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Preparation of the post-electoral revision of the MFF 2014-2020: Parliament's input ahead of the Commission's proposal
(2015/2353(INI))

Amendment 1
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Calls for adequate financing **in order to implement** the Commission's ambitious trade policy agenda, contributing to the stability and **prosperity** of the EU and third countries;

Amendment

1. Calls for **a clear estimate of the adequate level of financing to meet the increased costs of** the Commission's ambitious trade policy agenda, **including the costs of the numerous ongoing processes of negotiating free trade agreements; calls for investment in accompanying measures to offset the impact of trade agreements, with a view to contributing thereby** to the stability and **sustainable development** of the EU and third countries;

Or. de

Amendment 2
Reimer Böge

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. **Calls for adequate financing in order to implement the Commission's ambitious trade policy agenda, contributing** to the stability and prosperity of the EU and third countries;

Amendment

1. **Underlines that the EU's trade policy, by promoting open markets in a spirit of reciprocity to foster economic growth, employment and development, contributes** to the stability and prosperity of **both** the EU and third countries; **calls for adequate financing to allow the Commission to implement its ambitious agenda outlined in its 'Trade for All' strategy;**

Or. en

Amendment 3
Ska Keller

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls for adequate financing in order to **implement** the Commission's **ambitious** trade policy agenda, contributing to the stability and prosperity of the EU and third countries;

Amendment

1. Calls for adequate financing in order to **increase the coherence of** the Commission's trade policy agenda **with the EU's global action goals**, contributing to the stability and prosperity of the EU and third countries;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Marine Le Pen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls for adequate financing **in order to implement the Commission's ambitious trade policy agenda, contributing to the stability and prosperity of the EU and third** countries;

Amendment

1. Calls for adequate financing **but recommends that a stop be put to the widespread negotiation of free trade agreements which are destroying jobs and industry in the great majority of European** countries;

Or. fr

Amendment 5
Franz Obermayr

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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order to implement the Commission's ambitious trade policy agenda, contributing to the stability and prosperity of the EU and third countries;

recommends that a stop be put to the widespread negotiation of free trade agreements which are destroying jobs and industry in the great majority of European countries;

Or. fr

Amendment 6
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ia. Notes that the conclusion of each new free trade agreement means substantial revenue losses for the Union's own-resources budget;

Or. de

Amendment 7
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ib. Calls on the Commission to provide precise estimates of the revenue losses expected to result from each of the free-trade agreements currently in negotiation and to indicate clearly what budgetary restructuring is to be undertaken to offset the lost amounts;

Or. de

Amendment 8
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Calls on the Commission to indicate the costs entailed in the investment court systems (ICS) to be set up under the free trade agreements with Vietnam and Canada and the costs implied by other agreements that require the establishment of a specific investment protection court; calls on the Commission to indicate from which budget heading these costs will be met;

Or. de

Amendment 9
Ska Keller

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Believes that the migration and refugee crisis has revealed significant shortcomings in the consistency of EU action in the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood and in Sub-Saharan Africa; calls on the Commission to seize the opportunity of the MFF revision to launch a fundamental reform of the policy strategy towards the EU's partners with a view to increasing *its impact* and tackling migration causes effectively;

2. Believes that the migration and refugee crisis has revealed significant shortcomings in the consistency of EU action in the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood and in Sub-Saharan Africa; calls on the Commission to seize the opportunity of the MFF revision to launch a fundamental reform of the policy strategy towards the EU's partners with a view to increasing *policy coherence for development* and tackling migration causes effectively; ***underlines that the funding of programs for the mitigation of the refugee crisis should not be deduced from Official Development Assistance (ODA) spending;***

Or. en

Amendment 10
Marine Le Pen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Believes that the migration and refugee crisis has revealed ***significant shortcomings in the consistency of EU action in the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood and in Sub-Saharan Africa***; calls on *the Commission to seize the opportunity of the MFF revision to launch a fundamental reform of the policy strategy towards the EU's partners with a view to increasing its impact and tackling migration causes effectively*;

Amendment

2. Believes that the migration and refugee crisis has revealed ***the inconsistencies of Member States' and EU foreign policy***; calls on *the European Union not to intervene further in the Member States' foreign and migration policies*;

Or. fr

Amendment 11
Franz Obermayr

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 12

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission to allocate resources in order to assess possible compensatory measures for European sectors that could be affected by the granting of emergency autonomous trade preferences for third countries;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Reimer Böge

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

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Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to assess and improve the various initiatives under the Partnership Instrument supporting SME internationalisation, in relation to private and Member State initiatives, with a view to ensuring complementarity and European added-value;

3. Stresses that the vital role of SMEs for the EU economy should be reflected in a comprehensive and consistent strategy which provides European SMEs with a business-friendly environment and fosters their international trade and investment opportunities; in this context, calls on the Commission to assess and improve the various initiatives under the Partnership Instrument supporting SME internationalisation regarding their effectiveness and efficiency, in relation to private and Member State initiatives as well as other EU funding instruments supporting SMEs such as COSME, with a view to ensuring complementarity and European added-value;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Ska Keller

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Or. en

Amendment 15
Marine Le Pen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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3. Calls on the Commission to ***assess and improve the various initiatives under the Partnership Instrument supporting SME internationalisation, in relation to private and Member State initiatives, with a view to ensuring complementarity and European added-value;***

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to ***let the Member States act in the interests of their SMEs, with a view to efficiency and a return to national economic sovereignty;***

Or. fr

Amendment 16
Franz Obermayr

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Or. fr

Amendment 17

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

4. *Notes* the increasing recourse to guarantees and financial instruments outside the EU budget to respond to multiple crises despite budgetary constraints; *deplores the various cuts in*

Amendment

3a. Calls for adequate financing in order to better support the internationalisation of SMEs by developing specific and clear guidebooks for SMEs about the opportunities and benefits offered by each trade agreement concluded by the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Marine Le Pen

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Heading 4 in order to provide funding for the newly created Trust Funds for Syria and Africa and the Turkey Facility; insists that such funding instruments must remain an exception and should eventually be included in the budget;

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Or. fr

Amendment 19
Franz Obermayr

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes the increasing recourse to guarantees and financial instruments outside the EU budget to respond to multiple crises despite budgetary constraints; ***deplores the various cuts in Heading 4 in order to provide funding for the newly created Trust Funds for Syria and Africa and the Turkey Facility***; insists that such funding instruments must remain an exception and should eventually be included in the budget;

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 20
Ska Keller

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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the newly created Trust Funds for Syria and Africa and the Turkey Facility; insists that such funding instruments must ***adhere to the established criteria of aid effectiveness, such as ownership and alignments***, remain an exception and should eventually be included in the budget;

Or. en

Amendment 21

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

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Or. en

Amendment 22

Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission to indicate clearly the budgetary resources from which compensation payments to

investors will be made if the European Union loses a case in the investor protection courts established under the trade agreements with Singapore, Vietnam and Canada; calls on the Commission not to commit the EU to any further obligations under investor protection arrangements in new trade agreements that could result in substantial burdens on the Union budget;

Or. de

Amendment 23

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission to tackle the lack of resources in order to prevent a new payment crisis towards the end of the current Multiannual Financial Framework by revising upward the payment ceiling;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

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Amendment

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development of social and economic infrastructure in the regions most affected by the migration and refugee crisis;

development of social and economic infrastructure in the regions most affected by the migration and refugee crisis; ***calls, in particular, for experience in the realm of fair trade to inform this approach and for a sustained strengthening of relevant structures and principles;***

Or. de

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Reimer Böge

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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5. Considers the European Guarantee Fund for External Actions to be an efficient and effective mechanism for provisioning for risks related to EU lending operations in third countries; urges that more lending be made available to support SMEs and the development of social and economic infrastructure in the regions most affected by the migration and refugee crisis;

Amendment

5. Considers the European Guarantee Fund for External Actions to be an efficient and effective mechanism for provisioning for risks related to EU lending operations in third countries; urges that more lending be made available to support SMEs and the development of social and economic infrastructure in the regions most affected by the migration and refugee crisis ***to help tackle migration;***

Or. en

Amendment 26
Ska Keller

Draft opinion
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economic infrastructure in the regions most affected by the migration and refugee crisis ***is subject to prior sustainability impact assessment;***

Or. en

Amendment 27

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Considers that European Globalisation Adjustment Fund could be a more efficient and effective instrument if reformed and shaped in a way that it is adequately funded by lowering the threshold for EGF eligibility in order to ensure that employees of small and medium companies in sectors that are directly damaged by the effects of globalisation, are assisted;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Franz Obermayr

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Stresses that the ***valuable*** support under the EU's Macro-Financial Assistance mechanism to partner countries facing severe economic difficulties must be reflected in the EU budget;

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unwanted economic model; deplores the fact that the assistance to Ukraine is disbursed via a corrupt government with links to dangerous political milieus, and ultimately favours the division of the country, torn as it is between its Russian and European interests;

Or. fr

Amendment 29
Marine Le Pen

Draft opinion
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Amendment 30
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Assistance mechanism to partner countries facing severe economic difficulties must be reflected in the EU budget;

Assistance mechanism to partner countries facing severe economic difficulties must be reflected in the EU budget; ***criticises the fact that Macro-Financial Assistance in its current form is granted as credit, increasing the recipient countries' debt burden, while neither EU taxpayers nor the people of the recipient countries are afforded transparency about how the financing is channelled and the uses to which it is put;***

Or. de

Amendment 31
Ska Keller

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

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6. Stresses that the valuable support under the EU's Macro-Financial Assistance mechanism to partner countries facing severe economic difficulties must be reflected in the EU budget; ***suggests that, in the longer term, the integration of the MFA instrument into the European Neighbourhood Program Instrument should be contemplated, in order to increase coherence of EU action;***

Or. en

Amendment 32
Reimer Böge

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

6a. Stresses that available commitment appropriations should be fully used;

Amendment

recalls that the level of outstanding commitments (RALs) under Heading IV, following a steady increase since 2010, reached an unprecedented level in 2015; notes that the situation was solved via a considerable reinforcement of payments; calls for a sufficient level of payments in relation to commitments under Heading IV to prevent the re-building of an unsustainable level of RALs in the future; emphasises that any loss of available commitment appropriations should be effectively prevented given the very tight MFF ceilings; asks, therefore, for commitment appropriations which are cancelled due to partial or non-implementation to be made available again in the EU budget for purposes decided by the European Parliament and the Council in the framework of the budgetary procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to present proposals on the contribution international trade is intended to make in relation to the restructuring of the budget and the Union's own resources;

Or. de

Amendment 34
Ska Keller

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls for sufficient resources under Heading 5 in order to conduct assessments of trade agreements and ensure that the obligations of the EU and its trading partners are implemented and enforced.

Amendment

7. Calls for sufficient resources under Heading 5 in order to conduct assessments of trade agreements, ***in particular with regards to their contribution to the fight against poverty and adverse impacts on sustainable development and Human Rights***, and ensure that the obligations of the EU and its trading partners ***in this regard*** are implemented and enforced.

Or. en

Amendment 35

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Paragraph 7**

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7. Calls for sufficient resources under Heading 5 in order to conduct assessments of trade agreements and ensure that the obligations of the EU and its trading partners are implemented and enforced.

Amendment

7. Calls for sufficient resources under Heading 5 in order to conduct ***both ex-ante and ex-post*** assessments of trade agreements; ***to improve the quality and effectiveness of ex-ante and ex-post assessments by reviewing its methodology***, and ensure that the obligations of the EU and its trading partners are implemented and enforced;

Or. en

**Amendment 36
Reimer Böge**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 7**

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Heading 5 in order to conduct *ex-ante, interim and ex-post* assessments of trade agreements and ensure that the obligations of the EU and its trading partners are *fully* implemented and enforced.

Or. en

Amendment 37

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Recalls the importance of gender mainstreaming, which should underpin Union policies as a horizontal principle; calls on the Commission to put the principle of gender mainstreaming into practice when preparing the post-electoral revision of the MFF 2014-2020; calls on the Commission to ensure that the gender perspective is included, horizontally, in all future trade agreements and also, as an essential part of the EU mainstreaming strategy and proposes, to allocate sufficient resources to guarantee a thorough monitoring and evaluation of the gender impact of the trade agreements in force;

Or. en