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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Paolo De Castro
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Proposal for a Council regulation laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020

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Amendment 1
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Underlines the importance of the Common Agricultural Policy with regard to guaranteeing food supply for its citizens according to the Treaties; ***notes that demand for food is growing faster than supply***; insists that Europe, as the biggest importer of agricultural products, needs to maintain and increase its agricultural potential in order to tackle current and future demands for food in the EU;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Rareș-Lucian Niculescu
on behalf of the PPE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

1. Underlines the importance of the Common Agricultural Policy with regard to guaranteeing food supply for its citizens according to the Treaties; notes that demand for food is growing faster than supply, ***the effects of climate change being felt even more intensely in agriculture***; insists that Europe, as the biggest importer of agricultural products, needs to maintain and increase its agricultural potential in order to tackle current and future demands for food in the EU, ***as well as the efficiency of its agri-food sector***;

Or. ro

Amendment 3

Marit Paulsen, Kent Johansson, Liam Aylward

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Underlines the importance of the Common Agricultural Policy with regard to guaranteeing food supply for its citizens according to the Treaties; notes that demand for food is growing faster than supply; insists that Europe, as the biggest importer of agricultural products, needs to maintain and increase its agricultural potential in order to tackle current and future demands for food in the EU;

Amendment

1. Underlines the importance of the Common Agricultural Policy with regard to guaranteeing food supply for its citizens according to the Treaties; notes that demand for food is growing faster than supply; insists that Europe, as the biggest importer of agricultural products, needs to maintain and increase its agricultural potential in order to tackle current and future demands for food in the EU, ***with increased focus on sustainable productivity and climate change mitigation;***

Or. en

Amendment 4

Czesław Adam Siekierski, Jarosław Kalinowski

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. An agreement on the multiannual financial framework for 2014-2020 should be reached before the end of 2012, as otherwise the EU could well be facing a loss of credibility and stability;

Or. pl

Amendment 5
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Considers that, in the interests of budgetary efficiency, a transition is needed to fully sustainable agricultural systems which do not generate additional environmental and public health costs borne by Member States or the EU ; this transition requires investment of public funds in the budget available to agriculture and rural development, as farmers change their practices and local and regional economies are strengthened or rebuilt.

Or. en

Amendment 6
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Recalls its position as laid down in its resolutions of 8 June 2011¹ and 23 June 2011², stating that the budget for the CAP in the next MFF period should be maintained at least at the same level as in the current multi-annual period;

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change and volatile markets, to ensure the long term continuation of farming, rural communities and food security.

Or. en

Amendment 7

Giovanni La Via, Georgios Papastamkos, Herbert Dorfmann

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Recalls its position as laid down in its resolutions of 8 June 2011 and 23 June 2011, stating that the budget for the CAP in the next MFF period should be maintained at least at the same level as in the current multi-annual period;

Amendment

3. Recalls its position as laid down in its resolutions of 8 June 2011 and 23 June 2011, stating that the budget for the CAP in the next MFF period should be maintained at least at the same level, *in real terms*, as in the current multi-annual period;

Or. it

Amendment 8

Artur Zasada, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Takes the view that a lack of balance between the CAP budget's size and breakdown and tighter uniform requirements for farmers would make it impossible to achieve the EU's strategic goals and would undermine the Community nature of that policy;

Or. pl

Amendment 9
Czesław Adam Siekierski, Jarosław Kalinowski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Takes the view that funding for the first and second pillars of the CAP should not be cut; believes that, if there are to be cuts in funding for the first pillar, they should first and foremost affect Member States where per-hectare direct payment rates are higher than the EU average, with Member States with per-hectare direct payment rates below the EU average being exempted from the cuts;

Or. pl

Amendment 10
George Lyon, Britta Reimers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. **Notes with concern** that the Commission proposal for the future MFF, setting an overall ceiling of EUR 382 927¹ million for Heading 2 and a sub-ceiling of EUR 281 825 million for direct payments and market related expenditure, would lead to a reduction of EUR 37 755 million in real terms for this heading;

4. **Points out** that the Commission proposal for the future MFF, setting an overall ceiling of EUR 382 927² million for Heading 2 and a sub-ceiling of EUR 281 825 million for direct payments and market related expenditure, would lead to a reduction of EUR 37 755 million in real terms for this heading;

Or. en

¹ All figures for commitment appropriations (2014-2020), expressed in constant 2011 prices

² All figures for commitment appropriations (2014-2020), expressed in constant 2011 prices

Amendment 11
George Lyon, Britta Reimers, Esther de Lange

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. *Considers* that these cuts **can not be** counterbalanced by expenditure foreseen in other headings (food aid for most deprived persons, agricultural research, food safety reserve, etc.) or by flexibility instruments for unforeseeable expenditure (reserve for agricultural crisis, European Globalisation Fund, etc.), as these are budgetary reserves which do not contain commitment appropriations;

Amendment

5. **Recognises the need for budgetary constraint in the current economic crisis but does not believe** that these cuts **are** counterbalanced by expenditure foreseen in other headings (food aid for most deprived persons, agricultural research, food safety reserve, etc.) or by flexibility instruments for unforeseeable expenditure (reserve for agricultural crisis, European Globalisation Fund, etc.), as these are budgetary reserves which do not contain commitment appropriations;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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Amendment

5. Considers that these cuts can not be counterbalanced by expenditure foreseen in other headings (food aid for most deprived persons, agricultural research, food safety reserve, etc.) or by flexibility instruments for unforeseeable expenditure (reserve for agricultural crisis etc.), as these are budgetary reserves which do not contain commitment appropriations;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Considers that the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund should not be counted toward the CAP budget, as its inclusion therein is misleading: firstly is not clear whether and how farmers in different Member States will be able to access the funds at all; and secondly it presupposes that many thousands of farmers will continue to go bankrupt as a result of international trade agreements; further considers that because of its role in food security and particular the human right to food, agriculture should not be used as a bargaining chip in international trade deals.

Or. en

Amendment 14
Czesław Adam Siekierski, Jarosław Kalinowski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Stresses the important role played by the second pillar of the CAP, which makes a significant contribution to investment and job creation in rural areas and to enhancing the effectiveness and competitiveness of the farming industry; believes that it would be consistent with the achievements of previous CAP reforms to strengthen the second pillar, which would make the CAP significantly more efficient and effective, particularly

in the light of the new challenges referred to, inter alia, in the Europe 2020 strategy;

Or. pl

Amendment 15
Rareș-Lucian Niculescu
on behalf of the PPE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Notes that the Commission proposals for reform of the common agricultural policy now being debated would impose additional obligations on farmers; efforts to fulfil them must be rewarded financially;

Or. ro

Amendment 16
George Lyon, Britta Reimers, Marit Paulsen, Esther de Lange

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Calls, *therefore*, on the Council to *increase* Heading 2 and the subheading for direct payments and market related expenditure *to EUR 420 682 million and EUR 336 685 million respectively, corresponding to a freeze in real terms, as requested in its earlier resolutions;*

6. Calls on the Council *to recognise that agriculture spending has already taken significant reductions in* Heading 2 and the subheading for direct payments and market related expenditure *and therefore believes that if there are to be any further reductions in the EU budget, the Council should look to other areas to make the necessary savings;*

Or. en

Amendment 17
Artur Zasada, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls, therefore, on the Council to increase Heading 2 ***and the subheading for direct payments and market related expenditure*** to EUR 420 682 million ***and EUR 336 685 million respectively***, corresponding to a freeze in real terms, as requested in its earlier resolutions;

Amendment

6. Calls, therefore, on the Council to increase Heading 2 to EUR 420 682 million, corresponding to a freeze in real terms, as requested in its earlier resolutions; ***calls on the Council also to increase funding for the second pillar of the CAP;***

Or. pl

Amendment 18
Paolo De Castro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Underlines that agricultural policy is the only Union policy which has been subject to such significant cuts in the Commission proposal for the future MFF; insists therefore that, should overall reductions of the EU budget be foreseen, they should under no circumstance lead to a further reduction of the CAP budget;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Czesław Adam Siekierski, Jarosław Kalinowski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Is firmly opposed to any cut in funding for the second pillar of the CAP, as this would undo the achievements of previous CAP reforms and drastically reduce the policy's efficiency and effectiveness, particularly in the light of the new challenges referred to, inter alia, in the Europe 2020 strategy;

Or. pl

Amendment 20

Artur Zasada, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Underlines the importance of granting flexibility to Member States to move funds between the two pillars of the CAP, in order to address the challenges of rural areas in the most appropriate way;

Amendment

7. Takes the view that maintaining the existing breakdown between pillars would be a bad idea, since it would limit the opportunities for enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the CAP that increasing second-pillar funding would provide; believes, furthermore, that the proposal to transfer funds between CAP pillars, including from the second to the first pillar, is contrary to the approach adopted to previous CAP reforms and will in practice serve to perpetuate the current breakdown of first-pillar funding among the Member States;

Or. pl

Amendment 21

Martin Häusling

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Underlines the importance of granting flexibility to Member States to move funds ***between the two pillars*** of the CAP, ***in order to address the challenges of rural areas in the most appropriate way***;

Amendment

7. ***Given the need to create vibrant rural economies and to improve the rural environment***, underlines the importance of granting flexibility to Member States to move funds ***from the first to the second pillar*** of the CAP ***because of the low funding available in many Member States for rural development; conversely considers that shifting funding from the second to the first pillar is not appropriate given the challenges faced by agriculture and rural areas.***

Or. en

Amendment 22

Rareş-Lucian Niculescu

on behalf of the PPE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Underlines the importance of granting flexibility to Member States to move funds between the two pillars of the CAP, in order to address the challenges of rural areas ***in the most appropriate way***;

Amendment

7. Underlines the importance of granting flexibility to Member States to move funds between the two pillars of the CAP, in order to address the challenges of rural areas ***in a way adapted to the specific circumstances and their own strategies***;

Or. ro

Amendment 23

Paolo De Castro

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. underlines the importance of granting flexibility to Member States for moving funds between the two pillars of the CAP, in order to address the challenges of rural areas in the most appropriate way;

Amendment

7. underlines the importance of granting flexibility to Member States for moving funds between the two pillars of the CAP, in order to address the challenges of rural areas in the most appropriate way, ***without prejudice to its ongoing legislative procedures on the CAP reform, especially the provisions on transfer between funds in the future Regulation on direct payments;***

Or. en

Amendment 24
Esther de Lange, George Lyon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Underlines the importance of granting flexibility to Member States to move funds between the two pillars of the CAP, in order to address the challenges of rural areas in the most appropriate way;

Amendment

7. Underlines the importance of granting ***some*** flexibility to Member States to move funds between the two pillars of the CAP, ***taking into account existing co-financing requirements when moving funds from the 1st to the 2nd Pillar,*** in order to address the challenges of rural areas in the most appropriate way;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Diane Dodds

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

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flexibility to Member States to move funds between the two pillars of the CAP, in order to address the challenges of rural areas in the most appropriate way;

flexibility to Member States to move funds between the two pillars of the CAP, in order to address the challenges of rural areas in the most appropriate way;
considers it is also important that the allocations of funds for pillar 2 are allocated not on an historic basis but according to an objective criteria at a European Level.

Or. en

Amendment 26
Esther de Lange, George Lyon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Underlines that the transition to a regional model and further greening of the CAP in the next period will have a severe impact on farmers and therefore extra cuts in the overall CAP-budget would put even more pressure on the position of individual farmers;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Czesław Adam Siekierski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Believes that the programme of assistance to the most deprived persons in the Union should continue after 2013, while acknowledging the need for its implementation to be adjusted to take account of changing market

circumstances; points out that, in addition to providing tangible proof of the fact that the EU feels a responsibility towards its most deprived citizens, the programme has for more than 20 years been helping to ensure EU food security and agricultural market stability, promote a spirit of solidarity and build a civil society, and is thus helping to meet the Europe 2020 strategy goals; takes the view that the Union budget for this purpose should not be cut;

Or. pl

Amendment 28

Artur Zasada, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Believes the introduction of a crisis-response mechanism to be an appropriate way of addressing changes in agricultural market circumstances;

Or. pl