem between the Financial Regulation and the cohesion regulations can be avoided by better alignment of eligibility rules across various policies;

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Sophie Auconie, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. In the context of the revision of the Financial Regulation, stresses the need to harmonise rules and management schemes for cohesion programmes under shared management; notes that any governance problem between the Financial Regulation and the cohesion regulations can be avoided by better alignment of eligibility rules across various policies;

*Amendment*

5. In the context of the revision of the Financial Regulation, stresses the need to harmonise rules and management schemes for cohesion programmes under shared management, ***where it is demonstrated that this can bring improvements, while retaining procedures that have proved effective***; notes that any governance problem between the Financial Regulation and the cohesion regulations can be avoided by better alignment of eligibility rules across various policies;

Or. fr

**Amendment 9**  
**Alain Cadec**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. In the context of the revision of the Financial Regulation, stresses the need to harmonise rules and management schemes for cohesion programmes under shared management; notes that any governance problem between the Financial Regulation and the cohesion regulations can be avoided by better alignment of eligibility rules across various policies;

*Amendment*

5. In the context of the revision of the Financial Regulation, stresses the need to harmonise rules and management schemes for cohesion programmes under shared management; notes that any governance problem between the Financial Regulation and the cohesion regulations can be avoided by better alignment of eligibility rules across various policies; ***takes the view, nonetheless, that simplification, in particular in connection with the revision of the Financial Regulation, first requires stable rules and management schemes in the long term***;

**Amendment 10**  
**Sophie Auconie, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider the advisability of developing the 'contract of confidence' principle so as to be able to scale down checks on systems that have proved their worth in combating errors and fraud;***