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on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the
European Union for the financial year 2012, Section I – European Parliament
(COM(2013)0570 – C7-0274/2013 – 2013/2196(DEC))

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Amendment 1
Ryszard Czarnecki

Proposal for a decision 1
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. **Grants its** President discharge in respect of the implementation of the European Parliament budget for the financial year 2012;

Amendment

1. **Postpones its decision on granting the** President discharge in respect of the implementation of the European Parliament budget for the financial year 2012;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Eva Ortiz Vilella

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas Parliament's annual discharge procedure provides added value, involving as it does a thorough examination of the accounts, the object being to enable Parliament to fulfil its responsibility to Union citizens and to act with complete transparency by giving them a detailed insight into its financial management; whereas, secondly, it affords an opportunity for self-criticism and to do better in those areas in which there is still room for improvement in terms of quality, efficiency, and effectiveness in the management of public finances and hence of taxpayers' money;

Or. es

Amendment 3

Ryszard Czarnecki, Marta Andreasen, Andrea Češková, Derk Jan Eppink, Philip Bradbourn

Motion for a resolution

Subtitle and paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- Added value of Parliament's discharge procedure

1a. Highlights the added value of the parliamentary procedure leading up to the annual Parliament discharge;

1b. Points out that this resolution remains principally focussed on the budget implementation and discharge for the financial year 2012 and that its main goal is to ensure that taxpayers' public money is used in the best possible way while highlighting where improvements can be made; encourages the Parliament's responsible bodies to continue to improve, at all possible levels, efficiency in Parliament's daily work;

1c. Repeats its call on the Bureau to distribute more 'White Papers' regarding the policy matters to all Members which would allow for the policy items to be discussed within the political groups in advance to a final decision;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Notes that authorised appropriations in Parliament's final budget for 2012 totalled EUR 1 717 868 121, representing a 1,9 %

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increase over the 2011 budget (EUR 1 685 829 393), and that, as in 2011, no amending budget was introduced; is of the opinion that Parliament showed its budgetary responsibility and self-restraint by staying under the 2,6 % inflation rate in 2012;

increase over the 2011 budget (EUR 1 685 829 393), and that, as in 2011, no amending budget was introduced; is of the opinion that Parliament showed its budgetary responsibility and self-restraint by staying under the 2,6 % inflation rate in 2012; ***expects that for the 2015 budget the same self-restraint will prevail by keeping the budget under the 20% of Chapter 5;***

Or. en

Amendment 5
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Points out that in 2012, 99 % (93 % in 2011) of the final current appropriations were committed, with a cancellation rate of 1 % (6 % in 2011) and that, as in previous years, a high level of budget implementation was achieved, though this was ***positively*** influenced by an end of the year transfer of unspent funds at the request of the Joint Working Group of the Bureau and Committee on Budgets and a positive opinion by the Committee on Budgets;

Amendment

4. Points out that in 2012, 99 % (93 % in 2011) of the final current appropriations were committed, with a cancellation rate of 1 % (6 % in 2011) and that, as in previous years, a high level of budget implementation was achieved, though this was influenced by an end of the year transfer of unspent funds at the request of the Joint Working Group of the Bureau and Committee on Budgets and a positive opinion by the Committee on Budgets;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes that Parliament decided to conduct

Amendment

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an end-of-year 'mopping-up' transfer from various budget lines amounting to EUR 45 000 000 in unspent funds intended for the second instalment of the acquisition of the Trebel building in Brussels (EUR 35 000 000) and the construction of the new KAD building in Luxembourg; understands that as a result of this, an estimated EUR 10,4 million in financing charges will be saved over the construction and loan amortisation periods; notes, nevertheless, that Parliament has repeatedly requested that in the interests of budgetary clarity, buildings expenditure be entered in the budget rather than being financed through a 'mopping-up' transfer;

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Or. en

Amendment 7
Andrea Češková

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes that Parliament decided to conduct an end-of-year "mopping-up" transfer from various budget lines amounting to EUR 45 000 000 in unspent funds intended for the second instalment of the acquisition of the Trebel building in Brussels (EUR 35 000 000) and the construction of the new KAD building in Luxembourg; understands that as a result of this, an estimated EUR 10,4 million in financing charges will be saved over the construction and loan amortisation periods; *notes*, nevertheless, that Parliament has repeatedly requested that in the interests of budgetary clarity, buildings expenditure be entered in the budget rather than being financed through a "mopping-up" transfer;

Amendment

6. Notes that Parliament decided to conduct an end-of-year "mopping-up" transfer from various budget lines amounting to EUR 45 000 000 in unspent funds intended for the second instalment of the acquisition of the Trebel building in Brussels (EUR 35 000 000) and the construction of the new KAD building in Luxembourg; understands that as a result of this, an estimated EUR 10,4 million in financing charges will be saved over the construction and loan amortisation periods; *deploras*, nevertheless, that Parliament has repeatedly requested that in the interests of budgetary clarity, buildings expenditure be entered in the budget rather than being financed through a "mopping-up" transfer;

Amendment 8

Ryszard Czarnecki, Philip Bradbourn, Marta Andreasen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Points out the **high** level of carry-overs into 2012 (EUR 244 600 384²³) and calls for the improved planning of expenditure;

²³ Automatic carry-overs: EUR 222 900 384, non-automatic carry-overs: EUR 21 700 000.

Amendment

8. Points out the **excessive** level of carry-overs into 2012 (EUR 244 600 384²³) and calls for the improved planning of expenditure;

²³ Automatic carry-overs: EUR 222 900 384, non-automatic carry-overs: EUR 21 700 000.

Or. en

Amendment 9

Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Points **out the** high level of carry-overs into 2012 (EUR 244 600 384²³) and calls for the improved planning of expenditure;

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Amendment

8. Points **out the unacceptably** high level of carry-overs into 2012 (EUR 244 600 384²³) and calls for the improved planning of expenditure;

²³ Automatic carry-overs: EUR 222 900 384, non-automatic carry-overs: EUR 21 700 000.

Or. en

Amendment 10
Eva Ortiz Vilella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Points out the high level of carry-overs into 2012 (EUR 244 600 384²³) and ***calls for the improved*** planning of expenditure;

²³Automatic carry-overs: EUR 222 900 384, non-automatic carry-overs: EUR 21 700 000.

Amendment

8. Points out the high level of carry-overs into 2012 (EUR 244 600 384^[1]) and ***urges that*** the planning of expenditure ***be improved***;

²³Automatic carry-overs: EUR 222 900 384, non-automatic carry-overs: EUR 21 700 000.

Or. es

Amendment 11
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Notes with satisfaction that the Court of Auditors' audit of 15 recruitment procedures in Parliament in 2012 did not reveal errors or weaknesses;

Amendment

13. Notes with satisfaction that the Court of Auditors' audit of 15 recruitment procedures in Parliament in 2012 did not reveal errors or weaknesses; ***calls however on the Secretary-General to strictly apply the rules applicable to the nomination or promotion of staff in general, and in particular those in management positions***;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Andrea Češková

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

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Motion for a resolution

15. Recommends that authorising officers improve the design, coordination and performance of Parliament's procurement framework and procedures through appropriate checks and **better** guidance; notes that the implementation of the new Financial Regulation and its Rules of Application should be accompanied by the design of new templates of contracts and invitations to tender, as well as the development of specific training courses on how to define and apply selection and award criteria;

Amendment

15. Recommends that authorising officers improve the design, coordination and performance of Parliament's procurement framework and procedures through appropriate checks and **clearer** guidance; notes that the implementation of the new Financial Regulation and its Rules of Application should be accompanied by the design of new templates of contracts and invitations to tender, as well as the development of specific training courses on how to define and apply selection and award criteria;

Or. cs

Amendment 13
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Recalls the Court of Auditors' finding that in file procedures for the recruitment of accredited parliamentary assistants (APAs), there were no documents on file proving that the ex ante checks of recruitment documents had been performed; **welcomes** the fact that the Court of Auditors considers that Parliament has fully implemented its recommendation to ensure that appropriate documentation is now established and the underlying documentation for those verifications is now being kept to justify the recruitment decisions of temporary and contract staff;

Amendment

17. Recalls the Court of Auditors' finding that in file procedures for the recruitment of accredited parliamentary assistants (APAs), there were no documents on file proving that the ex ante checks of recruitment documents had been performed; **takes note of** the fact that the Court of Auditors considers that Parliament has fully implemented its recommendation to ensure that appropriate documentation is now established and the underlying documentation for those verifications is now being kept to justify the recruitment decisions of temporary and contract staff, **calls on the Secretary-General to inform its Committee on Budgetary Control by September 2014 on the effectiveness of the measures taken including those based on the findings of the Internal Auditor,**

also in view of the recruitment of many new parliamentary assistants (APAs) after the elections;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Notes and supports the views expressed by the Internal Auditor concerning the ‘Audit of Accredited Parliamentary Assistants employed as other servants of the European Communities’ that overall, the control environment and control activities in DGs Personnel and Finance provide reasonable assurances that APAs are recruited in compliance with the statutory rules and that their financial entitlements are correctly charged to the Members' Parliamentary Assistance Allowance (PAA);

Amendment

23. Notes and supports the views expressed by the Internal Auditor concerning the ‘Audit of Accredited Parliamentary Assistants employed as other servants of the European Communities’ that overall, the control environment and control activities in DGs Personnel and Finance provide reasonable assurances that APAs are recruited in compliance with the statutory rules and that their financial entitlements are correctly charged to the Members' Parliamentary Assistance Allowance (PAA); ***asks both DGs to ensure that these guarantees become solid and unequivocal by any means necessary;***

Or. en

Amendment 15
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Takes note of the fact that in 2012, a transfer had been necessary from sub-item for local assistants (line 4220-01) to sub-item 4220-02 (Accredited assistants)

for EUR 7,3 million and sub-item 4220-01 has been reduced by a total of EUR 14,1 million (14,3 %), which is due to a wrong estimation of the needs for both local assistants and accredited assistants, despite the fact that the number of accredited assistants only increased marginally in 2012 compared to 2011; believes that in the future, a better estimation of the needs for these sub-items will be necessary in order to respect the principles of good financial management and to be able to respond to real needs;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

24. Notes, nevertheless, that in order to meet the internal control objectives fully and consistently, there is scope for further strengthening certain management and control procedures that entail moderate exposure to residual risk and concern the following areas:

Amendment

24. Notes, nevertheless, that in order to meet the internal control objectives fully and consistently ***and to ensure the correct application not only of Parliament's Rules of Procedure and the relevant deriving rules adopted by Parliament's competent bodies but also the Financial Regulation,*** there is scope for further strengthening certain management and control procedures that entail moderate exposure to residual risk and concern the following areas:

Or. en

Amendment 17
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– obtaining more relevant character references to ascertain the potential recruit's suitability for the performance of duties;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 18
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 – indent 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ensuring, in a timely manner, regular information to APAs on any update or change to their applicable rules and their applicable rules by analogy, and presenting to their representatives a reasoned report on these changes or updating them in order to guarantee the transparency and the principles of equal treatment and opportunities;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 – indent 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*– ensuring **regular** reporting to Members on the costs of leave which, if not taken by assistants, will have to be paid out at the end of their contract;*

*– ensuring **timely and adequately** reporting to Members and APAs on the work rights and duties related to the end of the APAs' contracts (leave, unemployment, pension*

rights, etc.);

Or. en

Amendment 20
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 – indent 4

Motion for a resolution

– ensure a smoother and more efficient administration of the recruitment of APAs after the 2014 elections by early planning, ***including the*** provision of ***sufficient*** resources;

Amendment

– ensure a smoother and more efficient administration of the recruitment of ***new*** APAs after the 2014 elections by early planning ***and the*** provision of ***necessary*** resources, ***in particular human resources, and to guarantee continuous assistance to Members elected for the new term by ensuring no gaps in the contracts of APAs continuing to provide assistance;***

Or. en

Amendment 21
Chris Davies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Stresses that every Member must have an equal right to know how Parliament's financial affairs are managed, and therefore requires the Secretary-General to ensure that copies of all reports prepared by the Internal Audit Service are made available for private inspection by any Member, subject, if necessary, to the removal of references within them that would inappropriately identify specific individuals;

Amendment 22
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24b. Recalls once more that, after five years of implementation of the new Statute of Assistants, it is necessary to carry out a full evaluation of this Statute including possible adaptations of the rules as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Notes that at the end of 2012, after successive follow-up audits, ***only*** 15 actions remained incomplete out of the 452 internal control framework actions initially agreed; ***welcomes*** the conclusion of the Internal auditor that for two DGs (Finance and Infrastructure and Logistics), there was evidence of improvement in their public procurement processes;

26. Notes that at the end of 2012, after successive follow-up audits, 15 actions ***still*** remained incomplete out of the 452 internal control framework actions initially agreed; ***takes note of*** the conclusion of the Internal auditor that for two DGs (Finance and Infrastructure and Logistics), there was evidence of improvement in their public procurement processes;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Cornelis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. ***Notes with satisfaction the high quality of*** written answers to the 2011 discharge resolution provided to the Committee on Budgetary Control on 25 October 2013 and, therefore, received before the start of the 2012 discharge exercise; welcomes the subsequent Secretary-General presentation of the replies and follow-up of Parliament's administration on 25 November 2013 to the various questions and requests of Parliament's 2011 discharge resolution and the exchange of views with Members that followed;

Amendment

30. ***Takes note of the*** written answers to the 2011 discharge resolution provided to the Committee on Budgetary Control on 25 October 2013 and, therefore, received before the start of the 2012 discharge exercise; welcomes the subsequent Secretary-General presentation of the replies and follow-up of Parliament's administration on 25 November 2013 to the various questions and requests of Parliament's 2011 discharge resolution and the exchange of views with Members that followed;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Cornelis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

30a. Notes that many requests made in the annual discharge reports concerning Parliament are not met; notes that the Secretary-General argues that these requests fall within the remit of the Bureau of the Parliament or the Conference of Presidents of the Parliament; notes with concern the current highly undemocratic situation in which decisions are taken at the highest political level; i.e. endorsement by plenary, are often stalled or blocked within the internal decision-making process of the Parliament; insists that plenary requests made in the annual discharge reports are fully implemented

Amendment

and without undue delay;

Or. en

Amendment 26

Ryszard Czarnecki, Marta Andreasen, Andrea Češková, Derk Jan Eppink, Philip Bradbourn

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Notes the Secretary-General's reply indicating that the cost for the LUX prize was reduced, as proposed by the Committee on Budgetary Control and voted in plenary in the 2010 discharge report, and that a series of concrete measures have been taken in order to minimise the LUX Prize expenditure, in particular cutting costs related to promotional activities at international festivals and within Parliament premises; takes note that the expenditure of LUX Prize in 2012 was EUR 434 421, which represents a reduction of 24 % as compared to 2011 (EUR 573722);

Amendment

34. Notes the Secretary-General's reply indicating that the cost for the LUX prize was reduced, as proposed by the Committee on Budgetary Control and voted in plenary in the 2010 discharge report, and that a series of concrete measures have been taken in order to minimise the LUX Prize expenditure, in particular cutting costs related to promotional activities at international festivals and within Parliament premises; takes note that the expenditure of LUX Prize in 2012 was EUR 434 421, which represents a reduction of 24 % as compared to 2011 (EUR 573722); ***calls for further efficiencies to be found;***

Or. en

Amendment 27

Cornelis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34a. Considers prizes not to be a core activity of Parliament and requests that a cost-benefit analysis be carried out before any new prize initiatives are developed;

Amendment 28
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34b. Calls on the Bureau to bring in an incentives scheme for Parliament officials which provides financial rewards for suggestions for successfully introduced savings through optimising work processes with no loss of administrative performance quality;

Or. de

Amendment 29
Andrea Češková

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34c. Welcomes the significant reduction in expenditure on the LUX Prize; feels, nonetheless, that it is not the role of Parliament – as a public body – to judge the artistic value of films; insists that the LUX Prize should not be awarded in the years to come;

Or. cs

Amendment 30
Andrea Češková

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34d. Expects Parliament to reduce expenditure on promotion, travelling and events in Member States associated with awarding prizes;

Or. cs

Amendment 31
Andrea Češková

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35a. Expects Parliament to adopt temporary measures to deal with the current problem of congestion in canteens;

Or. cs

Amendment 32
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37. Welcomes, in this respect, the quality of the exchange of views between the Secretary-General and the Committee on Budgetary Control in the presence of the Internal Auditor, on 21 January 2014 in the context of the 2012 Parliament discharge; reiterates that Parliament's governing bodies and administration are held accountable throughout this process in a

37. Welcomes, in this respect, the quality of the exchange of views between the Secretary-General and the Committee on Budgetary Control in the presence of the Internal Auditor, on 21 January 2014 in the context of the 2012 Parliament discharge; reiterates that Parliament's governing bodies and administration are held accountable throughout this process **and**

completely transparent manner to ensure that citizens of the Union are provided with a true and accurate view of the way that Parliament uses the resources placed at its disposal;

*that it is therefore essential for the entire decision-making procedure to take place in a completely transparent manner to ensure that citizens of the Union are provided with a true and accurate view of the way that Parliament **takes its decisions and** uses the resources placed at its disposal; **accordingly calls for the agendas for meetings of, and the decisions taken by, Parliament's decision-making bodies to be communicated without delay both to the Members and staff of Parliament as a whole and to the general public;***

Or. es

Amendment 33
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Recalls that the Code of Conduct for Parliament's Members with respect to financial interests and conflicts of interest, adopted by the plenary on 1 December 2011, requires Members to make full disclosure of any remunerated activities outside Parliament, of the remuneration they receive and of any other function they perform which may give rise to conflicts of interest and that the code expressly prohibits Members from accepting any sum of money or other gift in exchange for influencing Parliament decisions; notes that it lays down clear rules on accepting gifts and on former Members engaging in lobbying;

Amendment

39. Recalls that the Code of Conduct for Parliament's Members with respect to financial interests and conflicts of interest, adopted by the plenary on 1 December 2011, requires Members to make full disclosure of any remunerated activities outside Parliament, of the remuneration they receive and of any other function they perform which may give rise to conflicts of interest and that the code expressly prohibits Members from accepting any sum of money or other gift in exchange for influencing Parliament decisions; notes that it lays down clear rules on accepting gifts and on former Members engaging in lobbying; **asks that the administration scrutinises at least 15 % of these declarations on a regular and annual basis;**

Or. en

Amendment 34
Cornelis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution
Subtitle and paragraph 40 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– General expenditure allowance

40a. Regrets that until now, it has not been possible to obtain an insight into the use made by Members of their General expenditure allowance and requests that for Members who wish to do so, a procedure be developed, so that they can submit their accounts to the internal auditor for annual verification;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Chris Davies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40b. Recognises that a growing number of national parliaments are now requiring full disclosure of members' expenses, and that a growing number of Members already ensure that such information is made available to their constituents; proposes that in accordance with Parliament's commitment to transparency and openness the annual Certificates detailing reimbursements paid to each member in accordance with the Implementing Measures for the Statute of Members be published on the Parliament's website together with the total sum claimed by each member for the

employment of staff;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Jan Mulder, Chris Davies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40c. Reiterates its request to propose strict rules applicable to all Members for the use of the General Expenditure Allowance and to make it fully transparent; therefore requests that a system is developed by which Members have to report yearly on their use of this allowance, which will be subject to audit procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Subtitle and paragraph 40 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– The President's political activities
40d. Calls for detailed information on how the President, as a party politically neutral figure, has kept his duties in office separate from his preparations to head the social democrats' list in the European elections, in particular with regard to the staff in his cabinet and in Parliament's information offices and to travel expenses; considers that, in connection with many activities, no distinction has been made between the

two roles; calls for clear segregation of office holders' functions, following the Commission's approach, so that European taxpayers do not have to pay for European list leaders' election campaigns;

Or. de

Amendment 38
Chris Davies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40e. Believes that Parliament is the only European public institution that pays an allowance intended to meet the costs of office administration into private and personal bank accounts without requiring any receipts to be kept or the auditing of the expenditure; suspects that Members would be deeply critical of any other body that so failed to supervise the use of public money; calls on the Secretary-General to propose light touch arrangements to ensure that the General Expenditure Allowance is used for the purpose intended and cannot provide a supplementary private income for Members;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Jan Mulder, Chris Davies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40f. Requests an evaluation of the daily subsistence allowance for Members concerning its amount and use, and requests that the Bureau revise this implementing measure accordingly to ensure that this allowance is used as cost-efficiently as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Chris Davies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40g. Believes that the register used by Members not attending official meetings of the Parliament to indicate their presence and claim their daily subsistence allowance should be available for signing only during the normal hours of parliamentary business, namely 0900-1830.

Or. en

Amendment 41
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Alexander Alvaro, Jan Mulder, Chris Davies, Edward McMillan-Scott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

41. Notes that Protocol 6, annexed to the Treaties, on the location of the seats of the institutions, decided by common agreement

41. Notes that Protocol 6, annexed to the Treaties, on the location of the seats of the institutions, decided by common agreement

of the governments of the Member States, imposes on Parliament its three working places; notes the call expressed in its resolution of 17 April 2013 on the 2011 discharge for ‘the Secretary-General and the Bureau to provide Members with up-to-date figures and information on the financial and environmental impact of the multiple seat arrangement’ that followed Parliament’s resolution of 6 February 2013 on the guidelines for the 2014 budget procedure;

of the governments of the Member States, imposes on Parliament its three working places; notes the call expressed in its resolution of 17 April 2013 on the 2011 discharge for ‘the Secretary-General and the Bureau to provide Members with up-to-date figures and information on the financial and environmental impact of the multiple seat arrangement’ that followed Parliament’s resolution of 6 February 2013 on the guidelines for the 2014 budget procedure **and the report on the location of the seats of the European Institutions adopted on 20 November 2013;**

Or. en

Amendment 42

Véronique Mathieu Houillon, Jean-Pierre Audy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

41. Notes that Protocol 6, annexed to the Treaties, on the location of the seats of the institutions, decided by common agreement of the governments of the Member States, imposes on Parliament its three working places; notes the *call expressed in its resolution of 17 April 2013 on the 2011 discharge for "the Secretary-General and the Bureau to provide Members with up-to-date figures and information on the financial and environmental impact of the multiple seat arrangement" that followed Parliament’s resolution of 6 February 2013 on the guidelines for the 2014 budget procedure;*

Amendment

41. Notes that Protocol 6, annexed to the Treaties, on the location of the seats of the institutions, decided by common agreement of the governments of the Member States, imposes on Parliament its three working places; notes the *document received from the Secretary-General, ‘The three places of work of the European Parliament – financial, environmental and regional impacts of geographic dispersion’, which was prepared on 30 August 2013;*

Or. fr

Amendment 43

Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Alexander Alvaro, Jan Mulder, Chris Davies, Edward McMillan-Scott

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

42. Recalls that significant historical reasons motivated the seat of the Parliament to be established in its current three places of work and that the question of determination of the seat of an Union institution is the exclusive competence of the Member States; notes in this respect that any decision to change the seats arrangement of Parliament would require a change of the Treaties, a decision which would have to be taken unanimously by the Member States;

Amendment

42. Recalls that significant historical reasons motivated the seat of the Parliament to be established in its current three places of work and that the question of determination of the seat of an Union institution is the exclusive competence of the Member States; notes in this respect that any decision to change the seats arrangement of Parliament would require a change of the Treaties, a decision which would have to be taken unanimously by the Member States; ***recalls that with the adoption of the report on the location of the seats of the European institutions, Parliament has taken its first step in invoking Article 48 of the Treaty on European Union;***

Or. en

Amendment 44

Jean-Pierre Audy, Véronique Mathieu Houillon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

42. Recalls that significant historical reasons motivated the seat of the Parliament to be established ***in its current three places of work*** and that the question of determination of the seat of an Union institution is the exclusive competence of the Member States; notes in this respect that any decision to change the ***seats*** arrangement of Parliament would require a

Amendment

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change of the Treaties, a decision which would have to be taken unanimously by the Member States;

which would have to be taken unanimously by the Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 45
Andrea Češková

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42a. Notes that the issue of determining the seat of an institution or body is the exclusive competence of the Member States; notes, however, that significant savings could be achieved by using the offices in Strasbourg in a more effective and logical manner;

Or. cs

Amendment 46
Andrea Češková

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42b. Notes that there is a growing number of people who need to be provided with office space; urges Parliament, therefore, to consider whether it could move some of its departments from Brussels to Strasbourg permanently; calls on Parliament, in this connection, to consider holding all of its part-sessions in Brussels; feels that this could achieve significant reductions in travel expenditure and result in the offices in Strasbourg being used in a more effective

and logical manner;

Or. cs

Amendment 47
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

43. *Notes* that the expenditure *arising* from the geographic dispersion of Parliament *constitutes an important identified area of potential* savings; welcomes the Secretary-General's report²⁵ of August 2013 regarding the financial impact of the geographic dispersion of the European Parliament; underlines that the report factored in the calculations the following parameters:

²⁵The three places of work of the European Parliament – financial, environmental and regional impacts of geographic dispersion, note prepared by the Secretary General of the European Parliament on 30 August 2013.

Amendment

43. Regrets the fact that *additional* expenditure *arises* from the geographic dispersion of Parliament; *points out that if the three places of work were combined to form a single site, in Brussels, significant savings would be possible*; welcomes the Secretary-General's report²⁵ of August 2013 regarding the financial impact of the geographic dispersion of the European Parliament; underlines that the report factored in the calculations the following parameters:

²⁵The three places of work of the European Parliament – financial, environmental and regional impacts of geographic dispersion, note prepared by the Secretary General of the European Parliament on 30 August 2013.

Or. de

Amendment 48
Jean-Pierre Audy, Véronique Mathieu Houillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 – indent 4

Motion for a resolution

– *additional* costs resulting from the Strasbourg and Luxembourg sites have

Amendment

– costs resulting from the Strasbourg and Luxembourg sites have been declared

been declared separately;

separately;

Or. fr

Amendment 49

Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Emphasises the fact that 10,703 tonnes of CO₂ emissions per year would be saved if Strasbourg (10 235) and Luxembourg (468) were no longer used as places of work; **notes** that this environmental impact of the geographic dispersion of Parliament in terms of carbon emissions accounts for 11,16 % of Parliament's total carbon footprint in 2011;

Amendment

46. Emphasises the fact that 10,703 tonnes of CO₂ emissions per year would be saved if Strasbourg (10 235) and Luxembourg (468) were no longer used as places of work; **regrets the fact** that this environmental impact of the geographic dispersion of Parliament in terms of carbon emissions accounts for 11,16 % of Parliament's total carbon footprint in 2011;

Or. de

Amendment 50

Jean-Pierre Audy, Véronique Mathieu Houillon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Emphasises the fact that 10,703 tonnes of CO₂ emissions **per year** would be saved if **Strasbourg (10 235) and Luxembourg (468) were no longer used as** places of work; notes that this environmental impact of the geographic dispersion of Parliament in terms of carbon emissions accounts for 11,16 % of Parliament's total carbon footprint in 2011;

Amendment

46. Emphasises the fact that 10,703 tonnes of CO₂ emissions **relating to Parliament's activities** would be saved if **the three** places of work **were placed on the same footing**; notes that this environmental impact of the geographic dispersion of Parliament in terms of carbon emissions accounts for 11,16 % of Parliament's total carbon footprint in 2011; **takes the view that CO₂ emissions relating to journeys by Members from their constituencies across the EU ought not to be much different**

wherever the places of work are;

Or. fr

Amendment 51
Cornelis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46a. Is looking forward to the publication of the Court of Auditors study to provide a comprehensive analysis of the potential savings for the Union budget if Parliament had only one working place, as requested in the Fox/Hafner report and asks that this analysis includes budgetary aspects and ancillary costs such as savings made through the reduced loss of working time and greater efficiency; asks not only to look into the travel costs for Parliament staff (including interim staff, external experts and temporary agents) but also to the increased travel costs for Commission and Council staff due to the multiple location sites;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47. Reaffirms, yet again, that this resolution remains principally focussed on the budget implementation and discharge for the financial year 2012 and that its main goal is to ensure that taxpayers'

47. Reaffirms, yet again, that this resolution remains principally focussed on the budget implementation and discharge for the financial year 2012 and that its main goal is to ensure that taxpayers'

public money is used in the best possible way while highlighting where more efficient gains may be achievable; calls on Parliament's responsible bodies to continue improving, at all possible levels, efficiency in Parliament's daily work aiming always to deliver an enhanced service to the citizens of the Union;

public money is used in the best possible way while highlighting where more efficient gains may be achievable; calls on Parliament's responsible bodies to continue improving, at all possible levels, efficiency in Parliament's daily work aiming always to deliver an enhanced service to the citizens of the Union, ***expects that the Secretary- General in his next annual report to the Committee on Budgetary Control will focus more on efficiency and effectiveness of expenditure;***

Or. en

Amendment 53
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 48

Motion for a resolution

48. Is of the opinion that during the 2009-2014 legislative term, in a difficult economic and financial context, often random and temporary, although significant, savings were achieved; believes that Parliament's administration should identify additional efficiency measures that carry systematic and definitive structural savings ***that allow*** for the redeployment of resources to ***Parliament's*** new areas of intervention, notably to reinforce the scrutiny dimension over the Commission's implementation of the Union's policies;

Amendment

48. Is of the opinion that during the 2009-2014 legislative term, in a difficult economic and financial context, often random and temporary, although significant, savings were achieved; believes that Parliament's administration should identify additional efficiency measures that carry systematic and definitive structural savings, ***firstly reducing Parliament's budget and secondly allowing*** for the redeployment of resources to ***Parliament's*** new areas of intervention, notably to reinforce the scrutiny dimension over the Commission's implementation of the Union's policies;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 48 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

48a. Calls on Parliament's administration to consider increasing the use of the available technologies such as teleconferences and teleworking in order to reduce the administrative and travelling costs; requests that a concrete proposal for the enlarged use of both technologies is made available; estimates that significant extra savings, without compromising the quality of actions, may be achieved and that, apart from financial gains, the use of videoconferencing and teleworking could also contribute to a more efficient use of time and a more environmentally friendly Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Eva Ortiz Vilella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 48 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

48b. Calls on the administration to apply further smart cost-cutting measures, to enable savings to be made without impairing the effectiveness, efficiency, and quality of parliamentary activities;

Or. es

Amendment 56
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49

Motion for a resolution

49. Welcomes DG PRES reorganization that leads to the creation of a new DG EPRS (Parliamentary Research Services) and the internalisation of Parliament's security services leading to the creation of DG Security; is satisfied that the reorganisation was budget neutral and that the internalisation of the security is foreseen to produce savings of more than EUR 11 million over the period 2013-2016;

Amendment

49. Welcomes DG PRES reorganisation that leads to the creation of a new DG EPRS (Parliamentary Research Services) and the internalisation of Parliament's security services leading to the creation of DG Security; is satisfied that the reorganisation was budget neutral and that the internalisation of the security is foreseen to produce savings of more than EUR 11 million over the period 2013-2016; **would like to be informed by the Secretary-General on an annual basis on the exact amount saved, which might be a good example leading to the internalisation of other services now provided by third parties;**

Or. en

Amendment 57
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49

Motion for a resolution

49. **Welcomes** DG PRES **reorganization that leads to** the creation of a new DG EPRS (Parliamentary Research Services) and **the internalisation of** Parliament's security services **leading to** the creation of DG Security; is satisfied that the **reorganisation was budget neutral and that** the internalisation of **the** security is **foreseen** to produce savings of more than EUR 11 million over the period 2013-2016;

Amendment

49. **Notes that** DG PRES **has been reorganised, resulting in** the creation of a new DG EPRS (Parliamentary Research Service), and **that** Parliament's security services **have been internalised, resulting in** the creation of DG Security; is satisfied that the internalisation of security is **projected** to produce savings of more than EUR 11 million over the period 2013-2016; **notes, however, that five members of the President's Cabinet are earmarked for posts as directors-general or directors in Parliament's Administration; criticises this political hijacking of management positions and the undermining of the Staff Regulations; points out that the EU**

criticises political patronage around the world, and calls for that principle to be observed with regard to Parliament's Administration, too;

Or. de

Amendment 58
Ingeborg Gräßle
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

49a. Notes that a director-general's post has been filled, but that, six months after the appointment, the staff member selected has still not taken up the post; calls for that director-general's post to be abolished;

Or. de

Amendment 59
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Subtitle and paragraph 49 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– Directorate-General for External Policies

49b. Notes with concern that, because of the general calls for thrift, the interparliamentary delegations might become less able to maintain Parliament's external relations profile, enabling it to remain as visible as the other European institutions, especially the Commission and the Council, and that the effect might be to undermine the parliamentary approach to external policy and the

consolidation of parliamentary diplomacy to complement the activities of the Commission and the EEAS; considers it vital, therefore, to preserve the knowledge and experience which Parliament has acquired in overseeing European projects and making them visible and to ensure that the measures proposed do not weaken the power and effectiveness of Parliament's interparliamentary dialogue with other countries, especially at times of political instability and danger to democracy (Arab Spring, Middle East conflict, fighting in Ukraine, run-up to controversial elections, etc.);

Or. es

Amendment 60
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

49c. Takes the view that there can be independent European policy-making only if there is sufficient scientific and legal expertise in Parliament;

Or. de

Amendment 61
Eva Ortiz Vilella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

49d. Points out that over 1 500 members of Parliament's staff have children enrolled at the European Schools; and maintains that Parliament has to play a

leading role within the organisational structure of the Schools;

Or. es

Amendment 62
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

49e. Calls on the Bureau to give Parliament's Legal Service the appropriate staffing and resources to enable each MEP to request legal opinions on a limited scale;

Or. de

Amendment 63
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

49f. Criticises the fact that an OLAF Supervisory Committee report to Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control was not forwarded to it by the President, but, rather, was held back for more than two months; criticises the fact that there was a three-month delay before Parliament's Administration forwarded witness summonses from a Belgian court to the three Members concerned; criticises the fact that the Committee on Budgetary Control was hampered in its work because a hearing on the work of the Task Force for Greece was cancelled and a hearing on 'Governance – the European

*Commission as administrative authority'
was held up for more than a year;*

Or. de

Amendment 64
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*49g. Calls for all annexes to written
parliamentary questions (Rule 117 of
Parliament's Rules of Procedure) to be
posted, together with the questions
concerned, on Parliament's website;*

Or. de

Amendment 65
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*49h. Notes that the employment of
Members' staff by lobbyists whose
activities are covered by the Transparency
Register leads to conflicts of interest and
restricts Members' independence;*

Or. de

Amendment 66
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 49 i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

49i. Calls for the Implementing Measures for the Code of Conduct for Members of the European Parliament to be amended so as to prevent lobbyists whose activities are covered by the Transparency Register from employing Members' staff;

Or. de

Amendment 67
Bart Staes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 53 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

53a. Considers the large financial risk for Parliament's budget by guaranteeing the funds pension payments while investment decisions are taken by third parties; is therefore of the opinion that the fund should be fully controlled by Parliament's administration under strict guidelines from the Secretary-General;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 53 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

53b. Calls for the introduction of strict rules ensuring that Members use the general expenditure allowance solely for its intended purpose; insists that only costs actually incurred be covered by the

general expenditure allowance;

Or. de

Amendment 69
Eva Ortiz Vilella

Motion for a resolution
Subtitle and paragraph 53 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Travel agency

53c. Welcomes the fact that, as called for by the Committee on Budgetary Control, the new travel agency contract, which entered into force on 1 January 2014, allows financial and performance audits to be carried out; notes that the only company to bid for the contract was BCD Travel N.V., the agency which held the previous contract, and that the present contract is to run for two years;

Or. es

Amendment 70
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 53 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

53d. Insists that, for Members' air travel within Europe, only the cost of economy class tickets should be reimbursable from Parliament's budget;

Or. de

Amendment 71
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

54a. Calls for information on the employment arrangements for local ushers in Strasbourg and the employment arrangements for ushers in Brussels during Strasbourg weeks; calls for a report by Parliament's Administration on whether, in the case of local ushers in Strasbourg, EU labour and social security law is complied with and on the precautions taken against bogus self-employment; calls for a cost comparison, with a view to establishing the best option for the taxpayer;

Or. de

Amendment 72
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

54b. Firmly believes that appropriate, mandatory remuneration must be introduced for all traineeships, including traineeships in Members' offices and political groups, which last for more than one month and are not compulsory components of a degree or training course;

Or. de

Amendment 73
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

54c. Takes good note of the Civil Servants Tribunal Decision of 12 December 2013 on Case F-129/12 and deeply regrets the fact that Parliament was condemned for being unable to provide assistance in cases of harassment and irregular lay-offs; therefore instructs the competent services to take all necessary measures in order to avoid similar situations in the future;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

54d. Asks for a report on the increase in AD and AST posts in Parliament's Administration between 2005 and the current financial year; asks for a breakdown by grade and nationality;

Or. de

Amendment 75
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

54e. Asks for a report on the increase in posts for directors and directors-general in Parliament's Administration since 2005; asks for a breakdown by nationality;

Or. de

**Amendment 76
Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54 f (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

54f. Regards the post, attached to the Secretary-General, of Director for Relations with the Political Groups as superfluous and calls for it to be abolished;

Or. de

**Amendment 77
Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54 g (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

54g. Asks for a report on how many political group staff have become officials since 2009 (a) under a conventional selection procedure and (b) on the basis of the 'passarelle' clause;

Or. de

Amendment 78
Jean-Pierre Audy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

55. Notes with satisfaction that the implementation of the Bureau decision on a Resource efficient multilingualism produce in 2012 savings of EUR 10,9 million and EUR 10 million in the interpretation and in the translation services respectively, without affecting ***the principle of*** multilingualism or impairing the quality of parliamentary work; reiterates that interinstitutional cooperation is essential in order to exchange best practices that promote effectiveness and allow savings to be made;

Amendment

55. Notes with satisfaction that the implementation of the Bureau decision on a Resource efficient multilingualism produce in 2012 savings of EUR 10,9 million and EUR 10 million in the interpretation and in the translation services respectively, without ***significantly*** affecting multilingualism or impairing the quality of parliamentary work; reiterates that interinstitutional cooperation is essential in order to exchange best practices that promote effectiveness and allow savings to be made; ***notes, however, that for both translation and interpretation the principle of multilingualism is being observed less and less;***

Or. fr

Amendment 79
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 56 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

56a. Is concerned at undetected conflicts of interest in connection with the award of grants from Parliament's budget; points to Article 58 of the Financial Regulation and to the Administration's obligation to verify declarations issued by grantees and contractors; calls for information as to what risk analyses are carried out by Parliament's Administration in respect of those declarations in order to verify the

veracity thereof;

Or. de

Amendment 80
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 56 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

56b. Notes that DG COMM has a large budget under line 3242, "Publication, information and participation in public meetings"; sees more and more outsourcing with additional costs for the taxpayer; asks for a detailed list on outsourcing measures and cost thereof in DG COMM;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 57

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

57. Notes that since January 2012, a new set of rules came into force governing the reception of visitors' groups, including the method of paying subsidies; notes that the Bureau decided to maintain the option to make cash payments to visitor groups; is concerned about the significant reputational and security risk entailed in making cash payments to visitor groups; takes note that out of approximately 2 000 visitor groups annually, only 365 in 2012 received more than EUR 15 000 but that the majority of these visitors' groups opt

57. Notes that since January 2012, a new set of rules came into force governing the reception of visitors' groups, including the method of paying subsidies; notes that the Bureau decided to maintain the option to make cash payments to visitor groups; is concerned about the significant reputational and security risk entailed in making cash payments to visitor groups; ***asks for a new decision of the bureau to abolish cash payments which constitutes a violation of Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the***

for cash payment method, although Parliament's administration encourages payment by bank transfer or a mix of both methods instead;

*Council*¹; takes note that out of approximately 2 000 visitor groups annually, only 365 in 2012 received more than EUR 15 000 but that the majority of these visitors' groups opt for cash payment method, although Parliament's administration encourages payment by bank transfer or a mix of both methods instead;

¹ *Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 October 2005 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering and terrorist financing (OJ L 309, 25.11.2005, p. 15).*

Or. en

Amendment 82
Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58

Motion for a resolution

58. Takes note that co-financing from the Commission for the running costs of the House of European History has been secured with EUR 800 000 in commitment appropriations in its 2014 draft budget, assigned to Heading 3 of the Multiannual Financial Framework; notes further that the amount corresponds to 30 % of the budgeted running costs for that year and is also intended to cover the expenditure allowing a seventh opening day every week;

Amendment

58. Takes note that co-financing from the Commission for the running costs of the House of European History has been secured with EUR 800 000 in commitment appropriations in its 2014 draft budget, assigned to Heading 3 of the Multiannual Financial Framework; notes further that the amount corresponds to 30 % of the budgeted running costs for that year and is also intended to cover the expenditure allowing a seventh opening day every week; ***regrets that Parliament persists with this project and calls for the possible abandonment of further plans regarding the House of the European History to be reconsidered;***

Or. en

Amendment 83
Eva Ortiz Vilella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

58a. Notes that, on 22 October 2012, the Bureau fundamentally endorsed the concept for the permanent exhibition at the House of European History;

Or. es

Amendment 84
Cornelis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

58b. Considers the House of European History not to be a core activity of the European Parliament and regrets the increasing costs for this project;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Jean-Pierre Audy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 59

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

59. Notes that in the 2012 budget adopted by Parliament in plenary, EUR 8,5 million was earmarked for the EuroparlTV under the budget line 3246; recognises that

59. **Supports EuroparlTV and** notes that, in the 2012 budget adopted by Parliament in plenary, EUR 8,5 million was earmarked for the EuroparlTV under the budget line

whereas the budget for the EuroparlTV has been substantially reduced from EUR 9 million in 2008 to EUR 5 million in 2014, the performance of this service has been improved with a number of new activities and projects, inter alia, a larger proportion of ready to use audio-visual products with a longer lifespan, and a series of exclusive co-productions with national TV channels in several Member States, resulting in increasing audiences numbers; welcomes the ever increasing number of Parliament's followers on social media, in particular on Facebook with its current more than 1,2 millions 'friends', for which exclusive EuroparlTV productions are developed; looks forward to receiving the independent evaluation study of Parliament's online multimedia production commissioned in accordance with the decision of the Bureau of 3 December 2012;

3246; recognises that whereas the budget for the EuroparlTV has been substantially reduced from EUR 9 million in 2008 to EUR 5 million in 2014, the performance of this service has been improved with a number of new activities and projects, inter alia, a larger proportion of ready to use audio-visual products with a longer lifespan, and a series of exclusive co-productions with national TV channels in several Member States, resulting in increasing audiences numbers; welcomes the ever increasing number of Parliament's followers on social media, in particular on Facebook with its current more than 1,2 millions 'friends', for which exclusive EuroparlTV productions are developed; looks forward to receiving the independent evaluation study of Parliament's online multimedia production commissioned in accordance with the decision of the Bureau of 3 December 2012;

Or. fr

Amendment 86
Chris Davies

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 59 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

59a. Expresses concern that despite the expense of equipping Parliament with state-of-the-art studios and its employment of a large team of communications professionals, media coverage of the Parliament's work may be discouraged by the requirement that broadcasters using Parliament's studios pay satellite charges; requests the Secretary-General to assess whether a change in arrangements would promote greater coverage of parliamentary debates and discussions involving Members and to

report thereafter;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Cornelis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 59 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

59b. Considers EuroparlTV not to be a core activity of Parliament and requests that a cost-benefit analysis be carried out before any new EuroparlTV activities are developed;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Ryszard Czarnecki, Andrea Češková, Marta Andreasen, Philip Bradbourn, Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

60a. Suggests that the current buildings strategy be urgently re-examined, with a view to halting expansion;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Ryszard Czarnecki, Andrea Češková, Philip Bradbourn, Marta Andreasen, Derk Jan Eppink

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

60b. Notes the opening in April 2010 of the EP Liaison Office (EPLO) in Washington; calls for a review of its structure, activities and costs to be presented to the Bureau with copies to the relevant competent committees;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Eva Ortiz Vilella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 63

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

63. Takes note that repairing the ceiling support frame in Parliament's Brussels Chamber will involve costs just above EUR 2 million and that due to the age of the building, no legal proceedings could subsequently be undertaken; acknowledges that the regular on-going inspection and preventive maintenance policy for Parliament's buildings introduced in 2012 detected the structural defects in the wooden ceiling beams thus preventing a major disaster, potentially including loss of life and huge damage to the building in question; takes note that it was possible to relocate the services displaced to Parliament's other buildings, with zone A of the Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) being temporarily closed and that the Chamber should be available for use again at the beginning of April 2014;

63. Takes note that repairing the ceiling support frame in Parliament's Brussels Chamber will involve costs just above EUR 2 million, ***a figure below the EUR 3 million estimated***, and that due to the age of the building, no legal proceedings could subsequently be undertaken; acknowledges that the regular on-going inspection and preventive maintenance policy for Parliament's buildings introduced in 2012 detected the structural defects in the wooden ceiling beams thus preventing a major disaster, potentially including loss of life and huge damage to the building in question; takes note that it was possible to relocate the services displaced to Parliament's other buildings, with zone A of the Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) being temporarily closed and that the Chamber should be available for use again at the beginning of April 2014;

Or. es

Amendment 91
Bart Staes, Amelia Andersdotter

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64

Motion for a resolution

64. Is deeply worried that personal and confidential individual mail-boxes of selected Members, parliamentary assistants and officials have been compromised after the Parliament has been subject to a man-in-the-middle attack where a hacker has captured the communication between private smartphones and the public Wi-Fi of the Parliament; insists that ***Parliament's IT defence policy should be reinforced against any possible type of cyber-attacks; points out that user devices and access to Parliament's systems from the internet have to be better protected in order to avoid similar situations in the future;***

Amendment

64. Is deeply worried that personal and confidential individual mail-boxes of selected Members, parliamentary assistants and officials have been compromised after the Parliament has been subject to a man-in-the-middle attack where a hacker has captured the communication between private smartphones and the public Wi-Fi of the Parliament; insists that ***an independent third party ICT security audit carried out on all parliamentary ICT and telecommunications systems in accordance with the specifications laid down in Annex I with a view to completing a clear roadmap towards a more robust ICT security policy in 2015;***

Or. en

Amendment 92
Bart Staes, Amelia Andersdotter

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

65. Considers that guest users should have access to a Wi-Fi network that cannot grant access to the intranet or internal IT services of the Parliament such as the webmail, thus separating the functionalities of the private Wi-Fi network and the guest Wi-Fi network; ***is of the opinion that an independent security audit should be carried out on the whole of Parliament's IT and telecommunication infrastructure that reassures that Parliament operates***

Amendment

65. Considers that guest users should have access to a Wi-Fi network that cannot grant access to the intranet or internal IT services of the Parliament such as the webmail, thus separating the functionalities of the private Wi-Fi network and the guest Wi-Fi network;

within the highest available security standards against hacking and telephone tapping activities;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Bart Staes, Amelia Andersdotter

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65a. Considers that the important advancements pointed out in paragraph 21 of this document must be supported by adequate investments in support and maintenance activities for these projects, as well as the appropriate cooperation with members and staff; points out in particular the successful launch of the AT4AM system; regrets the discontinuation of the European Parliament Linux distribution configuration, which was never marketed or targeted towards members and staff who would have had an interest in such a project; notes that the introduction of new working tools for Members and staff assumes that pilot-phase testing of such working tools is done only in cooperation with such members and staff that are willing to endure the additional work that pilot-phase testing entails;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Bart Staes, Amelia Andersdotter

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65b. Is concerned with the findings of the DG ITEC ICT architecture report, which indicates that Parliament is currently using taxpayers' money to fund firewall vendors implicated in grave human rights violations in third countries by respected journalism freedom groups; remarks that open source solutions for firewalls are readily available and should be explored; insists that it is of utmost concern that Parliament and its administration are not seen to contribute to hardships and oppression through its ICT procurement;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Bart Staes, Amelia Andersdotter

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65c. Insists in the same spirit that Parliament cooperation collaborates further with DG DIGIT to identify not only new, disruptive ICT tools from non-incumbent vendors, but also suitable replacements for old ICT tools and infrastructures that go in the direction of open, interoperable and non-vendor dependent solutions with a view to social, ethical and economical responsibility;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66

Motion for a resolution

66. **Welcomes** the process of internalisation of staff in the Directorate-General for Innovation and Technological Support **with a view to reducing** costs and **increasing the** level of expertise **and** corporate identity among the staff in the IT area; is aware of the constraints and challenges with regard to the recruitment of the best professionals available on the market; calls on the Secretary-General to cooperate with the European Personnel Selection Office to find ways how to accelerate the recruitment procedure and to attract the best experts in the area of IT technologies and security;

Amendment

66. **Takes note of** the process of internalisation of staff in the Directorate-General for Innovation and Technological Support **and the promised reduction of** costs and **the increased** level of expertise corporate identity among the staff in the IT area; **recalls that the increased level of expertise concerning permanent innovations was also the reason given to externalise this sector several years ago; questions the argument of reduced costs;** is aware of the constraints and challenges with regard to the recruitment of the best professionals available on the market; calls on the Secretary-General to cooperate with the European Personnel Selection Office to find ways how to accelerate the recruitment procedure and to attract the best experts in the area of IT technologies and security;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Eva Ortiz Vilella

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

66a. Maintains that Parliament must have the final say in all ICT-related matters;

Amendment

Or. es

Amendment 98
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66b. Notes that the existing ICT infrastructure of Parliament is only partially open-source based and therefore limits Parliaments' use of hardware and software applications; calls for a gradual transition to an open-based ICT infrastructure leading to more cost efficiency and interoperability while allowing for the highest level of security; calls in this respect also for sufficient technical and administrative support that ensures an adequate maintenance;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Bart Staes, Amelia Andersdotter

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66c. Urges the Secretary-General to prioritise the employment of individuals which can work with effective conversion and development of open source, open standards based solutions, and the identification of appropriate social, ethical and secure software and hardware to replace old, vendor-dependent or suspicious ICT architectures;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66d. Calls on the Parliament departments responsible to convert the software safeguarding parliamentary communications to open source; stresses the importance of open-source word processing, instant messaging and file hosting programs; highlights the significance of parliamentary communications security where open-source operating systems are used;

Or. de

Amendment 101
Jean-Pierre Audy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66e. Proposes that new information and communication technologies be used to a greater extent in the translation and interpretation services;

Or. fr

Amendment 102
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66f. Calls for an independent external analysis of Parliament's ICT infrastructure in particular with regard to its security standard and level of

protection against cyber-attacks;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Bart Staes, Amelia Andersdotter

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66g. Urges the Secretary-General to additionally secure that ICT support staff are available to members and staff at the work location, to enable both ICT support staff and parliamentary staff and members with the security and comfort of interacting face-to-face; reminds the Secretary-General that remote-access ICT support can be uncomfortable and less appropriate for the establishment of trust relationships between IT maintenance staff and those in need of IT maintenance; points also to the unsuitability of relying entirely on remote solutions until the above-mentioned security audit is adequately carried out;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66h. Calls on the Parliament departments responsible, with a view to safeguarding digital communications, to arrange encryption training for all Members and their staff at the start of the next

parliamentary term; stresses that action must be taken to make mobile communications secure, too, by means of encrypted telephony and encryption apps for smartphones, this also to be accompanied by training for Members and their staff;

Or. de

Amendment 105
Bart Staes, Amelia Andersdotter

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66 i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66i. The Secretary General shall ensure that by 1 December 2014, at least the following auditing actions will have been undertaken:

- 1. black box penetration testing*
- 2. white box penetration testing*
- 3. review of crypto protocols*
- 4. review of applications*
- 5. review of the Access Control Lists to the applications*
- 6. review of the Access Control Lists to the physical infrastructures*
- 7. review of compilation chain for applications.*
- 8. review of source code for applications.*

The results of the audit shall be presented to the Committee on Budgetary Control and the Committee on Budgets together with an estimation of expenditures, staff resources and time necessary to remedy any security deficiencies found in the audit;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66 j (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66j. Takes the view that publishing Union data makes innovations possible, brings considerable benefits to the economy as a whole and makes for more efficient administration; calls for Parliament's data to be made permanently available in machine-readable form, without charge, so as to make them freely reusable;

Or. de

Amendment 107
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66 l (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66l. Takes the view that the availability of data must not be constrained by the use of platform- or system-specific architecture and that the data format must be based on widely used and freely accessible standards and be supported and maintained by organisations which are independent of manufacturers; stresses that full documentation relating to format and all extensions must be made freely available;

Or. de

Amendment 108
Cornelis de Jong, Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 71 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

71a. Regrets that due to a reduction in administrative burden for low value contracts, aimed at increasing SME participation in tenders for these contracts, the administration does not dispose of the number of SMEs that secured low value contracts; therefore the Secretariat General is not able to show whether or not the reduction in administrative burden actually led to an increased SME participation and thus the effectiveness of the measures taken; requests to monitor the number of SMEs that secured low value contracts;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 71 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

71b. Is of the opinion that also for contracts below the threshold of EUR 60 000, full transparency should be given on the award criteria and a conflicts of interest check should be provided for;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 76 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

76a. Notes that intergroups are currently also a platform for various lobbyists; stresses the importance of a functioning and exhaustive transparency register for ensuring transparency and democracy at EU level; calls for an appropriate provision to be introduced so as to ensure that only lobbyists included in the transparency register, in so far as it covers their activities, may be represented in intergroups;

Or. de

Amendment 111
Rina Ronja Kari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 76 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

76b. Calls on the Court of Auditors to include in its next annual report a review of the follow-up of Parliament's recommendations in this resolution;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 76 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

76c. Is of the opinion that the Advisory Committee on the Conduct of Members must not only comprise Members, but,

rather, must have a majority made up of external, independent experts permanently appointed;

Or. de

Amendment 113
Martin Ehrenhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 76 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

76d. Calls on the Parliament department responsible to publish, on the Parliament website, how many classified documents Parliament has produced, broken down by level of classification, and how many classified documents, broken down by level of classification, it has received from (or forwarded to) individual institutions, other bodies and Member States of the European Union and third parties;

Or. de