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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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on the proposal for a Council regulation on laying down the multiannual
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Amendment 1
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Believes that to get the EU out of the current economic and social crisis, and to guarantee its future competitiveness in a globalised world, it is absolutely essential that the objectives set out in the EU 2020 strategy to achieve a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth are met; underlines that to implement these objectives, an estimated total of EUR 1600 billion of future-oriented investments in core policies are needed;

Amendment

1. Believes that to get the EU out of the current economic and social crisis, and to guarantee its future competitiveness in a globalised world, it is absolutely essential that the objectives set out in the EU 2020 strategy to achieve a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth are met; underlines that to implement these objectives, an estimated total of EUR 1600 billion of future-oriented investments in core policies are needed; ***reminds the Parliament's position in its resolution of 8 June 2011¹ which pointed out that even with an increase of the level of resources for the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) of 5% compared to the 2013 level only a limited contribution can be made to the achievement of the Union's agreed objectives and commitments and the principle of Union solidarity;***

¹*Texts adopted, P7_TA(2011)0266.*

Or. en

Amendment 2
Franck Proust

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guarantee its future competitiveness in a globalised world, it is absolutely essential that the objectives set out in the EU 2020 strategy to achieve a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth are met; ***points out that, to do this, the EU has the ambition ultimately to become the world's leading science and technology destination in terms both of growth and of employment;*** underlines that to implement these objectives, an estimated total of EUR 1600 billion of future-oriented investments in core policies are needed;

Or. fr

Amendment 3
Gunnar Hökmark

Draft opinion
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Or. en

Amendment 4
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

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Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to introduce a fairer, simpler and more transparent own resource system which would increase by up to 60% the own resources share in the EU budget by 2018 at the latest; supports fully the Commission's proposal to introduce an EU-wide financial transaction tax as an EU own resource from 2014 onwards;

Or. en

**Amendment 5
Gunnar Hökmark**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Believes that the Union budget can be a powerful agent for reform if EU spending is focused on areas which stimulates economic growth such as innovation, research and development;

Or. en

**Amendment 6
Gunnar Hökmark**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 1b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Underlines that a number of areas, such as innovation, research and development, strategic investments in infrastructural trans-European networks and foreign policy need to be given

priority before other areas to meet current and future political and economic challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Gunnar Hökmark

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Stresses that one of EU's most important objectives is to enhance its competitiveness and facilitate the transformation into a world leading knowledge based economy; underlines that the next MFF should support this development across all EU policy areas;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Franck Proust

Draft opinion
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2. Underlines the key role that the EU budget must play in achieving the commonly agreed EU 2020 strategy objectives since, if well devised, EU funding can actually trigger and catalyse actions of clear EU added value that Member States are unable to carry out on their own, as well as create synergies and complementarities with Member States' activities *by helping them to focus on key future-oriented investments*; welcomes, therefore, the Commission's proposal to

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increase – relative to the current MFF 2007-2013 – the funding available for EU programmes in the fields of research, innovation, competitiveness, SMEs and infrastructure; strongly believes that these proposed financial allocations constitute a bare minimum **and** strongly warns against the temptation by some Member States to cut **them**, as this would jeopardise the EU’s credibility and political commitment in favour of growth and jobs; emphasises, at the same time, the need to ensure sufficient budgetary flexibility so that the budgetary means can be aligned in an appropriate manner with evolving circumstances and priorities;

the funding available for EU programmes in the fields of research, innovation, competitiveness, SMEs and infrastructure; strongly believes that these proposed financial allocations constitute a bare minimum; ***considers it essential for the EU to earmark 3% of its expenditure for research and innovation by 2020; calls on Europe’s public authorities and private sector to do their utmost to achieve this target;*** strongly warns against the temptation by some Member States to cut **allocations**, as this would jeopardise the EU’s credibility and political commitment in favour of growth and jobs; emphasises, at the same time, the need to ensure sufficient budgetary flexibility so that the budgetary means can be aligned in an appropriate manner with evolving circumstances and priorities;

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Vicky Ford

Draft opinion
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innovation, competitiveness, SMEs and infrastructure; strongly believes that these proposed financial allocations constitute a bare minimum **in these areas**; emphasises, **however**, at the same time, the need to ensure sufficient budgetary **restraint and flexibility** so that the budgetary means can be **targeted** in an appropriate manner **and be adaptable to** evolving circumstances and priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 10 Gunnar Hökmark

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2. Underlines the key role that the EU budget must play in achieving the commonly agreed EU 2020 strategy objectives; **stresses that the aim must be a smart and modern budget prioritising the Union's main political objectives especially growth generating areas, rather than a big budget encompassing everything**; **believes that** if well devised, EU funding can actually trigger and catalyse actions of clear EU added value that Member States are unable to carry out on their own, as well as create synergies and complementarities with Member States' activities by helping them to focus on key future-oriented investments; welcomes, therefore, the Commission's proposal to increase – relative to the current MFF 2007-2013 – the funding available for EU programmes in the fields of research, innovation, competitiveness, SMEs and infrastructure; strongly believes

favour of growth and jobs; emphasises, at the same time, the need to ensure sufficient budgetary flexibility so that the budgetary means can be aligned in an appropriate manner with evolving circumstances and priorities;

that these proposed financial allocations constitute a bare minimum, and strongly warns against the temptation by some Member States to cut them, as this would jeopardise the EU's credibility and political commitment in favour of growth and jobs; emphasises, at the same time, the need to ensure sufficient budgetary flexibility so that the budgetary means can be aligned in an appropriate manner with evolving circumstances and priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Gunnar Hökmark

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls for a full spending review of the current MFF aiming at identifying expenditures that are crucial for achieving the Union's policy objectives while also identifying those expenditures which are less relevant, with the target of reallocating 30 % of the expenditures from areas no longer relevant to areas with high priority, thereby freeing up economic resources for other areas;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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3. Stresses in particular the need to enhance, stimulate and secure the financing of research, development and innovation in the EU by significantly increasing the relevant expenditures in the MFF 2014-2020 for the Horizon 2020 programme, and by radically simplifying funding procedures while strictly maintaining the principle of sound financial management;

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3. Stresses in particular the need to enhance, stimulate and secure the financing of research, development and innovation in the EU by significantly increasing the relevant expenditures in the MFF 2014-2020 for the Horizon 2020 programme, and by radically simplifying funding procedures while strictly maintaining the principle of sound financial management; ***believes that more impetus should be given to the greening of the economy, through increased funding to greener and smarter technologies as well as to social innovation and non-technological solutions; expects that at least 80% of funding in the energy sector should go towards R&D in renewable energy, energy storage technology, end-user energy efficiency and development of smart grids;***

Or. en

Amendment 13
Vicky Ford

Draft opinion
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3. Stresses in particular the need to enhance, stimulate and secure the financing of research, development and innovation in the EU by significantly increasing the relevant expenditures in the MFF 2014-2020 for the Horizon 2020 programme ***within the context of an overall reduced EU budget***, and by radically simplifying funding procedures while strictly maintaining the principle of sound financial management;

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Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

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3a. Is convinced that Horizon 2020 funds should be in line with EU 2020 priorities and used as catalyst for EU added-value activities, better streamlining of EU public funds and increased leverage of private funds; believes that at a minimum 15% of the Horizon 2020 budget must be earmarked for SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Jürgen Creutzmann, Holger Krahmer, Hannu Takkula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Highlights the added value of EU programmes in favour of SMEs, as these have proven very helpful in supporting Member States' efforts to secure SMEs' access to funding opportunities in a time of deep financial crisis; stresses, nevertheless, ***that a better and more diverse access to funding, from grants to loans or equity financing, should be available in the future for all European industrial actors;*** strongly believes that in the foreseen financial envelope for the Programme for the Competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs (COSME), the budget allocated to

4. Highlights the added value of EU programmes in favour of SMEs, as these have proven very helpful in supporting Member States' efforts to secure SMEs' access to funding opportunities ***and foreign markets*** in a time of deep financial crisis; stresses, nevertheless, that access to ***finance for SMEs*** should be ***improved in particular through loan guarantees and equity financing, which have the greatest leverage effects and recover most of the public expenditure with their revenue;*** ***points out that the scope of financial instruments should be enlarged, covering***

financial instruments shall be increased, and the access to it improved, so that the programme can be extended to include even more SMEs, and so that it answers more adequately to SMEs' various needs;

all phases of the business cycle, including business transfers; strongly believes that in the foreseen financial envelope for the Programme for the Competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs (COSME) , the budget allocated to financial instruments shall be increased, and the access to it improved, so that the programme can be extended to include even more SMEs, and so that it answers more adequately to SMEs' various needs; ***underlines that EU measures such as the Enterprise Europe Network and the China IPR Helpdesk have successfully complemented existing national measures to improve access to foreign markets and that EU funding for these measures should be maintained; underlines that in order to achieve its objectives, the overall budget of COSME should be increased to 0,5% of the MFR budget;***

Or. en

Amendment 16
Vicky Ford

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Highlights the added value of EU programmes in favour of SMEs, as these have proven very helpful in supporting Member States' efforts to secure SMEs' access to funding opportunities in a time of deep financial crisis; stresses, nevertheless, that a better and more diverse access to funding, from grants to loans or equity financing, should be available in the future for all European industrial actors; strongly believes that *in* the foreseen financial envelope for the Programme for the Competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs

Amendment

4. Highlights the added value of EU programmes in favour of SMEs, as these have *sometimes* proven very helpful in supporting Member States' efforts to secure SMEs' access to funding opportunities in a time of deep financial crisis, ***but stresses the need to radically simplify the application process of such programmes for SMEs and the need to ensure timely payment by the Commission to SMEs participating in these programme; recommends that the Commission and Member States should***

(COSME), the budget allocated to financial instruments *shall* be increased, and the access to it improved, so that the programme can be extended to include even more SMEs, and *so that it answers* more adequately *to* SMEs' various needs;

review successful national programmes in order to share best practices; stresses, nevertheless, that a better and more diverse access to funding, from grants to loans or equity financing, should be available in the future for all European industrial actors; strongly believes that *within* the foreseen financial envelope *foreseen* for the Programme for the Competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs (COSME), the *proportion of the* budget allocated to financial instruments *should* be increased, and the access to it improved, so that the programme can be extended to include even more SMEs, and more adequately *meet* SMEs' various needs; *underlines the need to ensure that basic and affordable banking services are available to European SMEs involved in cross-border, especially cross-currency, trade, including outside the EU, in order to maximise the ability for SMEs to export*;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Amalia Sartori

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Highlights the added value of EU programmes in favour of SMEs, as these have proven very helpful in supporting **Member States' efforts to secure** SMEs' access to funding opportunities in a time of deep financial crisis; stresses, **nevertheless**, that **a better and more diverse** access to funding, from grants to loans or equity financing, should be available in the future for all European industrial actors; **strongly believes that in the foreseen financial envelope for the Programme for the**

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4. Highlights the added value of EU programmes in favour of SMEs, as these have proven very helpful in supporting SMEs' access to funding opportunities in a time of deep financial crisis; stresses that **an improved** access to funding, from grants to loans or equity financing, should be available in the future for all European industrial actors, **and especially for SMEs**;

Competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs (COSME), the budget allocated to financial instruments shall be increased, and the access to it improved, so that the programme can be extended to include even more SMEs, and so that it answers more adequately to SMEs' various needs;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

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4. Highlights the added value of EU programmes in favour of SMEs, as these have proven very helpful in supporting Member States' efforts to secure SMEs' access to funding opportunities in a time of deep financial crisis; strongly believes that in the foreseen financial envelope for the Programme for the Competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs (COSME) ***and under Horizon 2020, the budget allocated to financial instruments and to the new SME Instrument shall be substantially increased, and the access to it improved, so that the programme can be extended to include even more SMEs, and so that it answers more adequately to SMEs' various needs; emphasises that sustainability should be integrated in COSME's objectives and supports a doubling of the COSME budget;***

Or. en

Amendment 19
Franck Proust

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Highlights the added value of EU programmes in favour of SMEs, as these have proven very helpful in supporting Member States' efforts to secure SMEs' access to funding opportunities in a time of deep financial crisis; stresses, nevertheless, that a better **and** more diverse access to funding, from grants to loans or equity financing, should be available in the future for all European industrial actors; strongly believes that in the foreseen financial envelope for the Programme for the Competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs (COSME), the budget allocated to financial instruments shall be increased, and the access to it improved, so that the programme can be extended to include even more SMEs, and so that it answers more adequately to SMEs' various needs;

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4. Highlights the added value of EU programmes in favour of SMEs, as these have proven very helpful in supporting Member States' efforts to secure SMEs' access to funding opportunities in a time of deep financial crisis; stresses, nevertheless, that a better, more diverse (*from grants to loans or equity financing*), **simplified and centralised (one-stop shops for SMEs throughout the EU)** access to funding should be available in the future for all European industrial actors; strongly believes that in the foreseen financial envelope for the Programme for the Competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs (COSME), the budget allocated to financial instruments shall be increased, and the access to it improved, so that the programme can be extended to include even more SMEs, and so that it answers more adequately to SMEs' various needs;

Or. fr

Amendment 20
Paul Rübiger

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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that a better and more diverse access to funding, from grants to loans or equity financing, should be available in the future for all European industrial actors; strongly believes that in the foreseen financial envelope for the Programme for the Competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs (COSME), the budget allocated to financial instruments *should* be increased, ***at least to the level of the funds available for the CIP Programme 2007-2013***, and the access to it improved, so that the programme can be extended to include even more SMEs, and so that it answers more adequately to SMEs' various needs;

Or. de

Amendment 21
Amalia Sartori

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Strongly believes that the expenditure allocated for the Programme for the Competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs (COSME), should be significantly increased, in particular for financial instruments, so that the programme can reach even more SMEs, and could also finance business transfers;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Takes the view that developing a new generation of sustainable energy systems in the EU will require major investment efforts in energy research and development; underlines, therefore, the need to increase financing in research and technological development, and to maintain demonstration projects in the area of energy; calls for the full implementation of the already-adopted Strategic Energy Technology (SET) Plan; asks the Commission and the Council to clarify its funding in the framework of MFF 2014-2020;

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5. Takes the view that developing a new generation of sustainable energy systems in the EU will require major investment efforts in energy research and development; underlines, therefore, the need to increase financing in research and technological development, and to maintain demonstration projects in the area of energy; ***calls for the budget for the Intelligent Energy – Europe Programme, managed by the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation, to be maintained and supplemented***; calls for the full implementation of the already-adopted Strategic Energy Technology (SET) Plan; asks the Commission and the Council to clarify its funding in the framework of MFF 2014-2020; ***calls on the Commission and Council to ensure adequate funding for the development of intelligent energy networks***;

Or. ro

Amendment 23

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Takes the view that developing a new generation of sustainable energy systems in the EU will require major investment efforts in energy research and development; underlines, therefore, the need to increase financing in research and technological development, ***and to maintain demonstration projects in the area of energy***; calls for the ***full*** implementation of the already-adopted

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5. Takes the view that developing a new generation of sustainable energy systems in the EU will require major investment efforts in energy research and development; underlines, therefore, the need to increase financing in research and technological development, ***in particular on renewable energies and energy saving systems***; calls for the implementation of the already-adopted Strategic Energy

Strategic Energy Technology (SET) Plan; *asks* the Commission *and the Council to clarify its funding* in the framework of MFF 2014-2020;

Technology (SET) Plan *as to promote non-conventional energies; supports* the Commission in *putting financing of ITER outside* the framework of MFF 2014-2020;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Jan Březina, Eduard Kukan, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Alajos Mészáros

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Stresses the importance of allocating sufficient level of funds for the Member States that in the context of the negotiations for accession to the European Union, took the commitment to close and subsequently decommission nuclear reactors units, recognising that this early closure represented an exceptional financial burden for the concerned Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Kent Johansson

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

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6. Underlines the strategic importance of large-scale infrastructure projects (such as ITER, Galileo, GLONASS, GMES) for the future of the EU's competitiveness and for the reinforcement of EU industries; believes that industry financing should be secured in the EU budget on the basis of a fully autonomous and comprehensive

6. Underlines the strategic importance of large-scale infrastructure projects (such as ITER, Galileo, GLONASS, GMES) for the future of the EU's competitiveness and for the reinforcement of EU industries; ***considers that projects which significantly exceed, or have exceeded, their budgets, while managers of other projects are***

multiannual budget, while improvements to the governance of industries should remain under EU Treaty rules; highlights that if any cost overruns arise in the course of the implementation of these projects, it should be covered in a manner that does not threaten the funding and the successful implementation of other Union policies that contribute to achieving the goals of the EU 2020 strategy;

urged to adhere to strict budgetary frameworks in times of financial difficulty and recession, should not continue to receive funding; notes that there is a risk that such projects may undermine confidence and make it more difficult to fund future research projects; believes that industry financing should be secured in the EU budget on the basis of a fully autonomous and comprehensive multiannual budget, while improvements to the governance of industries should remain under EU Treaty rules; highlights that if any cost overruns arise in the course of the implementation of these projects, it should be covered in a manner that does not threaten the funding and the successful implementation of other Union policies that contribute to achieving the goals of the EU 2020 strategy;

Considers there to be a danger that high-risk projects outside the financial framework may impair the transparency and predictability of the EU budget, undermine budgetary discipline and contravene sound budgetary principles;

Or. sv

Amendment 26
Kent Johansson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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Considers there to be a danger that high-risk projects outside the financial framework may impair the transparency and predictability of the EU budget, undermine budgetary discipline and contravene sound budgetary principles;

Or. sv

Amendment 27

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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6. ***Underlines*** the strategic importance of large-scale infrastructure projects (***such as ITER, Galileo, GLONASS, GMES***) for the future of the EU's competitiveness and for the reinforcement of EU industries; ***believes that industry financing should be secured in the EU budget on the basis of a fully autonomous and comprehensive multiannual budget, while improvements to the governance of industries should remain under EU Treaty rules;*** highlights that if any cost overruns arise in the course of the implementation of these projects, it should be covered in a manner that does not threaten the funding and the successful implementation of other Union policies that contribute to achieving the goals of the

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6. ***Understands*** the strategic importance ***that*** large-scale infrastructure projects ***may have*** for the future of the EU's competitiveness and for the reinforcement of EU industries; ***is concerned, however, about the cost-benefit balance of some of those large-scale projects; asks for ring-fencing of the large scale projects under a separate sub-heading within the MFF and a better management and monitoring of expenditure to avoid cost-overruns;*** highlights that if any cost overruns arise in the course of the implementation of these projects, it should be covered in a manner that does not threaten the funding and the successful implementation of other Union policies that contribute to achieving the

EU 2020 strategy;

goals of the EU 2020 strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Amalia Sartori

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

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Or. en

Amendment 29

Jürgen Creutzmann, Holger Krahmer, Hannu Takkula

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 30
Vicky Ford

Draft opinion
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bring the budget for ITER back under the budget for Horizon 2020 to ensure secure funding for this vital research project;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Edit Herczog

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Amendment 32
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Or. sv

Amendment 33

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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initiative, and the Commission's proposal regarding the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), as the first steps in the right direction;

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Or. en

Amendment 34

Vicky Ford

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Amendment 35
Kent Johansson

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Or. sv

Amendment 36
Kent Johansson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

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7a. Considers that projects which result in increased uncertainty about the financial burden to be borne by Member States should not be funded from the EU budget;

Or. sv

Amendment 37
Vicky Ford

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Believes, however, that a more thorough **reflection** is needed to improve support for long-term investments in the EU; underlines the need to **develop** and **enhance** risk-sharing financial instruments based on the EU budget, and through them facilitate investment financing in priority sectors, encompassing a wider and more disparate range of projects and entailing different risks (a ‘portfolio of projects’ approach); is convinced that synergies and complementarities between EU and national schemes should be pursued in order to maximise the growth potential of such instruments; highlights that these instruments must rely on clear and transparent criteria for project eligibility and selection;

8. Believes, however, that a more thorough **assessment** is needed to improve support for long-term investments in the EU; underlines the need to **further study** and **assess** risk-sharing financial instruments based on the EU budget, **with a view to possibly enhancing their use**, and through them facilitate investment financing in priority sectors, encompassing a wider and more disparate range of projects and entailing different risks (a ‘portfolio of projects’ approach); is convinced that synergies and complementarities between EU and national schemes should be pursued in order to maximise the growth potential of such instruments; highlights that these instruments must rely on clear and transparent criteria for project eligibility and selection;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Vicky Ford

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Strongly emphasises that the reinvestment of revenues (reflows) **should be the** principle governing **all** innovative financial instruments; underlines that this revolving principle entails not only savings for public finances but strengthens the leverage and multiplier effect of these instruments which, by the end of the day, helps to secure a higher level of investments in the economy;

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9. Strongly emphasises that the reinvestment of revenues (reflows) **may prove a useful** principle governing innovative financial instruments; underlines that this revolving principle entails not only savings for public finances but strengthens the leverage and multiplier effect of these instruments which, by the end of the day, helps to secure a higher level of investments in the economy;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Krišjānis Kariņš, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

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10. Underlines that interoperability and synergies between the specific programmes (such as Horizon 2020, COSME, CEF) and the cohesion policy must be promoted; is convinced that cumulative or combined funding should be encouraged in order to maximise the uptake of available EU funds in all Member States, and thereby their participation in all specific programmes, and to achieve more even economic development within the EU's territory as a whole;

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Amendment 40
Silvia-Adriana Țicău

Draft opinion
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Or. ro

Amendment 41
Vicky Ford

Draft opinion
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Or. en

Amendment 42

Reinhard Bütikofer

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Or. en

Amendment 43

Paul Rübzig

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Particularly stresses the need for

further financing of ‘Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs’ under the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020. Observes that the programme has adopted as its aims promoting European enterprise, exchanging knowledge and best-practice models and building networks and partnerships for those purposes.

Or. de

Amendment 44
Amalia Sartori

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Underlines that an increase of the operational budget needs to be accompanied by an adequate increase of the administrative budget in order to ensure successful delivery of EU programmes;

Or. en