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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Nils Torvalds
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on the European Semester for economic policy coordination: implementation
of 2014 priorities
(2014/2059(INI))

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Amendment 1
Pina Picierno

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Or. en

Amendment 3
Liadh Ní Riada

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Or. en

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Or. en

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Employment Initiative; *insists that further measures need to be taken in order to fully and timely implement these programmes so that they can help in alleviating the innumerable situations of social emergency in several Member States;*

Or. en

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Victor Negrescu

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Or. en

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Liadh Ní Riada

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Or. en

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Pina Picierno

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Or. en

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energy security;

energy security; ***calls upon the Commission to re-evaluate its approach and to seriously take into consideration the project to construct the South stream as soon as possible, overcoming all the current constraints, and enabling the stream which avoids Ukraine's territory, on the basis of its instability;***

Or. en

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Or. en

Amendment 13
Victor Negrescu

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Underlines that the various flexibility mechanisms included in the MFF Regulation must be used, where appropriate; Intends to continue monitoring the overall status of payments, particularly in relation to the high level of payments still needed to complete the previous MFF programmes; Underlines that the contingency margin must be considered, where appropriate, in accordance with Article 13 of the MFF Regulation; Calls for a quicker implementation of this mechanism when needed;

Or. en

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Or. en

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Or. en

Amendment 16
Bernd Kölmel

Draft opinion
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7. Finds it regrettable that the Member States continue to underestimate the role and contribution of the EU budget in strengthening economic governance and budget coordination throughout the Union, and therefore calls on them not to consider their contribution to the EU budget as an adjustment variable in their consolidation efforts and not to seek to artificially reduce the volume of the EU budget's growth-enhancing expenditure, in contradiction with the political commitments they have made at the highest level; believes, on the contrary, that funding at EU level can generate savings for the Member States' budgets;

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Pina Picierno

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Amendment 18
Ingeborg Gräßle

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls, in this context, on the Member States to ensure that EU funding is

directed, wherever possible, towards projects promoting the creation of jobs, in particular for young people, as well as sustainable growth and competitiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Bernd Kölmel

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8. Recalls its view that *the fiscal situation of Member States can be eased through a new system of own resources to finance the Union budget that will reduce gross national income (GNI) contributions*, thus enabling Member States to meet their consolidation efforts without jeopardising EU funding to support investment in economic recovery and reform measures; underlines, therefore, the importance it attaches to the new high-level group on own resources, *which should lead to a true reform of EU financing*;

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Or. en

Amendment 20
Liadh Ní Riada

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States that will reduce gross national income (GNI) contributions, thus enabling Member States to meet their consolidation efforts without jeopardising EU funding to support investment in economic recovery and reform measures; underlines, therefore, the importance it attaches to the new high-level group on own resources, which **shall ensure the due and full participation of all EP political groups in all stages of the process**, should lead to a true reform of EU financing;

Or. en

Amendment 21

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Or. en

Amendment 22
Victor Negrescu

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8. Recalls *its view* that the fiscal situation of Member States can be *eased* through a new system of own resources *to finance the Union* budget *that will reduce* gross national income (*GNI*) *contributions, thus enabling* Member States to *meet their consolidation* efforts without *jeopardising* EU funding to support investment in economic recovery and reform measures; *underlines, therefore,* the importance it attaches to the new high-level group *on* own resources, which should lead to a *true* reform of EU *financing*;

Amendment

8. Recalls that the fiscal situation of *the* Member States can be *improved* through a new system of own resources *of the EU* budget *financing, reducing contributions based on* gross national income, *thereby allowing* Member States to *carry out* efforts *to strengthen* without *putting threatening* EU funding to support investment in economic recovery and reform measures; *thus, stresses* the importance it attaches to the new high-level group *to its* own resources, which should lead to a *genuine* reform of EU *funding*.

Or. en

Amendment 23
Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

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9. Urges the Commission, in the framework of its 2015 Annual Growth Survey (AGS) to be published in November 2014, to fully address and underline the role of the EU budget in the European Semester process by providing factual and concrete data on its triggering, catalytic, synergetic and complementary effects on overall public expenditure at local, regional and national level;

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monitor and report on the impact of the healthcare system reforms in order to ensure inclusion, prioritize prevention and early intervention methods and provide equal access, as recommended in the AGS;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Victor Negrescu

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Paragraph 10

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10. Calls, furthermore, on the Commission, in its next AGS, to provide a full and complete picture of what has been achieved as a result of the implementation of the Compact for Growth and Jobs, adopted at the European Council meeting of June 2012, and to present new proposals on the role which the EU budget could play in further stimulating growth and job creation;

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structural reforms to promote convergence and competitiveness at national and European level and enhance sustainable growth and promote employment;

Or. en

Amendment 25

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Or. en

Amendment 26

Pina Picierno

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10 a. Expects the next President-elect of the Commission to stick to its promise to present within the next 3 months of the new Commission's mandate a growth, job

and investment package worth at least EUR 300 billion of additional public and private investment in Europe; expects this package to include new and efficient European instruments on top of those already agreed in the frame of the MFF 2014-2020;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Bernd Kölmel

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Or. en