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Amendment 1
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Recalls that the *promotion of a smart, sustainable and inclusive economy, which creates jobs and high-quality employment by delivering on the Europe 2020 strategy's seven flagship initiatives is a jointly endorsed goal of the 27 Member States and the EU institutions; recalls that the implementation of this strategy will require* a huge amount of future-oriented investment up to 2020, estimated at no less than EUR 1 800 billion by the Commission in its communication entitled 'The EU Budget Review'¹; underlines, therefore, that necessary investments - at both EU and Member State level - must be made now and delayed no longer;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Giovanni La Via

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

1a. Recalls that, in order to help Europe recover from the crisis and come out stronger, the Europe 2020 strategy for a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth must be at the centre of the 2012 EU budgetary strategy for 2012;

Amendment

Or. en

¹ (COM(2010)0700)

Amendment 3
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Is deeply concerned, against this background, that the current crisis has **resulted in a drop in public investment in some of these areas** because of the adjustments that Member States have made to their national budgets; calls for this trend to be reversed and firmly believes that investments need to be **guaranteed** at EU and national level **if the EU as a whole is to deliver on the EU 2020 strategy; is of the opinion that the EU budget has a role to play as a** leverage tool for Member States' recovery policies by **triggering and supporting national investment to reinforce growth and employment; emphasises that this is fully in line with the dynamics of the European Semester, which, as a new mechanism for enhanced European economic governance, aims at increasing consistency, synergies and complementarities between the EU and the national budgets in delivering on the jointly agreed Europe 2020 goals;**

Amendment

2. Is deeply concerned, against this background, that the current crisis has **been aggravated by the austerity policies, resulting in a drastic drop in public and private investment**, because of the adjustments that Member States have made to their national budgets, **especially those under bailout**; calls for this trend to be reversed and firmly believes that investments need to be **made** at EU and national level; **considers that the EU budget must be a** leverage tool for Member States' recovery policies by supporting national investment to reinforce growth and **the creation of employment for economic recovery;**

Or. en

Amendment 4
Alexander Alvaro, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
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Or. en

Amendment 5 **Miguel Portas**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 3**

Motion for a resolution

3. Recalls, ***once more***, that the EU budget should ***in no way be perceived and evaluated as a simple financial item added as a burden to national budgets but, on the contrary, is to*** be understood as an opportunity to ***gear up those*** initiatives and investments ***that are of interest and of added value to the EU as a whole, most of them*** co-decided by Parliament and the Council and thus legitimised also at national level;

Amendment

3. Recalls that the EU budget should be understood as an opportunity to ***implement programs, initiatives and investments of common interest, most of them proposed by Member States and*** co-decided by Parliament and the Council and thus legitimised also at national level;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Angelika Werthmann

Motion for a resolution
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Or. en

Amendment 7
Giovanni La Via

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Reiterates ***that*** the complementary nature of the EU budget to national budgets and the impetus it creates should not be checked and curbed by arbitrary reductions ***that represent an infinitesimal share compared to cumulated budgets of the 27 Member States;***

Amendment

4. Reiterates the complementary nature of the EU budget to national budgets and the impetus it creates ***to promote growth and jobs and underlines that given its very nature and limited size it*** should not be checked and curbed by arbitrary reductions ***but on the contrary targeted areas need to be reinforced;***

Or. en

Amendment 8
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Points out that the margins stemming from the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) **do not allow real room for manoeuvre**, especially in subheading 1a and heading 4, **and** reduce the capacity of the EU to react to policy changes and unforeseen needs while maintaining its priorities; **points out that the scope of the challenges the EU faces, would require means well beyond the current ceilings of the MFF; recalls, in that respect, that** the mobilisation of the instruments foreseen in the Interinstitutional Agreement (IIA) of 17 May 2006 **on budgetary discipline and sound financial management has been rendered unavoidable by the various challenges and new priorities that have arisen, such as the Arab Spring this year;**

Amendment

5. Points out that the margins stemming from the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), especially in subheading 1a and heading 4, **severely** reduce the capacity of the EU to react to policy changes and unforeseen needs while maintaining its priorities; **recalls the the new European priorities and events such as the Arab Spring required** the mobilisation of the instruments foreseen in the Interinstitutional Agreement (IIA) of 17 May 2006; **sustains that the challenges which Europe is facing would require an EU Budget much more robust than the margins allowed by the current MFF;**

Or. en

Amendment 9
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Points out that the margins stemming from the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) do not allow real room for manoeuvre, especially in subheading 1a and heading 4, and reduce the capacity of the EU to react to policy changes and unforeseen needs while maintaining its priorities; points out that the scope of the challenges the EU faces, would require

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Or. en

Amendment 10
Glenis Willmott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Notes however, that at a time when national budgets are under severe pressure, the European Union budget for the financial year 2012 should be frozen in real terms;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Claudio Morganti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Regrets Council cuts to Commission's DB by EUR 1.59 billion in commitments (-1,08%) and by EUR 3,65 billion in payments (-2,75%), which lead to overall

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amounts of EUR 146,25 million in commitments (or +2,91% as compared to 2011 Budget) and EUR 129,09 million in payments (+2,02%) - to be compared to respectively +4,03 and +4,91% as per Commission's DB (including Amending Letter No 1/2012);

amounts of EUR 146,25 million in commitments (or +2,91% as compared to 2011 Budget) and EUR 129,09 million in payments (+2,02%) - to be compared to respectively +4,03 and +4,91% as per Commission's DB (including Amending Letter No 1/2012);

Or. en

Amendment 12
Giovanni La Via

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Points out at the inconsistencies of some of these cuts compared with the positions taken recently by the Council, such as the cuts it has made in the draft budget 2012 on the budgetary lines of the newly created agencies for financial supervision which creation it has pushed for but for which it does not seem willing to provide the necessary financial means for them to operate satisfactorily;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Deplores, ***against this background and despite previous calls from Parliament, that Council made*** horizontal cuts in the budget, deciding on the overall level of appropriations a priori, without duly taking

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into account an accurate assessment of the actual needs for the achievement of the Union's agreed objectives and political commitments, *nor* the priorities *by* the Parliament, *as presented in its mandate for its abovementioned* resolution of 23 June 2011 on the mandate for the trilogue;

the achievement of the Union's agreed objectives, political commitments *and the* priorities *of* the Parliament, *as presented in the* resolution of 23 June 2011 on the mandate for the trilogue;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Underlines that the sole consideration of past implementation rates, together with the rates of increase as compared to previous year's budget, as a basis for selecting lines and amounts to be cut is a backward-looking approach which does not *allow, in the context of multiannual programming, to properly reflect the speeding up of implementation along the years*;

Amendment

9. Underlines that the sole consideration of past implementation rates, together with the rates of increase as compared to previous year's budget, as a basis for selecting lines and amounts to be cut is a backward-looking approach which does not *reflect the speeding up of the budget implementation, namely in the multiannual programs*;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Alexander Alvaro, Anne E. Jensen, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Jan Mulder

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

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subheadings 1a and 1b;

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Or. en

Amendment 16
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Recalls that EU-2020 policies have been identified by Parliament as one of its most important priorities for the 2012 budget ***since they are essential and necessary parts of the EU strategy for the economic recovery; emphasises*** that the proposed increase in appropriations for a selected number of budget items serves both short- and long-term strategies for the future of the EU;

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12. Recalls that EU-2020 policies have been identified by Parliament as one of its most important priorities¹ for the 2012 budget; ***underlines*** that the proposed increase in appropriations for a selected number of budget items serves both short- and long-term strategies for the future of the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 18
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. **Keeps on considering** that the level of payments proposed by the Commission is a bare minimum for payments, as also mentioned in several statements by President Barroso and Commissioner Lewandowski; is not confident that Draft Council's statement No 1 on payment appropriations aiming at addressing the issue of possible additional payment needs may be of any help in this respect, notably in light of early 2011 experience, when Council happened to be reluctant to honour the similar statement it initiated for 2011 Budget; therefore **also** decides to restore most payment appropriations to DB levels all the more that Council cuts in payments also affect areas and budget lines falling under EU **2020 objectives**, particularly in Heading 1a;

Amendment

13. **Reiterates** that the level of payments proposed by the Commission is a bare minimum for payments, as also mentioned in several statements by President Barroso and Commissioner Lewandowski; is not confident that Draft Council's statement No 1 on payment appropriations aiming at addressing the issue of possible additional payment needs may be of any help in this respect, notably in light of early 2011 experience, when Council happened to be reluctant to honour the similar statement it initiated for 2011 Budget; therefore, decides to restore most payment appropriations to DB levels all the more that Council cuts in payments affect areas and budget lines falling under EU **essential priorities**, particularly in Heading 1a;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Alexander Alvaro

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. **Keeps on considering** that the level of payments proposed by the Commission is a bare minimum for payments, as also mentioned in several statements by President Barroso and Commissioner Lewandowski; is not confident that **Draft** Council's statement No 1 on payment appropriations aiming at addressing the issue of possible additional payment needs **may be** of any help in this respect, notably in light of early 2011 experience, when Council happened to be reluctant to honour the similar statement it initiated for 2011 Budget; therefore also decides to restore most payment appropriations to DB levels all the more **that** Council cuts in payments also affect areas and budget lines falling under EU 2020 objectives, particularly in Heading 1a;

Amendment

13. **Considers** that the level of payments proposed by the Commission is a bare minimum for payments, as also mentioned in several statements by President Barroso and Commissioner Lewandowski; is not confident that Council's **draft** statement No 1 on payment appropriations aiming at addressing the issue of possible additional payment needs **is** of any help in this respect, notably in light of early 2011 experience, when Council happened to be reluctant to honour the similar statement it initiated for 2011 Budget; therefore also decides to restore most payment appropriations to DB levels, all the more **so because** Council cuts in payments also affect areas and budget lines falling under EU 2020 objectives, particularly in Heading 1a;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recalls that Heading 1a is the key heading of the MFF 2007-2013 in terms of reaching the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy, **thanks to its direct or indirect contribution to the financing of all its five headline targets and the seven flagship**

Amendment

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initiatives;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Regrets that the Commission and the Council do not generally propose to boost – beyond what was originally planned – the support for investments urgently needed to implement the seven flagship initiatives, and notes that they are regrettably inclined to postpone the necessary big leap in terms of common financial effort to the post-2013 MFF; is convinced that this attitude will seriously endanger the achievement of the headline goals by 2020;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 22
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

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implement *the seven flagship* initiatives, and *notes* that they are regrettably inclined to postpone the necessary big leap in terms of common financial effort to the post-2013 MFF; *is convinced that* this attitude will seriously endanger the achievement of the headline goals by 2020;

initiatives, and that they are regrettably inclined to postpone the necessary big leap in terms of common financial effort to the post-2013 MFF; this attitude will seriously endanger the achievement of the headline goals by 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Helga Trüpel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Deeply regrets the planned dramatic increase in budgetary appropriations for nuclear research, whereas this energy form is increasingly questioned in Member States; points out that the Commission proposal will result in an even more serious imbalance between spending on nuclear research compared to renewable energy research; is therefore determined to abolish the foreseen increases for ITER;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Helga Trüpel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Recalls that, in order to finance ITER, it will be necessary for the budget authority to agree on a revision of the MFF 2007-2013; takes note of Commission's proposal

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Or. en

Amendment 25
James Elles

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Recalls that, in order to finance ITER, it will be necessary for the budget authority to agree on a revision of the MFF 2007-2013; takes note of Commission's proposal of 20 April 2011 for financing the missing EUR 1 300 million for ITER in 2012 and 2013 but, in line with Council's exclusion of ITER additional funding from its Budget reading, insists that the negotiations on ITER's additional costs are disconnected from 2012 budgetary procedure;

Amendment

16. Recalls that, in order to finance ITER, it will be necessary for the budget authority to agree on a revision of the MFF 2007-2013; takes note of Commission's proposal of 20 April 2011 for financing the missing EUR 1 300 million for ITER in 2012 and 2013 but, in line with Council's exclusion of ITER additional funding from its Budget reading, insists that the negotiations on ITER's additional costs are disconnected from 2012 budgetary procedure; ***it is nevertheless essential that the question of ITER should be resolved by 2011 to ensure that existing EU structures for fusion do not weaken as a result of no decision being taken;***

Or. en

Amendment 26
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Reaffirms its strong opposition to any form of redeployment from FP7 like proposed by the Commission as part of the ITER financing package since this would endanger the successful implementation of FP 7 and significantly reduce its contributions to the achievement of the headline **goals** and the implementation of the flagship initiatives of the Europe 2020 strategy; therefore restores FP7 to financial programming figures by adding the EUR 100 million to the budget lines cut by the Commission; also restores the bulk of payments cuts brought on FP7 lines by the Council (EUR XXX million or X %), as a matter of avoiding any risk of non implementation of existing legal obligations, which could lead to additional costs due to late interests to pay;

Amendment

17. Reaffirms its strong opposition to any form of redeployment from FP7 like proposed by the Commission as part of the ITER financing package since this would endanger the successful implementation of FP 7 and significantly reduce its contributions to the achievement of the headline **targets** and the implementation of the flagship initiatives of the Europe 2020 strategy; therefore restores FP7 to financial programming figures by adding the EUR 100 million to the budget lines cut by the Commission; ***proposes furthermore to increase commitment appropriations over the level proposed by the Commission for a limited number of priorities under the FP 7 as necessary incentives to European research and support to the work undertaken by researchers; underlines in particular the needs in the field of research in relation to energy as a way to accelerate the implementation of the SET - PLAN***; also restores the bulk of payments cuts brought on FP7 lines by the Council (EUR XXX million or X %), as a matter of avoiding any risk of non implementation of existing legal obligations, which could lead to additional costs due to late interests to pay;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 28
Giovanni La Via

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Decides to further increase the level of commitment appropriations for selective lines of the FP 7 (Capacities - Research for the benefit of SMEs, Cooperation - Energy, Ideas, People, Research related to energy); considers that those lines are instrumental in ensuring growth and investments in key areas that are at the heart of the Europe 2020 strategy; believes that the current implementation rate of the FP7 will guarantee that these additional amounts can be effectively integrated in the

financial programming of those programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Further increases the overall level of commitment appropriations for the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework programme (CIP - Intelligent energy and CIP - Entrepreneurship and Innovation) compared to what was initially foreseen, *as a matter of delivering on the flagship initiatives of the Europe 2020 strategy; hopes that this increase will contribute to improving the access of SMEs to this programme and to developing specific programmes and innovative financial mechanisms; recalls, in this context, the key role played by SMEs in boosting the EU economy and supports, in particular, the CIP-EIP programme as an indispensable tool of recovery from the crisis;*

Amendment

18. Further increases the overall level of commitment appropriations for the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework programme (CIP - Intelligent energy and CIP - Entrepreneurship and Innovation) compared to what was initially foreseen; *hopes that this decision will improve access of SMEs to these lines of credit and boost the development of innovative projects;*

Or. en

Amendment 30
Angelika Werthmann

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Paragraph 18

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Competitiveness and Innovation Framework programme (CIP - Intelligent energy and CIP - Entrepreneurship and Innovation) compared to what was initially foreseen, as a matter of delivering on the flagship initiatives of the Europe 2020 strategy; *is sure* that this increase will contribute to improving the access of SMEs to this programme and to developing specific programmes and innovative financial mechanisms; recalls, in this context, the key role played by SMEs in boosting the EU economy and supports, in particular, the CIP-EIP programme as an indispensable tool of recovery from the crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Giovanni La Via

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. *Also increases support* for the Lifelong Learning programme, given its high European added value and also because of its strong contribution to the flagship initiatives ‘Youth on the Move’ and ‘Innovation Union’;

Amendment

19. ***Decides to introduce an important increase of appropriations*** for the Lifelong Learning programme, given its high European added value and also because of its strong contribution to the flagship initiatives ‘Youth on the Move’ and ‘Innovation Union’; ***notes with pleasure that the additional financial allocation for this programme proposed by the European Parliament and adopted by the budgetary authority in the Budget 2011, has been successfully executed to date, leading to a significant increase in the number of its participants; reiterates its strong commitment to supporting EU programmes in the fields of youth and education and also proposes a further increase in commitment appropriations***

for the Erasmus Mundus programme;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

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19. Also increases support for the Lifelong Learning programme, given its high European added value and also because of its strong contribution to the flagship initiatives ‘Youth on the Move’ and ‘Innovation Union’;

Amendment

19. Increases support for the Lifelong Learning programme, given its high European added value and also because of its strong contribution to the flagship initiatives ‘Youth on the Move’ and ‘Innovation Union’; ***calls on the Commission to deliver a proposal improving the management of all programmes and potential initiatives for youth mobility within the Union, so that financial support is given in accordance to living conditions in destination countries to avoid social discrimination in the access to these programmes;***

Or. en

Amendment 33
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Also increases support for the Lifelong Learning programme, given its high European added value and also because of its strong contribution to the flagship initiatives ‘Youth on the Move’ and ‘Innovation Union’;

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19. Also increases support for the Lifelong Learning programme, given its high European added value and also because of its strong contribution to the flagship initiatives ‘Youth on the Move’ and ‘Innovation Union’; ***is convinced that these increases are fully implementable***

and can provide a useful answer to the increasing calls for participation to the actions encompassed in the life long learning program;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Angelika Werthmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

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19. Also increases support for the Lifelong Learning programme, given its high European added value *as well as* its strong contribution to the flagship initiatives ‘Youth on the Move’ and ‘Innovation Union’; *is convinced that this programme is a strong contribution to reduction of EU unemployment rate, especially among the youth;*

Or. en

Amendment 35
Alexander Alvaro, Anne E. Jensen, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Decides to restore DB payments for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) line; underlines the fact that the insertion of payment appropriations not only gives higher visibility to the fund but also avoids transfers from other budget lines pursuing different aims and covering different needs;

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 36

Alexander Alvaro, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Jan Mulder

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Decides **to restore DB** payments for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) line; **underlines** the fact that the insertion of payment appropriations not only gives higher visibility to the fund but also **avoids** transfers from other budget lines pursuing different aims and covering different needs;

Amendment

20. Decides to **accept the Council's cut on** payments for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) line; **however, notes** the fact that the insertion of payment appropriations not only gives higher visibility to the fund but also **helps to avoid** transfers from other budget lines pursuing different aims and covering different needs;

Amendment 37

Giovanni La Via

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Decides to restore DB payments for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) line; **underlines the fact that the insertion of payment appropriations not only gives higher visibility to the fund but also avoids transfers from other budget lines pursuing different aims and covering different needs;**

Amendment

20. Decides to restore DB payments for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) line **and reiterates its call for further improvements in the procedure of mobilising the EGF, in order to accelerate assistance on the ground;**

Amendment 38
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Decides to restore DB payments for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) line; underlines the fact that the insertion of payment appropriations not only ***gives higher visibility to*** the fund but also avoids transfers from other budget lines pursuing different aims and covering different needs;

Amendment

20. Decides to restore DB payments for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) line; underlines the fact that the insertion of payment appropriations not only ***speeds up the implementation of*** the fund but also avoids transfers from other budget lines pursuing different aims and covering different needs;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

20a. Proposes that, within the 2012 budgetary negotiation procedure, any eventual appropriations' decrease, under subheading 1a, should be made on the line for security research; considers that the EU, following the new challenges and modifications in the international context, should assume a new and daring approach to security matters with the aim to concentrate on cooperation for development and on conflict prevention by pacific means;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Miguel Portas

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. Also proposes that, within the 2012 budgetary negotiation procedure, any eventual appropriations' decrease, under subheading 1a, should be made on the lines for Innovative medicines Initiative Joint undertaking and on the Risk-Sharing Finance Facility; these lines support mainly large dimension enterprises, which have a better capacity of alternative financing, instead of targeting SMEs, which can promote a higher degree of convergence between the regions on research;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Recalls the important role regional and cohesion policies play towards the achievement of the goals of the EU 2020 strategy and economic recovery of European regions; deplores Council's restrictive approach on payments, which were cut by some EUR 1 300 million as compared to Commission's forecasts of payment needs for 2012; notes that only the convergence objective and the technical assistance lines remained untouched by the cuts of Council; reminds that these cuts apply to budget allocations that were already far below Member States' own estimates (EUR 61 billion for 2012 or some 50% above DB) and widely

23. Recalls the important role regional and cohesion policies play towards the achievement of the goals of the EU 2020 strategy and economic recovery of European regions; deplores Council's restrictive approach on payments, which were cut by some EUR 1 300 million as compared to Commission's forecasts of payment needs for 2012; notes that only the convergence objective and the technical assistance lines remained untouched by the cuts of Council; reminds that these cuts apply to budget allocations that were already far below Member States' own estimates (EUR 61 billion for 2012 or some 50% above DB) and widely

considered as being the bare minimum for honouring upcoming payment claims and be consistent with the speeding up of implementation at the end of the programming period;

considered as being the bare minimum for honouring upcoming payment claims and be consistent with the speeding up of implementation at the end of the programming period; ***is convinced that this attitude of the Council is all the more unacceptable since the European Commission has recently made some concrete proposals to boost payments of structural and cohesion funds in those countries most affected by the current financial and economic crisis;***

Or. en

Amendment 42
Giovanni La Via

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Recalls the important role regional and cohesion policies play towards the achievement of the goals of the EU 2020 strategy and economic recovery of European regions; deplores Council's restrictive approach on payments, which were cut by some EUR 1 300 million as compared to Commission's forecasts of payment needs for 2012; notes that only the convergence objective and the technical assistance lines remained untouched by the cuts of Council; reminds that these cuts apply to budget allocations that were already far below Member States' own estimates (EUR 61 billion for 2012 or some 50% above DB) and widely considered as being the bare minimum for honouring upcoming payment claims and be consistent with the speeding up of implementation at the end of the programming period;

Amendment

23. Recalls the important role regional and cohesion policies play towards the achievement of the goals of the EU 2020 strategy and economic recovery of European regions; deplores Council's restrictive approach on payments, which were cut by some EUR 1 300 million as compared to Commission's forecasts of payment needs for 2012; notes that only the convergence objective and the technical assistance lines remained untouched by the cuts of Council; reminds that these cuts apply to budget allocations that were already far below Member States' own estimates (EUR 61 billion for 2012 or some 50% above DB) and widely considered as being the bare minimum for honouring upcoming payment claims and be consistent with the speeding up of implementation at the end of the programming period; ***further believes that the current legislative revision of the Council Regulation No 1083/2006, which***

introduces new provisions that would allow the Commission to make increased payments to six EU Member States, might also impact on the level of payment appropriations for 2012;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Alexander Alvaro, Anne E. Jensen, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Jan Mulder

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Recalls the important role regional and cohesion policies play towards the achievement of the goals of the EU 2020 strategy and economic recovery of European regions; deplores Council's restrictive approach on payments, which were cut by some EUR 1 300 million as compared to Commission's forecasts of payment needs for 2012; notes that only the convergence objective and the technical assistance lines remained untouched by the cuts of Council; reminds that these cuts apply to budget allocations that were already far below Member States' own estimates (EUR 61 billion for 2012 or some 50% above DB) and widely considered as being the bare minimum for honouring upcoming payment claims and be consistent with the speeding up of implementation at the end of the programming period;

Amendment

23. Recalls the important role regional and cohesion policies play towards the achievement of the goals of the EU 2020 strategy and economic recovery of European regions; deplores Council's restrictive approach on payments, which were cut by some EUR 1 300 million as compared to Commission's forecasts of payment needs for 2012; notes that only the convergence objective and the technical assistance lines remained untouched by the cuts of Council; reminds that these cuts apply to budget allocations that were already far below Member States' own estimates (EUR 61 billion for 2012 or some 50% above DB) and widely considered as being the bare minimum for honouring upcoming payment claims and be consistent with the speeding up of implementation at the end of the programming period; ***requests an assessment of the implementation of regional and cohesion policy, with concrete proposals on how to reduce RALs;***

Or. en

Amendment 44
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Recalls the important role regional and cohesion policies play towards the ***achievement of the goals of the EU 2020 strategy and*** economic recovery of European regions; deplores Council's restrictive approach on payments, which were cut by some EUR 1 300 million as compared to Commission's forecasts of payment needs for 2012; notes that only the convergence objective and the technical assistance lines remained untouched by the cuts of Council; reminds that these cuts apply to budget allocations that were already far below Member States' own estimates (EUR 61 billion for 2012 or some 50% above DB) and widely considered as being the bare minimum for honouring upcoming payment claims and be consistent with the speeding up of implementation at the end of the programming period;

Amendment

23. Recalls the important role regional and cohesion policies play towards the economic recovery of European regions; deplores Council's restrictive approach on payments, which were cut by some EUR 1 300 million as compared to Commission's forecasts of payment needs for 2012; notes that only the convergence objective and the technical assistance lines remained untouched by the cuts of Council; reminds that these cuts apply to budget allocations that were already far below Member States' own estimates (EUR 61 billion for 2012 or some 50% above DB) and widely considered as being the bare minimum for honouring upcoming payment claims and be consistent with the speeding up of implementation at the end of the programming period; ***also recalls the recent Commission Communication on the new rates of co-financing to countries with structural adjustment programmes;***

Or. en

Amendment 45
Helga Trüpel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

23. Calls on the Commission to acknowledge the crucial role the local and regional level plays in combating climate change and to respond to this challenge by revising the list of categories of

Amendment

expenditure (Lisbon earmarking) in Annex IV according to Article 9(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 laying down general provision on structural funds and by introducing categories targeted to tackle the impacts of climate change in time for being taken into account for the implementation of the 2012 budget;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Generally restores Council's cuts under this Headings to a level EUR xxxx million, which is XX% above 2011 Budget; considers that the Commission's estimates of budgetary needs are more realistic than the Council's proposals, in particular against the current background of great economic uncertainty and of instability in the markets *and in terms of farmers' incomes, which calls for a very careful approach to any important changes;*

Amendment

25. Generally restores Council's cuts under this Headings to a level EUR xxxx million, which is XX% above 2011 Budget; considers that the Commission's estimates of budgetary needs are more realistic than the Council's proposals, in particular against the current background of great economic uncertainty and of instability in the markets;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Helga Trüpel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

27a. Calls on the Commission to increase its efforts to define clear priorities under

Amendment

this Heading in favour of sustainable farming systems, which preserve biodiversity, protect water resources and soil fertility, respect animal welfare and employment; believes that such a policy could have as a positive side effect the prevention of crisis like the spreading of EHEC;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Underlines that the prevention and response mechanisms with relation to crises in the fruit and vegetable sector are clearly insufficient and therefore an immediate solution needs to be found until the new CAP is in place; urges the Commission to present a concrete proposal to the European Parliament and the Council to ensure a sufficient increase of the Union's contribution to the crisis fund within the operational funds for producer organisations; calls for this increase to serve for specific measures for the producers affected by the E. coli crisis and to prevent future crises;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Giovanni La Via

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Underlines that the prevention and response mechanisms with relation to crises in the fruit and vegetable sector are clearly insufficient and therefore an immediate solution needs to be found until the new CAP is in place; urges the Commission to present a concrete proposal to the European Parliament and the Council to ensure a sufficient increase of the Union's contribution to the crisis fund within the operational funds for producer organisations, calls for this increase to serve for specific measures for the producers affected by the E. coli crisis and to prevent future crises;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29. Maintains the budget allocation dedicated to the ***EU Food Distribution Programme for the Most Deprived Persons of the Community (MDP)***; strongly calls ***for a legal solution to be found promptly to avoid any drastic cuts to the respective programmes***, especially in view of the difficult social situation in many Member States following the financial and economic crisis;

29. Maintains the budget allocation dedicated to the ***Food Distribution Programme for the Most Deprived Persons in the EU***; ***welcomes the recent effort of the European Commission (see COM(2011)-634 dated 3.10.2011) to find a legal solution to avoid any drastic cuts in the implementation of the program in 2012 and 2013; strongly calls on the Council to endorse without any delay this proposal***, especially in view of the difficult social situation in many Member States following the financial and economic crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Maintains the budget allocation dedicated to the EU Food Distribution Programme for the Most Deprived Persons of the Community (MDP); strongly calls for a legal solution to be found promptly to ***avoid any drastic cuts to the respective programmes, especially in view of the difficult social situation in many Member States following the financial and economic crisis;***

Amendment

29. Maintains the budget allocation dedicated to the EU Food Distribution Programme for the Most Deprived Persons of the Community (MDP); strongly calls for a ***political and*** legal solution to be found promptly to ***avoid any drastic cuts to this programme that supports 18 million people with problems of malnutrition within the Union;***

Or. en

Amendment 52
Jutta Haug

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Provides for a continued support for the LIFE+ programme, which gives priority solely to environment and climate action projects; reminds again that environmental problems and their solutions do not recognise national borders, thus dealing with it at EU level is self-evident;

Amendment

30. Provides for a continued support ***on a commensurate level*** for the LIFE+ programme, which gives priority solely to environment and climate action projects; reminds again that environmental problems and their solutions do not recognise national borders, thus dealing with it at EU level is self-evident; ***calls in this respect on the Member States to significantly improve their implementation of EU environmental legislation and requests from the Commission to strengthen their infringement procedures in a consistent way;***

Amendment 53
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Recalls its strong call for an appropriate and balanced answer to the current challenges in the area of migration and solidarity, with a view to the management of legal migration and slowing down of illegal migration; acknowledging the obligation of EU Member States to conform to established EU law, emphasises the need for sufficient funding and support tools to handle emergency situations in a spirit of full respect of internal protection rules and human rights and solidarity amongst all Member States;

Amendment

32. Argues that the current challenges in the area of migration should be managed in a perspective of solidarity mechanisms to promote legal migration and to slow down illegal migration; emphasises the need to deal with emergency situations in a spirit of full respect for human rights and mutual support among Member States;

Amendment 54
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Recalls its strong call for an appropriate and balanced answer to the current challenges in the area of migration and solidarity, with a view to the management of legal migration and slowing down of illegal migration; acknowledging the obligation of EU Member States to conform to established EU law, emphasises the need for sufficient

Amendment

32. Recalls its strong call for an appropriate and balanced answer to the current challenges in the area of migration and solidarity, with a view to the management of legal migration and slowing down of illegal migration; acknowledging the obligation of EU Member States to conform to established EU law, emphasises the need for sufficient

funding and support tools to handle emergency situations in a spirit of full respect of internal protection rules and human rights and solidarity amongst all Member States;

funding and support tools to handle emergency situations in a spirit of full respect of internal protection rules and human rights and solidarity amongst all Member States; ***is accordingly calling for a balanced increase of budget appropriations over the Draft Budget for, on one hand, both Frontex and the European Asylum office, in view of their increasing tasks and, on the other hand, the European refugee fund; restores moreover to DB level commitment appropriations for both the European Return Fund and the External Borders Fund;***

Or. en

Amendment 55
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Recalls its strong call for an appropriate and balanced answer to the current challenges in the area of migration and solidarity, with a view to the management of legal migration and ***slowing down*** of illegal migration; acknowledging the obligation of EU Member States to conform to established EU law, emphasises the need for sufficient funding and support tools to handle emergency situations in a spirit of full respect of internal protection rules and human rights and solidarity amongst all Member States;

Amendment

32. Recalls its strong call for an appropriate and balanced answer to the current challenges in the area of migration and solidarity, with a view to the management of legal migration and ***prevention and combatting*** of illegal migration; acknowledging the obligation of EU Member States to conform to established EU law, emphasises the need for sufficient funding and support tools to handle emergency situations in a spirit of full respect of internal protection rules and human rights and solidarity amongst all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Helga Trüpel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. Strongly regrets that the Commission is sending a message of rejection towards refugees by increasing substantially the External Border Fund and the European Return Fund, while keeping the European Refugee Fund at the same level than in 2011; believes that the EU should adopt a more welcoming stance towards refugees, especially in light of the Libyan war and the ongoing severe repression against demonstrators in several Arab countries;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Giovanni La Via

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. Deplores the significant cuts presented by the Council in Frontex, External Borders Fund and European Return Fund; strongly believes that in the view of current developments particularly in the Mediterranean region and challenges posed to the security of the EU external borders and management of migration flows reinforcement of those funds is indispensable;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Giovanni La Via

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32b. Recalls the important role of Frontex Agency; intends to provide sufficient resources for the Agency to fulfil its new tasks including those stemming from the revision of the Agency mandate, as well as secure further financing in case this is needed for Frontex operations in the Mediterranean and on the Greek-Turkish border;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33. Intends to restore the Draft budget appropriations for the prevention of crime and the prevention of terrorism in line with financial programming, as cooperation is increasingly needed, in areas such as cyber-security strategy, or confiscation of assets of criminal organisations;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 60
Alexander Alvaro

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

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Motion for a resolution

33. Intends **to restore** the Draft budget appropriations for the prevention of crime and the prevention of terrorism in line with financial programming, **as** cooperation **is increasingly needed**, in areas such as cyber-security strategy, or confiscation of assets of criminal organisations;

Amendment

33. Intends, **by restoring** the Draft budget appropriations for the prevention of crime and the prevention of terrorism in line with financial programming, **to further advance the increasingly needed** cooperation in areas such as **a European** cyber-security strategy, or confiscation of assets of criminal organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Konrad Szymański

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Deems the Daphne programme to have been underfunded so far and will ensure its appropriate funding to tackle recognized needs in the fight against violence towards women;

Amendment

34. Deems the Daphne programme to have been underfunded so far and will ensure its appropriate funding to tackle recognized needs in the fight against violence towards women, **including through coercive abortion, female genital mutilation, forced sterilization or any other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment;**

Or. en

Amendment 62
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. **Reiterates that** funding for education-oriented programmes, **initiatives and bodies should be increased in view** of their

Amendment

35. **Advocates strengthening the** funding for education-oriented programmes **in terms of their contribution to the**

contribution to the *completion of EU 2020 strategy's flagship* initiatives 'Youth on the Move' and 'Innovation Union'; *intends in particular to further increase funding for the "Youth in action" programme;*

initiatives "Youth on the Move" and "Innovation Union";

Or. en

Amendment 63
Angelika Werthmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Reiterates that funding for education-oriented programmes, initiatives and bodies should be increased in view of their contribution to the completion of EU 2020 strategy's flagship initiatives 'Youth on the Move' and 'Innovation Union'; intends in particular to further increase funding for the "Youth in action" programme;

Amendment

35. Reiterates that funding for education-oriented programmes, initiatives and bodies should be increased in view of their contribution to the completion of EU 2020 strategy's flagship initiatives 'Youth on the Move' and 'Innovation Union'; intends in particular to further increase funding for the "Youth in action" programme, *in order to ensure awareness for necessary increased job mobility;*

Or. en

Amendment 64
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. In relation to European public spaces, considers that an assessment report and work programme *should* be presented to the budgetary authority in time to be taken into account in the budgetary procedure; decides to hold in reserve part of Communication appropriations until

Amendment

38. In relation to European public spaces, considers that an assessment report and work programme *must* be presented to the budgetary authority in time to be taken into account in the budgetary procedure; decides to hold in reserve part of Communication appropriations until

Commission demonstrates its willingness to improve interinstitutional collaboration in this respect;

Commission demonstrates its willingness to improve interinstitutional collaboration in this respect;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Jutta Haug

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39a. Welcomes the credits for the Public Health programme which complements and adds value to Member States' actions in the area of health promotion and prevention of illness; supports the Commission's efforts to continue the HELP campaign for a life without tobacco under the Public Health programme;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Alexander Alvaro

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

41. Welcomes the reinforcement of appropriations for the Neighbourhood Instrument, as proposed in Amending Letter n°1/2012, as in line with its support to a clear and consistent EU response to recent political developments in Southern Mediterranean; reiterates nevertheless very clearly that such a financial assistance can in no way be detrimental to existing priorities;

41. Welcomes the reinforcement of appropriations for the Neighbourhood Instrument, as proposed in Amending Letter n°1/2012, as in line with its support to a clear and consistent EU response to recent political developments in Southern Mediterranean ***and added value to the external dimension of the EU's home affairs policies and macro-regional strategies***; reiterates nevertheless very

clearly that such a financial assistance can in no way be detrimental to existing priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

41. **Welcomes** the reinforcement of appropriations for the Neighbourhood Instrument, as proposed in Amending Letter n°1/2012, **as in line with its support to a clear and consistent EU response to** recent political developments in Southern Mediterranean; reiterates nevertheless very clearly that such a financial assistance can in no way be detrimental to existing priorities;

Amendment

41. **Notes** the reinforcement of appropriations for the Neighbourhood Instrument, as proposed in Amending Letter n°1/2012, **supporting the** recent political **and social** developments in Southern Mediterranean; reiterates nevertheless very clearly that such a financial assistance can in no way be detrimental to existing priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Giovanni La Via

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

43. Believes that the increased funding for Palestine and UNRWA it proposes is crucial for better ensuring the safety and livelihood of refugees **and current efforts to ensure a viable Palestinian state**; calls again for a clear strategy for Palestine, linking the European Union's financial assistance to an increased political role for the EU in the peace process **in relation to**

Amendment

43. Believes that the increased funding for Palestine and UNRWA it proposes is crucial for better ensuring the safety and livelihood of refugees; calls again for a clear strategy for Palestine, linking the European Union's financial assistance to an increased political role for the EU in the peace process;

both parties in the conflict;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Giovanni La Via

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43a. Recalls that the cooperation with developing countries in Asia and Latin America is continuously increasing and should therefore be reinforced in 2012 budget;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Alexander Alvaro, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47. Stresses that such a restrictive approach, while resulting in short-term savings for the EU budget and the Member States, endangers the implementation of EU policies and programmes; further stresses that the Commission and other institutions should be provided with adequate resources to carry out their tasks, especially after the entry into force of the TFEU;

47. Stresses that such a restrictive approach, while resulting in short-term savings for the EU budget and the Member States, endangers the implementation of EU policies and programmes, ***ultimately to the detriment of citizens and with a deferred negative effect on national budgets***; further stresses that the Commission and other institutions should be provided with adequate resources to carry out their tasks, especially after the entry into force of the TFEU;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

52. Considers indeed that any cut brought to agencies' budget during the budgetary procedure should be more closely related to the process of agencies' work planning and tasks, unless some precise sources of efficiency gains can be identified; ***In this respect considers the cuts brought to Frontex, the mandate of which has just been revised, as one typical example of the complete disconnection operated by Council between the tasks and activities of agencies - as enshrined by legal texts and requirements - and the budgetary resources allocated to them;***

Amendment

52. Considers indeed that any cut brought to agencies' budget during the budgetary procedure should be more closely related to the process of agencies' work planning and tasks, unless some precise sources of efficiency gains can be identified;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Jutta Haug

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 52 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

52a. Agrees in general that agencies' surpluses should be taken into account when establishing the draft budget and presented in a clear and transparent manner; however, reiterates that surpluses of fee-receiving agencies, should be exempted from this general rule in order to cover for the unreliability of their income;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 73
Peter van Dalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 52 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

52a. Requests the Commission to present a report on the added value and efficiency of all EU agencies, in time to provide input for the discussion on the EU budget of 2013; considers that this report should enable Council and Parliament to decide which agencies can continue to exist and which agencies should be scrapped or merged;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 53

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

53. Further decides to increase the 2012 budget allocation to the three new financial supervision agencies ***as a matter of utmost importance in the current economic and financial situation and for their build-up procedures;***

53. Further decides to increase the 2012 budget allocation to the three new financial supervision agencies ***according to the needs requested by them; considers that indeed, full compliance with their mandates cannot be affected, diminished or excused by the scarcity of resources;***

Or. en

Amendment 75
Jutta Haug

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

54a. Regrets that newly assigned tasks to agencies can not be accompanied by an adequate level of funding which is still necessary despite all redeployment efforts; requests the Commission to present amending budget requests in due time in order to avoid hampering of the implementation of EU legislation by EU decentralised agencies;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

55. Recalls *its position adopted in its abovementioned resolution of 6 April 2011, asking that all institutions should draw up their budgets on the basis of sound and efficient management and looking for savings where possible, in line with* Commissioners Lewandowski letter of 3 February 2011 calling on every institution to make all possible efforts towards limiting expenditure increase below 1 % compared to 2011;

55. Recalls Commissioners Lewandowski letter of 3 February 2011 calling on every institution to make all possible efforts towards limiting expenditure increase below 1 % compared to 2011;

Or. en

Amendment 77

José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 56

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

56. Considers that the agreement made in the context of the estimates (its resolution of 6 April 2011 adopted in plenary by 479 votes in favour) should not be put in question and none of the elements of that agreement should be reopened if no new circumstances have occurred since then;

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 78
Miguel Portas**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 56**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

56. Considers that the agreement made in the context of the estimates (its resolution of 6 April 2011 adopted in plenary by 479 votes in favour) should not be put in question and none of the elements of that agreement should be reopened if no new circumstances have occurred since then;

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 79
José Manuel Fernandes**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 57**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

57. Welcomes the good co-operation with the Bureau based on mutual confidence;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 80
Alexander Alvaro

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 57

Motion for a resolution

57. Welcomes the good co-operation with the Bureau based on mutual *confidence*;

Amendment

57. Welcomes the good co-operation with the Bureau based on mutual *trust and respect*;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58

Motion for a resolution

58. Recognises the efforts *that were* made by all institutions which resulted in real cuts on their own budgets; *in real terms, the budget growth in all institutions is negative*, despite their new competences, new jobs, actions and activities created as a consequence of the entry in force of the Lisbon Treaty;

Amendment

58. Recognises the efforts made by all institutions which resulted in real cuts on their own budgets, despite their new competences, new jobs, actions and activities created as a consequence of the entry in force of the Lisbon Treaty;

Or. en

Amendment 82
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 59

Motion for a resolution

59. Notes that the administrative and operating expenditure budget from all institutions represents XX% of the global EU budget, of which heading V having a margin of EUR XXX million; **and that Council has cut appropriations in the sections concerned by EUR 40 million;**

Amendment

59. Notes that the administrative and operating expenditure budget from all institutions represents XX% of the global EU budget, of which heading V having a margin of EUR XXX million;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 59

Motion for a resolution

59. **Notes** that the administrative and operating expenditure budget from all institutions represents XX% of the global EU budget, **of which heading V having a margin of EUR XXX million and that Council has cut appropriations in the sections concerned by EUR 40 million;**

Amendment

59. **Stresses** that the administrative and operating expenditure budget from all institutions represents XX% of the global EU budget, **X% less than budgeted for 2011;**

Or. en

Amendment 84
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60

Motion for a resolution

60. Reaffirms that savings measures cannot jeopardize payment of salaries and pensions, maintenance of buildings

Amendment

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and security as institutions must have the minimum and the necessary to operate and that cuts shall be appropriate to the extent of not penalizing institutions which achieved the maximum limit of savings and furthermore that savings shall be legal and retain their effectiveness in 2012;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

60a. Expresses the willingness of the European Parliament to reach an agreement with the Council and the Commission for the freezing of salaries for the highest category of employees of the Union during the years 2012 and 2013; considers that this commitment must be obtained rapidly and should also freeze the salaries of MEPs in the values of 2011;

Or. en

Amendment 86
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

61. Points out that also the Parliament is ready, in view of the general difficult

61. Points out that the actualisation of the budget 2012 is 1,9%% compared to 2011;

economic context to make savings on its own administrative budget, where possible, as reflected in the amendments tabled by its major political groups;

1,9% is the lowest actualisation since 10 years; without the expenses for Croatia accession and the 18 new MEPs following the Treaty of Lisbon is only 0,8%; 0,8% is the lowest increase since at least 15 years; in the last 15 years the average increase was XX%; due to the current inflation of XX% there is a real decrease of the budget 2012; despite new competences, new posts, actions and activities, which are the consequences of the Treaty of Lisbon, the Parliament has made real cuts;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61

Motion for a resolution

61. Points out that also the Parliament is ready, in view of the general difficult economic context to make savings on its own administrative budget, where possible, as reflected in the amendments tabled by its major political groups;

Amendment

61. Stresses the willingness of the Bureau of Parliament to realize significant savings in the administrative budget within this institution; however, regrets that this action has not been extended to various items of expenditure that finance the activities of MEPs, with emphasis on the general expenditure allowance in the amount of EUR 51588 per year, which are out of any tax incidence;

Or. en

Amendment 88
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

61a. Points out that the overall level of its 2012 Budget is EUR xxx.xxxx; this represents a net reduction of EUR xxx.xxxx compared to the Estimates and EUR xxx.xxx to the initial budget proposals before conciliation with the Bureau;

Or. en

Amendment 89
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 62

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

62. Notes that the Amending Letter adopted by the Bureau in September 2011 does imply major changes to the estimates, pushing the volume of the budget voted up by EUR 10 605 078 and EUR 49 350 728 over the Parliament's 2011 budget;

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Or. en

Amendment 90
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 62

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

62. Notes that the Amending Letter adopted by the Bureau in September 2011 does imply major changes to the

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estimates, pushing the volume of the budget voted up by EUR 10 605 078 and EUR 49 350 728 over the Parliament's 2011 budget;

Or. en

Amendment 91
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 62 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

62a. Points out that the budget for 2012 is a budget of consolidation, in which the Parliament did a maximum effort to do savings without putting in danger the quality of work and the legislative excellence; this budget 2012 and the following budget 2013 are the reference for the next Multi-Annual Financial Framework.

Or. en

Amendment 92
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 62 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

62a. Reiterates that the savings expected from the budget lines for translation and interpretation can not harm the principle of multilingualism in the European Parliament and during the dialogues between other institutions; savings will be implemented without jeopardizing the

right of any Member to speak during plenary, committees, coordinators meetings and trilogues in his/her own language; Members should also keep their right to write and read in his/her own language;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 62 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

62b. Records the agreement for the reduction of travel costs in 5% and for the placing under reserve of 15% of the foreseen appropriation; invites the Bureau to present proposals until 31st March in a way that reserves should be used; recommends the Bureau to study the possibility of establishing rules that: a) promote flexible economic flights inside the EU, respecting duly fundamented exceptions; b) prevent the accumulation of time and distance allowances with daily allowances; suggests that these values for these appropriations should be freezed from 2012 until the end of the mandate; d) suggests that savings in the institutional visits have into account the primacy of pluralism over the proportionality when defining the delegations composition;

Or. en

Amendment 94
José Manuel Fernandes

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 63

Motion for a resolution

63. Points out that **his amount** includes expenditure resulting from the future enlargement to Croatia (EUR 7,8 million) and additional 18 Members following the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty (EUR 10,6 million);

Amendment

63. Points out that **the budget 2012** includes expenditure resulting from the future enlargement to Croatia (EUR 7,8 million) and additional 18 Members following the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty (EUR 10,6 million);

Or. en

Amendment 95
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 63

Motion for a resolution

63. Points out that **his amount includes expenditure** resulting from the future enlargement to Croatia (EUR 7,8 million) **and additional** 18 Members following the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty (EUR 10,6 million);

Amendment

63. Points out that **the overall for the European Parliament Budget for 2012 includes the preparatory expenses** resulting from future enlargement to Croatia (7,8 million), **as well as the** 18 **new** Members following the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty (EUR10,6 million); **without taking into account this new expenses, the Budget for 2012, when compared with Budget 2011, presents an increase of X%, below the foreseen inflation;**

Or. en

Amendment 96
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 64

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64. Votes therefore the overall level of its 2012 Budget at EUR xxx.xxxx, which means an increase of xx % compared to 2011, not considering in the 2012 budget the new 18 Members of the Parliament and the Croatia accession;

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Or. en

Amendment 97 Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 64

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64. Votes therefore the overall level of its 2012 Budget at EUR xxx.xxxx, which means an increase of xx % compared to 2011, not considering in the 2012 budget the new 18 Members of the Parliament and the Croatia accession;

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Or. en

Amendment 98 Göran Färm, Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 64

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64. Votes therefore the **overall** level of its 2012 Budget at EUR xxx.xxxx, which means an increase of xx % compared to 2011, not considering **in the 2012**

64. Votes therefore the level of its 2012 Budget at EUR xxx.xxxx, which means an increase of 0.8 % compared to 2011, not considering the new 18 Members of

budget the new 18 Members of the Parliament and the Croatia accession;

Parliament (*in line with the Lisbon Treaty*) and the Croatia accession;

Or. en

Amendment 99
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65. Notes that the final amount decided by the budgetary authority represents a net reduction of EUR xxx.xxxx compared to the DB and EUR xxx.xxx to the initial budget proposals before conciliation with the Bureau;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 100
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65. Notes that the final amount decided by the budgetary authority represents a net reduction of EUR xxx.xxxx compared to the DB and EUR xxx.xxx to the initial budget proposals before conciliation with the Bureau;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 101
Miguel Portas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66. Maintains its position that, in any event, a policy of identifying savings wherever possible and the continued pursuit of reorganisation and redeployment of existing resources are crucial elements of its budgetary policy, especially in this time of economic crisis; considers therefore that such savings for 2012 Budget should be made in the wider context of structural charges having longer term effects;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 102
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66. Maintains its position that, in any event, a policy of identifying savings wherever possible and the continued pursuit of reorganisation and redeployment of existing resources are crucial elements of its budgetary policy, especially in this time of economic crisis; considers therefore that such savings for 2012 Budget should be made in the wider context of structural **charges** having longer term effects;

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the core business of the European Parliament; savings in interpretation and translation do not put at risk the principle of multilingualism, however are possible due to innovation, reorganisation of structures and new working methods;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Alexander Alvaro

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66

Motion for a resolution

66. Maintains its position that, in any event, a policy of identifying savings wherever possible and the continued pursuit of reorganisation and redeployment of existing resources are crucial elements of its budgetary policy, especially in this time of economic crisis; considers therefore that such savings for 2012 Budget should be made in the wider context of structural *charges* having longer term effects;

Amendment

66. Maintains its position that, in any event, a policy of identifying savings wherever possible and the continued pursuit of reorganisation and redeployment of existing resources are crucial elements of its budgetary policy, especially in this time of economic crisis; considers therefore that such savings for 2012 Budget should be made in the wider context of structural *charges* having longer term effects;

Or. en

Amendment 104
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66a. Welcomes the good co-operation of the Committee on Budgets with the Bureau based on mutual confidence;

considers that the agreement made in the conciliation on 22th September 2011 and in the context of the estimates (its resolution of 6 April 2011 adopted in plenary by 479 votes in favour) should not be put in question and none of the elements of that agreement should be reopened if no new circumstances have occurred since then;

Or. en

Amendment 105
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67

Motion for a resolution

67. Notes that the general expenditure allowances (*excluding daily allowances*) are frozen at 2011 level;

Amendment

67. Notes that the general expenditure allowances are frozen at 2011 level;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Göran Färm, Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67

Motion for a resolution

67. Notes that the general expenditure allowances (*excluding daily allowances*) are frozen at 2011 level;

Amendment

67. Notes that the general expenditure allowance is frozen at the 2011 level; *calls on the Bureau not to index Members' travel and subsistence allowances (including the "daily" allowance);*

Or. en

Amendment 107
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67a. Respecting the competences of the Bureau, requests the Bureau not to index Members' allowances to inflation;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Peter van Dalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67a. Urges its Bureau to take the following measures:

- to freeze the General Expenditure Allowance of its Members until the 2014 European Parliament elections;**
- to ensure that full accountability is demanded from Members for their General Expenditures Allowance;**

Or. en

Amendment 109
Glenis Willmott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67a. In accordance with the Parliament's position on the General Expenditure allowance as approved on the 10th May 2011 in the 2009 discharge: European Parliament, calls on the Secretary-General to come forward with proposals to ensure that the use of the general expenditure allowance is transparent in all cases and only used for the purposes intended;

Or. en

Amendment 110
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67b. asks the Bureau to create conditions for making savings of 5% in all kind of travel expenditure including delegations of committees and interparliamentary delegations in full respect of the Statute for Members and its implementing measures; requests that 15% of the travel appropriation be placed in reserve pending a report by the Secretary General of the EP to be delivered to the Bureau and the Committee on Budgets by 31st March; calls for such a report to examine the feasibility of measures to ensure the utmost efficiency of Members' travel with a view to making recommendations for potential budgetary savings by considering all proposals and resolutions which the Parliament has already adopted on this question;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Göran Färm, Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67b. Considering the current financial, economic and social situation, calls furthermore on the Bureau to freeze all the Members' allowances (including the "daily" allowance) in absolute terms at 2011 level until the end of the seventh legislature;

Or. en

Amendment 112
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 68

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

68. Welcomes the setting up by the administration of a special unit on cost accounting;

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Or. en

Amendment 113
Göran Färm, Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 68

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

68. Welcomes the setting up by the administration of a special unit on cost accounting;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 114
Alexander Alvaro

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 68

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

68. Welcomes the setting up by the administration of a special unit on cost accounting;

68. Welcomes the setting up by the administration of a special unit on cost accounting; ***expects this accounting exercise be ongoing and lead to an annual, thorough and transparent report on all areas in the European Parliament where savings can be identified and subsequently made;***

Or. en

Amendment 115
Göran Färm, Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 68 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

68a. Believes that in times of increasing financial difficulties for numerous Europeans and ongoing austerity policies, Parliament should give an example of restraint by reducing its number of business flights;

calls in this context on the Bureau to examine the effectiveness of travel costs, to present proposals encouraging Members to buy economy / flexi-economy class airfares, to ensure a proper treatment of the Frequent Flyer Points and to revise the rules of the Members' Registry opening hours, in particular on Fridays;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Alexander Alvaro, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 68 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

68a. Reiterates that a number of reserves have been proposed during the Parliament's budgetary negotiations; notwithstanding the conciliation compromise between the Budgets committee and the Bureau, calls for the underlying questions in these reserves regarding the Parliament's budget to be answered and set out transparently by the cost accounting office, providing clear information on translation and interpretation needs, catering, cleaning and maintenance as well as travel services and facilities, other external services and on price structure or any applicable subsidies for these services;

Or. en

Amendment 117
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 70

Motion for a resolution

70. Decides to approve the internalisation of the security service, as suggested in the Amending Letter, and, in consequences to create **26** new AST 1 posts under the establishment plan;

Amendment

70. Decides to approve the internalisation of the security service, as suggested in the Amending Letter, and, in consequences to create **29** new AST 1 posts under the establishment plan;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Göran Färm, Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 71

Motion for a resolution

71. Approves, the following measures contained in the Amending Letter, which have been offset by other savings:

- the release of appropriations from the reserve for the new security policy;
- offsetting of the carbon emissions generated by administrative activities;
- ***increase in the appropriations for contract staff in order to support the implementation of Parliament's property policy;***
- increase of the annual grant to the EPA;

Amendment

71. Approves, the following measures contained in the Amending Letter, which have been offset by other savings:

- the release of appropriations from the reserve for the new security policy;
- offsetting of the carbon emissions generated by administrative activities;
- increase of the annual grant to the EPA;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Göran Färm, Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 72

Motion for a resolution

72. Requests to be kept informed on a regular basis on new developments for building projects with a significant impact on the budget, such as e.g. the KAD building; asks the Administration to establish a service agreement for cost sharing with the Commission *of part* of the running costs;

Amendment

72. Believes that the Parliament's building policy requires careful analysis and that the administration should continue to develop buildings policy in cooperation with the Committee on Budgets; requests *therefore* to be kept informed on a regular basis on new developments for building projects with a significant impact on the budget, such as e.g. the KAD building; **asks to be kept informed about the creation of any new posts and a possible further financing of the existing posts relating to DG INLO's three year plan before they are approved by the administration;** asks the administration to establish a service agreement for cost sharing with the Commission of the running costs;

Or. en

Amendment 120

Alexander Alvaro, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 72

Motion for a resolution

72. Requests to be kept informed on a regular basis on new developments for building projects with a significant impact on the budget, such as e.g. the KAD building;

asks the Administration to establish a service agreement for cost sharing with the Commission of part of the running costs;

Amendment

72. Requests to be kept informed on a regular basis on new developments for building projects with a significant impact on the budget, such as e.g. the KAD building, **the House of European History and building/acquisition projects at the Parliament's places of work;**

asks the Administration to establish a service agreement for cost sharing with the Commission, **and any other institution that may wish to use the facilities,** of part of the running costs **of the House of European History and the**

Amendment 121
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 72

Motion for a resolution

72. Requests to be kept informed on a regular basis on new developments for building projects with *a significant impact on* the budget, such as e.g. the KAD building;

asks the Administration to establish *a service agreement for cost sharing* with the Commission *of part of the running costs*;

Amendment

72. Requests to be kept informed on a regular basis on new developments for building projects with significant *financial implications for* the budget, such as e.g. the KAD building;

asks the Administration *to improve the governance of interinstitutional projects and* to establish *an interinstitutional agreement with the Commission in this regard*;

Amendment 122
Göran Färm, Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 72 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

72a. Believes that the project of the House of European History requires an active cooperation and financial contribution of other institutions; welcomes the commitment of the President of the European Commission expressed in his letter of 28 September 2011 to contribute substantially to the project and ensure support to the functioning of the House of

European History; recalls its resolution of 6 April asking for a business plan setting out the long-term business strategy of the House of European History and notes that the administration has provided the requested information; reiterates that decisions relating to the project should be subject to an open debate and a fruitful dialogue and should ensure a transparent decision making process; requests to be informed as soon as possible on the building project according to Article 179(3) of the Financial Regulation; calls on the Bureau to ensure that the cost plan contained in the business plan will be strictly adhered to;

Or. en

Amendment 123
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 73

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

73. Regrets the delay in the opening of the new visitors centre Parliamentarium;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 124
Claudio Morganti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 73

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

73. Regrets the delay in the opening of the new visitors centre Parliamentarium;

deleted

Amendment 125
Göran Färm, Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 73

Motion for a resolution

73. Regrets the delay in the opening of the new visitors centre Parliamentarium;

Amendment

73. Regrets the delay in the opening of the new visitors centre Parliamentarium **and the total costs of setting up the project which are much higher than the initially intended; notes a large increase on this budget line (3243) for 2012; calls for a better planning and asks for a timely consultation of the Committee on Budgets on any further financial implications;**

Amendment 126
Göran Färm, Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 73 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

73a. Believes that, in view of making long-term savings, making the organisation more modern and efficient, the budget of the European Parliament should be subject to a comparative study with the budgets of a representative sample of Member States and with the budget of the United States Congress;

Amendment 127
Göran Färm, Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 74

Motion for a resolution

74. Welcomes the putting into place of concrete incentives to make more use of less polluting means of transport by introducing the 50 % Jobcard system in Brussels; points out that the reserve on the different lines for *mission* costs depends also on the result of a report requested from the Bureau examining the feasibility of measures to ensure the utmost efficiency of travel costs;

Amendment

74. Welcomes the putting into place of concrete incentives to make more use of less polluting means of transport by introducing the 50 % Jobcard system in Brussels; points out that the reserve on the different lines for *travel* costs depends also on the result of a report requested from the Bureau examining the feasibility of measures to ensure the utmost efficiency of travel costs *and making recommendations for budgetary savings*;

Or. en

Amendment 128
Göran Färm, Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 74 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

74a. Calls for further measures to be taken to reduce energy, water and paper consumption in view of making savings in Parliament's budget;

Or. en

Amendment 129
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 75

Motion for a resolution

75. Points out that the cuts made by the Council would place the Court in a position of not being able to *pay certain remunerations/allowances to Members leaving office in 2012*; has therefore decided, *bearing in mind that 18 Members' mandates expire in 2012, that the appropriations should be set at a level to pay the remunerations / allowances arising from six replacements*;

Amendment

75. Points out that the cuts made by the Council would place the Court in a position of not being able to *properly carry out its core duties in the context of an increasing judicial workload*; has therefore decided *to partly restore the DB notably concerning the Members, personnel and IT appropriations*;

Or. en

Amendment 130
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 76

Motion for a resolution

76. Notes that the Council has cut appropriations on the basis of low implementation in 2010; is expecting the implementation for 2011 to perform better and has therefore decided to re-establish the DB;

Amendment

76. Notes that the *Court is making significant efforts to redeploy staff from support services to audit activities to meet the increasing demands upon the institution, as well as finding substantial economies in its administrative expenditure*; notes that the Council has cut appropriations *for salaries* on the basis of low implementation in 2010; is expecting the implementation for 2011 to perform better and has therefore decided to partially re-establish the DB;

Or. en

Amendment 131
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 77

Motion for a resolution

77. Decides to introduce a freeze in real terms for appropriations available to EESC Members to carry out the institution's core duties;

Amendment

77. Points out that some of the reductions introduced by the Council would jeopardize the EESC's core functions and call into question its ability to meet its legal obligations towards its staff; decides therefore to restore the DB for appropriations available to EESC Members to carry out the institution's core **activity of enabling civil society organisations from the Member States to express their views at European level, which at the level of prudent estimates for inflation effectively means a freeze in real terms, to partly restore the DB for staff remuneration and allowances to enable the EESC to meet its obligations towards its staff and to partly restore the DB for interpretation to bring the level back to execution in 2009, which would still, given increased rates for interpretation, mean a decrease in real terms;**

Or. en

Amendment 132
Helga Trüpel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 80

Motion for a resolution

80. Has taken a different view of the Council and accepted the creation of two additional permanent posts (1 AD 9 and 1 AD 6) in the EDPS' establishment plan because of the new tasks for this

Amendment

80. Has taken a different view of the Council and accepted the creation of two additional permanent posts (1 AD 9 and 1 AD 6) in the EDPS' establishment plan because of the new tasks for this

institution conferred to it by Article 16 TFEU as it is the task of the EDPS to monitor and ensure that these rights are respected (all EU institutions and bodies are bound by the fundamental rights to privacy and protection of personal data); ***for the same reason*** accepts the upgrading of its director from AD 14 to AD 15, although the total staff of the EDPS is 43 posts;

institution conferred to it by Article 16 TFEU as it is the task of the EDPS to monitor and ensure that these rights are respected (all EU institutions and bodies are bound by the fundamental rights to privacy and protection of personal data); accepts ***in order to comply with legal obligations*** the upgrading of its director from AD 14 to AD 15, although the total staff of the EDPS is 43 posts;

Or. en

Amendment 133
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 80

Motion for a resolution

80. Has taken a different view of the Council and accepted the creation of two additional permanent posts (1 AD 9 and 1 AD 6) in the EDPS' establishment plan because of the new tasks for this institution conferred to it by Article 16 TFEU as it is the task of the EDPS to monitor and ensure that these rights are respected (all EU institutions and bodies are bound by the fundamental rights to privacy and protection of personal data); ***for the same reason accepts the upgrading of its director from AD 14 to AD 15, although the total staff of the EDPS is 43 posts;***

Amendment

80. Has taken a different view of the Council and accepted the creation of two additional permanent posts (1 AD 9 and 1 AD 6) in the EDPS' establishment plan because of the new tasks for this institution conferred to it by Article 16 TFEU as it is the task of the EDPS to monitor and ensure that these rights are respected (all EU institutions and bodies are bound by the fundamental rights to privacy and protection of personal data);

Or. en

Amendment 134
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 82

Motion for a resolution

82. Notes *the ongoing difficulties with the EEAS establishment plan as it seems that national experts inside the EEAS are not counted in the 1/3 part for Member States and there seem to be a overproportion of high ranking management posts; this development seems to be a result of pressure by Member States' administrations on the EEAS in order to create high ranking posts for national civil servants;*

Amendment

82. Notes *nevertheless that the EEAS as a new organisation which represents a major European ambition needs to be endowed with sufficient means. In this regard, appropriations for staff remunerations in 2012 need to take into account the actual vacancy rates in the autumn of 2011; moreover, stresses that operational requirements for establishing the EEAS with its own information technology systems in a new building need to be funded;*

Or. en

Amendment 135
Helga Trüpel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 82

Motion for a resolution

82. Notes the ongoing difficulties with the EEAS establishment plan *as it seems that national experts inside the EEAS are not counted in the 1/3 part for Member States and there seem to be a overproportion of high ranking management posts; this development seems to be a result of pressure by Member States' administrations on the EEAS in order to create high ranking posts for national civil servants;*

Amendment

82. Notes the ongoing difficulties with the EEAS establishment plan; *calls on the EEAS to exert restraint when it comes to the future creation of high-ranking posts; believes that one way of achieving this could be to replace progressively Seconded National experts posts by permanent posts for Member States' civil servants;*

Or. en

Amendment 136
Derek Vaughan, Roberto Gualtieri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 82 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

82. Notes *the ongoing difficulties with the EEAS establishment plan as it seems that national experts inside the EEAS are not counted in the 1/3 part for Member States and there seem to be a overproportion of high ranking management posts; this development seems to be a result of pressure by Member States' administrations on the EEAS in order to create high ranking posts for national civil servants;*

Amendment

82. Notes *that Seconded National Experts (SNE) are not counted in the one third of EEAS staff at AD level; nevertheless, recalls the Council decision establishing the organisation and functioning of the EEAS which states that "by the expiry of the contract of an SNE transferred to the EEAS under article 7, the function will be converted into a temporary agent post in cases where the function performed by the SNE corresponds to a function normally carried out by staff at AD level, provided that the necessary post is available under the establishment plan".*

Or. en

Amendment 137
Roberto Gualtieri, Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 82 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

82a. Takes into account the clarifications received from the EEAS in the letter sent to the Committee on Budgets chair on 30 September 2011 concerning the share of EU officials in the establishment plan, in line with the commitment taken by HR/VP; therefore, decides to restore the EEAS establishment plan as proposed in Commission Draft Budget, and believes that all reserves related to recruitment and the setting up of an EU delegation in the United Arab Emirates should be lifted;

Amendment

Amendment 138
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 83

Motion for a resolution

83. Notes the Council's position to reduce the increase in the EEAS' draft budget for 2012 to +2,25%; has also taken a **restrictive** approach on increases, **in line with the position of its Committee on Foreign Affairs;**

Amendment

83. Notes the Council's position to reduce the increase in the EEAS' draft budget for 2012 to +2.25%; has also taken a **prudent** approach on increases **in view of the overall financial context and accepts only partly the EEAS' requests;**

Amendment 139
Derek Vaughan, Roberto Gualtieri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 83

Motion for a resolution

83. **Notes** the Council's position to **reduce the increase in** the EEAS' draft budget for 2012 to +2,25%; **has also taken a restrictive approach on increases, in line with the position of its Committee on Foreign Affairs;**

Amendment

83. **Is concerned by** the Council's position to **cut** the EEAS' draft budget for 2012 to +2,25%;

Amendment 140
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 84

Motion for a resolution

84. *Notes that the EEAS is constantly growing since its creation in 2010; has therefore decided to apply an abatement rate of 6% (instead of 14 % proposed by Council); has therefore refused new AD posts for delegations;*

Amendment

84. *Accepts the requested amendments to the EEAS establishment plan, notably with a view to reinforcing delegations; will however continue exercising vigilance as regards the composition of the EEAS staff and compliance with the statutory obligation that EU officials represent at least 60% of the EEAS AD staff; demands that the EEAS provides regular reports on this matter;*

Or. en

Amendment 141
Derek Vaughan, Roberto Gualtieri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 84

Motion for a resolution

84. *Notes that the EEAS is constantly growing since its creation in 2010; has therefore decided to apply an abatement rate of 6% (instead of 14 % proposed by Council); has therefore refused new AD posts for delegations;*

Amendment

84. *Notes that the EEAS is constantly growing since its creation in 2010; remarks that the increase in budgetary needs of the EEAS is a result of a reallocation of competences previously carried out by the Council and the Commission, and the development of underestimated needs such as start-up costs, new obligations and tasks currently undertaken by Council and Commission; therefore, taking into account its specific situation, believes that the Commission draft budget for Section X should be reinstated;*

Or. en

Amendment 142
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

85. Concerning the other lines, decides to increase appropriations partly above Council's position level because there will be the need to move the EEAS to a new building, which will make necessary to procure services from the local market, as well as to introduce a reserve on budget lines 3001, 3002 and 3004 because of large contractual obligations payable in foreign currencies, which are extremely sensitive to exchange rate movements;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 143
Derek Vaughan, Roberto Gualtieri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

85. Concerning the other lines, decides to increase appropriations ***partly*** above Council's position level because there will be the need to move the EEAS to a new building, which will make necessary to procure services from the local market, ***as well as to introduce a reserve on budget lines 3001, 3002 and 3004 because of large contractual obligations payable in foreign currencies, which are extremely sensitive to exchange rate movements;***

85. Concerning the other lines, decides to increase appropriations above Council's position because there will be the need to move the EEAS to a new building, which will make necessary to procure services from the local market;

Or. en

