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Amendment 1

Marco Zanni, Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the EU budget is predominantly an investment budget with a **strong** leverage effect and a catalyst for growth, competitiveness and jobs across the Union; whereas it **facilitates** the implementation of programmes and projects that would otherwise be difficult or impossible and **ensures** strategic investment in actions with European added value by pooling resources and allowing for economies of scale; whereas the EU budget **has** a tangible positive impact on citizens' lives;

Amendment

A. whereas the EU budget is predominantly an investment budget with a **potential** leverage effect and **should be** a catalyst for growth, competitiveness and jobs across the Union; whereas it **should facilitate** the implementation of programmes and projects that would otherwise be difficult or impossible and **should ensure** strategic investment in actions with European added value by pooling resources and allowing for economies of scale; whereas the EU budget **should have** a tangible positive impact on citizens' lives;

Or. it

Amendment 2

Richard Ashworth, Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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citizens' lives;

can help to boost Member State economies and have a positive impact on citizens' lives ;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Siegfried Mureşan

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the EU budget is predominantly an investment budget with a strong leverage effect and a catalyst for growth, competitiveness and jobs across the Union; whereas it facilitates the implementation of programmes and projects that would otherwise be difficult or impossible and ensures strategic investment in actions with European added value by pooling resources and allowing for economies of scale; whereas the EU budget has a tangible positive impact on citizens' lives;

Amendment

A. whereas the EU budget is predominantly an investment budget with a strong leverage effect and a catalyst for growth, competitiveness and jobs across the Union; whereas it facilitates the implementation of programmes and projects that would otherwise be difficult or impossible and ensures strategic investment in actions with European added value by pooling resources and allowing for economies of scale; whereas the EU budget has a tangible positive impact on citizens' lives; ***whereas the EU Budget has a crucial role in reducing discrepancies between Europe's regions and ensuring investments in areas where they are most needed;***

Or. en

Amendment 4
Liadh Ní Riada, Pablo Echenique, Younous Omarjee
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas in a period of deep economic

crisis and increased divergence in the EU it is necessary to provide a significant increase in the Community budget to ensure the adequate level of resources in next year's budget to secure the EU political priorities with particular emphasis on the programs and projects aimed at boosting growth and decent employment, eradicating poverty, investing in smart, sustainable, green development; underlines that contributions to this increase should result from an increase in the payments made by Member States with the highest GNI and the highest per capita income, correcting the current biased and unfair system of contribution keys; reiterates that it is imperative to increase support to Member States, especially those already facing economic recession, for investment in infrastructure, social facilities, research, innovation and development;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas, as a consequence of the economic and financial crisis, the level of investment in the EU has significantly dropped; whereas, given the persistent economic and budgetary constraints at national level, the EU budget plays a key role in fostering competitiveness and increasing economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union;

Amendment

B. whereas a number of countries are still suffering the impact of the economic crisis, with record unemployment levels affecting younger workers in particular; whereas, as a consequence of the economic and financial crisis, the level of investment in the EU has significantly dropped; whereas, given the persistent economic and budgetary constraints at national level, the EU budget plays a key role in fostering competitiveness and increasing economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union;

Amendment 6**Marco Zanni, Marco Valli****Motion for a resolution****Recital B***Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas, as a consequence of the economic and financial crisis, the level of investment in the EU has significantly dropped; whereas, given the persistent economic and budgetary constraints at national level, the EU budget *plays* a key role in fostering competitiveness and increasing economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union;

Amendment

B. whereas, as a consequence of the economic and financial crisis **and the austerity policies that have been imposed**, the level of investment in the EU has significantly dropped; whereas, given the persistent economic and budgetary constraints at national level, the EU budget **should play** a key role in fostering competitiveness and increasing economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union;

Or. it

Amendment 7**Isabelle Thomas, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Daniele Viotti****Motion for a resolution****Recital B***Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas, as a consequence of the economic and financial crisis, the level of investment in the EU has *significantly* dropped; whereas, given the persistent economic and budgetary constraints at national level, the EU budget plays a key role in fostering competitiveness and increasing economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union;

Amendment

B. whereas, as a consequence of the economic and financial crisis **and fiscal consolidation policies in all the Member States**, the level of investment in the EU has dropped **sharply, causing long-term harm to growth**; whereas, given the persistent economic and budgetary constraints at national level **and the disparities still to be found between Member States and even between regions within individual Member States**, the EU budget plays a key role in fostering competitiveness and increasing economic,

social and territorial cohesion in the Union;

Or. fr

Amendment 8

Jean-Paul Denanot, Daniele Viotti

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas, as a consequence of the economic and financial crisis, the level of investment in the EU has significantly dropped; whereas, given the persistent economic and budgetary constraints at national level, the EU budget plays a key role in fostering competitiveness and increasing economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union;

Amendment

B. whereas, as a consequence of the economic and financial crisis, the level of investment in the EU has dropped ***sharply***; whereas, given the persistent economic and budgetary constraints at national level ***and the major disparities still to be found between Member States and even between regions within individual Member States***, the EU budget plays a key role in fostering competitiveness and increasing economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union;

Or. fr

Amendment 9

Claudia Tapardel

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas, as a consequence of the economic and financial crisis, the level of investment in the EU has significantly dropped; whereas, given the persistent economic and budgetary constraints at national level, the EU budget plays a key role in fostering competitiveness and increasing economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union;

Amendment

B. whereas, as a consequence of the economic and financial crisis, the level of investment in the EU has significantly dropped, ***and the development gap between various regions of the EU has increased***; whereas, given the persistent economic and budgetary constraints at national level, the EU budget plays a key role in fostering competitiveness and increasing economic, social and territorial

cohesion in the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas the fight against the crisis calls for short term solutions, the key medium and long term challenges the World is facing should not be forgotten: climate change, depletion of natural resources, pollution of the environment; a greener economy is the best answer in order to favour European competitiveness and job creation;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Richard Ashworth, Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas the EU budget ***cannot accomplish its mission if its soundness and credibility are put in*** question; whereas it is imperative that all commitments forming part of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 are respected in full, and that a number of problems that have accumulated over the past years, ***such as*** the situation of unpaid invoices at year-end, are resolved without any delay;

C. whereas the EU budget ***is currently lacking a degree of sound financial management and its credibility has been called into*** question; whereas it is imperative that all commitments forming part of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 are respected in full, and that a number of problems that have accumulated over the past years, ***particularly*** the situation of unpaid invoices at year-end, are resolved without any delay;

Amendment 12**Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial****Motion for a resolution****Recital C***Motion for a resolution*

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Amendment

C. whereas the EU budget cannot accomplish its mission if its soundness and credibility are put in question; whereas it is imperative that all commitments forming part of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 are respected in full, and that a number of problems that have accumulated over the past years, **notably the unprecedented amount** of unpaid invoices at **the end of 2014**, are resolved without any delay; **underlines that de-commitment is not a solution to the payment crisis**;

Amendment 13**Liadh Ní Riada, Pablo Echenique, Younous Omarjee**

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution**Recital C***Motion for a resolution*

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Amendment

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end, are resolved without any delay;

at year-end, *which amounted to EUR 24.7bl in December 2014*, are resolved without any delay; *recalls that according to article 310 TEUF, the revenue and expenditure shown in the EU budget shall be in balance;*

Or. en

Amendment 14

Jean-Paul Denanot, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Daniele Viotti, Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

C. whereas the EU budget cannot accomplish its mission if its soundness, *fairness* and credibility are put in question; whereas it is imperative that all commitments forming part of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 are respected in full, and that a number of problems that have accumulated over the past years, such as the situation of unpaid invoices at year-end, are resolved without any delay; *whereas this backlog of unpaid invoices is giving rise to delays in the implementation of EU programmes and funds, with EU citizens being the first to suffer from this situation; whereas the delays in structural payments raise the issue of whether interest should not be charged on late payments, given that regional and local authorities are obliged to turn to the financial markets for advance funding to cover late EU contributions;*

Or. fr

Amendment 15

Richard Ashworth, Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas 2016 will be the year when the new EU programmes of the MFF 2014-2020 will be operational and in full swing, and when the MFF mid-term **revision** will be launched;

Amendment

D. whereas 2016 will be the year when the new EU programmes of the MFF 2014-2020 will be operational and in full swing, and when the MFF mid-term **review** will be launched;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Jean-Paul Denanot, Daniele Viotti

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

Back on track – the ‘**three** Es’:
Employment, Enterprises,
Entrepreneurship

Amendment

Back on track – the ‘**five** Es’: Employment,
Environment, Engagement, Enterprises,
Entrepreneurship

Or. fr

Amendment 17

Isabelle Thomas, Daniele Viotti

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

Back on track – the ‘**three** Es’ :
Employment, Enterprises,
Entrepreneurship

Amendment

Back on track – the ‘**five** Es’: Employment,
Enterprises, **Energy, Environment,**
Engagement

Or. fr

Amendment 18
Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

Back on track – the ‘three Es’ :
Employment, Enterprises,
Entrepreneurship

Amendment

Back on track – the ‘three Es’ :
Employment, Enterprises,
Entrepreneurship *for sustainable growth
in the European Union*

Or. en

Amendment 19
Richard Ashworth, Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights the *indisputable* potential and added value of the EU budget in the creation of employment *and* the development of enterprises and entrepreneurship across the Union; acknowledges that a wide range of EU programmes, including Horizon 2020, COSME and Erasmus+, contribute directly to the attainment of *the* objectives; expects that the Commission will place such programmes and instruments at the heart of the Draft Budget 2016, in order to ensure that they are endowed with the necessary resources;

Amendment

1. Highlights the potential and added value of the EU budget in the creation of employment *through* the development of enterprises and entrepreneurship across the Union; acknowledges that a wide range of EU programmes, including Horizon 2020, COSME and Erasmus+, contribute directly to the attainment of *these* objectives; expects that the Commission will place such *growth-orientated* programmes and instruments at the heart of the Draft Budget 2016, in order to ensure that they are endowed with the necessary resources;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Marco Zanni, Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

1. Highlights the potential added value of the EU budget in the creation of employment and the development of enterprises and entrepreneurship across the Union; acknowledges that a wide range of EU programmes, including Horizon 2020, COSME and Erasmus+, contribute directly to the attainment of the objectives; expects that the Commission will place such programmes and instruments at the heart of the Draft Budget 2016, in order to ensure that they are endowed with the necessary resources;

Or. it

Amendment 21

Jean-Paul Denanot, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Daniele Viotti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights the indisputable potential and added value of the EU budget in the creation of employment and the development of enterprises and entrepreneurship across the Union; acknowledges that a wide range of EU programmes, including Horizon 2020, COSME and Erasmus+, contribute directly to the attainment of the objectives; expects that the Commission will place such programmes and instruments at the heart of the Draft Budget 2016, in order to ensure that they are endowed with the necessary resources;

Amendment

1. Highlights the indisputable potential and added value of the EU budget in the creation of employment, **the furtherance of social and territorial cohesion, support for green, sustainable growth, action to combat climate change, support for research and development** and the development of enterprises and entrepreneurship across the Union; acknowledges that a wide range of EU programmes, including Horizon 2020, COSME and Erasmus+, contribute directly to the attainment of the objectives; expects that the Commission will place such programmes and instruments at the heart of the Draft Budget 2016, in order to ensure

that they are endowed with the necessary resources;

Or. fr

Amendment 22
Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights the indisputable potential and added value of the EU budget in the creation of **employment and** the development of enterprises and entrepreneurship across the Union; acknowledges that a wide range of EU programmes, including Horizon 2020, COSME and Erasmus+, contribute directly to the attainment of the objectives; expects that the Commission will place such programmes and instruments at the heart of the Draft Budget 2016, in order to ensure that they are endowed with the necessary resources;

Amendment

1. Highlights the indisputable potential and added value of the EU budget in the creation of **sustainable growth and job creation**, the development of enterprises and **also** entrepreneurship across the Union; acknowledges that a wide range of EU programmes, including Horizon 2020, COSME and Erasmus+, contribute directly to the attainment of the objectives; expects that the Commission will place such programmes and instruments at the heart of the Draft Budget 2016, in order to ensure that they are endowed with the necessary resources;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Jean-Paul Denanot, Daniele Viotti, Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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programmes, including Horizon 2020, COSME, Erasmus+ *and Media*, contribute directly to the attainment of the objectives; expects that the Commission will place such programmes and instruments at the heart of the Draft Budget 2016, in order to ensure that they are endowed with the necessary resources *to provide support for changes to the labour market and foster student and worker mobility*;

Or. fr

Amendment 24

Liadh Ní Riada, Pablo Echenique, Younous Omarjee
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 1**

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights the indisputable potential and added value *of* the EU budget in the creation of employment and the development of enterprises and entrepreneurship across the Union; *acknowledges* that a wide range of EU programmes, including Horizon 2020, COSME and Erasmus+, contribute directly to the attainment of the objectives; expects that the Commission will place such programmes and instruments at the heart of the Draft Budget 2016, in order to ensure that they are endowed with the necessary resources;

Amendment

1. Highlights the indisputable potential and added value the EU budget *could have* in the creation of employment and the development of enterprises and entrepreneurship across the Union; *underlines* that a wide range of EU programmes, *in particular the Youth Employment Initiative*, including Horizon 2020, COSME and Erasmus+, *could* contribute directly to the attainment of the objectives; expects that the Commission will place such programmes and instruments at the heart of the Draft Budget 2016, in order to ensure that they are endowed with the necessary resources;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights the indisputable potential and added value of the EU budget in the creation of employment and the development of enterprises and entrepreneurship across the Union; acknowledges that a wide range of EU programmes, including Horizon 2020, COSME and Erasmus+, contribute directly to the attainment of the objectives; expects that the Commission will place such programmes and instruments at the heart of the Draft Budget 2016, in order to ensure that they are endowed with the necessary resources;

Amendment

1. Highlights the indisputable potential and added value of the EU budget in the creation of employment and the development of enterprises and entrepreneurship across the Union; acknowledges that a wide range of EU programmes, including Horizon 2020, COSME and Erasmus+ contribute directly to the attainment of the objectives; ***is concerned at the steady reduction in funding for Erasmus + despite its proven success***; expects that the Commission will place such programmes and instruments at the heart of the Draft Budget 2016, in order to ensure that they are endowed with the necessary resources;

Or. el

Amendment 26
Richard Ashworth, Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Recalls that many Member States remain engaged in long term fiscal rebalancing and believes that Europe must continue to show not only solidarity, but budgetary responsibility and restraint in light of these ongoing national budgetary consolidation efforts;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Richard Ashworth, Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Recognises that there is an acute shortage of funds in the EU, both at member state and European Union levels and the problems this may cause in the implementation of some programmes, stresses therefore the need to attach real importance to the concept of value for money and that all programmes and expenditure should be carefully scrutinised for viability, efficiency and effectiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Liadh Ní Riada, Pablo Echenique, Younous Omarjee
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Considers that a substantial public investment plan is needed, insists that a rupture is needed with the current EU policies if the problems of economic sustainable growth, unemployment, poverty, social exclusion, and (income) inequalities are to be adequately addressed; stresses that a new strategy is needed to set a new path for Europe, a path of full employment, decent jobs, living wages, social and economic cohesion and social protection for all that guarantees the highest living standards; a path that pays heed to the development needs of each Member State, particular the less developed, that promotes real convergence contributing to reduce the

development gap between Member States and the existent economic, social and regional disparities;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that a favourable business environment and the development of an entrepreneurial culture in the EU could give back to SMEs their role as main job creators in the Union, which has been weakened by the economic crisis; considers that, along with legislative simplification and reduction of red tape, available financial instruments under the COSME programme have to be used to their full extent to help SMEs along this path by facilitating in particular their access to markets and credits;

Amendment

2. Believes that a favourable business environment and the development of an entrepreneurial culture ***including decent jobs*** in the EU could give back to SMEs their role as main job creators in the Union, which has been weakened by the economic crisis; considers that, along with legislative simplification and reduction of red tape, available financial instruments under the COSME programme have to be used to their full extent to help SMEs along this path by facilitating in particular their access to markets and credits;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Georgios Kyrtzos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that a favourable business environment and the development of an entrepreneurial culture in the EU could give back to SMEs their role as main job creators in the Union, which has been weakened by the economic crisis;

Amendment

2. Believes that a favourable business environment and the development of an entrepreneurial culture in the EU could give back to SMEs, ***which are more than 20 million and represent 99% of businesses in the EU***, their role as main

considers that, along with legislative simplification and reduction of red tape, available financial instruments under the COSME programme have to be used to their full extent to help SMEs along this path by facilitating in particular their access to markets and credits;

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Or. en

Amendment 31
Clare Moody

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that a favourable business environment and the development of an entrepreneurial culture in the EU could give back to SMEs their role as main job creators in the Union, which has been weakened by the economic crisis; considers that, *along with legislative simplification and reduction of red tape, available financial instruments under the COSME programme have to be used to their full extent to help SMEs along this path by facilitating in particular their access to markets and credits;*

Amendment

2. Believes that a favourable business environment and the development of an entrepreneurial culture in the EU could give back to SMEs their role as main job creators in the Union, which has been weakened by the economic crisis; considers that *the application process for EU finance and support for SMEs needs to be simplified to allow full and effective implementation of available financial instruments under the COSME programme, as well as the SME proportion of the European Fund for Strategic Investments;*

Or. en

Amendment 32
Claudia Tapardel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that a favourable business environment and the development of an entrepreneurial culture in the EU could give back to SMEs their role as main job creators in the Union, which has been weakened by the economic crisis; considers that, along with legislative simplification and reduction of red tape, available financial instruments under the COSME programme have to be used to their full extent to help SMEs along this path by facilitating in particular their access to markets and credits;

Amendment

2. Believes that a favourable business environment and the development of an entrepreneurial culture in the EU could give back to SMEs their role as main job creators in the Union, which has been weakened by the economic crisis; considers that, along with legislative simplification and reduction of red tape, available financial instruments under the COSME programme have to be used to their full extent to help **and support** SMEs along this path by facilitating in particular their access to markets and credits; **invites the Commission to look at further means that will help create a friendly environment for SMEs.**

Or. en

Amendment 33
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that a favourable business environment and the development of an entrepreneurial culture in the EU could give back to SMEs their role as main job creators in the Union, which has been weakened by the economic crisis; considers that, along with legislative simplification and reduction of red tape, available financial instruments under the COSME programme have to be used to their full extent to help SMEs along this path by facilitating in particular their access to markets and credits;

Amendment

2. Believes that a favourable business environment and the development of an entrepreneurial culture in the EU could give back to SMEs their role as main job creators in the Union, which has been weakened by the economic crisis; considers that, along with legislative simplification and reduction of red tape, available financial instruments under the COSME programme have to be used to their full extent to help SMEs along this path by facilitating in particular their access to markets and credits; **notes that additional funding of at least 20 % under the COSME programme, with rapid take-up by this sector, will help consolidate**

existing SMEs and encourage the creation of new ones;

Or. el

Amendment 34
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Welcomes the slow, but steady introduction of green development criteria into the EU budget; believes however that further efforts are indispensable in order to efficiently fight climate change, promote renewable energies, ensure the continuous availability of resources and protect the environment and biodiversity;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Liadh Ní Riada, Pablo Echenique, Younous Omarjee
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Stresses that unemployment is the main urgency for the European Union; considers that the re-launch of Member States' economies and the creation of new jobs require a roll-back EU austerity policies so as to allow Member States to pursue the policy options that best fit their specific situation; believes therefore that the creation of decent jobs and sustainable economic growth should be

the main focus of the EU budget;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Alain Lamassoure

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Highlights the importance of creating a proper environment for start-ups by promoting a business and academic ecosystem in Europe empowered to connect entrepreneurs, to foster new projects and experience counsel; Calls on the complementarity of short and long term financing structures and a diversification of financing sources in line with the capital market union objective; Recognises the importance of reducing barriers in order for start-ups to fully and legally operate across the Single Market; Calls to strengthen support for the 'Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs' initiative."

Or. en

Amendment 37
Isabelle Thomas, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Daniele Viotti, Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Draws attention to the energy transition's potential for generating new jobs and growth and expects the Commission to make provision for the related sustainable development objectives

in the EU budget;

Or. fr

Amendment 38

Liadh Ní Riada, Pablo Echenique, Younous Omarjee

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Stresses that the European Structural and Investment Funds form the biggest share of expenditure in the EU budget and are instrumental in job creation and ***competitiveness***; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make every effort possible for the swift adoption of the remaining Operational Programmes in the coming months, so as to ensure that implementation will reach cruising speed in 2016;

Amendment

3. Stresses that the European Structural and Investment Funds form the biggest share of expenditure in the EU budget and are instrumental in job creation and ***promotion of growth; underlines the fact that EU cohesion policy has been instrumental in sustaining public investment in vital economic areas and has achieved tangible results on the ground that can empower Member States and regions to overcome the current crisis, increasing the appropriations for the Cohesion Fund and the Structural Funds, notably the ESF and programmes such as the Progress programme, paying particular attention to employment with rights, equal rights and opportunities, and the fight to eradicate poverty; stresses the need to endow Member-states with the tools to help its citizens to find a way out of the crisis; stresses in this regard the special need to invest in areas such as education and mobility, research and innovation micro, small and medium enterprises, in order to boost the creation of employment – in particular youth employment***; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make every effort possible for the swift adoption of the remaining Operational Programmes in the coming months, so as to ensure that implementation will reach cruising speed in 2016;

Amendment 39**Jean-Paul Denanot, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Daniele Viotti****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 3***Motion for a resolution*

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Amendment

3. Stresses that the European Structural and Investment Funds form the biggest share of expenditure in the EU budget and are instrumental in job creation, **boosting growth and enhancing** competitiveness **and innovation**; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make every effort possible for the swift adoption of the remaining Operational Programmes in the coming months, so as to ensure that implementation will reach cruising speed in 2016;

Or. fr

Amendment 40**Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 3***Motion for a resolution*

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Amendment

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Amendment 41

Liadh Ní Riada, Pablo Echenique, Younous Omarjee
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Recalls that welfare services and benefits are under pressure in all Member States; underlines that policy decision at EU-level should have no adverse effects on either the availability or quality of welfare services and benefits in the Member States, nor the Member States' ability to finance them; calls therefore on the Commission to present a draft budget that strengthens the Member States' capacity to safeguard their welfare systems;

Amendment 42

Liadh Ní Riada, Pablo Echenique, Younous Omarjee
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Is concerned about the funding of the Youth Employment Initiative in 2016, given the frontloading of the entire financial envelope of the programme in 2014 and 2015; ***acknowledges*** that the fight against youth unemployment needs to be ***further*** intensified and that all funding possibilities should be considered for this purpose; recalls that 2016 will be the first

4. Is ***deeply*** concerned about the funding of the Youth Employment Initiative in 2016, given the frontloading of the entire financial envelope of the programme in 2014 and 2015; ***underlines*** that the fight against youth unemployment needs to be ***substantially*** intensified and that all funding possibilities should be considered for this purpose; recalls that 2016 will be

year when resources under the Global MFF Margin for commitments will be made available for policy objectives related to growth and employment, in particular youth employment;

the first year when resources under the Global MFF Margin for commitments will be made available for policy objectives related to growth and employment, in particular youth employment;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is concerned about the funding of the Youth Employment Initiative *in* 2016, given the frontloading of the entire financial envelope of the programme *in* 2014 and 2015; *acknowledges* that the fight against youth unemployment needs to be further intensified and that all funding possibilities should be considered for this purpose; recalls that 2016 will be the first year when resources under the Global *MFF* Margin for commitments will be made available for policy objectives related to growth and employment, in particular youth employment;

Amendment

4. Is concerned about the funding of the Youth Employment Initiative *as from* 2016, given the frontloading of the entire financial envelope of the programme *was limited to* 2014 and 2015; *highlights* that the fight against youth unemployment needs to be further intensified and that all funding possibilities should be considered for this purpose; recalls that 2016 will be the first year when resources under the Global Margin for commitments, *as foreseen under the MFF 2014-2020 regulation*, will be made available *over and above the ceilings established in the MFF for the years 2016 to 2020* for policy objectives related to growth and employment, in particular youth employment;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Isabelle Thomas, Jean-Paul Denanot, Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is concerned about the funding of the Youth Employment Initiative in 2016, given the frontloading of the entire financial envelope of the programme in 2014 and 2015; **acknowledges** that the fight against youth unemployment needs to be further intensified and that all funding possibilities should be considered for this purpose; recalls that 2016 will be the first year when resources under the Global MFF Margin for commitments will be made available for policy objectives related to growth and employment, in particular youth employment;

Amendment

4. Is concerned about the funding of the Youth Employment Initiative in 2016, given the frontloading of the entire financial envelope of the programme in 2014 and 2015; **stresses** that the fight against youth unemployment needs to be further intensified and that all funding possibilities should be considered for this purpose; recalls ***in this connection*** that 2016 will be the first year when resources under the Global MFF Margin for commitments will be made available for policy objectives related to growth and employment, in particular youth employment; ***calls on the Commission to ascertain the reasons behind the delays in the utilisation of appropriations, with a view to ensuring that the necessary support is available for the Member States in their efforts to meet the objectives that have been set;***

Or. fr

Amendment 45

Jean-Paul Denanot, Danielle Viotti

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is concerned about the funding of the Youth Employment Initiative in 2016, given the frontloading of the entire financial envelope of the programme in 2014 and 2015; **acknowledges** that the fight against youth unemployment needs to be further intensified and that all funding possibilities should be considered for this purpose; recalls that 2016 will be the first year when resources under the Global MFF Margin for commitments will be made

Amendment

4. Is concerned about the funding of the Youth Employment Initiative in 2016, given the frontloading of the entire financial envelope of the programme in 2014 and 2015; **stresses** that the fight against youth unemployment needs to be further intensified and that all funding possibilities should be considered for this purpose; recalls ***in this connection*** that 2016 will be the first year when resources under the Global MFF Margin for

available for policy objectives related to growth and employment, in particular youth employment;

commitments will be made available for policy objectives related to growth and employment, in particular youth employment;

Or. fr

Amendment 46
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is concerned about the funding of the Youth Employment Initiative in 2016, given the frontloading of the entire financial envelope of the programme in 2014 and 2015; acknowledges that the fight against youth unemployment needs to be further intensified and that all funding **possibilities** should be considered for this purpose; recalls that 2016 will be the first year when resources under the Global MFF Margin for commitments will be made available for policy objectives related to growth and employment, in particular youth employment;

Amendment

4. Is concerned about the **inadequate** funding of the Youth Employment Initiative in 2016, given the frontloading of the entire financial envelope of the programme in 2014 and 2015; acknowledges that the fight against youth unemployment needs to be further intensified and that all **means of obtaining** funding should be considered for this purpose, **for example by making cuts in areas slow to yield results owing to sluggish take-up**; recalls that 2016 will be the first year when resources under the Global MFF Margin for commitments will be made available for policy objectives related to growth and employment, in particular youth employment;

Or. el

Amendment 47
Claudia Tapardel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

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Youth Employment Initiative in 2016, given the frontloading of the entire financial envelope of the programme in 2014 and 2015; acknowledges that the fight against youth unemployment needs to be further intensified and that all funding possibilities should be considered for this purpose; recalls that 2016 will be the first year when resources under the Global MFF Margin for commitments will be made available for policy objectives related to growth and employment, in particular youth employment;

Youth Employment Initiative in 2016, given the frontloading of the entire financial envelope of the programme in 2014 and 2015; acknowledges that the fight against youth unemployment needs to be further intensified and that all funding possibilities should be considered for this purpose; recalls that 2016 will be the first year when resources under the Global MFF Margin for commitments will be made available for policy objectives related to growth and employment, in particular youth employment, ***but also for unemployed persons between the age 30-40;***

Or. en

Amendment 48
Clare Moody

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is concerned about the funding of the Youth Employment Initiative in 2016, given the frontloading of the entire financial envelope of the programme in 2014 and 2015; acknowledges that the fight against youth unemployment needs to be further intensified and that all funding possibilities should be considered for this purpose; recalls that 2016 will be the first year when resources under the Global MFF Margin for commitments will be made available for policy objectives related to growth and employment, in particular youth employment;

Amendment

4. Is concerned about the funding of the Youth Employment Initiative in 2016, given the frontloading of the entire financial envelope of the programme in 2014 and 2015; acknowledges that the fight against youth unemployment needs to be further intensified and that all funding possibilities should be considered for this purpose; recalls that 2016 will be the first year when resources under the Global MFF Margin for commitments will be made available for policy objectives related to growth and employment, in particular youth employment; ***requests the Commission work with member states to ensure flexibility in the timetable to ensure the fund is fully utilised;***

Or. en

Amendment 49
Paul Rübzig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Recalls that a number European agencies play an important role in ensuring the functioning of the internal market and thereby contribute to the accomplishment of EU policy objectives related to competitiveness, growth and employment; stresses the necessity of attributing a sufficient amount of budgetary resources to these agencies in order to enable them to fulfil their statutory mandates fully and effectively;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Liadh Ní Riada, Pablo Echenique
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Underlines **the significance of cross-border mobility as a means of** enabling Europe to take advantage of the variety of people's skills while expanding training and job opportunities for all generations; considers that **emblematic and successful mobility** programmes such as Erasmus+ work to the benefit of both the individuals and the economy and should therefore be exploited to the full;

5. Underlines **that cross-border mobility is not the key solution to high unemployment and insists that the EU budget should support Member States' initiative for job growth, in particular boosting investment and promoting the creation of jobs in regions with high unemployment; emphasises the role of life long learning and training to** enabling Europe to take advantage of the variety of people's skills while expanding training and job opportunities for all generations; considers that successful programmes such

as Erasmus+ work to the benefit of both the individuals and the economy and should therefore be exploited to the full;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Jean-Paul Denanot, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Daniele Viotti

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Underlines the significance of cross-border mobility as a means of enabling Europe to take advantage of the variety of people's skills while expanding training and job opportunities for all generations; considers that emblematic and successful mobility programmes such as Erasmus+ work to the benefit of both the individuals and the economy and should therefore be *exploited* to the full;

Amendment

5. Underlines the significance of cross-border mobility as a means of enabling Europe to take advantage of the variety of people's skills while expanding training and job opportunities for all generations; considers that emblematic and successful mobility programmes such as Erasmus+ work to the benefit of both the individuals and the economy and should therefore be *used* to the full;

Or. fr

Amendment 52

Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Underlines the significance of cross-border mobility as a means of enabling Europe to take advantage of the variety of people's skills while expanding training and job opportunities for all generations; considers that emblematic and successful mobility programmes such as Erasmus+ work to the benefit of both the individuals and the economy and should therefore be

Amendment

5. Underlines the significance of cross-border mobility as a means of enabling Europe to take advantage of the variety of people's skills while expanding training and job opportunities for all generations; considers that emblematic and successful mobility programmes such as Erasmus+ work to the benefit of both the individuals and the economy and should therefore be

exploited to the full;

exploited to the full; *reminds in this context that social aspects of mobility always have to be taken into account and mobility is only one of the possible tools to combat unemployment and should not be the last resort;*

Or. en

Amendment 53

Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. reminds that any frauds to VAT, like "carousel fraud" directly impact the EU revenue; asks the Commission to strengthen EU programmes, which complement the Member States' efforts in actively fighting fraud, evasion and tax avoidance;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Liadh Ní Riada, Pablo Echenique, Younous Omarjee

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Highlights that the EU austerity policy has created a downward pressure on real wages in Member States and that this will prolong the economic and social crisis; believes the budget should be used to underpin efforts to increase real wages as well as to fight social-dumping in the Member States;

Amendment 55

Isabelle Thomas, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Daniele Viotti, Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Points to the importance of food policies, which cover economic activities that are firmly embedded in the EU's economic, social and territorial fabric; stresses that those policies should ensure that people working in the food industry are properly paid and the EU is self-sufficient in terms of food production; considers it essential to strike a balance between production requirements and the need for sustainable resource management and use;

Or. fr

Amendment 56

Marco Zanni, Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. ***Welcomes*** the Investment Plan presented by the Commission, which ***can create*** the potential to mobilise EUR 315 billion of investments in infrastructures, education and research, as well as SMEs and mid-cap companies; notes that the EU budget ***is expected to provide the backbone of*** this investment plan by making available the EUR 8 billion required in commitments and payments for the provisioning of the European Fund for Strategic Investments

6. ***Notes*** the Investment Plan presented by the Commission, which, ***according to the projections, should have*** the potential to mobilise EUR 315 billion of investments in infrastructures, education and research, as well as SMEs and mid-cap companies; notes that the EU budget ***will play an important role in*** this investment plan by making available the EUR 8 billion required in commitments and payments for the provisioning of the European Fund for

(EFSI); considers the EU budget contribution *as an opportunity to* deliver a significant return on the objectives of the programmes concerned (Horizon 2020, Connecting Europe Facility) *through a higher leverage effect*;

Strategic Investments (EFSI); considers *it essential to check that* the EU budget contribution *can* deliver a significant return on the objectives of the programmes concerned (Horizon 2020, Connecting Europe Facility) *without running the risk of already limited resources being diverted away from those programmes*;

Or. it

Amendment 57
Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes the Investment Plan presented by the Commission, which can create the potential to mobilise EUR 315 billion of investments in infrastructures, education and research, as well as SMEs and mid-cap companies; notes that the EU budget is expected to provide the backbone of this investment plan by making available the EUR 8 billion required in commitments and payments for the provisioning of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI); considers the EU budget contribution as an opportunity to deliver a significant return *on the objectives of the programmes concerned (Horizon 2020, Connecting Europe Facility)* through a *higher* leverage effect;

Amendment

6. Welcomes *as a first step* the Investment Plan presented by the Commission *to offset the deficit in public and private investment brought about by the reduction of public spending in the context of the economic crisis*, which can create the potential to mobilise EUR 315 billion of investments in infrastructures, education and research, as well as SMEs and mid-cap companies; notes that the EU budget is expected to provide the backbone of this investment plan by making available the *guarantee fund of* EUR 8 billion required in commitments and payments for the provisioning of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI); considers the EU budget contribution as an opportunity to deliver a significant return through a *high* leverage effect;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Liadh Ní Riada, Pablo Echenique
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. **Welcomes** the Investment Plan **presented by** the Commission, **which** can create the potential to mobilise EUR 315 billion of investments in infrastructures, education and research, as well as SMEs and mid-cap companies; notes that the EU budget is expected to provide the backbone of this investment plan by making available the EUR 8 billion required in commitments and payments for the provisioning of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI); **considers the EU budget contribution as an opportunity to deliver a significant return on the objectives of the programmes concerned (Horizon 2020, Connecting Europe Facility) through a higher leverage effect;**

Amendment

6. **Takes note** the Investment Plan, **which according to** the Commission can create the potential to mobilise EUR 315 billion of investments in infrastructures, education and research, as well as SMEs and mid-cap companies; notes that the EU budget is expected to provide the backbone of this investment plan by making available the EUR 8 billion required in commitments and payments for the provisioning of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI);

Or. en

Amendment 59
Isabelle Thomas, Daniele Viotti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. *Welcomes the* Investment Plan presented by the Commission, which can create the potential to mobilise EUR 315 billion of investments in infrastructures, education and research, as well as SMEs and mid-cap companies; notes that the EU budget is expected to provide the backbone of this investment plan by making available the EUR 8 billion required in commitments and payments for the provisioning of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI); considers the EU budget contribution as an opportunity to deliver a significant return on the objectives of the programmes concerned (Horizon 2020, Connecting Europe Facility) through a higher leverage effect;

6. *Endorses the Commission's decision to present an* Investment Plan *with* the potential to mobilise EUR 315 billion of investments in infrastructures, education and research, as well as SMEs and mid-cap companies; notes that the EU budget is expected to provide the backbone of this investment plan by making available the EUR 8 billion required in commitments and payments for the provisioning of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI); considers the EU budget contribution as an opportunity to deliver a significant return on the objectives of the programmes concerned (Horizon 2020, Connecting Europe Facility) through a higher leverage effect; *continues, nonetheless, to have doubts as to how the EFSI is to operate, with particular reference to its multiplier effect, the procedures for selecting projects and project additionality;*

Or. fr

Amendment 60

Jean-Paul Denanot, Daniele Viotti, Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes the Investment Plan presented by the Commission, which can create the potential to mobilise EUR 315 billion of investments in infrastructures, education and research, as well as SMEs and mid-cap companies; notes that the EU budget is expected to provide the backbone of this investment plan by making available the EUR 8 billion required in commitments and payments for the provisioning of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI); considers the

Amendment

6. Welcomes the Investment Plan presented by the Commission, which can create the potential to mobilise EUR 315 billion of investments in infrastructures, education and research, as well as SMEs and mid-cap companies; notes that the EU budget is expected to provide the backbone of this investment plan by making available the EUR 8 billion required in commitments and payments for the provisioning of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI); *Continues,*

EU budget contribution as an opportunity to deliver a significant return on the objectives of the programmes concerned (Horizon 2020, Connecting Europe Facility) through a higher leverage effect;

nonetheless, to have doubts as to how the EFSI is to operate, with particular reference to its multiplier effect, the procedures for selecting projects and project additionality;

Or. fr

Amendment 61
Nils Torvalds, Nedzhmi Ali

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes the Investment Plan presented by the Commission, which can create the potential to mobilise EUR 315 billion of investments in infrastructures, education and research, as well as SMEs and mid-cap companies; notes that the EU budget is expected to provide the backbone of this investment plan by making available the EUR 8 billion required in commitments and payments for the provisioning of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI); considers the EU budget *contribution as an opportunity to* deliver a significant return on the objectives of the programmes concerned (Horizon 2020, Connecting Europe Facility) through a higher leverage effect;

Amendment

6. Welcomes the Investment Plan presented by the Commission, which can create the potential to mobilise EUR 315 billion of investments in infrastructures, education and research, as well as SMEs and mid-cap companies; notes that the EU budget is expected to provide the backbone of this investment plan by making available the EUR 8 billion required in commitments and payments for the provisioning of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI); considers *that* the EU budget *contributions should* deliver a significant return on the objectives of the programmes concerned (Horizon 2020, Connecting Europe Facility) through a higher leverage effect *calculated for EFSI*;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes the Investment Plan presented by the Commission, which can create the potential to mobilise EUR 315 billion of investments in infrastructures, education and research, as well as SMEs and mid-cap companies; notes that the EU budget is expected to provide the backbone of this investment plan by making available the EUR 8 billion required in commitments and payments for the provisioning of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI); considers the EU budget contribution as an opportunity to deliver a significant return on the objectives of the programmes concerned (Horizon 2020, Connecting Europe Facility) through a higher leverage effect;

Amendment

6. Welcomes the Investment Plan presented by the Commission, which can create the potential to mobilise EUR 315 billion of investments in infrastructures, education and research, as well as SMEs and mid-cap companies; notes that the EU budget is expected to provide the backbone of this investment plan by making available the EUR 8 billion required in commitments and payments for the provisioning of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI); considers the EU budget contribution as an opportunity to deliver a significant return on the objectives of the programmes concerned (Horizon 2020, Connecting Europe Facility) through a higher leverage effect; ***regrets that in circumstances of all-prevailing austerity policies, it was not possible for the Commission to propose fresh money for the investment plan;***

Or. en

Amendment 63

Reimer Böge

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes the Investment Plan presented by the Commission, which can create the potential to mobilise EUR 315 billion of investments in infrastructures, education and research, as well as SMEs and mid-cap companies; notes that the EU budget is expected to provide the backbone of this investment plan by making available the EUR 8 billion required in commitments and payments for the provisioning of the European Fund for

Amendment

6. Welcomes the Investment Plan presented by the Commission, which can create the potential to mobilise EUR 315 billion of investments in infrastructures, education and research, as well as SMEs and mid-cap companies; notes that the EU budget is expected to provide the backbone of this investment plan by making available the EUR 8 billion required in commitments and payments for the provisioning of the European Fund for

Strategic Investments (EFSI); considers the EU budget contribution as an opportunity to deliver a significant return on the objectives of the *programmes concerned (Horizon 2020, Connecting Europe Facility) through a higher leverage effect;*

Strategic Investments (EFSI); considers the EU budget contribution as an opportunity to deliver a significant return on the objectives of the *Investment Plan through a higher leverage effect; calls, however, for the examination of alternative funding sources within the EU budget (e.g. the performance reserve of the European Structural Investment Funds) given the already very tight budget of Horizon2020 and the narrow unallocated margin which should serve to cover unforeseen needs;*

Or. en

Amendment 64

Jean-Paul Denanot, Isabelle Thomas, Danielle Viotti

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Considers the EU budget contribution to be an opportunity to deliver a significant return on the objectives of the programmes concerned (Horizon 2020, Connecting Europe Facility) through a higher leverage effect; points up the need, however, to ring-fence expenditure for projects which, a priori, are less profitable and not eligible under the EFSI (basic research; rail infrastructure in particular) by targeting other programmes and making use of margins below ceilings against the budget headings selected;

Or. fr

Amendment 65

Marco Zanni, Marco Valli

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7**

Motion for a resolution

7. Highlights the complementary nature of the proposed Investment Plan and the EU budget and their joint commitment to kick-start the economy and boost job creation; stresses that the EU budget is in itself a major investment tool with a distinctive role and mission, that **has provided** tangible results with a clear European added value; is convinced that every effort needs to be deployed in order to create synergies not only between the Investment Plan and the EU budget but also with national budgets, in order to bridge the investment gap and maximise the effect of public spending on the real economy;

Amendment

7. Highlights the complementary nature of the proposed Investment Plan and the EU budget and their joint commitment to kick-start the economy and boost job creation; stresses that the EU budget is in itself a major investment tool with a distinctive role and mission, that **should provide** tangible results with a clear European added value; is convinced that every effort needs to be deployed in order to create synergies not only between the Investment Plan and the EU budget but also with national budgets, in order to bridge the investment gap and maximise the effect of public spending on the real economy;

Or. it

Amendment 66

Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Highlights the complementary nature of the proposed Investment Plan and the EU budget and their joint commitment to kick-start the economy and boost job creation; stresses that the EU budget is in itself a major investment tool with a distinctive role and mission, that has provided tangible results with a clear European added value; is convinced that every effort needs to be deployed in order to create synergies not only between the Investment Plan and the EU budget but also with national budgets, in order to bridge the investment gap and maximise the effect of public spending on the real economy;

Amendment

7. Highlights the complementary nature of the proposed Investment Plan and the EU budget and their joint commitment to kick-start the economy and boost job creation; **confirms its willingness to examine with the utmost vigilance how financial commitments by the EU to the EIB for the setting up of the EFSI are entered in the EU budget and in the 2015 budget in particular**; stresses that the EU budget is in itself a major investment tool with a distinctive role and mission, that has provided tangible results with a clear European added value; is convinced that every effort needs to be deployed in order to create synergies not only between the Investment Plan and the EU budget but

also with national budgets, in order to bridge the investment gap and maximise the effect of public spending on the real economy;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Liadh Ní Riada, Pablo Echenique, Younous Omarjee
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. **Highlights** the complementary nature of the proposed Investment Plan and the EU budget and their joint commitment to kick-start the economy and boost job creation; stresses that the EU budget is in itself a major investment tool with a **distinctive** role and mission, that has provided tangible results with a clear European added value; is convinced that every effort needs to be deployed in order to create synergies not only between the Investment Plan and the EU budget but also with national budgets, in order to bridge the investment gap and maximise the effect of public spending on the real economy;

Amendment

7. **Takes note of** the complementary nature of the proposed Investment Plan and the EU budget and their joint commitment to kick-start the economy and boost job creation; stresses that the EU budget is in itself a major investment tool with a **particular** role and mission, that has provided tangible results with a clear European added value; is convinced that every effort needs to be deployed in order to **ensure democratic control and accountability of the EU investment policies**, create synergies not only between the Investment Plan and the EU budget but also with national budgets, in order to bridge the investment gap and maximise the effect of public spending on the real economy, **prioritising investment to reduce the gap between the different levels of economic development of the regions and Member States in the EU**;

Or. en

Amendment 68 **Reimer Böge**

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Highlights the complementary nature of the proposed Investment Plan and the EU budget and their joint commitment to kick-start the economy and boost job creation; stresses that the EU budget is in itself a major investment tool with a distinctive role and mission, that has provided tangible results with a clear European added value; is convinced that every effort needs to be deployed **in order** to create synergies **not only** between the Investment Plan **and** the EU budget but also **with national budgets**, in order to bridge the investment gap and maximise the effect of public spending on the real economy;

Amendment

7. Highlights the complementary nature of the proposed Investment Plan and the EU budget and their joint commitment to kick-start the economy and boost job creation; stresses that the EU budget is in itself a major investment tool with a distinctive role and mission, that has provided tangible results with a clear European added value; is convinced that every effort needs to be deployed to create synergies between the Investment Plan, the EU budget **and the national budgets** but also **to remove existing impediments to investment, in particular regarding the clarity and predictability of the regulatory framework**, in order to bridge the investment gap and maximise the effect of public spending on the real economy;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Georgios Kyrtzos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Highlights the complementary nature of the proposed Investment Plan and the EU budget and their joint commitment to kick-start the economy and boost job creation; stresses that the EU budget is in itself a major investment tool with a distinctive role and mission, that has provided tangible results with a clear European added value; is convinced that every effort needs to be deployed in order to create synergies not only between the Investment Plan and the EU budget but also with national budgets,

Amendment

7. Highlights the complementary nature of the proposed Investment Plan and the EU budget and their joint commitment to kick-start the economy and boost job creation; stresses that the EU budget is in itself a major investment tool with a distinctive role and mission, that has provided tangible results with a clear European added value; is convinced that every effort needs to be deployed in order to create synergies not only between the Investment Plan and the EU budget but also with national budgets,

in order to bridge the investment gap and maximise the effect of public spending on the real economy;

in order to *ensure convergence and stability in the EU, prevent excessive macro-economic imbalances*, bridge the investment gap and maximise the effect of public spending on the real economy;

Or. en

Amendment 70

Isabelle Thomas, Daniele Viotti, Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Highlights the complementary nature of the proposed Investment Plan and the EU budget and their joint commitment to kick-start the economy and boost job creation; stresses that the EU budget is in itself a major investment tool with a distinctive role and mission, that has provided tangible results with a clear European added value; is convinced that every effort needs to be deployed in order to create synergies not only between the Investment Plan and the EU budget but also with national budgets, in order to bridge the investment gap and maximise the effect of public spending on the real economy;

Amendment

7. Highlights the *additional and* complementary nature of the proposed Investment Plan and the EU budget and their joint commitment to kick-start the economy and boost job creation; stresses that the EU budget is in itself a major investment tool with a distinctive role and mission that has provided tangible results with a clear European added value; is convinced that every effort needs to be deployed in order to create synergies not only between the Investment Plan and the EU budget but also with national budgets, in order to bridge the investment gap and maximise the effect of public spending on the real economy; *notes the contradiction between the planned mechanism, in particular the leverage effect anticipated, and the objectives of Article 5 of the Regulation establishing the EFSI; calls therefore on the Commission to safeguard the role of the EU budget in funding investment which is not profitable;*

Or. fr

Amendment 71

Jean-Paul Denanot, Isabelle Thomas, Daniele Viotti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Highlights the complementary nature of the proposed Investment Plan and the EU budget and their joint commitment to kick-start the economy and boost job creation; stresses that the EU budget is in itself a major investment tool with a distinctive role and mission, that has provided tangible results with a clear European added value; is convinced that every effort needs to be deployed in order to create synergies not only between the Investment Plan and the EU budget but also with national budgets, in order to bridge the investment gap and maximise the effect of public spending on the real economy;

Amendment

7. Highlights the complementary nature of the proposed Investment Plan and the EU budget and their joint commitment to kick-start the economy and boost job creation; stresses that the EU budget is in itself a major investment tool with a distinctive role and mission that has provided tangible results with a clear European added value; is convinced that every effort needs to be deployed in order to create synergies not only between the Investment Plan and the EU budget but also with national budgets, in order to bridge the investment gap and maximise the effect of public spending on the real economy; ***proposes therefore by way of a quid pro quo, and in order to encourage national investment, that national cofinancing amounts under the European Structural and Investment Funds in the areas of infrastructure, research and development', and assistance for SMEs should not be included when convergence criteria calculations are made, regardless of whether the preventive or the corrective arm of the Stability and Growth Pact is applicable to the Member State concerned;***

Or. fr

Amendment 72
Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. recalls that the EU budget is an

investment budget and invites therefore the European Commission to consider that GNI based national contributions to the EU budget are to be covered by the "investment clause" as interpreted by the Commission in its recent Communication on "making a the best use of the flexibility within the existing rules of the stability and growth pact" (COM 2015 - 12 final);

Or. en

Amendment 73
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Welcomes the Investment Plan and notes that it is very important to take into account the goals for economical cohesion and convergence when approving the investment projects;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Is concerned by the absence of criteria for the selection of projects compatible with the challenges of sustainable development; believes that the definition of such criteria would actually support the necessary transformation of the European economy towards a greener, more

sustainable and more competitive economy with quality and better protected jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Clare Moody

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Welcomes the introduction of the European Investment Advisory Hub as part of the proposed Investment Plan; stresses however that it must be active in Member States signposting to appropriate EU support and other sources of funding and finance if they are not eligible for EU support under the European Fund for Strategic Investments;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Clare Moody

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Stresses the need for oversight that encourages investments reflecting the wider policy goals of the EU Budget such as job creation and adaption to climate change, not simply returns on investment;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Jean-Paul Denanot, Daniele Viotti, Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Recalls that the EU budget is a tool of internal solidarity in that it supports economic, social and territorial cohesion, helps combat poverty **and** promotes social inclusion; stresses that it is also an instrument of external solidarity by helping make the EU the biggest donor of development aid, by offering support to neighbouring countries and by assisting countries and people facing humanitarian and civilian crises;

Amendment

8. Recalls that the EU budget is a tool of internal solidarity in that it supports economic, social and territorial cohesion, helps combat poverty, promotes social inclusion **and helps minimise development disparities not only between Member States, but also between their regions**; stresses that it is also an instrument of external solidarity by helping make the EU the biggest donor of development aid, by offering support to neighbouring countries and by assisting countries and people facing humanitarian and civilian crises;

Or. fr

Amendment 78

Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Recalls that the EU budget is a tool of internal solidarity in that it supports economic, social and territorial cohesion, helps combat poverty and promotes social inclusion; stresses that it is also an instrument of external solidarity by helping make the EU the biggest donor of development aid, by offering support to neighbouring countries and by assisting countries and people facing humanitarian and civilian crises;

Amendment

8. Recalls that the EU budget is a tool of internal solidarity in that it supports economic, social and territorial cohesion, helps combat poverty and promotes social inclusion; **strengthens EU common foreign and security policy, among other activities enables consular function for EU External Action Services to help EU citizens in case of larger crises**; stresses that it is also an instrument of external solidarity by helping make the EU the biggest donor of development aid, by offering support to neighbouring countries and by assisting countries and people

facing humanitarian and civilian crises;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Recalls that the EU budget is a tool of internal solidarity in that it supports economic, social and territorial cohesion, helps combat poverty and promotes social inclusion; stresses that it is also an instrument of external solidarity by **helping make the EU the biggest donor of development aid**, by offering support to neighbouring countries and by assisting countries and people facing humanitarian and civilian crises;

Amendment

8. Recalls that the EU budget is a tool of internal solidarity in that it supports economic, social and territorial cohesion, helps combat poverty and promotes social inclusion; stresses that it is also an instrument of external solidarity by **contributing significantly to the development of third countries, by contributing to poverty eradication and fight against diseases**, by offering support to neighbouring countries and by assisting countries and people facing humanitarian and civilian crises;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Recalls that the EU budget is a tool of internal solidarity in that it supports economic, social and territorial cohesion, helps combat poverty and promotes social inclusion; stresses that it is also an instrument of external solidarity by **helping make the EU the biggest donor of development aid**, by offering support to **neighbouring countries** and by **assisting** countries and people facing humanitarian

Amendment

8. Recalls that the EU budget is a tool of internal solidarity in that it supports economic, social and territorial cohesion, helps combat poverty and promotes social inclusion; stresses that it is also an instrument of external solidarity by **making the EU the biggest donor of development aid, with the aim to reduce poverty worldwide and contribute to the Post-2015 Global Development agenda**, by offering

and civilian crises;

support to *countries in need* and by *urgent assistance to* countries and people facing humanitarian and civilian crises;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Recalls that the EU budget is a tool of internal solidarity in that it supports economic, social and territorial cohesion, helps combat poverty and promotes social inclusion; stresses that it is also an instrument of external solidarity by helping make the EU the biggest donor of development aid, by offering support to neighbouring countries and by assisting countries and people facing humanitarian and civilian crises;

Amendment

8. Recalls that the EU budget is a tool of internal solidarity in that it supports economic, social and territorial cohesion, helps combat poverty and promotes social inclusion; stresses that it is also an instrument of external solidarity by helping *the EU to meet its poverty eradication commitments, which have been reaffirmed in the European Consensus on Development, and, in addition, by helping to* make the EU the biggest donor of development aid, by offering support to neighbouring countries and by assisting countries and people facing humanitarian and civilian crises;

Or. fr

Amendment 82
Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

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inclusion; stresses that it is also an instrument of external solidarity by helping make the EU the biggest donor of development aid, by offering support to neighbouring countries and by assisting countries and people facing humanitarian and civilian crises;

inclusion; stresses that it is also an instrument of external solidarity by helping make the EU the biggest donor of development aid, by offering support to neighbouring countries and by assisting countries and people facing humanitarian and civilian crises, ***in line with the commitments made in the framework of poverty eradication, and also renewed in the framework of the European Consensus for development***;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Claudia Tapardel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Recalls that the EU budget is a tool of internal solidarity in that it supports economic, social and territorial cohesion, helps combat poverty and promotes social inclusion; stresses that it is also an instrument of external solidarity by helping make the EU the biggest donor of development aid, by offering support to neighbouring countries and by assisting countries and people facing humanitarian and civilian crises;

Amendment

8. Recalls that the EU budget is a tool of internal solidarity in that it supports economic, social and territorial cohesion, helps combat poverty and promotes social inclusion; stresses that it is also an instrument of external solidarity by helping make the EU the biggest donor of development aid, by offering support to neighbouring countries and by assisting countries and people facing humanitarian and civilian crises; ***stresses the importance of providing necessary means for stabilization of the situation in Ukraine in order to avoid the collapse of this important EU neighbouring country***;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Daniele Viotti, Pina Picierno, Luigi Morgano, Kashetu Kyenge, Elly Schlein, Caterina Chinnici

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Recalls that the EU budget is a tool of internal solidarity in that it supports economic, social and territorial cohesion, helps combat poverty and promotes social inclusion; stresses that it is also an instrument of external solidarity by helping make the EU the biggest donor of development aid, by offering support to neighbouring countries and by assisting countries and people facing humanitarian and civilian crises;

Amendment

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Or. it

Amendment 85
Liadh Ní Riada, Pablo Echenique
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Highlights that a budgetary shift away from military and security spending and towards a civil and development oriented foreign policy is needed in order to reduce long-term military spending; reiterates its position that funds under heading 4 must be committed to a peaceful and civil foreign policy, which ensures that the European Union becomes a non-violent player in the world; calls on the Commission to prioritise the Union's role as a mediator seeking only civil and

peaceful solutions to conflicts whilst ensuring that the Union's commitments to poverty eradication, sustainable development, MDGs, arms-control, NPT-regime, and nuclear disarmament are upheld;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Richard Ashworth, Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes with concern that Europe, *despite being one of the safest places in the world*, is faced with new types of risks to its internal security which *require ensuring closer* police and judicial *cooperation and coordination and* at the same time *promoting* stability and peace in conflict areas; *invites* the Commission to propose targeted reinforcements of the relevant programmes and instruments, *thus demonstrating the EU's pledge to tackle these threats*;

Amendment

9. Notes with concern that Europe is faced with new types of risks to its internal security which *requires closer cooperation between* police and judicial *authorities, while* at the same time *there is a need to promote* stability and peace in conflict areas; *calls on* the Commission, *if there is a need* to propose targeted reinforcements of the relevant programmes and instruments, *to find savings from other budget lines were financing is less urgent*;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Liadh Ní Riada, Pablo Echenique
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes with concern that Europe, despite being one of the safest places in the world, is faced with new types of risks to its

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internal security which require *ensuring closer police and* judicial cooperation and coordination and at the same time promoting stability and peace in conflict areas; invites the Commission to propose targeted reinforcements of the relevant programmes and instruments, thus demonstrating the EU's pledge to tackle these *threats*;

internal security which require *a change of the current policies promoting social cohesion and integration while ensuring closer* judicial cooperation and coordination and at the same time promoting stability and peace in conflict areas; *recalls that the current trend towards militarising border control is ineffective and costly as well as in breach of fundamental rights including the right to seek asylum*; invites the Commission to propose targeted reinforcements of the relevant programmes and instruments, thus demonstrating the EU's pledge to tackle these *challenges*;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes with concern that Europe, despite being one of the safest places in the world, is faced with new types of risks to its internal security which require ensuring closer police and judicial cooperation and coordination and at the same time promoting stability and peace in conflict areas; invites the Commission to propose targeted reinforcements of the relevant programmes and instruments, thus demonstrating the EU's pledge to tackle these threats;

Amendment

9. Notes with concern that Europe, despite being one of the safest places in the world, is faced with new types of risks to its internal security which require ensuring closer police and judicial cooperation and coordination, *measures for better integration and increased social cohesion* and at the same time promoting stability and peace in conflict areas; invites the Commission to propose targeted reinforcements of the relevant programmes and instruments, thus demonstrating the EU's pledge to tackle these threats;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes with concern that Europe, despite being one of the safest places in the world, is faced with new types of risks to its internal security which require ensuring closer police and judicial cooperation and coordination and at the same time promoting stability and peace in conflict areas; invites the Commission to propose targeted reinforcements of the relevant programmes and instruments, thus demonstrating the EU's pledge to tackle these threats;

Amendment

9. Notes with concern that Europe, despite being one of the safest places in the world, is faced with new types of risks to its internal security which require ensuring closer police and judicial cooperation and coordination ***as well as reinforcement of asylum and migration policies*** and at the same time promoting stability and peace in conflict areas; invites the Commission to propose targeted reinforcements of the relevant programmes and instruments, thus demonstrating the EU's pledge to tackle these threats;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Jean-Paul Denanot, Daniele Viotti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes with concern that Europe, despite being one of the safest places in the world, is faced with new types of risks to its internal security which require ensuring closer police and judicial cooperation and coordination and at the same time promoting stability and peace in conflict areas; ***invites the Commission to propose targeted reinforcements of the relevant programmes and instruments, thus demonstrating the EU's pledge to tackle these threats;***

Amendment

9. Notes with concern that Europe, despite being one of the safest places in the world, is faced with new types of risks to its internal security which require ensuring closer police and judicial cooperation and coordination and at the same time promoting stability and peace in conflict areas;

Or. fr

Amendment 91
Jean Arthuis, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Stresses that common effort to handle migration flows lies at the crossroad of both internal and external solidarity; Calls on the Council to develop a culture of fair burden-sharing among its members; Recalls its support to reinforcement of EU means to ensure safe, secure external borders worthy of the EU fundamental values.

Or. fr

Amendment 92
Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. reminds the Commission and the Council that EU Agencies execute tasks given to them by the legislative authority and shall thus be respected as important parts of the EU administration; is highly concerned about the positions taken by the Council and the Commission in the budget negotiations for the budget 2015; underlines that agencies need sufficient financial and human resources to execute their tasks; highlights that the first EU agency announced that they had to postpone and cancel ongoing projects as a consequence of the severe staff and budget cuts decided by the budgetary authority; recalls the EP's opposition to the redeployment pool and requests the Commission to reverse the effect of it in

Amendment 93

Jean-Paul Denanot, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Davide Viotti, Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Is convinced that the EU budget cannot reach its full potential without settling in a definite and unequivocal way a number of problems that have accumulated over the past few years and, regrettably, dominated last year's budgetary negotiations, notably the recurrent problem of unpaid invoices at year-end *as well as* the question of budgeting the MFF special instruments; considers that 2015 should be the ultimate limit for introducing tangible and sustainable solutions to these outstanding questions;

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10. Is convinced that the EU budget cannot reach its full potential without settling in a definite and unequivocal way a number of problems that have accumulated over the past few years and, regrettably, dominated last year's budgetary negotiations, notably the recurrent problem of unpaid invoices at year-end, the question of budgeting the MFF special instruments, *as well as the delay in implementing cohesion policy operational programmes*; considers that 2015 should be the ultimate limit for introducing tangible and sustainable solutions to these outstanding questions;

Amendment 94

Richard Ashworth, Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls for the full implementation of the joint statements on payment appropriations and on a payment plan agreed between Parliament, the Council and the Commission at the end of the 2015 budgetary procedure; recalls the commitment to hold, in the course of this

Amendment

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year, at least three interinstitutional meetings on payments, in order to take stock of payment implementation and revised forecasts; expects the first of these meetings, in March 2015, to provide a first overview of the level of unpaid bills at the end of 2014 for the main policy areas; regrets that, as anticipated, this level reached at the end of 2014 the unprecedented amount of EUR 24.7 billion for 2007-2013 Cohesion programmes;

institutions are serious about working towards a lasting solution to the problem of unpaid bills; recalls the commitment to hold, in the course of this year, at least three interinstitutional meetings on payments, in order to take stock of payment implementation and revised forecasts; expects the first of these meetings, in March 2015, to provide a first overview of the level of unpaid bills at the end of 2014 for the main policy areas; regrets that, as anticipated, this level reached at the end of 2014 the unprecedented amount of EUR 24.7 billion for 2007-2013 Cohesion programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls for the full implementation of the joint statements on payment appropriations and on a payment plan agreed between Parliament, the Council and the Commission at the end of the 2015 budgetary procedure; recalls the commitment to hold, in the course of this year, at least three interinstitutional meetings on payments, in order to take stock of payment implementation and revised forecasts; expects the first of these meetings, in March 2015, to provide a first overview of the level of unpaid bills at the end of 2014 for the main policy areas; regrets that, as anticipated, this level reached at the end of 2014 the unprecedented amount of EUR 24.7 billion for 2007-2013 Cohesion programmes;

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current MFF 2014-2020 is historically low; deplores that this debt undermines the credibility of the EU and is in contradiction to the goals set at the highest political level for growth and employment - notably youth employment - and fears that this will deepen the gulf between the European Union and its citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Siegfried Mureşan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 97
Marco Zanni, Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Attaches the utmost importance to the establishment and implementation of a sound payment plan with the objective of reducing the level of unpaid bills at year-end to its structural level in the course of the current MFF; considers that the interinstitutional meeting in March 2015 should provide the opportunity for the three institutions to agree on such a plan, in due time before the presentation of the Draft Budget 2016;

Amendment

12. Attaches the utmost importance to the establishment and implementation of a sound **and binding** payment plan with the objective of reducing the level of unpaid bills at year-end to its structural level in the course of the current MFF; considers that the interinstitutional meeting in March 2015 should provide the opportunity for the three institutions to agree on such a plan, in due time before the presentation of the Draft Budget 2016;

Or. it

Amendment 98
Nedzhmi Ali, Gérard Deprez, Jean Arthuis, Charles Goerens, Nils Torvalds

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Attaches the utmost importance to the establishment and implementation of a sound payment plan with the objective of reducing the level of unpaid bills at year-end to its structural level in the course of the current MFF; ***considers that the interinstitutional meeting in March 2015 should provide the opportunity for the three institutions to agree on such a plan, in due time before the presentation of the Draft Budget 2016;***

Amendment

12. Attaches the utmost importance to the establishment and implementation of a sound payment plan with the objective of reducing the level of unpaid bills at year-end to its structural level in the course of the current MFF, ***as stated by the Council, the Parliament and the Commission in the joint declaration agreed in the framework of the 2015 budget procedure; recalls that this plan will be agreed by the 3 institutions*** in due time before the presentation of the draft budget 2016; ***considers that the interinstitutional meeting in March 2015 should provide the opportunity for the three institutions to agree on this plan;***

Or. en

Amendment 99

Richard Ashworth, Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. **Reiterates its long-standing position that the** payments of special instruments (Flexibility Instruments, the EU Solidarity Fund, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund and the Emergency Aid Reserve) ***should be counted over and above the MFF ceilings, as is the case for commitments; regrets that no agreement was made possible during last year's budgetary procedure due to the Council's interpretation of the relevant MFF provision;*** expects the matter to be settled with the 2015 technical adjustment of the Global Margin for Payments by the Commission;

Amendment

13. **Regrets that Parliament and Council hold divergent interpretation of the relevant MFF provision with regard to the** payments of special instruments (Flexibility Instruments, the EU Solidarity Fund, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund and the Emergency Aid Reserve); expects the matter to be settled with the 2015 technical adjustment of the Global Margin for Payments by the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 100

Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Reiterates its long-standing position that the payments of special instruments (Flexibility Instruments, the EU Solidarity Fund, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund and the Emergency Aid Reserve) ***should*** be counted over and above the MFF ***ceilings***, as is the case for commitments; regrets that no agreement was made possible during last year's budgetary procedure due to the Council's

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13. Reiterates its long-standing position that the payments of special instruments (Flexibility Instruments, the EU Solidarity Fund, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund and the Emergency Aid Reserve) ***must*** be counted over and above the MFF ***payment ceiling***, as is the case for commitments; regrets that no agreement was made possible during last year's budgetary procedure due to the Council's

interpretation of the relevant MFF provision; expects the matter to be settled with the 2015 technical adjustment of the Global Margin for Payments by the Commission;

misinterpretation of the relevant MFF provision; expects the matter to be settled with the 2015 technical adjustment of the Global Margin for Payments by the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Siegfried Mureşan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Reiterates its long-standing position that the payments of special instruments (Flexibility Instruments, the EU Solidarity Fund, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund and the Emergency Aid Reserve) should be counted over and above the MFF ceilings, as is the case for commitments; regrets that no agreement was made possible during last year's budgetary procedure due to the Council's interpretation of the relevant MFF provision; expects the matter to be settled with the 2015 technical adjustment of the Global Margin for Payments by the Commission;

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13. Reiterates its long-standing position that the payments of special instruments (Flexibility Instruments, the EU Solidarity Fund, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund and the Emergency Aid Reserve) should be counted over and above the MFF ceilings, as is the case for commitments; regrets that no agreement was made possible during last year's budgetary procedure due to the Council's interpretation of the relevant MFF provision; ***stresses that Council's position on the matter may imply a further reduction of the MFF compared to the period 2007-2013***; expects the matter to be settled with the 2015 technical adjustment of the Global Margin for Payments by the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Isabelle Thomas, Jean-Paul Denanot, Daniele Viotti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

13a. Notes that the first report, submitted on 17 December 2014, by the High Level Group on Own Resources, chaired by Mario Monti, proposes that the question of own resources for the EU budget be looked into from as many perspectives as possible; regards the shortcomings of the current own resources system as the root cause of the serious deadlock encountered during the annual negotiations on the budget and negotiations on the multiannual financial framework; restates its determined backing for an in-depth reform of the EU's own resources system which seeks a major reduction in the share based on Member States' GNI; attaches the utmost political importance to the outcome of the work of the high-level group, and to its proposals, which are due to be presented at an interinstitutional conference in 2016, with the involvement of national parliaments, and considered in the context of the MFF review/revision;

Or. fr

Amendment 103
Claudia Tapardel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Urges the Commission to take due account of the above-mentioned political priorities when establishing its Draft Budget for 2016 so that the relevant EU programmes and actions are provided with the necessary means to accomplish these objectives; anticipates, in this context, a positive response from the Commission to

Amendment

14. Urges the Commission to take due account of the above-mentioned political priorities when establishing its Draft Budget for 2016, **and asks that it identifies sectors and industries which could contribute to the EU's recovery**, so that the relevant EU programmes and actions are provided with the necessary

the further requests and positions expressed in this resolution so as to settle recurrent problems and facilitate this year's budgetary procedure; also expects the Commission to propose an adequate level of payment appropriations in its Draft Budget, based on real forecasts and needs;

means to accomplish these objectives; anticipates, in this context, a positive response from the Commission to the further requests and positions expressed in this resolution so as to settle recurrent problems and facilitate this year's budgetary procedure; also expects the Commission to propose an adequate level of payment appropriations in its Draft Budget, based on real forecasts and needs;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Urges the Commission to take due account of the above-mentioned political priorities when establishing its Draft Budget for 2016 so that the relevant EU programmes and actions are provided with the necessary means to accomplish these objectives; anticipates, in this context, a positive response from the Commission to the further requests and positions expressed in this resolution so as to settle recurrent problems and facilitate this year's budgetary procedure; also expects the Commission to propose an adequate level of payment appropriations in its Draft Budget, based on real forecasts and needs;

Amendment

14. Urges the Commission to take due account of the above-mentioned political priorities when establishing its Draft Budget for 2016 so that the relevant EU programmes and actions are provided with the necessary means to accomplish these objectives *to the advantage of all the Member States*; anticipates, in this context, a positive response from the Commission to the further requests and positions expressed in this resolution so as to settle recurrent problems and facilitate this year's budgetary procedure; also expects the Commission to propose an adequate level of payment appropriations in its Draft Budget, based on real forecasts and needs;

Or. el

Amendment 105
Jean-Paul Denanot, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Isabelle Thomas, Daniele Viotti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Urges the Commission to take due account of the above-mentioned political priorities when establishing its Draft Budget for 2016 so that the relevant EU programmes and actions are provided with the necessary means to accomplish these objectives; anticipates, in this context, a positive response from the Commission to the further requests and positions expressed in this resolution so as to settle recurrent problems and facilitate this year's budgetary procedure; also expects the Commission to propose an adequate level of payment appropriations in its Draft Budget, based on real forecasts and needs;

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14. Urges the Commission to take due account of the above-mentioned political priorities when establishing its Draft Budget for 2016 so that the relevant EU programmes and actions are provided with the necessary means to accomplish these objectives; anticipates, in this context, a positive response from the Commission to the further requests and positions expressed in this resolution so as to settle recurrent problems and facilitate this year's budgetary procedure; also expects the Commission to propose an adequate level of payment appropriations in its Draft Budget, based on real forecasts and needs, ***so as to give the EU resources to match its ambitions;***

Or. fr

Amendment 106

Marco Zanni, Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Urges the Commission to take due account of the above-mentioned political priorities when establishing its Draft Budget for 2016 so that the relevant EU programmes and actions are provided with the necessary means to accomplish these objectives; anticipates, in this context, a positive response from the Commission to the further requests and positions expressed in this resolution so as to settle recurrent problems and facilitate this year's budgetary procedure; also expects the Commission to propose an adequate level of payment appropriations in its Draft Budget, based on real forecasts and needs;

Amendment

14. Urges the Commission to take due account of the above-mentioned political priorities when establishing its Draft Budget for 2016 so that the relevant EU programmes and actions are provided with the necessary means to accomplish these objectives; anticipates, in this context, a positive response from the Commission to the further requests and positions expressed in this resolution so as to settle recurrent problems and facilitate this year's budgetary procedure; also expects the Commission to propose an adequate level of payment appropriations in its Draft Budget, based on real forecasts and needs;

calls, furthermore, for care to be taken not to widen the gap between commitments and payments any further, and for efforts to be made to balance the two up;

Or. it

Amendment 107
Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Recalls that according to the Treaty the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission shall ensure that the financial means are made available to allow the Union to fulfil its legal obligations in respect of third parties; insists on the use of all means available under the MFF regulation in order to meet the Union's legal obligations and not to jeopardise or delay payments to stakeholders, such as researchers, universities etc.;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Invites in particular the Commission to redirect spending in cohesion policies towards clearer priorities in energy savings and renewable energies, nature and biodiversity and green

infrastructures;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Invites in particular the Commission to give more support to environmental action in the agriculture sector, to focus its infrastructure support on sustainable infrastructure and to prioritise in general environmental and climate change activities throughout the budget;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Siegfried Mureşan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Calls on the Council, in its consideration of next year's budget, to live up to the expectations raised by its own statements and decisions, whether they relate to the MFF, the Europe 2020 strategy or the relaunch of investment; considers that such political declarations and commitments are void unless coupled with sufficient budgetary resources to allow their implementation;

15. Calls on the Council, in its consideration of next year's budget, to ***abandon the use of double standards and*** live up to the expectations raised by its own statements and decisions, whether they relate to the MFF, the Europe 2020 strategy or the relaunch of investment; considers that such political declarations and commitments are void unless coupled with sufficient budgetary resources to allow their implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Richard Ashworth, Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Council, in its consideration of next year's budget, to **live up to the expectations raised by** its own statements and decisions, whether they relate to the MFF, the Europe 2020 strategy or the relaunch of investment; considers that such political declarations and commitments are void unless coupled with **sufficient budgetary resources to allow their implementation;**

Amendment

15. Calls on the Council, in its consideration of next year's budget, to **remain true to** its own statements and decisions, whether they relate to the MFF, the Europe 2020 strategy or the relaunch of investment; considers that such political declarations and commitments are void unless coupled with **concrete proposals for action;**

Or. en

Amendment 112
Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Council, in its consideration of next year's budget, to live up to the expectations raised by its own statements and decisions, whether they relate to the MFF, the Europe 2020 strategy or the relaunch of investment; considers that such political declarations and commitments are void unless coupled with sufficient budgetary resources to allow their implementation;

Amendment

15. Calls on the Council, in its consideration of next year's budget, to live up to the expectations raised by its own statements and decisions, whether they relate to the **payment crisis, the** MFF, the Europe 2020 strategy or the relaunch of investment; considers that such political declarations and commitments are void unless coupled with sufficient budgetary resources to allow their implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Richard Ashworth, Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Undertakes, within the MFF ceilings and with due consideration to the acute shortage of payments, to ***play its role as one arm of the budgetary authority with dedication and responsibility by promoting well-targeted increases in those budgetary areas with high absorption capacity that correspond to its political priorities and guarantee successful delivery; in this light, intends to examine, with the support of its specialised committees, the specific programmes and budget lines that can better achieve this objective;***

Amendment

16. Undertakes, within the MFF ceilings and with due consideration to the acute shortage of payments, to ***scrutinise with the support of its specialised committees, the specific programmes and budget lines that best deliver on budgetary priorities and objectives while also routing out those budget lines which do not deliver satisfactory results;***

Or. en

Amendment 114
Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Undertakes, within the MFF ceilings and with due consideration to the acute shortage of payments, to play its role as one arm of the budgetary authority with dedication and responsibility by promoting well-targeted increases in those budgetary areas with high absorption capacity that correspond to its political priorities and guarantee successful delivery; in this light, intends to examine, with the support of its specialised committees, the specific programmes and budget lines ***that can better achieve this objective;***

Amendment

16. Undertakes, within the MFF ceilings and with due consideration to the acute shortage of payments, to play its role as one arm of the budgetary authority with dedication and responsibility by promoting well-targeted increases in those budgetary areas with high absorption capacity that correspond to its political priorities and guarantee successful delivery; in this light, intends to examine, with the support of its specialised committees, the specific programmes and budget lines;

Amendment 115
Marco Zanni, Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Undertakes, within the MFF ceilings and with due consideration to the acute shortage of payments, to play its role as one arm of the budgetary authority with dedication and responsibility by promoting well-targeted increases in those budgetary areas with high absorption capacity that correspond to its political priorities and guarantee successful delivery; in this light, intends to examine, with the support of its specialised committees, the specific programmes and budget lines that can better achieve this objective;

Amendment

16. Undertakes, within the MFF ceilings and with due consideration to the acute shortage of payments, to play its role as one arm of the budgetary authority with dedication and responsibility by promoting well-targeted increases in those budgetary areas with high absorption capacity that correspond to its political priorities and guarantee successful delivery; in this light, intends to examine, with the support of its specialised committees, the specific programmes and budget lines that can better achieve this objective; ***undertakes also to identify non-priority measures in respect of which targeted cuts may be made in order to balance the EU budget;***

Or. it

Amendment 116
Richard Ashworth

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Welcomes comments made by the Commissioner and the Court of Auditors, calling for a culture change in how the EU institutions deal with the EU Budget - in particular, the need for an increased emphasis on accountability and a focus on performance and spending outcomes; to this end highlights

the need for Parliament to play a greater role in scrutinising expenditure and performance;

Or. en

Amendment 117

Nedzhmi Ali, Gérard Deprez, Jean Arthuis, Charles Goerens, Nils Torvalds

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underlines that the 2016 budget will be crucial as it should serve as a benchmark of the post-electoral MFF review / revision, to be launched before the end of 2016; stresses the need to establish political priorities and identify in good time areas of proven added value of EU spending for which further investments will be deemed necessary in the second half of the MFF 2014-2020; stresses, in this context, the importance of closely monitoring the implementation and performance of key EU programmes already during the current budgetary procedure;

Amendment

17. Underlines that the 2016 budget will be crucial as it ***will not only be the first year of implementation of the new MFF provision on the global margin for commitments, but*** should ***also*** serve as a benchmark of the post-electoral MFF review ***and post-electoral*** revision, to be launched before the end of 2016; stresses the need to establish political priorities and identify in good time areas of proven added value of EU spending for which further investments will be deemed necessary in the second half of the MFF 2014-2020; stresses, in this context, the importance of closely monitoring the implementation and performance of key EU programmes already during the current budgetary procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 118

Richard Ashworth, Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

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crucial as it should serve as a benchmark *of* the post-electoral MFF review / *revision*, to be launched before the end of 2016; stresses the need to establish political priorities and identify in good time areas of proven added value of EU spending *for which further investments* will be *deemed necessary* in the second half of the MFF 2014-2020; stresses, in this context, the importance of closely monitoring the implementation and performance of key EU programmes already during the current budgetary procedure;

crucial as it should serve as a benchmark *for* the post-electoral MFF review, to be launched before the end of 2016; stresses the need to establish political priorities and identify in good time areas of proven added value of EU spending *as investment in these areas* will be *targeted* in the second half of the MFF 2014-2020; stresses, in this context, the importance of closely monitoring *and scrutinising* the implementation and performance of key EU programmes already during the current budgetary procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 119

Jean-Paul Denanot, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Daniele Viotti, Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underlines that the 2016 budget will be crucial as it should serve as a benchmark *of* the post-electoral MFF *review* / revision, to be launched before the end of 2016; stresses the need to establish political priorities and identify in good time areas of proven added value of EU spending for which further investments will be deemed necessary in the second half of the MFF 2014-2020; stresses, in this context, the importance of closely monitoring the implementation *and performance* of key EU programmes already during the current budgetary procedure;

Amendment

17. Underlines that the 2016 budget will be crucial as it should serve as a benchmark for the post-electoral MFF revision to be launched before the end of 2016; stresses the need to establish political priorities and identify in good time areas of proven added value of EU spending for which further investments will be deemed necessary in the second half of the MFF 2014-2020; stresses, in this context, the importance of closely monitoring the implementation of key EU programmes already during the current budgetary procedure;

Or. fr

Amendment 120

Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underlines that the 2016 budget will be crucial as it should serve as a benchmark of the post-electoral MFF **review** / revision, to be launched before the end of 2016; stresses the need to establish political priorities and identify in good time areas **of proven added value of EU spending** for which further investments will be deemed necessary in the second half of the MFF 2014-2020; stresses, in this context, the importance of closely monitoring the implementation and performance of key EU programmes already during the current budgetary procedure;

Amendment

17. Underlines that the 2016 budget will be crucial as it should serve as a benchmark of the post-electoral MFF revision, to be launched before the end of 2016; stresses the need to establish political priorities and identify in good time areas for which further investments will be deemed necessary in the second half of the MFF 2014-2020; stresses, in this context, the importance of closely monitoring the implementation and performance of key EU programmes already during the current budgetary procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Isabelle Thomas, Daniele Viotti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Reaffirms its position in favour of an in-depth reform of the system of EU own resources, whose current shortcomings are causing severe impasses in budgetary negotiations; attaches, therefore, the highest political importance to the work of the High Level Group on Own Resources, under the chairmanship of Mario Monti; eagerly anticipates the results and proposals of the work of this High-Level Group that are due to be presented in an interinstitutional conference, with the participation of national parliaments, during 2016, and considered in the context of the MFF review / revision;

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 122**Richard Ashworth, Bernd Kölmel****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 18***Motion for a resolution*

18. Reaffirms its position in favour of an in-depth *reform* of the system of EU own resources, *whose current shortcomings are causing severe impasses in budgetary negotiations*; attaches, *therefore*, the highest political importance to the work of the High Level Group on Own Resources, under the chairmanship of Mario Monti; eagerly anticipates the results and proposals of the work of this High-Level Group that are due to be presented in an interinstitutional conference, with the participation of national parliaments, during 2016, and considered in the context of the MFF review / *revision*;

Amendment

18. Reaffirms its position in favour of an in-depth *review* of the system of EU own resources; attaches, the highest political importance to the work of the High Level Group on Own Resources, under the chairmanship of Mario Monti; eagerly anticipates the results and proposals of the work of this High-Level Group that are due to be presented in an interinstitutional conference, with the participation of national parliaments, during 2016, and considered in the context of the MFF review;

Amendment 123**Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 18***Motion for a resolution*

18. Reaffirms its position in favour of an in-depth reform of the system of EU own resources, whose current shortcomings are causing severe impasses in budgetary negotiations; attaches, therefore, the highest political importance to the work of the High Level Group on Own Resources, under the chairmanship of Mario Monti;

Amendment

18. Reaffirms its position in favour of an in-depth reform of the system of EU own resources, whose current shortcomings are causing severe impasses in budgetary negotiations; attaches, therefore, the highest political importance to the work of the High Level Group on Own Resources, under the chairmanship of Mario Monti;

eagerly anticipates the results and proposals of the work of this High-Level Group that are due to be presented in an interinstitutional conference, with the participation of national parliaments, during 2016, and considered in the context of the MFF *review* / revision;

eagerly anticipates the results and proposals of the work of this High-Level Group that are due to be presented in an interinstitutional conference, with the participation of national parliaments, during 2016, and considered in the context of the MFF revision;

Or. en

Amendment 124

Jean-Paul Denanot, Daniele Viotti

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

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18. Reaffirms its position in favour of an in-depth reform of the system of EU own resources, whose current shortcomings are causing severe impasses in budgetary negotiations; attaches, therefore, the highest political importance to the work of the High Level Group on Own Resources, under the chairmanship of Mario Monti; eagerly anticipates the results and proposals of the work of this High-Level Group that are due to be presented in an interinstitutional conference, with the participation of national parliaments, during 2016, and considered in the context of the MFF *review* / revision;

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 125

Nedzhmi Ali, Gérard Deprez, Jean Arthuis, Charles Goerens, Nils Torvalds

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

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in-depth reform of the system of EU own resources, whose current shortcomings are causing severe impasses in budgetary negotiations; attaches, therefore, the highest political importance to the work of the High Level Group on Own Resources, under the chairmanship of Mario Monti; eagerly anticipates the results and proposals of the work of this High-Level Group that are due to be presented in an interinstitutional conference, with the participation of national parliaments, during 2016, and considered in the context of the MFF review *and post-electoral* revision;

Or. en

Amendment 126
Claudia Tapardel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Reaffirms its position in favour of an in-depth reform of the system of EU own resources, whose current shortcomings are causing severe impasses in budgetary negotiations; attaches, therefore, the highest political importance to the work of the High Level Group on Own Resources, under the chairmanship of Mario Monti; eagerly anticipates the results and proposals of the work of this High-Level Group that are due to be presented in an interinstitutional conference, with the participation of national parliaments, during 2016, and considered in the context of the MFF review / revision;

Amendment

18. Reaffirms its position in favour of an in-depth reform of the system of EU own resources, whose current shortcomings are causing severe impasses in budgetary negotiations; attaches, therefore, the highest political importance to the work of the High Level Group on Own Resources, under the chairmanship of Mario Monti; eagerly anticipates the results and proposals of the work of this High-Level Group that are due to be presented in an interinstitutional conference, with the participation of national parliaments, during 2016, and considered in the context of the MFF review / revision; ***recommends the inclusion of new revenue sources, such as the establishment of a European Financial Transaction Tax and of an EU carbon tax in the Union's budget;***

