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Amendment 1

Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to Articles 174 to 178 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 2

Bernd Kölmel, Richard Ashworth

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 3

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Or. en

Amendment 4

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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welcomes the first steps of the greening of the Union budget, and points out the need to further accelerate its pace;

Or. en

Amendment 5

Indrek Tarand

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Highlights that climate- (20% target) and environment-friendly spending is only one side of the coin; the other side necessitates increasing efforts to more closely monitor and phase out harmful funding;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Bernd Kölmel, Richard Ashworth

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

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Amendment

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utmost urgency and priority; considers that extraordinary times require extraordinary measures and that a strong political commitment *is needed to secure fresh appropriations* for this purpose;

necessary financial resources need to be deployed in the Union budget *and will probably have to be substantially increased in 2016*, in order to match the political challenges and allow the Union to deliver and effectively respond to *this crisis*, as a matter of utmost urgency and priority; considers that extraordinary times require extraordinary measures and that a strong political commitment *to reprioritise and refocus the 2016 budget* for this purpose *is needed*;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 2**

Motion for a resolution

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2. Highlights that the Union is currently facing a number of serious emergencies, notably the unprecedented migration and refugee crisis; is convinced that *a comprehensive and human rights-based approach linking migration with development and guaranteeing the integration of migrant workers and asylum seekers and refugees needs* to be *carried out in conjunction with the deployment of the necessary financial resources* in the Union budget, in order to match the political challenges and allow the Union to deliver and effectively respond to those crises, as a matter of utmost urgency and priority; considers that extraordinary times require extraordinary measures and that a strong political commitment is needed to secure fresh appropriations for this purpose;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Paul Tang

Motion for a resolution
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Or. en

Amendment 9
Bernd Kölmel, Richard Ashworth

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

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Or. en

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Or. en

Amendment 11

Liadh Ní Riada, Miguel Urbán Crespo

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Rejects any use of the Union budget to finance a militarist and securitarian Union; underlines the need for alternative policies which support sustainable development, strengthened environment-friendly internal demand based on progressive wages, full employment with rights, social welfare, eradicating poverty and social exclusion and improved social and economic cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Bernd Kölmel, Richard Ashworth

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

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Amendment

5. Underlines, however, that those amendments should be considered alongside the Commission's Letter of Amendment 2/2016, which is expected to include, in addition to the second relocation package, the additional measures set out in the Commission communication of 23 September 2015; ***stresses*** that the Parliament ***fully endorses these new measures and intends to defend their financing through fresh appropriations even to a higher extent than the level proposed in its own position of the 2016 budget;***

5. Underlines, however, that those amendments should be considered alongside the Commission's Letter of Amendment 2/2016, which is expected to include, in addition to the second relocation package, the additional measures set out in the Commission communication of 23 September 2015; ***regrets*** that the Parliament ***as part of the budgetary authority does not have more time to examine the suitability of the Letter of Amendment 2/2016 in alleviating problems at home and abroad; nevertheless understands the considerable time pressure that the Commission is under and, in principle, supports the Commission's suggestions as set out in that communication and intends to support financing through fresh appropriations;***

Or. en

Amendment 13
Indrek Tarand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Decides to also take action with regard to the ongoing crisis affecting European farmers, notably in the dairy sector, and to already integrate in its position **on** the 2016 budget the EUR 500 million support emergency measures announced by the Commission; trusts that the Commission's Letter of Amendment 2/2016 will allow the exact budget lines that will be reinforced in this context to be determined;

Amendment

6. Decides to also take action with regard to the ongoing crisis affecting European farmers, notably in the dairy sector, and to already integrate in its position **the additional funds for** the 2016 budget **contributing to** the EUR 500 million support emergency measures announced by the Commission; trusts that the Commission's Letter of Amendment 2/2016 will allow the exact budget lines that will be reinforced in this context to be determined **and to which extent; recalls that without measures such as supply management, the emergency assistance will turn out to be ineffective to resolve the current unsustainability of agricultural markets; notes, furthermore, that relying on outdated instruments to effectively export our structural surplus has already proven to be detrimental to markets and farmers in the developing world; hence believes that additional funding should not lead to increased Union exports to developing countries at prices undermining markets and livelihoods there;**

Or. en

Amendment 14
Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

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6. Decides to also take action with regard to the ongoing crisis affecting European farmers, notably in the dairy sector, and to already integrate in its position on the 2016 budget the EUR 500 million support emergency measures announced by the Commission; trusts that the Commission's Letter of Amendment 2/2016 will allow the exact budget lines that will be reinforced in this context to be determined;

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6. Decides to also take action with regard to the ongoing crisis affecting European farmers, notably in the dairy sector, and to already integrate in its position on the 2016 budget the EUR 500 million support emergency measures announced by the Commission; **welcomes the decision by the Commission to preserve the reserve for crises in the agricultural sector in the 2016 budget in full under Heading 2 for the following budget year for direct payments to farmers as provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013**; trusts that the Commission's Letter of Amendment 2/2016 will allow the exact budget lines that will be reinforced in this context to be determined;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Bernd Kölmel, Richard Ashworth

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7**

Motion for a resolution

7. Acknowledges that a lot more effort needs to be undertaken to address the shortcomings in the Union economy by boosting competitiveness, growth and jobs; emphasises the key role played by small and medium-sized enterprises in this regard; **reinforces therefore the COSME programme by EUR 16,5 million; decides also to propose new commitments in 2016 for the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), whose entire financial envelope was frontloaded in the years 2014-2015; acknowledges the significant contribution of this programme to the fight against unemployment and is determined to**

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7. Acknowledges that a lot more effort needs to be undertaken to address the shortcomings in the Union economy **and recognises the role that the Union budget can play alongside measures taken at the Member State level and private sector financing** by boosting competitiveness, growth and jobs; emphasises the key role played by small and medium-sized enterprises in this regard; **recognises also the contribution of the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) as a complementary measure to Member State programmes in the fight against unemployment; notes the YEI's entire financial envelope was frontloaded in the years 2014-2015;**

ensure that the necessary appropriations are made available in order to prevent a funding gap in its implementation; adopts, therefore, a EUR 473,2 million increase for 2016, corresponding to the original instalment that was foreseen for the YEI on a yearly basis;

believes that this political agreement should be adhered to, particularly in light of the need to refocus the 2016 budget on areas of urgent priority, especially under Headings 3 and 4;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 7**

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment 17
Jean-Paul Denanot

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Or. en

Amendment 18
Bernd Kölmel, Richard Ashworth

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

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political commitments already made; **while fully *confirming*** its political and financial support to the launching of European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI), intends to deliver on the commitment that it made during the EFSI negotiations, namely to minimise ***to the maximum*** the impact on Horizon 2020 and the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) in ***the frame of the annual budgetary procedure; proposes, therefore, to fully offset the cuts of these two programmes - due to the provisioning of the EFSI Guarantee Fund - in 2016 (EUR 1 326 million), in order to allow them to fully accomplish the objectives agreed only two years ago with the adoption of their respective legal bases;***

political commitments already made ***unless those programmes prove ineffectual or more effective uses of financing become available; therefore fully confirms*** its political and financial support to the launching of European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) ***and*** intends to deliver on the commitment that it made during the EFSI negotiations, namely to minimise the impact on Horizon 2020 and the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) in ***subsequent budgetary years, taking into account the need both to respect prior political agreements and meet urgent priorities elsewhere in the 2016 budget;***

Or. en

Amendment 19

Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 20

Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Acknowledges that a lot more effort needs to be undertaken to address the shortcomings in the Union economy, in particular ensuring adequate levels of financing to the SME sector in particular, in spite of the state capitalisation of several credit institutions from the outset of the economic crisis; believes that public Banking Structures, especially innovative ones, can now play a crucial role in the Member States' economic recovery, in particular as these focus on the regional economy, on cooperation between constituent banks, and on sustainable and local lending to the SME sector; believes that such structures, due to their specific organisation, objectives and proximity to the potential beneficiaries, in particular to SMEs, which can be furthermore enhanced within the framework of the EFSI, can now offer added stability and promote regional development in recovering economies and should be further supported;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Bernd Kölmel, Richard Ashworth

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 22
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jens Geier
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

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reason, that the frontloading of EUR 1 billion in 2016 for Greece should be financed by additional appropriations within the MFF payments' ceiling; stresses its long-standing position that payments deriving from commitments mobilised under the Flexibility Instrument are counted over and above that ceiling;

*respect that the Council's cuts in its reading on the 2016 budget go against the agreement in the joint statement plan; considers, for this reason, that **unforeseen payment needs should be financed by fresh appropriations and** the frontloading of EUR 1 billion in 2016 for Greece should **therefore** be financed by additional appropriations within the MFF payments' ceiling; stresses its long-standing position that payments deriving from commitments mobilised under the Flexibility Instrument are counted over and above that ceiling;*

Or. en

Amendment 23
Paul Tang

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

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Or. en

Amendment 24
Bernd Kölmel, Richard Ashworth

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. **Restores all** cuts proposed by Council to the DB (EUR 563,6 million in commitments and EUR 1 421,8 million in payments); **fails to understand** the reasoning behind the proposed cuts, for example those to Horizon 2020 and CEF, **two programmes already affected by redeployments to EFSI, and to development and neighbourhood policies**, especially in light of recent events; **contests**, in any event, Council's declared intention to target budget lines with a low execution rate or absorption capacity, as this is **not substantiated by the actual implementation figures and ignores the varying implementation patterns of certain programmes**;

Amendment

10. **Notes** cuts proposed by Council to the DB (EUR 563,6 million in commitments and EUR 1 421,8 million in payments); **acknowledges** the reasoning behind the proposed cuts, for example those to Horizon 2020 and CEF **with respect to the political agreement to finance the EFSI Guarantee Fund**; **considers that a revision of these cuts may be required in certain budget lines under Headings 3 and 4**, especially in light of recent events; **approves**, in any event, Council's declared intention to target budget lines with a low execution rate or absorption capacity, as this is **a significant step towards ensuring that the Union budget provides value for money**;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Paul Tang

Motion for a resolution
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financial item added as a burden to national budgets, and to disregard the Union added value of Union expenditure; fails to understand the reasoning behind the proposed cuts, for example those to Horizon 2020 and CEF, two programmes already affected by redeployments to EFSI, and to development and neighbourhood policies, especially in light of recent events; contests, in any event, Council's declared intention to target budget lines with a low execution rate or absorption capacity, as this is not substantiated by the actual implementation figures and ignores the varying implementation patterns of certain programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Bernd Kölmel, Richard Ashworth

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Concludes that, for the purpose of adequately financing these pressing needs, and considering the very tight MFF margins in 2016, all means available in the MFF Regulation in terms of flexibility, including the full mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument, *will need to* be deployed; expects that the Council will share this approach and that an agreement will easily be reached in conciliation, allowing the Union to rise to the occasion and effectively respond to the challenges ahead;

Amendment

11. Concludes that, for the purpose of adequately financing these pressing needs, *with migratory pressures a priority* and considering the very tight MFF margins in 2016, all *budget lines with low implementation rates or with little Union added value must contribute in the significant levels of redeployment needed to meet these needs and* means available in the MFF Regulation in terms of flexibility, including the full mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument, *should only* be deployed *when these budget lines have been exhausted*; expects that the Council will share this approach and that an agreement will easily be reached in conciliation, allowing the Union to rise to the occasion and effectively respond to the challenges ahead;

Amendment 27

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Amendment 28

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on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Or. en

Amendment 29

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Regrets that Commission expert groups continue to be excessively dominated by corporate interests;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jens Geier

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. Underlines that the current challenges the Union is facing once more disclose the budgetary restrictions set with the current MFF 2014-2020 to appropriately react to ongoing crises; therefore calls on the Commission to present an ambitious proposal for the revision of the MFF as soon as possible in 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11c. Is encouraged by the Budget Commissioner's discourse on gender equality and consequently asks the Commission to deepen its reflection on how to integrate gender budgeting principles into the Union budget and to make concrete proposals in the course of 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Ascertains the need to revise the

MFF at mid-term to boost the Union budget;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jens Geier
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. **Notes** that, again this year, Heading 1a is severely affected by the Council's cuts with a reduction of EUR 140,9 million in commitments and EUR 435,4 million in payments as compared to the DB; highlights that around half of these cuts are targeted at Horizon 2020, which results in a further reduction for this programme in 2016 after that part of its appropriations have been redeployed to EFSI;

Amendment

13. **Criticizes** that, again this year, Heading 1a is severely affected by the Council's cuts with a reduction of EUR 140,9 million in commitments and EUR 435,4 million in payments as compared to the DB; highlights that around half of these cuts are targeted at Horizon 2020, which results in a further reduction for this programme in 2016 after that part of its appropriations have been redeployed to EFSI;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. **Notes** that, again this year, Heading 1a is severely affected by the Council's cuts with a reduction of EUR 140,9 million in commitments and EUR 435,4 million in payments as compared to the DB; highlights that around half of these cuts are targeted at Horizon 2020, which results in a further reduction for this programme in 2016 after that part of its appropriations

Amendment

13. **Deeply regrets** that, again this year, Heading 1a is severely affected by the Council's cuts with a reduction of EUR 140,9 million in commitments and EUR 435,4 million in payments as compared to the DB; highlights that around half of these cuts are targeted at Horizon 2020, which results in a further reduction for this programme in 2016 after that part of its

have been redeployed to EFSI;

appropriations have been redeployed to EFSI;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Underlines that, for the sake of a coherent approach, several cuts applied by the Council on the ground of a low absorption capacity on many Heading 1a programmes in June 2015 have now to be reversed due the strong acceleration in these programmes' implementation in September 2015; notes that this is a general trend, in line with the life cycle of these programmes; decides therefore to restore the DB level on the lines cut by the Council both in commitments and in payments;

Amendment

14. Underlines that, for the sake of a coherent approach, several cuts applied by the Council on the ground of a low absorption capacity on many Heading 1a programmes in June 2015 have now to be reversed due the strong acceleration in these programmes' implementation in September 2015, ***in particular programmes which support education, research, training and culture, especially those dedicated to the youth***; notes that this is a general trend, in line with the life cycle of these programmes; decides therefore to restore the DB level on the lines cut by the Council both in commitments and in payments;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Bernd Kölmel, Richard Ashworth

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. ***In line with its*** priorities for 2016, Employment, Enterprises, Entrepreneurship, ***and after careful assessment of their absorption capacity so***

Amendment

15. ***Despite the need to refocus*** priorities for 2016, ***emphasises the importance of*** Employment, Enterprises, Entrepreneurship ***in contributing to the***

far, decides to propose, in addition to the full compensation of the EFSI-related cuts for Horizon 2020, and CEF, some selective increases above the level of the DB for COSME, Horizon 2020, EaSI and Erasmus+ programmes;

jobs and growth objective; therefore welcomes the roll-out of EFSI in the next budgetary year, whilst acknowledging the adverse impact to Horizon 2020 and CEF budget lines in the short-term; nevertheless wishes to see a continued emphasis on job-creating and growth-promoting budget lines in subsequent Union budgets;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Highlights that the Union austerity policies have created a downward pressure on real wages in Member States and that this will prolong impact of the economic and social crisis; underlines that the Union budget shall be used to underpin efforts to increase real wages as well as to fight social dumping in the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Monika Hohlmeier, Reimer Böge

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls upon the Commission to analyse the financial burden caused by fees and charges due within obligatory certification and licensing procedures;

urges the Commission to provide a proper evaluation of the impact of those costs on the competitiveness of industrial companies and SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jens Geier
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Decides to *increases* above the DB the three supervisory agencies (EBA, EIOPA and ESMA) *and* ACER to provide them with adequate resources to face their increasing tasks;

Amendment

17. Decides to *increase* above the DB *appropriations for* the three supervisory agencies (EBA, EIOPA and ESMA) *as well as for* ACER to provide them with adequate resources to face their increasing tasks;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Paul Rübzig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Decides to increases above the DB the three supervisory agencies (EBA, EIOPA and ESMA) and ACER to provide them with adequate resources to face their increasing tasks;

Amendment

17. Decides to increases above the DB the three supervisory agencies (EBA, EIOPA and ESMA) and ACER to provide them with adequate resources to face their increasing tasks; *further asks for an assessment of the activities of different Union agencies in view of identifying potential synergies and horizontal integration opportunities in order to realize efficiency gains;*

Or. en

Amendment 41

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Confirms its support for the ITER programme and is committed to securing its appropriate financing; is concerned, **however**, about **possible further** delays and additional costs of **this** programme as well as the related **potential** repercussions on the Union budget; **regrets**, therefore, that it was unable to assess the level of the 2016 ITER appropriations against the updated payment plan and schedule, which is only due to be presented in the ITER Council in November 2015; expects, however, that this revised plan will provide sufficient evidence that Parliament's recommendations, as set out in the relevant 2013 discharge resolution⁸, have been properly taken into account and that financial soundness and spending efficiency will be ensured; intends to raise this matter in the 2016 budgetary conciliation;

⁸ European Parliament resolution of 29 April 2015 with observations forming an integral part of the decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget

Amendment

18. Confirms its support for the ITER programme and is committed to securing its appropriate financing; is concerned about **management failures leading to** delays and **significant** additional costs of **the ITER** programme as well as the related **potentially serious** repercussions on the Union budget; **admits**, therefore, that it was unable to assess the level of the 2016 ITER appropriations against the updated payment plan and schedule, which is only due to be presented in the ITER Council in November 2015; expects, however, that this revised plan will provide sufficient evidence that Parliament's recommendations, as set out in the relevant 2013 discharge resolution⁸, have been properly taken into account and that financial soundness and spending efficiency will be ensured; intends to raise this matter in the 2016 budgetary conciliation; **proposes therefore to put appropriations into reserve, to be released only if the updated project plan due to be presented in November 2015 provides sufficient evidence that Parliament's recommendations have been properly taken into account; is alarmed by the recent affirmation by amongst others the German government that neither the timetable nor the spending plan - already revised upwards - are realistic;**

⁸ European Parliament resolution of 29 April 2015 with observations forming an integral part of the decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget

for the Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy for the financial year 2013 (Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0168).

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Or. en

Amendment 42

Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. **Confirms its** support for the ITER programme and **is committed to securing its appropriate** financing; is concerned, however, about possible further delays and additional costs of this programme as well as the related potential repercussions on the Union budget; regrets, therefore, that it was unable to assess the level of the 2016 ITER appropriations against the updated payment plan and schedule, which is only due to be presented in the ITER Council in November 2015; expects, however, that this revised plan will provide sufficient evidence that Parliament's recommendations, as set out in the relevant 2013 discharge resolution⁸, have been properly taken into account and that financial soundness and spending efficiency will be ensured; intends to raise this matter in the 2016 budgetary conciliation;

⁸ European Parliament resolution of 29 April 2015 with observations forming an integral part of the decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget for the Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy for the financial year 2013 (Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0168).

Amendment

18. **Takes note of the** support for the ITER programme and **the commitments to secure its** financing; is concerned, however, about possible further delays and additional costs of this programme as well as the related potential repercussions on the Union budget; **deeply** regrets, therefore, that it was unable to assess the level of the 2016 ITER appropriations against the updated payment plan and schedule, which is only due to be presented in the ITER Council in November 2015; expects, however, that this revised plan will provide sufficient evidence that Parliament's recommendations, as set out in the relevant 2013 discharge resolution⁸, have been properly taken into account and that financial soundness and spending efficiency will be ensured; intends to raise this matter in the 2016 budgetary conciliation;

⁸ European Parliament resolution of 29 April 2015 with observations forming an integral part of the decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget for the Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy for the financial year 2013 (Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0168).

Amendment 43
Monika Hohlmeier, Reimer Böge

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

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⁸ European Parliament resolution of 29 April 2015 with observations forming an integral part of the decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget for the Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy for the

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⁸ European Parliament resolution of 29 April 2015 with observations forming an integral part of the decision on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget for the Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy for the

financial year 2013 (Texts adopted,
P8_TA(2015)0168).

financial year 2013 (Texts adopted,
P8_TA(2015)0168).

Or. en

Amendment 44
Indrek Tarand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Underlines the huge discrepancy between funding for nuclear activities in the Union budget and support for future-oriented renewable energy; believes therefore that abandoning the ITER project would free up much needed resources, which could be used for investing into already working renewable energy technologies;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Indrek Tarand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Believes that the Euratom budget line on Nuclear fission and radiation protection should be reoriented towards the decommissioning of nuclear power plants; in the same vein, believes that the appropriations for nuclear activities of the Joint Research Centre should be used only for activities necessary for implementing safeguards;

Amendment 46

Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Disapproves of Council's proposed cuts of EUR 3,1 million in commitments and, more importantly, EUR 220,1 million in payments under subheading 1b, including on completion lines; calls on the Council to explain how these cuts are compatible with the objective, on the one hand, of reducing the backlog of outstanding payment claims for the 2007-2013 cohesion programmes to around EUR 2 billion by the end of 2016 and, on the other hand, of avoiding negative repercussions and unnecessary delays for the implementation of the 2014-2020 programmes;

Amendment

20. Disapproves of Council's proposed cuts of EUR 3,1 million in commitments and, more importantly, EUR 220,1 million in payments under subheading 1b, including on completion lines; calls on the Council to explain how these cuts are compatible with the objective, on the one hand, of reducing the backlog of outstanding payment claims for the 2007-2013 cohesion programmes to around EUR 2 billion by the end of 2016 and, on the other hand, of avoiding negative repercussions and unnecessary delays for the implementation of the 2014-2020 programmes; ***recalls that according to Article 310 TFEU, the revenue and expenditure shown in the Union budget shall be in balance; underlines the negative impact caused by the delays in payments to local, regional and national authorities, in particular those which are facing social, financial and economic constraints;***

Amendment 47

Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Recalls that cohesion policy represents the main Union investment policy and its legal objective of reducing disparities between European regions by strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. Expresses its disapproval for the institutionalisation of the principles of macroeconomic conditionality and performance reserve and the link between cohesion policy and Structural Funds on the one hand and Stability and Growth Pact, package of economic governance and any economic agreement of Member States, on the other; believes that the assumptions underlying them are undeniably different and their objectives diametrically opposed; emphasises that the purpose of cohesion policy should not be to impose stringent macroeconomic and financial conditions necessitating austerity measures or to penalise Member States and regions; stresses that cohesion policy is designed to ensure balanced growth and eliminate inequalities with a view to achieving genuine convergence; indicates that funding for European regions cannot be suspended for non-compliance by Member States with macroeconomic conditions and suspending funding for Member States in difficulties will make the situation worse;

Amendment 49
Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Notes the Commission's preliminary assessment, based on Member States' latest forecasts, that programme implementation in the area of cohesion policy is likely to be delayed in 2016; is alarmed that any significant underspending in the third year of implementation of the new European Structural and Investment Funds cycle, at a time when programmes should be reaching full swing, will not only have a detrimental effect on the timely achievement of results on the ground, but may also lead to serious pressure on payments in subsequent years, possibly reconstituting a backlog of unpaid bills; urges the Member States concerned to make speedy progress in tackling the underlying causes of these delays in implementation, such as through the prompt designation of programme authorities; requests the Commission to closely monitor the situation and make appropriate proposals as needed;

Amendment

21. Notes the Commission's preliminary assessment, based on Member States' latest forecasts, that programme implementation in the area of cohesion policy is likely to be delayed in 2016; is alarmed that any significant underspending in the third year of implementation of the new European Structural and Investment Funds cycle, at a time when programmes should be reaching full swing, will not only have a detrimental effect on the timely achievement of results on the ground, but may also lead to serious pressure on payments in subsequent years, possibly reconstituting a backlog of unpaid bills; urges the Member States concerned to make speedy progress in tackling the underlying causes of these delays in implementation, such as through the prompt designation of programme authorities ***and the non-multiplication and simplification of national administrative procedures***; requests the Commission to closely monitor the situation and make appropriate proposals as needed;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo
 on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Insists on the need to improve the active management of payments by the Commission while accelerating the calls for proposals and in particular increasing the pre-financing available; believes that the postponement of such measures will aggravate discrepancies and jeopardise the objectives of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, quality job creation, economic, social and territorial cohesion; recalls in this respect the conclusions of the 6th Cohesion Report, in particular that regional disparities in the Union widened dramatically during the period 2008-2011, and insists that the cohesion policy needs to be significantly increased;

Or. en

**Amendment 51
Charles Goerens**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Considers that the preservation and the valorisation of cultural heritage closely linked to remembrance sites and places require appropriate Union financial support, namely via Structural Funds;

Or. en

**Amendment 52
Aldo Patriciello**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22**

22. Recalls that the Commission has not proposed any commitment appropriations for the Youth Employment Initiative in 2016 as a result of its frontloading in the years 2014-2015; decides, in line with the Regulation on the European Social Fund⁹ which foresees the possibility of such a continuation, to provide the Youth Employment Initiative with EUR 473,2 million in commitment appropriations, namely an amount corresponding to the initial annual instalment foreseen for this programme; is convinced that funding for this important programme, which addresses one of the Union's most pressing challenges, should not stop in 2015; underlines that the additional funding should be used to scale up the programme, thus assisting a greater number of young people in their search for a decent and permanent job; urges the Member States to do their utmost to speed up the implementation of the Initiative on the ground, for the direct benefit of young Europeans;

⁹ Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Social Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1081/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 470).

22. ***Underlines that the economic crisis has had a severe impact also and especially on young people with a youth unemployment rate in the Union stood at about 21 % at the end of 2014;*** recalls that the Commission has not proposed any commitment appropriations for the Youth Employment Initiative in 2016 as a result of its frontloading in the years 2014-2015; decides, in line with the Regulation on the European Social Fund⁹ which foresees the possibility of such a continuation, to provide the Youth Employment Initiative with EUR 473,2 million in commitment appropriations, namely an amount corresponding to the initial annual instalment foreseen for this programme; ***considers that this initiative is addressed to educational, employment and training support of young people living in certain difficult European regions; considers moreover that this poses a serious threat to social cohesion in the Union and has a negative impact on economic potential and competitiveness;*** is convinced that funding for this important programme, which addresses one of the Union's most pressing challenges, should not stop in 2015; underlines that the additional funding should be used to scale up the programme, thus assisting a greater number of young people in their search for a decent and permanent job; urges the Member States to do their utmost to speed up the implementation of the Initiative on the ground, for the direct benefit of young Europeans;

⁹ Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Social Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1081/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 470).

Amendment 53
Indrek Tarand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Welcomes the Commission's ambition to play a stronger role in the preparation and implementation of programmes under the European Structural and Investment Funds; demands in particular that the requirements for the involvement of local and regional actors as well as civil society organisations are met to increase ownership of the policy and reach Union targets in the field of climate change and poverty reduction; calls on the Member States to take full advantage of available instruments and methodologies such as climate change tracking to increase the visibility of their efforts;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22b. Recalls that the Student Loan Guarantee Facility should be implemented on favourable terms for students, regardless of their social background and that this additional and innovative tool for learning mobility

should neither replace any current, nor impede the development of any future grant or loan system supporting student mobility at local, national or Union level;

Or. en

Amendment 55

Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22c. Underlines that instruments such as the ESF, the ERDF, the Cohesion Fund or the Youth Employment Initiative are crucial to support the creation of quality and sustainable jobs, to ensure investment for targeted social and cohesion policies, to foster convergence and narrow the development gap while reducing social, economic, local, regional and national disparities; recalls the need to enhance the fight against poverty, unemployment, social exclusion and inequalities (income) through instruments such as the Aid to the most Deprived and Fruit and Milk for Schools; insists, therefore, on the need to increase the proposed payment appropriations to the bare minimum needed in this subheading;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. **Notes** that the Council reduced appropriations also in Heading 2 by EUR 199,9 million in commitments and EUR 251,1 million in payments, including rural development, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and the LIFE programme; considers that the Amending Letter on agriculture should remain the basis for any reliable revision of EAGF appropriations; restores the DB levels accordingly;

Amendment

24. **Deplores** that the Council reduced appropriations also in Heading 2 by EUR 199,9 million in commitments and EUR 251,1 million in payments, including rural development, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and the LIFE programme; considers that the Amending Letter on agriculture should remain the basis for any reliable revision of EAGF appropriations; **regrets the cuts made to the budget for intervention in the agricultural markets compared with 2015; welcomes the decision by the Commission and the Member States to ensure that funds allocated to the reserve for crises in the agricultural sector in the 2016 budget, which are subsequently left unspent, remain in full under Heading 2 for the following budget year for direct payments to farmers, as provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013**; restores the DB levels accordingly;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Welcomes the presentation by the Commission of a EUR 500 million comprehensive package of emergency measures to support European farmers, notably in the dairy sector amid falling commodity prices and greater milk production; stresses that the effects are most severe in remote areas where the socio-economic importance of the dairy sector is unquestionable; incorporates this

Amendment

25. Welcomes the presentation by the Commission of a EUR 500 million comprehensive package of emergency measures to support European farmers, notably in the dairy sector amid falling commodity prices and greater milk production; stresses that the effects are most severe in remote areas where the socio-economic importance of the dairy sector is unquestionable; incorporates this

amount in its reading *as a show of support for the Commission's announcement*, and looks forward to its full inclusion in the course of the conciliation procedure on the basis of the Amending Letter; underlines that this package should add up to the range of measures aimed at addressing the losses and long-term effects on European farmers of the Russian embargo on agricultural products, Russia being thus far the second most important destination for Union agricultural exports;

amount in its reading and looks forward to its full inclusion in the course of the conciliation procedure on the basis of the Amending Letter; underlines that this package should add up to the range of measures aimed at addressing the losses and long-term effects on European farmers of the Russian embargo on agricultural products, Russia being thus far the second most important destination for Union agricultural exports; *recalls that without measures such as supply management, the emergency assistance will turn out to ineffective to resolve the current unsustainability of agricultural markets and risks to lead to further dumping of Union agricultural products in developing countries*;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Liadh Ní Riada, Miguel Urbán Crespo
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 25 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Calls on the Commission to deliver before November 2015 a first assessment on the implementation of cross-compliance and revisions to standards of Good Agricultural and Environmental Conditions and whether any additional environmental benefit has been delivered through the restructuring and the greening of CAP;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25b. Insists on the need for added support to small farms as these keep many direct jobs in rural areas and are necessary to maintain the occupied territory and care; insists on the prioritisation of the promotion and advertisement of local markets and activities which raise awareness of their contribution to local economies; calls on the Commission and the Member States to prioritise public policies which phase out the causes that provoke price volatility of agricultural products, which occurs more frequently and has adverse effects on farmers' incomes;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Indrek Tarand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Calls on Member States to ensure a fair distribution of funds by increasing support for sustainable farming systems, which preserve biodiversity, protect water resources and soil fertility, respect animal welfare and employment;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Indrek Tarand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26b. Considers export refunds to be trade distorting and in contradiction to the Union development goals; supports therefore their complete elimination;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Indrek Tarand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26c. Reiterates that CAP appropriations or any other appropriations from the budget should not be used for financing lethal bull fighting activities; recalls that such funding is a clear violation of the European Convention for the protection of animals kept for farming purposes (Council Directive 98/58/EC);

Or. en

Amendment 63
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jens Geier
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28. Recalls that the DB provided for reinforcements in the area of security and migration, including a EUR 150 million

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scheme for the relocation of 40 000 persons in need of international protection, leading the Commission to exceed the ceiling for this heading by EUR 124 million and to propose the corresponding mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument; welcomes the fact that the Council has agreed to the principle of mobilising the Flexibility Instrument for this purpose;

scheme for the relocation of 40 000 persons in need of international protection, leading the Commission to exceed the ceiling for this heading by EUR 124 million and to propose the corresponding mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument; welcomes the fact that the Council has agreed to the principle of mobilising the Flexibility Instrument for this purpose; ***reminds however that a long-term financial plan to respond to the refugee crisis, including the set-up of a Search and Rescue Fund, is needed; considers that this shall also be addressed through the revision of the MFF;***

Or. en

Amendment 64
Bernd Kölmel, Richard Ashworth

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Decides, in light of the current, exceptional flows of migrants and refugees to concentrate its reinforcements on strengthening the AMIF; ***strongly supports*** in this context the second EUR 780 million package on the relocation of 120 000 persons; decides to incorporate it in its reading, and to align the first relocation package with the second one by adding EUR 20 million to finance transport costs (EUR 500 per migrant to Italy and Greece); approves an additional increase of EUR 79 million for general reinforcements of the AMIF; finally decides to reinforce the agencies with migration-related tasks for a total of EUR 26 million;

Amendment

29. Decides, in light of the current, exceptional flows of migrants and refugees to concentrate its reinforcements on strengthening the AMIF; ***stresses the importance of supporting refugees close to their home countries, of helping Member States to implement the Schengen Acquis and the Dublin Regulation and of facilitating asylum procedures in the EU Member States;*** ***looks*** in this context ***critically at*** the second EUR 780 million package on the relocation of 120 000 persons; ***nevertheless*** decides to incorporate it in its reading, and to align the first relocation package with the second one by adding EUR 20 million to finance transport costs (EUR 500 per migrant to Italy and Greece); approves an additional increase of EUR 79 million for general reinforcements of the AMIF; finally decides to reinforce the agencies with

migration-related tasks for a total of EUR 26 million;

Or. en

Amendment 65

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Decides, in light of the current, exceptional **flows** of migrants and refugees to concentrate its reinforcements on strengthening the AMIF; strongly supports in this context the second EUR 780 million package on the relocation of 120 000 persons; decides to incorporate it in its reading, and to align the first relocation package with the second one by adding EUR 20 million to finance transport costs (EUR 500 per migrant to Italy and Greece); approves an additional increase of EUR 79 million for general reinforcements of the AMIF; finally decides to reinforce the agencies with migration-related tasks for a total of EUR 26 million;

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Or. en

Amendment 66

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jens Geier

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

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exceptional flows of migrants and refugees to concentrate its reinforcements on strengthening the AMIF; strongly supports in this context the second EUR 780 million package on the relocation of ***additional*** 120 000 persons; decides to incorporate ***the necessary funds*** in its reading, and to align the first relocation package with the second one by adding EUR 20 million to finance transport costs (EUR 500 per migrant to Italy and Greece); approves an additional increase of EUR 79 million for general reinforcements of the AMIF; ***highlights the necessity to ensure sufficient financing possibilities for AMIF also for the upcoming years; recalls that point 17 of the Interinstitutional agreement of 2 December 2013 allows for a more than 10 % increase in the amount foreseen for the entire duration of a programme when the new, objective, long-term circumstances arise;***

Or. en

Amendment 67
Monika Hohlmeier, Reimer Böge

Motion for a resolution
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agencies with migration-related tasks for a total of EUR 26 million;

financing of return operations in accordance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the principle of 'non-refoulement' in order to achieve an effective return policy, preventing and reducing irregular migration; finally decides to reinforce the agencies with migration-related tasks for a total of EUR 26 million;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Daniele Viotti, Pina Picierno

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

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Union;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jens Geier
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29a. finally decides to reinforce the agencies with migration-related tasks for a total of EUR 26 million, with the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) receiving the biggest increase of EUR 12 million above the DB; reminds that this agency plays a central, coordinating role in the implementation of the provisional measures in the area of international protection and is increasingly being called upon to assist the Member States concerned;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Bernd Kölmel, Richard Ashworth

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. Deplores that the Council decreases commitment appropriations by EUR 25,1 million and payment appropriations by EUR 33,6 million compared to the DB; believes that these reductions jeopardise the proper implementation of programmes and actions under Heading 3; recalls in this context that though some of the proposed cuts may seem minor, one needs

31. Acknowledges that the DB for 2016 under Heading 3 increases commitment appropriations by over EUR 200 million and payment appropriations by EUR 300 million; notes that the Council decreased commitment appropriations by EUR 25,1 million and payment appropriations by EUR 33,6 million compared to the DB; believes that any reductions under

to keep in mind the relatively small size of several important and valuable programmes, making them particularly vulnerable to cuts; decides therefore to restore the level of the DB;

Heading 3 must target programmes with poor absorption and implementation rates, and particularly those which are not related to the current migrant and refugee crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Furthermore, deems it necessary, given their important role in supporting cultural and creative industries, to increase, by a total of EUR 10,5 million above the DB the culture and media sub-programmes, including the Multimedia Actions, and the Cultural and Creative Sectors Guarantee Facility (CCSGF) planned for 2016 and intended to tackle the critical issue of access to finance for SMEs and organisations in the cultural and creative sectors;

Amendment

32. Furthermore, deems it necessary, given their important role in supporting cultural and creative industries **that represent key European values**, to increase, by a total of EUR 10,5 million **in commitment and payments appropriations** above the DB the culture and media sub-programmes, including the Multimedia Actions, and the Cultural and Creative Sectors Guarantee Facility (CCSGF) planned for 2016 and intended to tackle the critical issue of access to finance for SMEs and organisations in the cultural and creative sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Liadh Ní Riada, Miguel Urbán Crespo
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Considers it also a priority to reinforce the Europe for Citizens' programme with EUR 1,5 million as well as modifying the

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33. Considers it also a priority to reinforce the Europe for Citizens' programme with EUR 1,5 million as well as modifying the

budget nomenclature of the Europe for Citizens programme by dedicating a separate line to the implementation of the ECI;

budget nomenclature of the Europe for Citizens programme by dedicating a separate line to the implementation of the ECI; ***recalls in particular the need to reinforce the support of its bottom-up actions; points out that the present level of funding is still far too low as this programme is vital to civic participation in the democratic process in Europe;***

Or. en

Amendment 73

Bernd Kölmel, Richard Ashworth

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. ***Points to the fact that, of all headings, Heading 4 bears the biggest cuts by the Council both in commitments (- EUR 163,4 million) and in payments (- EUR 450,4 million); notes with surprise that the European Neighbourhood Instrument (notably poverty and security in the Mediterranean countries), the Development Cooperation Instrument (including the migration and asylum thematic objective) and the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (despite candidate countries hosting a considerable number of refugees or being located on major migration routes) are among the most affected; underlines that this approach is in blatant contradiction to the statements of the Council and the European Council on the migration agenda, on the refugee crisis and on cooperation with countries of origin and transit;***

Amendment

35. ***Acknowledges that*** Heading 4 bears the biggest cuts by the Council both in commitments (- EUR 163,4 million) and in payments (- EUR 450,4 million); ***nevertheless notes that commitments remain over EUR 300 million higher than in 2015 and payments remain over EUR 1,5 billion higher than in 2015; notes that the European Neighbourhood Instrument (notably poverty and security in the Mediterranean countries), the Development Cooperation Instrument (including the migration and asylum thematic objective) and the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (despite candidate countries hosting a considerable number of migrants and refugees or being located on major migration routes) are among the most affected; underlines that this approach may be subject to change given recent developments and the unprecedented scale of the migration and refugee crisis;***

Or. en

Amendment 74

Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35a. Believes that the Union budget can be instrumental in reaching out to people in need and insists 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 this heading must be committed to a peaceful and civil foreign policy, which ensures that the Union's commitments to poverty eradication, sustainable development, MDGs, arms-control, NPT-regime, and nuclear disarmament are upheld; notes that this demonstrates a high level of solidarity with third countries while insisting on the need to adopt a comprehensive and human rights-based approach linking migration with development and guaranteeing the integration of migrant workers and asylum seekers and refugees; recalls the need to implement further measures to enhance an endogenous development to boost a sound mutually beneficial relationship and promoting European fundamental values;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Reimer Böge, Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Complements the package of amendments on migration and the refugee crisis by adopting targeted reinforcements in commitment appropriations first and foremost within the European Neighbourhood Instrument (+ EUR 178,1 million) but also in the Development Cooperation Instrument (+ EUR 26,6 million), Humanitarian aid (+ EUR 26 million), the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (+ EUR 11,2 million), the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (+ EUR 12,6 million) and the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (+ EUR 1 million); while supporting, where necessary, reprioritisation within those programmes to **focus on** the most topical challenges; considers such reinforcements **as necessary** to finance additional initiatives, on top of the initial objectives of the respective legal bases;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 76
Reimer Böge, Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Calls for **these** extra appropriations to be used in particular to increase the funding for the **Union Regional Trust**

Amendment

38. **Notes that the Union Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis and the Emergency Trust Fund for stability**

Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis and for the Emergency Trust Fund for stability and addressing root causes of irregular migration and displaced persons in Africa, as well as for immediate assistance via the UNHCR and the World Food Programme; calls on the individual Member States to bring additional contributions to the Trust Funds and to the UN agencies without further delay; notes that the pipeline of projects potentially funded by the Trust Funds further weakens the Council's case for an alleged lack of absorption capacity in Heading 4;

and addressing root causes of irregular migration and displaced persons in Africa were created because the Union budget lacks both the necessary flexibility and funding to allow for a rapid and comprehensive response to the crisis; stresses, however, that the recourse to financial instruments outside the budget must remain exceptional and that a solution needs to be found in the MFF review on how to make support from the Union budget for humanitarian assistance and development more effective and more readily available; calls for ***the*** extra appropriations ***for the programmes under Heading 4*** to be used in particular to increase the funding for the ***two Trust Funds*** as well as for immediate assistance via the UNHCR and the World Food Programme; calls on the individual Member States to ***turn words into deeds and bring the necessary*** additional contributions to ***match the Union funding linked to*** the Trust Funds and to ***close the funding gap of*** the UN agencies without further delay; notes that the pipeline of projects potentially funded by the Trust Funds further weakens the Council's case for an alleged lack of absorption capacity in Heading 4;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Calls for these extra appropriations to be used in particular to increase the funding for the Union Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis and for the Emergency Trust Fund for stability and

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addressing root causes of irregular migration and displaced persons in Africa, as well as for immediate assistance via the UNHCR and the World Food Programme; calls on the individual Member States to bring additional contributions to the Trust Funds and to the UN agencies without further delay; notes that the pipeline of projects potentially funded by the Trust Funds further weakens the Council's case for an alleged lack of absorption capacity in Heading 4;

addressing root causes of irregular migration and displaced persons in Africa, *while at the same time catering to the needs of displaced persons in third countries, with particular emphasis on health and education*, as well as for immediate assistance via the UNHCR and the World Food Programme; calls on the individual Member States to bring additional contributions to the Trust Funds and to the UN agencies without further delay; notes that the pipeline of projects potentially funded by the Trust Funds further weakens the Council's case for an alleged lack of absorption capacity in Heading 4;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Calls for these extra appropriations to be used in particular to increase the funding for the Union Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis and for the Emergency Trust Fund for stability and addressing root causes of irregular migration and displaced persons in Africa, as well as for immediate assistance via the UNHCR and the World Food Programme; calls on the individual Member States to bring additional contributions to the Trust Funds and to the UN agencies without further delay; notes that the pipeline of projects potentially funded by the Trust Funds further weakens the Council's case for an alleged lack of absorption capacity in Heading 4;

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38. Calls for these extra appropriations to be used in particular to increase the funding for the Union Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis and for the Emergency Trust Fund for stability and addressing root causes of irregular migration and displaced persons in Africa, as well as for immediate assistance via the UNHCR and the World Food Programme; *reiterates the need to adopt a comprehensive and human rights-based approach linking migration with development and guaranteeing the integration of migrant workers and asylum seekers and refugees while supporting a new political and budgetary commitment towards countries of origin and transit*; calls on the individual Member States to bring additional

contributions to the Trust Funds and to the UN agencies without further delay; notes that the pipeline of projects potentially funded by the Trust Funds further weakens the Council's case for an alleged lack of absorption capacity in Heading 4;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Reinforces by EUR 40 million the budget line for support for the peace process and financial assistance to Palestine and to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA); *notes* that UNRWA plays an effective role in supporting the growing number of Palestinian refugees suffering directly from the Syrian crisis, which poses an additional burden on the agency; is concerned about the funding gaps faced by UNRWA and calls for those additional appropriations to be channelled to its General Fund in support of basic education, social and health services;

Amendment

39. Reinforces by EUR 40 million the budget line for support for the peace process and financial assistance to Palestine and to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA); *underlines* that UNRWA plays an effective role in supporting the growing number of Palestinian refugees suffering directly from the Syrian crisis, which poses an additional burden on the agency; is *deeply* concerned about the funding gaps faced by UNRWA and calls for those additional appropriations to be channelled to its General Fund in support of basic education, social and health services;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jens Geier

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39a. Recalls that in order to alleviate damaging long term effects that stem from humanitarian crisis it is essential to ensure that children affected continue to receive an education; therefore increases funding for supporting education in the Humanitarian aid budget so that it accounts for 3 % instead of 1 %, with the aim of reaching a threshold of 4 % by 2019;

Or. en

Amendment 81

Lefteris Christoforou, Eleni Theocharous, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Demetris Papadakis, Costas Mavrides

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40a. Deems it necessary to increase appropriations for the Turkish Cypriot Community budget line (Article 13 07 01) for the purpose of contributing decisively to the continuation and intensification of the mission of the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus and of supporting the bicultural Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage, thus promoting trust and reconciliation between the two communities;

Or. en

Amendment 82

**Liadh Ní Riada, Younous Omarjee, Miguel Urbán Crespo
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44 a (new)**

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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

44a. Recommends that, while complying with the best management and accountability criteria, Union institutions must ensure that third contract parties conform with labour law provisions, in particular the fundamental right of workers to negotiate and agree on working conditions and wages with their employer, therefore the institutions should as far as possible make use of airlines which recognise trade unions and which have a good repute with respect to workers' rights;

Or. en

Amendment 83

Bernd Kölmel, Richard Ashworth

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46. Considers, therefore, that any further cuts proposed by the Council **would** endanger the proper functioning of the agencies and would not allow them to fulfil the tasks they have been assigned by the legislative authority;

46. Considers, therefore, that any further cuts proposed by the Council **could** endanger the proper functioning of the agencies and would not allow them to fulfil the tasks they have been assigned by the legislative authority;

Or. en

Amendment 84

Monika Hohlmeier, Reimer Böge

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 47

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47. Decides to increase, within the overall

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package on migration, the appropriations for the main agencies working in this field: the European Asylum Support Office, Frontex, Europol, Eurojust, eu.LISA, Cepol and the Fundamental Rights Agency for a total of EUR 26 million, as these agencies are vital to address the current pressing problem of migratory flows in an effective manner;

package on migration, the appropriations for the main agencies working in this field: the European Asylum Support Office, Frontex, Europol, Eurojust, eu.LISA, Cepol and the Fundamental Rights Agency for a total of EUR 26 million, as these agencies are vital to address the current pressing problem of migratory flows in an effective manner; ***notes with concern that such appropriations may not be sufficient in light of the quickly deteriorating crisis situation and tremendous increase in migratory flows; urges the Commission to provide updated and consolidated information about these agencies' needs in due time, before the end of the budgetary conciliation procedure; calls upon the Commission to propose a medium-term and long-term strategy for these agencies' actions, objectives, missions, coordination, development of hotspots and financial resources;***

Or. en

Amendment 85
Richard Ashworth

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 48

Motion for a resolution

48. Decides furthermore to increase the 2016 budget appropriations for the three financial supervisory agencies due to their additional tasks and increased workload; ***invites the Commission to submit by 2017 a proposal for a fee-based financing concept replacing completely the current contributions from member states, as a means of securing the European authorities' independence from their national member authorities;***

Amendment

48. Decides furthermore to increase the 2016 budget appropriations for the three financial supervisory agencies due to their additional tasks and increased workload;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jens Geier
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 51

Motion for a resolution

51. Emphasises therefore again its opposition to the concept of a redeployment pool amongst agencies, but reaffirms its openness to free posts by means of achieving efficiency gains between agencies through increased administrative cooperation or even mergers where appropriate and through pooling certain functions with either the Commission or **an** agency;

Amendment

51. Emphasises therefore again its opposition to the concept of a redeployment pool amongst agencies, but reaffirms its openness to free posts by means of achieving efficiency gains between agencies through increased administrative cooperation or even **analyse the possibilities of** mergers where appropriate and through pooling certain functions with either the Commission or **another** agency;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Monika Hohlmeier, Reimer Böge

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

52. Underlines once more that that posts financed from industry should not be subject to staff reduction at all, **but** that it should be left to the discretion of the agency concerned to balance fluctuating workload by not filling all posts at their disposal;

Amendment

52. Underlines once more that that posts financed from industry **have no impact on the Union Budget and therefore** should not be subject to **the** staff reduction at all; **emphasises** that it should be left to the discretion of the agency concerned to balance fluctuating workload by not filling all posts at their disposal;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jens Geier
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 53

Motion for a resolution

43. Modifies therefore a number of establishment plans of agencies in line with the priorities described above to align staffing with additional tasks, modifies others to bring them more in line with a real 5 % cut over 5 years and to treat fee-financed posts differently;

Amendment

53. Modifies therefore a number of establishment plans of agencies in line with the priorities described above to align staffing with additional tasks, modifies others to bring them more in line with a real 5 % cut over 5 years and to treat fee-financed posts differently; ***recalls that the 5 % cut over 5 years was introduced in order to decrease the costs of the administration; highlights in this context that additional posts in the establishment plan do not have an automatic financial impact on the Union budget since agencies fill their posts according to their needs and agencies therefore do not always have all posts in their establishment plans filled;***

Or. en

Amendment 89
Paul Tang

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 55 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

55a. Recalls that current efforts to manage the risk of an unsustainable backlog should be complemented by efforts that address the innate conflict between the Council on the one hand and the Parliament and Commission on the other hand; calls for ways to convert this tension in a more productive exchange of opinions; hopes that the openness to new attitudes and proposals will ultimately

Amendment

lead to structural changes that reflect the ambitions and concerns of both the Parliament and the Council;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Vladimír Maňka
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

60a. Fully compensates these reinforcements by reducing the appropriations in the budget lines for contingency reserve, the general Members' allowance, further training, fitting out of premises, energy consumption, computing and telecommunications - investment in projects and furniture;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Vladimír Maňka
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 62

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

62. Decides to incorporate into its budget the following adjustments, requested by the political groups:

deleted

- the creation of 43 temporary posts in the establishment plan and the upgrading of one temporary post from AD10 to AD14, for the new political group;

- a corresponding increase of EUR 3 234

500 in appropriations, for financing the temporary staff of this new group;

- an increase of EUR 3 500 000 in appropriations, to ensure the stable employment of contract staff of all political groups;

Or. en

Amendment 92

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Vladimír Maňka

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 63

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

63. Fully compensates these reinforcements by reducing the appropriations in the budget lines for contingency reserve, the general Members' allowance, further training, fitting out of premises, energy consumption, computing and telecommunications - investment in projects and furniture;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 93

Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 63

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

63. Fully compensates these reinforcements by reducing the appropriations in the budget lines for contingency reserve, the general Members' allowance, further training, fitting out of premises, energy consumption, computing and telecommunications - investment in

63. Fully compensates these reinforcements by reducing the appropriations in the budget lines for contingency reserve, the general Members' allowance, further training, fitting out of premises, energy consumption, computing and telecommunications - investment in

projects and furniture;

projects and furniture, *but also rent, construction, maintenance, security and running costs of buildings, as well as for its information offices where not strictly necessary;*

Or. en

Amendment 94

Monika Vana

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 63 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

63a. Believes that the increase of EUR 10 026 500 for expenditure relating to parliamentary assistance is not appropriate;

Or. en

Amendment 95

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 66 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66a. Requests an assessment on the results of the voluntary approach chosen by the Joint Working Group to limit business class flights by Members and staff;

Or. en

Amendment 96

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66b. Urges the Secretary General of the European Parliament to present in the run-up to the negotiations on the 2017 budget a comprehensive plan as to how to make further savings, or to generate revenue, in areas including, but not limited to, the car parks, car fleet, energy consumption, and business class flights;

Or. en

Amendment 97

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67a. Believes that in the medium term the Members' Statute should be revised in order to agree on sensible savings;

Or. en

Amendment 98

Pina Picierno, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Daniele Viotti, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Fredrick Federley, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Alessia Maria Mosca, Jeroen Lenaers, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Ulrike Lunacek, Morten Messerschmidt, Ernest Urtasun, Bart Staes, Elly Schlein, Dennis de Jong, Luigi Morgano, Heidi Hautala, Ulla Tørnæs, Ashley Fox, Giovanni La Via, Henna Virkkunen, Monika Vana, Catherine Stihler, Peter van Dalen, Morten Helveg Petersen, Lara Comi, Ruža Tomašić, Frédérique Ries, Lynn Boylan, Romana Tomc, Marietje Schaake, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Matthijs van Miltenburg, Sophia in 't Veld, Benedek Jávor, Molly Scott Cato, Ivo Belet, Helga Stevens, Glenis Willmott, Ivan Štefanec, Salvatore Domenico Pogliese, Nils Torvalds, Richard Howitt, Nicola Danti, Diane Dodds, Patrizia Toia, Cora van Nieuwenhuizen, Jens Geier, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67b. Stresses that Parliament and the Council must address the need for a roadmap to a single seat, as requested by a large majority in this Parliament in several resolutions, in order to create long term savings in the Union budget;

Or. en

Amendment 99

Clare Moody, Anneliese Dodds, Theresa Griffin, Jude Kirton-Darling, Richard Howitt, Richard Corbett, Claude Moraes, Glenis Willmott, Lucy Anderson, Seb Dance, Paul Brannen, Afzal Khan, Mary Honeyball, Catherine Stihler, Derek Vaughan, Julie Ward, Neena Gill, Siôn Simon, Linda McAvan, David Martin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67c. Stresses that Parliament and the Council must address the need for a roadmap to a single seat, as requested by the large majority of this Parliament in several resolutions, in order to create long term savings in the Union budget;

Or. en

Amendment 100

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Vladimír Maňka
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 77 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

77a. OTHER STAFF RELATED ISSUES

Recalls that the need for new posts in the General Secretariat should be covered by internal redeployment, unless the need for creating new posts is duly justified and demonstrated, and confirmed by the internal auditors under the responsibility of the Parliament's Bureau;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Vladimír Maňka
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 77 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

77b. Recalls that any reorganisation of parliamentary work or of the procedures should not lead to a deterioration in the working conditions and social rights of staff, regardless of their position;

Or. en

Amendment 102

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Vladimír Maňka
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 77 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

77c. Notes that the new rules regarding parliamentary assistance are currently being prepared; reiterates its conviction that a new balance is necessary between accredited parliamentary assistants and local assistants; requests therefore the Secretary-General to present to the Bureau a proposal for a decision before the end of 2015 addressing, inter alia, the

following issues:

- limiting the number of local assistants by Member while respecting specific conditions of exercising the Members' mandate in different Member States;*
- regulating distribution of the allowance between local and accredited parliamentary assistance;*
- reforming the current salary cap system for local assistance with a longer term perspective of getting closer to the principle of "equal pay for equal work";*
- introducing a minimum salary and a maximum ceiling for the remuneration of local assistants in different Member States;*
- covering current staff of national delegations under the Statute for the Parliament's accredited assistants;*

calls on the Secretary-General to take all the necessary measures to ensure that the trainees working for the Members are entitled to viable scholarship and to social protection and that the implementation of the said rules is controlled by the Parliament's services; invites the Secretary-General to introduce a mandatory training on respect and dignity in work for the Members and their assistants;

Underlines that a transition period should be respected in the case of the revision of the current rules; invites the Secretary-General and the Bureau to report to the Committee on Budgets on the resulting revised rules as soon as possible and not later than by February 2016, in due time for the preparation of the Parliament's estimates for the financial year 2017; expects that the final decision will enter into force as of year 2017 at the latest;

Or. en

Amendment 103

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Vladimír Maňka
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 77 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

77d. Reiterates its commitment to support multilingualism in parliamentary work through high standards of interpretation and translation; requests updated information on the consequences of non-agreement on new working conditions for interpreters (spring 2015) to be communicated to the Committee on Budgets by February 2016 at the latest; expects the Secretary-General to use all flexibility required to ensure high quality interpretation and translation service for Members;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Vladimír Maňka
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 77 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

77e. Asks the Secretary-General to provide a detailed overview of all the posts in Parliament in the years 2014-2016, including distribution of posts by services, categories and types of contracts; considers that this overview should be validated by the internal auditors under the responsibility of the Parliament's Bureau and should be communicated to the Committee on Budgets before September 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Vladimír Maňka
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 106

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Vladimír Maňka
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -78 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-78a. PROPERTY POLICY

Recalls that the Committee on Budgets should be informed on a regular basis about new developments in the Parliament's building policy and should be consulted in due time, that is before a contract is obtained, on any building project having financial implications; confirms that financial impact of any building project will be closely scrutinised;

Or. en

Amendment 107

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Vladimír Maňka
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -78 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-78b. Believes that decisions related to building projects should be subject to an open dialogue and should ensure a transparent decision making process;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Vladimír Maňka
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -78 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-78c. Reiterates once again its calls for the new mid-term building strategy to be presented to the Committee on Budgets as soon as possible and at the latest by early 2016, in time for the preparation of the Parliament's estimates for the financial year 2017; invites the Secretary-General to present to the Committee on Budgets a possible long-term strategy until 2025 early in advance before the Parliament's reading of the budget in the autumn 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 109

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Vladimír Maňka
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 78 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

78a. AUDIT

Demands that the internal auditors of the Parliament are placed under the direct

responsibility of the Bureau;

Or. en

Amendment 110

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Vladimír Maňka
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 78 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

78b. Following the internalisation and re-organisation of the security services of the Parliament, calls for an independent audit of DG SAFE to assess whether financial and human resources are being used in the best possible way; believes that the independent audit should be mandated by the Parliament's Bureau and should be reported directly to the Bureau ; believes that the results of that audit should be communicated to the Committee on Budgets by September 2016, before the start of the Parliament's reading of the budget;

Or. en

Amendment 111

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Vladimír Maňka
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 78 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

78c. MEMBERS' EXPENSES

Reiterates the appeal for greater transparency regarding the general expenditure allowance for the Members; calls on the Parliament's Bureau to work on a definition of more precise rules

regarding the accountability of the expenditure authorised under this allowance, without generating additional costs to the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 78 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

78d. Reiterates the appeal for greater transparency regarding the general expenditure allowance for the Members; calls on the Parliament's Bureau to work on a definition of more precise rules regarding the accountability of the expenditure authorised under this allowance including, inter alia, an annual declaration by Members, retention period of payment proof, detailed arrangements of random controls;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Vladimír Maňka
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 78 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

78e. Asks the Secretary General to open negotiations with the main actors in the transport sector in order to obtain more advantageous tariffs, and, as a consequence, to reduce the travel expenses of Members and staff;

Amendment 114
Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

86a. Reiterates the importance of its missions regarding the involvement of civil society and social partners in the Union activities, particularly in the establishment of common rules aiming to protect public services within its territories;

Or. en

Amendment 115
Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 90 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

90a. Reiterates the need for the local and regional authorities of the Union to support its activities;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Vladimír Maňka
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 93

Motion for a resolution

93. Restores the draft budget on all lines and deletes the reserves adopted by Council related to the fluctuation of the Euro exchange rate;

Amendment

93. ***Believes that, in order to be able to cope with the challenges posed by the geopolitical uncertainty and to ensure the Union's role across the world, a due financing of the EEAS needs to be ensured;*** restores ***therefore*** the draft budget on all lines and deletes the reserves adopted by Council related to the fluctuation of the Euro exchange rate;

Or. en

Amendment 117

Bernd Kölmel, Richard Ashworth

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 94

Motion for a resolution

94. ***Is*** convinced that the Union budget ***can contribute to addressing effectively not only the consequences but also the root causes of the crises that the Union is currently facing; takes the view, however, that unforeseen events with an Union-wide dimension should be tackled by pooling efforts and putting additional means at Union level rather than by calling past commitments into question or reverting to the illusion of purely national solutions; stresses, therefore, that flexibility provisions are there to enable such a joint and speedy response and should be used to the full in order to make up for the tight constraints of the MFF ceilings;***

Amendment

94. ***Remains*** convinced that the Union budget ***should focus on areas where the most added value can be gained from supranational action, while respecting the rights and responsibilities of Member States; calls upon all parties to deliver a budget based on Union added value and budgetary restraint; takes the view, that unforeseen events with an Union-wide dimension should be tackled by pooling efforts and prioritising areas of urgent need;***

Or. en

Amendment 118

Alain Lamassoure

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 94

Motion for a resolution

94. Is convinced that the Union budget can contribute to addressing effectively not only the consequences but also the root causes of the crises that the Union is currently facing; ***takes the view, however, that unforeseen events with an Union-wide dimension*** should be tackled by pooling efforts and putting additional means at Union level rather than by calling past commitments into question or reverting to the illusion of purely national solutions; stresses, therefore, that flexibility provisions are there to enable such a joint and speedy response and should be used to the full in order to make up for the tight constraints of the MFF ceilings;

Amendment

94. Is convinced that the Union budget can contribute to addressing effectively not only the consequences but also the root causes of the crises that the Union is currently facing; ***however, reiterates that from the Juncker plan to the Ukrainian conflict and the migration crisis, unforeseen events since last year show that the MFF ceilings are too low and paralyse the Union in areas where we most need it, that these events*** should be tackled by pooling efforts and putting additional means at Union level rather than by calling past commitments into question or reverting to the illusion of purely national solutions; stresses, therefore, that flexibility provisions are there to enable such a joint and speedy response and should be used to the full in order to make up for the tight constraints of the MFF ceilings;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Jan Olbrycht

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 94 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

94a. Underlines that, barely two years after the beginning of the current MFF, the Commission had to request the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument twice, as well as the deployment of the Contingency Margin, in order to cover pressing and unforeseen needs that could not possibly be financed within the existing MFF ceilings; also notes that the

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Global Margin for Commitments in 2015, the first year of its operation, was immediately utilised to its full extent while two important Union programmes needed to be reduced to allow for the financing of new initiatives; stresses that new commitments are no longer available in 2016 to finance key political Union objectives, like youth employment; clearly sees that the available flexibility mechanisms in the MFF have already been pushed to their limits, due to the tight MFF ceilings in most headings; considers that these developments make the case for a substantial MFF mid-term revision; eagerly anticipates the Commission proposals to that effect in the course of 2016;

Or. en