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## **DRAFT OPINION**

of the Committee on Budgets

for the Committee on Transport and Tourism

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on multiannual funding for the action of the European Maritime Safety Agency in the field of response to pollution caused by ships and to marine pollution caused by oil and gas installations  
(COM(2013)0174 – C7-0089/2013 – 2013/0092(COD))

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## SHORT JUSTIFICATION

The Commission has proposed a regulation for a new multiannual funding in the field of response to maritime pollution. The previous multiannual funding, agreed upon in 2006, covered the period from 2007 to 2013; the present proposal shall cover the period of the next multiannual financial framework from 2014 to 2020. The implementation of these tasks shall again be assigned to the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA).

Your Rapporteur agrees to the establishment of multiannual funding assigned to EMSA in the field of marine pollution response as the long-term nature of the Agency's tasks requires financial security based on multiannual commitments.

Compared to the current multiannual funding which covers the response to pollution caused by ships, the next multiannual funding shall also cover marine pollution caused by offshore oil and gas installations, in line with the new tasks deriving from Regulation (EU) No 100/2013.

This Regulation amending EMSA's founding regulation also extended the geographical coverage of the aforementioned tasks to the enlargement and European Neighbourhood partner countries. The Commission nevertheless proposed not to include this aspect in the multiannual funding but to finance these activities from existing ENP and enlargement programmes. Your Rapporteur regrets that the Commission did not provide figures for the ENP aspect, at least for information, given the fact that the legislative financial statement for the amending regulation (COM(2010)0611) also failed to provide any information thereon.

With regard to the appropriations proposed by the Commission for the multiannual funding, your Rapporteur doubts if they will be sufficient to cover the new tasks. For the period 2007 to 2013 EUR 154 million had been allocated to maritime pollution response activities. Above mentioned additional tasks shall be carried out with an addition of only EUR 6.5 million. The agency itself requested EUR 198 million, so EUR 37.5 million more to fulfil these responsibilities than the Commission is proposing. Your Rapporteur is therefore suggesting that the Commission proposal be modified in line with the estimations proposed in the draft report for the Committee on Transport and Tourism, which strike a fair balance between the agency and Commission estimates.

Your Rapporteur is furthermore questioning the Commission's approach of not foreseeing additional posts to cover the extension of tasks of the agency. This mismatch needs to be addressed for upcoming annual budgetary procedures. Therefore the Commission must present an updated financial statement, taking into account modifications by the legislative authority.

## AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Budgets calls on the Committee on Transport and Tourism, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following amendments in its report:

### Amendment 1

#### Draft legislative resolution Paragraph 1 a (new)

*Draft legislative resolution*

*Amendment*

***1a. Emphasises that any decision of the legislative authority in favour of such multiannual funding for EMSA shall be without prejudice to the decisions of the budgetary authority in the context of the annual budgetary procedure;***

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### Amendment 2

#### Draft legislative resolution Paragraph 1 b (new)

*Draft legislative resolution*

*Amendment*

***1b. Requests the Commission to present a financial statement which fully takes into account the result of the legislative agreement between the European Parliament and the Council to meet the budgetary and staff requirements of EMSA and possibly of the Commission services;***

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### **Amendment 3**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 4 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The financial envelope for the implementation of the tasks referred to in Article 3 for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2020 shall be EUR **160.500.000** expressed in current prices.

*Amendment*

The financial envelope for the implementation of the tasks referred to in Article 3 for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2020 shall be EUR **185 500 000** expressed in current prices.

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