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Mandate for the Trilogue on the 2018 draft budget
(2017/2043(BUD))

Amendment 1

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Recalls that in its resolution of 15 March 2017, Parliament confirmed that **growth, jobs and** security are the core issues and main priorities for the 2018 EU budget;

Amendment

1. Recalls that in its resolution of 15 March 2017, Parliament confirmed that **decent, quality and stable jobs, particularly for young people, economic growth and socio-economic convergence, migration, security and tackling populism, as well as climate change** are the core issues and main priorities for the 2018 EU budget;

Or. en

Amendment 2

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Recalls that in its resolution of 15 March 2017, Parliament confirmed that growth, **jobs and** security are the core issues and main priorities for the 2018 EU budget;

Amendment

1. Recalls that in its resolution of 15 March 2017, Parliament confirmed that growth, **decent, quality and stable jobs, socio-economic cohesion and convergence, security, energy transition, migration and climate change** are the core issues and main priorities for the 2018 EU budget;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Urmas Paet, Nils Torvalds, Iskra Mihaylova, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Frédérique Ries, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Recalls that in its resolution of 15 March 2017, Parliament confirmed that growth, jobs *and security* are the core issues and main priorities for the 2018 EU budget;

Amendment

1. Recalls that in its resolution of 15 March 2017, Parliament confirmed that *sustainable* growth, jobs, *security and climate change* are the core issues and main priorities for the 2018 EU budget;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Recalls that in its resolution of 15 March 2017, Parliament confirmed that growth, jobs *and security* are the core issues and main priorities for the 2018 EU budget;

Amendment

1. Recalls that in its resolution of 15 March 2017, Parliament confirmed that growth, jobs, *sustainability and solidarity* are the core issues and main priorities for the 2018 EU budget;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Recalls that in its resolution of 15 March 2017, Parliament confirmed that growth, jobs and security are the core issues and main priorities for the 2018 EU budget;

Amendment

1. Recalls that in its resolution of 15 March 2017, Parliament confirmed that *sustainable* growth, jobs and security are the core issues and main priorities for the 2018 EU budget;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that *in general terms* the Commission proposal *corresponds to Parliament's view that the 2018 EU budget must enable the EU to continue to generate growth and jobs while ensuring the security of its citizens;*

Amendment

2. Believes that the Commission proposal *should enable the EU to generate sustainable growth and jobs while ensuring the security of its citizens; stresses that the austerity measures must be ended, in order to respond adequately and efficiently to multiple crises simultaneously; reminds the respect the principle of solidarity and calls the Commission to provides as more savings as possible on projects that so far have not shown a real added value;*

Or. en

Amendment 7

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that in general terms the Commission proposal corresponds to Parliament's view that the 2018 EU budget must enable the EU to continue to generate growth and jobs while ensuring the security of its citizens;

Amendment

2. Believes that in general terms the Commission proposal *partially* corresponds to Parliament's view that the 2018 EU budget must enable the EU to continue to generate *sustainable* growth and *decent* jobs while ensuring the security of its citizens; *but that it falls short of addressing the climate change challenge by not exploring all potential opportunities for financing climate-related action.*

Or. en

Amendment 8

Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that in general terms the Commission proposal corresponds to Parliament's view that the 2018 EU budget must enable the EU to continue to **generate growth and jobs while ensuring the security of its citizens**;

Amendment

2. Believes that in general terms the Commission proposal corresponds to Parliament's view that the 2018 EU budget must enable the EU to continue to **provide decent, quality and stable jobs, particularly for young people, economic growth and socio-economic convergence, as well as solutions to challenges such as migration, security, populism and climate change**;

Or. en

Amendment 9

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that in general terms the Commission proposal corresponds to Parliament's view that the 2018 EU budget must enable the EU to continue to generate growth **and jobs** while ensuring the security of its citizens;

Amendment

2. Believes that in general terms the Commission proposal corresponds to Parliament's view that the 2018 EU budget must enable the EU to continue to generate growth, **decent jobs, socio-economic convergence and energy transition** while ensuring the security of its citizens, **facing the challenge of climate change and addressing the migration challenges**;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Urmas Paet, Nedzhmi Ali, Nils Torvalds, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy,

Frédérique Ries, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that in general terms the Commission proposal corresponds to Parliament's view that the 2018 EU budget must enable the EU to continue to generate growth and jobs while ensuring the security of its citizens;

Amendment

2. Believes that in general terms the Commission proposal corresponds to Parliament's view that the 2018 EU budget must enable the EU to continue to generate growth and jobs while ensuring the security of its citizens *yet regrets that the Commission proposal does not fully correspond to the Parliament's call on action against climate change;*

Or. en

Amendment 11
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that in **general** terms the Commission proposal corresponds to Parliament's view that the 2018 EU budget must enable the EU to continue to generate growth and jobs while ensuring the security of its citizens;

Amendment

2. Believes that in **very broad** terms the Commission proposal corresponds to Parliament's view that the 2018 EU budget must enable the EU to continue to generate growth and jobs while ensuring the security of its citizens, *though further adjustments are expected;*

Or. en

Amendment 12
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that in general terms the Commission proposal *corresponds to Parliament's view* that the 2018 EU budget must enable the EU to continue to generate growth and jobs while ensuring the security of its citizens;

Amendment

2. Believes that in general terms the Commission proposal *could be a good starting point for this year negotiations, considering* that the 2018 EU budget must enable the EU to continue to generate growth and jobs while ensuring the security of its citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Jean-Paul Denanot, Daniele Viotti

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2**

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that in general terms the Commission proposal corresponds to Parliament's view that the 2018 EU budget must enable the EU to continue to generate growth and jobs while ensuring the security of its citizens;

Amendment

2. Believes that in general terms the Commission proposal corresponds to Parliament's view that the 2018 EU budget must enable the EU to continue to generate *sustainable* growth, *public investment* and jobs while ensuring the security of its citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Pavel Poc, Karin Kadenbach, Biljana Borzan, Tiemo Wölken

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2**

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that in general terms the Commission proposal corresponds to Parliament's view that the 2018 EU budget must enable the EU to continue to generate growth and jobs while ensuring the security of its citizens;

Amendment

2. Believes that in general terms the Commission proposal corresponds to Parliament's view that the 2018 EU budget must enable the EU to continue to generate growth and jobs while ensuring the security *and safety* of its citizens;

Amendment 15

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that in general terms the Commission proposal corresponds to Parliament's view that the 2018 EU budget must enable the EU to continue to generate growth and jobs while ensuring *the security* of its citizens;

Amendment

2. Believes that in general terms the Commission proposal corresponds to Parliament's view that the 2018 EU budget must enable the EU to continue to generate growth and jobs while ensuring *social integration* of its citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nils Torvalds, Iskra Mihaylova, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Frédérique Ries, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Stresses that Trump Administration's decision to dismantle key climate programmes highlights the importance of delivering on EU's commitment to achieving the goals set at COP21; regrets, in this regard, that the EU is currently falling short of meeting the spending target of at least 20% of the EU budget on climate-related action in 2014-2020 MFF; reiterates, therefore, its position that the EU budget must support the fulfilment of the objectives of the Paris climate agreement and the EU's own long-term climate goals by speeding up the implementation of the 20% spending target and underlines, in this

respect, that the contribution for 2018 should offset the lower allocations from the first half of the current MFF; stresses also that European-funded projects should not have a negative impact on the climate change mitigation and on the transition towards a circular, low carbon economy;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Siegfried Mureşan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the decision of the Commission to **already** include in the draft budget the results of the mid-term revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020; **is convinced that while the formal adoption is still blocked in the Council, the proposal of the Commission sends** a strong signal about the importance of this MFF revision, and the need for increased flexibility in the EU budget that could enable the Union to effectively respond to new emergencies and finance its political priorities; **underlines that the European Parliament acted swiftly to grant its consent to the revised MFF Regulation, and expects that the Council will finalise without any further delay the adoption of the MFF revision, following the UK elections on 8 June 2017;**

Amendment

3. Welcomes the decision of the Commission to include in the draft budget the results of the mid-term revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020, **even before its formal approval by the Council, thus sending** a strong signal about the importance of this MFF revision, and the need for increased flexibility in the EU budget that could enable the Union to effectively respond to new emergencies and finance its political priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the decision of the Commission to already include in the draft budget the results of the mid-term revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020; ***is convinced that while the formal adoption is still blocked in the Council***, the proposal of the Commission sends a strong signal about the importance of ***this*** MFF revision, and the need for increased flexibility in the EU budget that ***could enable*** the Union ***to effectively*** respond to new emergencies and finance its political priorities; underlines that the European Parliament acted swiftly to grant its consent to the revised MFF Regulation, ***and expects that the Council will finalise without any further delay the adoption of the MFF revision, following the UK elections on 8 June 2017***;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the decision of the Commission to already include in the draft budget the results of the mid-term revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020; ***notes its*** formal adoption ***by the Council and highlights that*** the proposal of the Commission sends a strong signal about the importance of ***the*** MFF revision, and the need for increased flexibility in the EU budget that ***should improve*** the Union ***capacity to*** respond to new emergencies and finance its political priorities; underlines that the European Parliament acted swiftly to grant its consent to the revised MFF Regulation, ***following the UK elections on 8 June 2017; furthermore, stresses the need for specific measures to ensure support for the regions, most notably Ireland, which will be particularly affected in the case of a negotiated exit from the Union following the invocation by the United Kingdom of Article 50 of the Treaty of Lisbon, in accordance with the expressed will of its citizens***;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the decision of the Commission to already include in the draft budget the results of the mid-term revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020; ***is convinced that while the formal adoption is still blocked in the***

Amendment

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Council, the proposal of the Commission sends a strong signal about the importance of this MFF revision, and the need for increased flexibility in the EU budget that could enable the Union to effectively respond to new emergencies and finance its political priorities; underlines that the European Parliament acted swiftly to grant its consent to the revised MFF Regulation, and expects that the Council will finalise without any further delay the adoption of the MFF revision, following the UK elections on 8 June 2017;

Council, the proposal of the Commission sends a strong signal about the importance of this MFF revision, and the need for increased flexibility in the EU budget that could enable the Union to effectively respond to new emergencies and finance its political priorities; underlines that the European Parliament acted swiftly to grant its consent to the revised MFF Regulation, and expects that the Council will finalise without any further delay the adoption of the MFF revision, following the UK elections on 8 June 2017; ***reiterates that the current state of play is a mid-term arrangement before substituting the MFF with a more facilitative and purpose-oriented tool;***

Or. en

Amendment 20

Isabelle Thomas, Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the decision of the Commission to already include in the draft budget the results of the mid-term revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020; is convinced that while the formal adoption is still blocked in the Council, the proposal of the Commission sends a strong signal about the importance of this MFF revision, and the need for increased flexibility in the EU budget that could enable the Union to effectively respond to new emergencies and finance its political priorities; underlines that the European Parliament acted swiftly to grant its consent to the revised MFF Regulation, and expects that the Council will finalise without any further delay the adoption of the MFF revision, ***following the UK***

Amendment

3. Welcomes the decision of the Commission to already include in the draft budget the results of the mid-term revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020; is convinced that while the formal adoption is still blocked in the Council, the proposal of the Commission sends a strong signal about the importance of this MFF revision, and the need for increased flexibility in the EU budget that could enable the Union to effectively respond to new emergencies and finance its political priorities; underlines that the European Parliament acted swiftly to grant its consent to the revised MFF Regulation, ***asks the British government to lift its blockade on the vote in the Council with no further delay*** and expects that the Council will finalise without any further

elections on 8 June 2017;

delay the adoption of the MFF revision;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the decision of the Commission to already include in the draft budget the results of the mid-term revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020; ***is convinced that while the formal adoption is still blocked in the Council***, the proposal of the Commission sends a strong signal about the importance of this MFF revision, and the need for increased flexibility in the EU budget that could enable the Union to effectively respond to new emergencies and finance its political priorities; underlines that the European Parliament acted swiftly to grant its consent to the revised MFF Regulation, and expects that the Council will finalise without any further delay the adoption of the MFF revision, following the UK elections on 8 June 2017;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the decision of the Commission to already include in the draft budget the results of the mid-term revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020; the proposal of the Commission sends a strong signal about the importance of this MFF revision, and the need for increased flexibility in the EU budget that could enable the Union to effectively respond to new emergencies and finance its political priorities; underlines that the European Parliament acted swiftly to grant its consent to the revised MFF Regulation, and expects that the Council will finalise without any further delay the adoption of the MFF revision, following the UK elections on 8 June 2017;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Nils Torvalds, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Urmas Paet, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Reiterates its firm conviction that in order to achieve sustainable growth and job creation in the EU, investments in research,

Amendment

4. Reiterates its firm conviction that in order to achieve sustainable growth and job creation in the EU, investments in research,

innovation, infrastructure, education and SMEs are key; welcomes in this respect the proposed reinforcements to Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and Erasmus+ as these programmes will contribute directly to reaching these goals; ***regrets, however, that the proposed allocation for COSME is lower in comparison with the 2017 budget and points to the need to further reinforce SMEs, which are the main source of job creation in the EU and have a crucial role in reducing the investment gap and contributing to the prosperity of the EU;***

innovation, infrastructure, education and SMEs are key; welcomes in this respect the proposed reinforcements to Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and Erasmus+ as these programmes will contribute directly to reaching these goals;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Reiterates its firm conviction that in order to achieve sustainable growth and job creation in the EU, investments in research, innovation, infrastructure, education and SMEs are key; welcomes in this respect the proposed reinforcements to Horizon 2020, ***the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)*** and Erasmus+ as these programmes will contribute directly to reaching these goals; regrets, however, that the proposed allocation for COSME is lower in comparison with the 2017 budget and points to the need to further reinforce SMEs, which are the main source of job creation in the EU and have a crucial role in reducing the investment gap and contributing to the prosperity of the EU;

Amendment

4. Reiterates its firm conviction that in order to achieve sustainable growth and job creation in the EU, investments in research, innovation, ***real added-value*** infrastructure, education and SMEs are key; welcomes in this respect the proposed reinforcements to Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+ as these programmes will contribute directly to reaching these goals; regrets, however, that the proposed allocation for COSME is lower in comparison with the 2017 budget and points to the need to further reinforce SMEs, which are the main source of job creation in the EU and have a crucial role in reducing the investment gap and contributing to the prosperity of the EU; ***considers that the financing of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) must aim at objectives which ensure a real economic, environmental and social added-value for the Member States and***

*should not be used to finance projects
marked out by a controversial realization;*

Or. en

Amendment 24

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Reiterates its firm conviction that in order to achieve sustainable growth **and** job creation in the EU, investments in research, innovation, infrastructure, education and SMEs are key; welcomes in this respect the proposed reinforcements to Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and Erasmus+ as these programmes will contribute directly to reaching these goals; **regrets, however, that** the proposed allocation for COSME **is** lower in comparison with the 2017 budget **and** points to the need to further reinforce SMEs, which are the main source of job creation in the EU **and have a crucial role in reducing** the investment gap **and** contributing to the prosperity of the EU;

Amendment

4. Reiterates its firm conviction that in order to achieve sustainable growth, **decent, quality and long-term** job creation in the EU, **boosting** investments in research, innovation, infrastructure, education and SMEs are key; welcomes in this respect the proposed reinforcements to Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and Erasmus+ as these programmes will contribute directly to reaching these goals; **deeply disagrees with** the proposed allocation for COSME, **is even** lower in comparison with the 2017 budget; points to the need to further reinforce SMEs, which are the main source of job creation in the EU; **highlights that such measures if accompanied with a set of robust policies and investments to reinforce the public sector could be the trigger to finally reduce** the investment gap, **decrease disparities among regions and Member States and thus** contributing to the prosperity of the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Isabelle Thomas, Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Reiterates its firm conviction that in order to achieve sustainable growth and job creation in the EU, investments in research, innovation, infrastructure, education and SMEs are key; welcomes in this respect the proposed reinforcements to Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and Erasmus+ as these programmes will contribute directly to reaching these goals; regrets, however, that the proposed allocation for COSME is lower in comparison with the 2017 budget and points to the need to further reinforce SMEs, which are the main source of job creation in the EU and have a crucial role in reducing the investment gap and contributing to the prosperity of the EU;

Amendment

4. Reiterates its firm conviction that in order to achieve sustainable growth and ***quality and decent*** job creation in the EU, investments in research, innovation, infrastructure, education and SMEs are key; welcomes in this respect the proposed reinforcements to Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and Erasmus+ as these programmes will contribute directly to reaching these goals; regrets, however, that the proposed allocation for COSME is lower in comparison with the 2017 budget and points to the need to further reinforce SMEs, which are the main source of job creation in the EU and have a crucial role in reducing the investment gap and contributing to the prosperity of the EU; ***Underlines that a reinforced Youth guarantee would contribute to achieve sustainable growth and quality and decent job creation in the EU;***

Or. en

Amendment 26
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Reiterates its firm conviction that in order to achieve sustainable growth and job creation in the EU, investments in research, innovation, infrastructure, education and SMEs are key; welcomes in this respect the proposed reinforcements to Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and Erasmus+ as these programmes will contribute directly to reaching these goals; regrets, however, that the proposed allocation for COSME is lower in

Amendment

4. Reiterates its firm conviction that in order to achieve sustainable growth and job creation in the EU, investments in research, innovation, infrastructure, education and SMEs are key; welcomes in this respect the proposed reinforcements to Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and Erasmus+ as these programmes will contribute directly to reaching these goals; ***but considers that the reinforcements should offset the cuts operated in these***

comparison with the 2017 budget and points to the need to further reinforce SMEs, which are the main source of job creation in the EU and have a crucial role in reducing the investment gap and contributing to the prosperity of the EU;

policies' financing to the benefit of EFSI financing; regrets, however, that the proposed allocation for COSME is lower in comparison with the 2017 budget and points to the need to further reinforce SMEs, which are the main source of job creation in the EU and have a crucial role in reducing the investment gap and contributing to the prosperity of the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Reiterates its firm conviction that in order to achieve sustainable growth and job creation in the EU, investments in research, innovation, infrastructure, education and SMEs are key; welcomes in this respect the proposed reinforcements to Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and Erasmus+ as these programmes will contribute directly *to* reaching these goals; regrets, however, that the proposed allocation for COSME is lower in comparison with the 2017 budget and points to the need to *further* reinforce SMEs, which are the main source of job creation in the EU and have a crucial role in reducing the investment gap and contributing to the prosperity of *the EU*;

Amendment

4. Reiterates its firm conviction that in order to achieve sustainable growth and job creation in the EU, investments in research, innovation, infrastructure, education and SMEs are key; welcomes in this respect the proposed reinforcements to Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and Erasmus+ as these programmes will contribute directly *and indirectly to partly* reaching these goals; regrets, however, that the proposed allocation for COSME is lower in comparison with the 2017 budget and points to the need to *significantly* reinforce SMEs, which are the main source of job creation *and innovation* in the EU and have a *broader* crucial role in reducing the investment gap and *potentially* contributing to the prosperity of *some member states*;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Reiterates its firm conviction that in order to achieve sustainable growth and job creation in the EU, investments in research, innovation, infrastructure, education and SMEs are key; welcomes in this respect the proposed reinforcements to Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and Erasmus+ as these programmes will contribute directly to reaching these goals; regrets, however, that the proposed allocation for COSME is lower in comparison with the 2017 budget and points to the need to further reinforce SMEs, which are the main source of job creation in the EU and have a crucial role in reducing the investment gap and contributing to the prosperity of the EU;

Amendment

4. Reiterates its firm conviction that in order to achieve sustainable growth and job creation ***with a long-term goal of achieving upward socioeconomic convergence*** in the EU, investments in research, innovation, infrastructure, education and SMEs are key; welcomes in this respect the proposed reinforcements to Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and Erasmus+ as these programmes will contribute directly to reaching these goals; regrets, however, that the proposed allocation for COSME is lower in comparison with the 2017 budget and points to the need to further reinforce SMEs, which are the main source of job creation in the EU and have a crucial role in reducing the investment gap and contributing to the prosperity of the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Reiterates its firm conviction that in order to achieve sustainable growth and job creation in the EU, investments in research, innovation, infrastructure, education and SMEs are key; welcomes in this respect the proposed reinforcements to Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and Erasmus+ as these programmes will contribute directly to reaching these goals; regrets, however, that the proposed allocation for COSME is lower in comparison with the 2017 budget and

Amendment

4. Reiterates its firm conviction that in order to achieve sustainable growth, ***public investment*** and job creation in the EU, investments in research, innovation, infrastructure, education and SMEs are key; welcomes in this respect the proposed reinforcements to Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and Erasmus+ as these programmes will contribute directly to reaching these goals; regrets, however, that the proposed allocation for COSME is lower in

points to the need to further reinforce SMEs, which are the main *source* of job creation in the EU and have *a crucial* role in reducing the investment gap and contributing to the prosperity of the EU;

comparison with the 2017 budget and points to the need to further reinforce SMEs, which are *one of* the main *sources* of job creation in the EU and have *an important* role in reducing the investment gap and contributing to the prosperity of the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 30 **Jens Geier**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 4**

Motion for a resolution

4. Reiterates its firm conviction that in order to achieve sustainable growth and *job* creation in the EU, investments in research, innovation, infrastructure, education and SMEs are key; welcomes in this respect the proposed reinforcements to Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and Erasmus+ as these programmes will contribute directly to reaching these goals; regrets, however, that the proposed allocation for COSME is lower in comparison with the 2017 budget and points to the need to further reinforce SMEs, which are the main source of job creation in the EU and have a crucial role in reducing the investment gap and contributing to the prosperity of the EU;

Amendment

4. Reiterates its firm conviction that in order to achieve sustainable growth and *the* creation *of stable and quality jobs* in the EU, investments in research, innovation, infrastructure, education and SMEs are key; welcomes in this respect the proposed reinforcements to Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and Erasmus+ as these programmes will contribute directly to reaching these goals; regrets, however, that the proposed allocation for COSME is lower in comparison with the 2017 budget and points to the need to further reinforce SMEs, which are the main source of job creation in the EU and have a crucial role in reducing the investment gap and contributing to the prosperity of the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 31 **Nils Torvalds, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Urmas Paet, Gérard Deprez**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 4 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. *Recalls the crucial role of SMEs in job creation and reduction of the investment gap and underscores that their adequate funding must remain one of the top priorities of the EU budget; regrets, in this respect, that the proposed allocation for COSME is lower in comparison with the 2017 budget, points to the need to further reinforce SMEs and calls for full delivery on the programme's financial commitments in the rest of the current MFF;*

Or. en

Amendment 32

Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. *Commends the role of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) in bridging the investment gap across the EU and supports its extension until 2020; underlines its position in the on-going legislative negotiations that no further cuts should be incurred on existing EU programmes in order to finance this extension;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 33

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. ***Commends the role of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) in bridging the investment gap across the EU and supports its extension until 2020; underlines its position in the on-going legislative negotiations that no further cuts should be incurred on existing EU programmes in order to finance this extension;***

Amendment

5. ***Underlines that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) has proved to be ineffective in reducing the investment gap in Europe, and stresses that the results achieved so far are insignificant and do not deliver any additionality or economic, environmental and social added-value in comparison with the existing EIB programmes; deplores the Commission proposal for extending the EFSI until 2020; underlines its position in the on-going legislative negotiations that no further cuts should be incurred on existing EU programmes in order to finance this extension;***

Or. en

Amendment 34
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. ***Commends the role of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) in bridging the investment gap across the EU and supports its extension until 2020; underlines its position in the on-going legislative negotiations that no further cuts should be incurred on existing EU programmes in order to finance this extension;***

Amendment

5. ***Doubts about the role of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) in bridging the investment gap across the EU and does not support its extension until 2020;***

Or. en

Amendment 35
Nicola Caputo, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Commends the role of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) in bridging the investment gap across the EU and supports its extension until 2020; underlines its position in the on-going legislative negotiations that no further cuts should be incurred on existing EU programmes in order to finance this extension;

Amendment

5. Commends the role of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) in bridging the investment gap across the EU and supports its extension until 2020; underlines its position in the on-going legislative negotiations that no further cuts should be incurred on existing EU programmes in order to finance this extension; ***points to persistent differences in the eligibility criteria, regulations, timeframe for reporting and the application of state aid rules, which hinder combined usage of EFSI and ESI Fund and hopes the revision of the Financial Regulation will be performed in a timely manner so as to simplify the combination of financing and avoid competition and overlaps;***

Or. en

Amendment 36
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Commends the role of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) in bridging the investment gap across the EU and supports its extension until 2020; underlines its position in the on-going legislative negotiations that no further cuts should be incurred on existing EU programmes in order to finance this extension;

Amendment

5. Commends the role of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) in bridging the investment gap across the EU and supports its extension until 2020; underlines its position in the on-going legislative negotiations that no further cuts should be incurred on existing EU programmes in order to finance this extension; ***considers that EFSI, whose guarantee fund is mostly financed by the EU budget and therefore through contributions from taxpayers, shall not serve the purpose of supporting business***

operations established or incorporated in jurisdictions non-complying with international tax standards;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Commends the role of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) in bridging the investment gap across the EU and supports its extension until 2020; underlines its position in the on-going legislative negotiations that no further cuts should be incurred on existing EU programmes in order to finance this extension;

Amendment

5. Commends the role of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) in bridging the investment gap across the EU and supports its extension until 2020; underlines its position in the on-going legislative negotiations that no further cuts should be incurred on existing EU programmes in order to finance this extension; *stresses the importance to reform the European Fund for Strategic Investments and bring more transparency on the project selection and evaluation process, taking into consideration that not all Member States have the opportunity to access the fund;*

Or. en

Amendment 38
Isabelle Thomas, Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Commends the role of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) in bridging the investment gap across the EU and supports its extension until 2020; underlines its position in the on-going

Amendment

5. Commends the role of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) in bridging the investment gap across the EU and *between the EU's territories and helping to implement strategic,*

legislative negotiations that no further cuts should be incurred on existing EU programmes in order to finance this extension;

transformative and productive investments that provide a high level of added value to the economy, the environment and society, and supports its extension until 2020; underlines its position in the on-going legislative negotiations that no further cuts should be incurred on existing EU programmes in order to finance this extension;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. *Commends the role of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) in bridging the investment gap across the EU and supports its extension until 2020; underlines its position in the on-going legislative negotiations that no further cuts should be incurred on existing EU programmes in order to finance this extension;*

Amendment

5. *Underlines that the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) failed at filling the large investment gap in Europe and therefore it should not be extended;*

Or. en

Amendment 40

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Commends the role of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) in bridging the investment gap across the EU *and* supports its extension until 2020; underlines its position in the on-going

Amendment

5. Commends the role of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) in bridging the investment gap across the EU, *with renewed rules aimed at enhancing geographical coverage, and in this context*

legislative negotiations that no further cuts should be incurred on existing EU programmes in order to finance this extension;

supports its extension until 2020; underlines its position in the on-going legislative negotiations that no further cuts should be incurred on existing EU programmes in order to finance this extension;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. *Commends the* role of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) in bridging the investment gap across the EU and *supports its* extension until 2020; underlines its position in the on-going legislative negotiations that no further cuts should be incurred on existing EU programmes in order to finance this extension;

Amendment

5. *Underlines the potential* role of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) in bridging the investment gap across the EU and *examines its possible* extension until 2020; underlines its position in the on-going legislative negotiations that no further cuts should be incurred on existing EU programmes in order to finance this extension;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Liadh Ní Riada

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Recalls that the European Court of Auditors on its Special Reports n. 19/2016 and n. 5/2015 came to the conclusion that the Union financial instruments, EFSI included, under shared management were overcapitalised, struggled to control

cost/fees, attract private capital and re-use financial support; furthermore, according to European Court of Auditors and on the basis of the EIB provided data and estimates, the current guarantee is sufficient for a further period of operation of the IIW, recommending instead to the sole consideration of an increase of the EU guarantee for the SMEW, as this would reduce the fragmentation between EFSI and other financial instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Nils Torvalds, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Urmas Paet, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Highlights the quick uptake of funds in the SME Window of EFSI and welcomes its intended scale-up in the proposed extension of EFSI; welcomes the Commission's attempt at streamlining SME financing within Horizon 2020, regrets however the lack of a holistic approach to SME funding that would allow for a clear overview of total funds available;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Welcomes the EU initiatives in the *deleted*

field of defence research, which will contribute to achieving economies of scale in the sector and thus lead to greater coordination among Member States in the field;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Monika Vana

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. *Welcomes the EU initiatives in the field of defence research, which will contribute to achieving economies of scale in the sector and thus lead to greater coordination among Member States in the field;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 46

Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. *Welcomes the EU initiatives in the field of defence research, which will contribute to achieving economies of scale in the sector and thus lead to greater coordination among Member States in the field;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 47

Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes the EU initiatives in the field of defence research, ***which will contribute to achieving economies of scale in the sector and thus lead to greater coordination among Member States in the field;***

Amendment

6. ***Strongly condemns the creation of the European Defence Fund and opposes any use of the EU Budget for funding initiatives in the field of defence research; believes this clearly another attempt of the European union to undermine competences that belong to the sovereignty of the individual Member states;***

Or. en

Amendment 48

Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Urmas Paet, Nedzhmi Ali, Gérard Deprez, Frédérique Ries

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes the EU initiatives in the field of defence research, which will contribute to achieving economies of scale in the sector and thus lead to greater coordination among Member States in the field;

Amendment

6. Welcomes the EU initiatives ***and long-term perspective*** in the field of defence research ***and technology development and acquisition***, which will contribute to achieving economies of scale in the sector and thus lead to greater coordination among Member States in the field; ***believes that this kind of pooling and sharing of resources can enable a better use of tax payer's money and offers a potential for savings; underlines also the need to improve the competitiveness and innovation in the European defence industry and to stimulate growth and job creation;***

Or. en

Amendment 49
Isabelle Thomas, Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. **Welcomes** the EU initiatives in the field of defence research, which will contribute to achieving economies of scale in the sector and thus lead to greater coordination among Member States in the field;

Amendment

6. **Notes** the EU initiatives in the field of defence research, which will contribute to achieving economies of scale in the sector and thus lead to greater coordination among Member States in the field; **stresses, however, that this activity should be endowed with fresh resources, as it is a new political initiative with a significant impact on the EU budget;**

Or. en

Amendment 50
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. **Welcomes** the EU initiatives in the field of defence research, which **will** contribute to achieving economies of scale in the sector and thus lead to greater coordination among Member States in the field;

Amendment

6. **Takes note of** the EU initiatives in the field of defence research, which **can** contribute to achieving economies of scale in the sector and thus lead to greater coordination among Member States in the field; **is of the opinion that additional expenses on the EU level in the field of defence research should be compensated by savings on the national level;**

Or. en

Amendment 51
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. **Welcomes** the EU initiatives in the field of defence research, **which will contribute to achieving economies of scale in the sector and thus lead to greater coordination among Member States in the field;**

Amendment

6. **Believes that** the EU initiatives in the field of defence research **should be aimed at encouraging better cooperation between Member States in compliance with their national sovereignty, as well as at meeting the security challenges that the EU is facing;**

Or. en

Amendment 52

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. **Welcomes the** EU initiatives in the field of defence research, **which will contribute to achieving economies of scale in the sector and thus lead to greater coordination among Member States in the field;**

Amendment

6. **Notes that** EU initiatives in the field of defence research, **lead to greater coordination among Member States in the field and, if developed correctly, lead to a more rational defence spending at EU and National level;**

Or. en

Amendment 53

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. **Welcomes** the EU initiatives in the field of defence research, **which will contribute to** achieving economies of scale in the sector and thus lead to greater coordination among Member States in the field;

Amendment

6. **Takes note of** the EU initiatives in the field of defence research, **with the aim to contribute towards** achieving economies of scale in the sector and thus lead to greater coordination among Member States in the field;

Amendment 54
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. *Welcomes* the EU initiatives in the field of defence research, *which will contribute to achieving economies of scale in the sector and thus lead to greater coordination among Member States in the field*;

Amendment

6. *Stresses that* the EU initiatives in the field of defence research *should be overall revised; notes that smaller national defence industries will struggle ineffectively to adjust and remain competitive*;

Amendment 55
Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nedzhmi Ali, Nils Torvalds, Iskra Mihaylova, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

6 a. Stresses the importance of mainstreaming biodiversity protection across the EU budget, and reiterates its previous call for a tracking methodology that takes into account all biodiversity related spending and its efficiency;

Amendment

Amendment 56
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Regrets that the Commission has not followed up on Parliament's request to put forward an assessment and relevant proposals for an '18th Birthday Interrail Pass for Europe'; is convinced that this proposal has the potential to boost European consciousness and identity and can serve as a concrete example of European added value; strongly reiterates its previous call on the Commission to put forward relevant proposals in this regard;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 57

Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Regrets that the Commission has not followed up on Parliament's request to put forward an assessment and relevant proposals for an '18th Birthday Interrail Pass for Europe'; is convinced that this proposal has the potential to boost European consciousness and identity and can serve as a concrete example of European added value; strongly reiterates its previous call on the Commission to put forward relevant proposals in this regard;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 58

Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. *Regrets that the Commission has not followed up on Parliament's request to put forward an assessment and relevant proposals for an '18th Birthday Interrail Pass for Europe'; is convinced that this proposal has the potential to boost European consciousness and identity and can serve as a concrete example of European added value; strongly reiterates its previous call on the Commission to put forward relevant proposals in this regard;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 59

Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Urmas Paet, Nils Torvalds, Iskra Mihaylova, Frédérique Ries, Gérard Deprez

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. *Regrets that the Commission has not followed up on Parliament's request to put forward an assessment and relevant proposals for an '18th Birthday Interrail Pass for Europe'; is convinced that this proposal has the potential to boost European consciousness and identity and can serve as a concrete example of European added value; strongly reiterates its previous call on the Commission to put forward relevant proposals in this regard;*

7. *Welcomes the Move2Learn, Learn2Move initiative by the Commission as a positive step to increase mobility, intercultural experience and European identity of the youth, while supporting learning and promoting low-emission travel and combination of various means of transport; believes that any possible future actions beyond this one-off initiative should be socially and geographically inclusive and always linked to educational objectives, based on multimodal and decarbonised transport, and not undermine the budget of other existing successful EU youth programmes;*

Or. en

Amendment 60
Isabelle Thomas, Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Regrets that the Commission has not followed up on Parliament's request to put forward an assessment and relevant proposals for an '18th Birthday Interrail Pass for Europe'; ***is convinced that this proposal has the potential to boost European consciousness and identity and can serve as a concrete example of European added value; strongly reiterates its previous call on the Commission to put forward relevant proposals in this regard;***

Amendment

7. Regrets that the Commission has not followed up on Parliament's request to put forward an assessment and relevant proposals for an '18th Birthday Interrail Pass for Europe'; ***underlines, once more, that without additional resources, such new expenditures cannot be considered;***

Or. en

Amendment 61
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. ***Regrets*** that the Commission has not followed up on Parliament's request to put forward an assessment and relevant proposals for an '18th Birthday Interrail Pass for Europe'; ***is convinced that this proposal has the potential to boost European consciousness and identity and can serve as a concrete example of European added value; strongly reiterates its previous call on the Commission to put forward relevant proposals in this regard;***

Amendment

7. ***Notes*** that the Commission has not followed up on Parliament's request to put forward an assessment and relevant proposals for an '18th Birthday Interrail Pass for Europe'; ***reiterates that any new expenditure must be financed by new means and without prejudice for existing programs;***

Or. en

Amendment 62

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. **Regrets** that the Commission has not followed up on Parliament's request to put forward an assessment and relevant proposals for an '18th Birthday Interrail Pass for Europe'; **is convinced** that this **proposal has the potential to boost European consciousness and identity and can serve as a concrete example of European added value; strongly reiterates its previous call on the Commission to put forward relevant proposals in this regard;**

Amendment

7. **Notes** that the Commission has not followed up on Parliament's request to put forward an assessment and relevant proposals for an '18th Birthday Interrail Pass for Europe'; **believes** that this **program should not be financed at the expense of other successful EU programmes and should be as socially inclusive as possible; intends to call for a focused financing for the programme in the 2018 budget and to evaluate its functioning and added-value for the younger generation;**

Or. en

Amendment 63

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Regrets that the Commission has not followed up on Parliament's request to put forward an assessment and relevant proposals for an '18th Birthday Interrail Pass for Europe'; is convinced that this proposal has the potential to boost European consciousness and identity and can serve as a concrete example of European added value; strongly reiterates its previous call on the Commission to put forward relevant proposals in this regard;

Amendment

7. Regrets that the Commission has not followed up on Parliament's request to put forward an assessment and relevant proposals for an '18th Birthday Interrail Pass for Europe'; is convinced that this proposal has the potential to boost European consciousness and identity and **that, with an equivalent alternative or supplement to young Europeans that do not have access to a train connection from their home region, such as those residing in the peripheral islands of Europe,** can serve as a concrete example of European added value; strongly reiterates its previous call on the Commission to put forward

relevant proposals in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. **Regrets** that the Commission has not followed up on Parliament's request to put forward an assessment and relevant proposals for an '18th Birthday Interrail Pass for Europe'; is convinced that this proposal has the potential to boost European consciousness and identity and can serve as a concrete example of European added value; strongly reiterates its previous call on the Commission to put forward relevant proposals in this regard;

Amendment

7. **Takes note** that the Commission has not followed up on Parliament's request to put forward an assessment and relevant proposals for an '18th Birthday Interrail Pass for Europe'; is convinced that this proposal has the potential to boost European consciousness and identity and can serve as a concrete example of European added value; strongly reiterates its previous call on the Commission to put forward relevant proposals in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. **Welcomes the fact** that the **draft budget 2018 includes an additional allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), responding thus to Parliament's previous calls for the continuation of the programme; notes, in parallel, the proposal for draft amending budget 3/2017 that integrates the provision of EUR 500 million in commitments for YEI, as agreed upon by Parliament and the Council in the 2017**

Amendment

8. **Underlines** that the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) **failed at tackling youth unemployment; believes that employment and social policy initiatives should come primarily from the Member States, which need therefore the full use all the fiscal and monetary tools by removing all the EU constraints;**

budgetary conciliation; is convinced that while the proposed amounts alone will not be sufficient to tackle youth unemployment, YEI will continue to contribute to the Union's priority objective of growth and jobs; underlines that YEI can be further improved and become more efficient;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Liadh Ní Riada

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. **Welcomes** the fact that the draft budget 2018 includes an additional allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), responding thus to Parliament's previous calls for the continuation of the programme; notes, in parallel, the proposal for draft amending budget 3/2017 that integrates the provision of EUR 500 million in commitments for YEI, as agreed upon by Parliament and the Council in the 2017 budgetary conciliation; **is convinced that while** the proposed amounts **alone will not be** sufficient to tackle youth unemployment, **YEI will continue** to contribute to the Union's priority objective of growth and **jobs**; underlines that YEI **can** be further improved and become more efficient;

Amendment

8. **Takes note of** the fact that the draft budget 2018 includes an additional allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), responding thus to Parliament's previous calls for the continuation of the programme; notes, in parallel, the proposal for draft amending budget 3/2017 that integrates the provision of EUR 500 million in commitments for YEI, as agreed upon by Parliament and the Council in the 2017 budgetary conciliation; **highlights, however, that** the proposed amounts **are by far not** sufficient to **effectively** tackle youth unemployment **and calls upon the Commission and the Council to significantly reinforce its appropriations; underlines that only a robust YEI has the potential** to contribute to the Union's priority objective of growth and **decent, quality and long term job creation and qualification**; underlines that YEI **should** be further **reinforced**, improved and **in order for it to** become more efficient;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the fact that the draft budget 2018 includes an additional allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), responding thus to Parliament's previous calls for the continuation of the programme; notes, in parallel, the proposal for draft amending budget 3/2017 that integrates the provision of EUR 500 million in commitments for YEI, as agreed upon by Parliament and the Council in the 2017 budgetary conciliation; is convinced that while the proposed amounts alone will not be sufficient to tackle youth unemployment, YEI will continue to contribute to the Union's priority objective of growth and jobs; underlines that YEI can be further improved and become more efficient;

Amendment

8. Welcomes the fact that the draft budget 2018 includes an additional allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), responding thus to Parliament's previous calls for the continuation of the programme; notes, in parallel, the proposal for draft amending budget 3/2017 that integrates the provision of EUR 500 million in commitments for YEI, as agreed upon by Parliament and the Council in the 2017 budgetary conciliation; is convinced that while the proposed amounts alone will not be sufficient to tackle youth unemployment, YEI will continue to contribute to the Union's priority objective of growth and jobs; underlines that YEI can be further improved and become more efficient; ***calls for further assessment of the present youth issues when drawing up policies and actions that have a significant impact on young people such as learning, voluntary activities, information and mobility;***

Or. en

Amendment 68
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the fact that the draft budget 2018 includes an additional

Amendment

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allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), responding thus to Parliament's previous calls for the continuation of the programme; notes, in parallel, the proposal for draft amending budget 3/2017 that integrates the provision of EUR 500 million in commitments for YEI, as agreed upon by Parliament and the Council in the 2017 budgetary conciliation; is convinced that while the proposed amounts alone will not be sufficient to tackle youth unemployment, YEI will continue to contribute to the Union's priority objective of growth and jobs; underlines that YEI can be further improved and become more efficient;

allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), responding thus to Parliament's previous calls for the continuation of the programme; notes, in parallel, the proposal for draft amending budget 3/2017 that integrates the provision of EUR 500 million in commitments for YEI, as agreed upon by Parliament and the Council in the 2017 budgetary conciliation; is convinced that while the proposed amounts alone will not be sufficient to tackle youth unemployment, YEI will continue to contribute to the Union's priority objective of growth and jobs; underlines that YEI can be further improved and become more efficient; *notably by ensuring that it brings real European added value to youth employment policies in the Member States and does not replace the financing of former national policies;*

Or. en

Amendment 69

Gérard Deprez, Urmas Paet, Nils Torvalds, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nedzhmi Ali, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the fact that the draft budget 2018 includes an additional allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), responding thus to Parliament's previous calls for the continuation of the programme; notes, in parallel, the proposal for draft amending budget 3/2017 that integrates the provision of EUR 500 million in commitments for YEI, as agreed upon by Parliament and the Council in the 2017 budgetary conciliation; is convinced that while the proposed amounts alone will not be sufficient to tackle youth unemployment, YEI will

Amendment

8. Welcomes the fact that the draft budget 2018 includes an additional allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), responding thus to Parliament's previous calls for the continuation of the programme; notes, in parallel, the proposal for draft amending budget 3/2017 that integrates the provision of EUR 500 million in commitments for YEI, as agreed upon by Parliament and the Council in the 2017 budgetary conciliation; is convinced that while the proposed amounts alone will not be sufficient to tackle youth unemployment, YEI will

continue to contribute to the Union's priority objective of growth and jobs; underlines that YEI can be further improved and become more efficient;

continue to contribute to the Union's priority objective of growth and jobs; ***insists on the need to provide an effective response to youth unemployment across the European Union and*** underlines that YEI can be further improved and become more efficient

Or. en

Amendment 70

Jean-Paul Denanot, Daniele Viotti

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the fact that the draft budget 2018 includes an additional allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), responding thus to Parliament's previous calls for the continuation of the programme; notes, in parallel, the proposal for draft amending budget 3/2017 that integrates the provision of EUR 500 million in commitments for YEI, as agreed upon by Parliament and the Council in the 2017 budgetary conciliation; is convinced that while the proposed amounts alone will not be sufficient to tackle youth unemployment, YEI will continue to contribute to the Union's priority objective of growth and jobs; underlines that YEI ***can*** be further improved ***and*** become more efficient;

Amendment

8. Welcomes the fact that the draft budget 2018 includes an additional allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), responding thus to Parliament's previous calls for the continuation of the programme, ***but highlights that this amount is clearly insufficient for the YEI to reach its goals;*** notes, in parallel, the proposal for draft amending budget 3/2017 that integrates the provision of EUR 500 million in commitments for YEI, as agreed upon by Parliament and the Council in the 2017 budgetary conciliation; is convinced that while the proposed amounts alone will not be sufficient to tackle youth unemployment, YEI will continue to contribute to the Union's priority objective of growth and jobs; underlines that YEI ***needs to*** be further improved ***in order to*** become more efficient;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the fact that the draft budget 2018 includes an additional allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), responding thus to Parliament's previous calls for the continuation of the programme; notes, in parallel, the proposal for draft amending budget 3/2017 that integrates the provision of EUR 500 million in commitments for YEI, as agreed upon by Parliament and the Council in the 2017 budgetary conciliation; is convinced that while the proposed amounts alone will not be sufficient to tackle youth unemployment, YEI will continue to contribute to the Union's priority objective of growth and jobs; underlines that YEI can be further improved and become more efficient;

Amendment

8. Welcomes the fact that the draft budget 2018 includes an additional allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), responding thus to Parliament's previous calls for the continuation of the programme; notes, in parallel, the proposal for draft amending budget 3/2017 that integrates the provision of EUR 500 million in commitments for YEI, as agreed upon by Parliament and the Council in the 2017 budgetary conciliation; is convinced that while the proposed amounts alone will not be sufficient to tackle youth unemployment, YEI will continue to contribute to the Union's priority objective of growth and jobs; underlines that YEI can be further improved and become more efficient; ***calls on the Member States to be fully involved in the implementation of YEI;***

Or. en

Amendment 72
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. ***Welcomes*** the fact that the draft budget 2018 includes an additional allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), responding thus to Parliament's previous calls for the continuation of the programme; notes, in parallel, the proposal for draft amending budget 3/2017 that integrates the provision of EUR 500 million in commitments for YEI, as agreed upon by Parliament and the Council in the 2017 budgetary conciliation;

Amendment

8. ***Notes*** the fact that the draft budget 2018 includes an additional allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), responding thus to Parliament's previous calls for the continuation of the programme; notes, in parallel, the proposal for draft amending budget 3/2017 that integrates the provision of EUR 500 million in commitments for YEI, as agreed upon by Parliament and the Council in the 2017 budgetary conciliation; is convinced

is convinced that while the proposed amounts alone will not be sufficient to tackle youth unemployment, YEI **will continue to** contribute to the Union's priority objective of growth and jobs; underlines that YEI can be further improved and become more efficient;

that while the proposed amounts alone will not be sufficient to tackle youth unemployment, YEI **would** contribute to the Union's priority objective of growth and jobs; **regrets the poor results achieved by the Youth Guarantee in many Member States and** underlines that YEI can be further improved and become more efficient;

Or. en

Amendment 73

Isabelle Thomas, Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the fact that the draft budget 2018 includes an additional allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), responding thus to Parliament's previous calls for the continuation of the programme; notes, in parallel, the proposal for draft amending budget 3/2017 that integrates the provision of EUR 500 million in commitments for YEI, as agreed upon by Parliament and the Council in the 2017 budgetary conciliation; is convinced that while the proposed amounts alone will not be sufficient to tackle youth unemployment, YEI will continue to contribute to the Union's priority objective of growth and jobs; underlines that YEI can be further improved and become more efficient;

Amendment

8. Welcomes the fact that the draft budget 2018 includes an additional allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), responding thus to Parliament's previous calls for the continuation of the programme; notes, in parallel, the proposal for draft amending budget 3/2017 that integrates the provision of EUR 500 million in commitments for YEI, as agreed upon by Parliament and the Council in the 2017 budgetary conciliation; is convinced that while the proposed amounts alone will not be sufficient to tackle youth unemployment, YEI will continue to contribute to the Union's priority objective of growth and jobs; **calls for the generalisation of YEI to all NEETs in the EU**; underlines that YEI can be further **funded**, improved and become more efficient;

Or. en

Amendment 74

Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. **Welcomes** the fact that the draft budget 2018 includes an additional allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), responding thus to Parliament's previous calls for the continuation of the programme; notes, in parallel, the proposal for draft amending budget 3/2017 that integrates the provision of EUR 500 million in commitments for YEI, as agreed upon by Parliament and the Council in the 2017 budgetary conciliation; is convinced that while the proposed amounts alone will not be sufficient to tackle youth unemployment, YEI will continue to contribute to the Union's priority objective of growth and jobs; underlines that YEI can be further improved and become more efficient;

Amendment

8. **Notes** the fact that the draft budget 2018 includes an additional allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), responding thus to Parliament's previous calls for the continuation of the programme; notes, in parallel, the proposal for draft amending budget 3/2017 that integrates the provision of EUR 500 million in commitments for YEI, as agreed upon by Parliament and the Council in the 2017 budgetary conciliation; is convinced that while the proposed amounts alone will not be sufficient to tackle youth unemployment, YEI will continue to contribute to the Union's priority objective of growth and jobs; underlines that YEI can be further improved and become more efficient;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that in 2018, cohesion policy programmes are expected to reach cruising speed and emphasises Parliament's commitment to ensuring adequate appropriations for these programmes; is however preoccupied by the unacceptable delays in the implementation of operational programmes at national level; calls on Member States to ensure that the designation of managing, auditing and certifying authorities is concluded and implementation is

Amendment

9. Stresses that in 2018, cohesion policy programmes are expected to reach cruising speed and emphasises Parliament's commitment to ensuring adequate appropriations for these programmes; is however preoccupied by the unacceptable delays in the implementation of operational programmes at national level; calls on Member States to ensure that the designation of managing, auditing and certifying authorities is concluded and implementation is

accelerated;

accelerated; *stresses the importance of considering sustainable reconstructions and any anti-seismic investment, including the ones co-financed through ESI Funds and allocated to the Thematic Objective 5 "prevention, promotion of climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management" to be excluded from the calculation of national deficits in the framework of the Stability and Growth Pact;*

Or. en

Amendment 76
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that in 2018, cohesion policy programmes are expected to reach cruising speed and emphasises Parliament's commitment to ensuring adequate appropriations for these programmes; is however preoccupied by the unacceptable delays in the implementation of operational programmes at national level; calls on Member States to ensure that the designation of managing, auditing and certifying authorities is concluded and implementation is accelerated;

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9. Stresses that in 2018, cohesion policy programmes are expected to reach cruising speed and emphasises Parliament's commitment to ensuring adequate appropriations for these programmes; is however preoccupied by the unacceptable delays in the implementation of operational programmes at national level; calls on Member States to ensure that the designation of managing, auditing and certifying authorities is concluded and implementation is accelerated; *considers that a higher level of visibility on the implementation of the ESI Funds could result in an increased number of project applications submitted by Member States; and recognises that, by long negotiations of the legal basis, the EU negotiating institutions have their part of responsibility in the low implementation rate;*

Or. en

Amendment 77
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that in 2018, cohesion policy programmes are expected to reach cruising speed and emphasises Parliament's commitment to ensuring adequate appropriations for these programmes; is however preoccupied by the unacceptable delays in the implementation of operational programmes at national level; calls on Member States to ensure that the designation of managing, auditing and certifying authorities is concluded and implementation is accelerated;

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9. Stresses that in 2018, cohesion policy programmes are expected to reach cruising speed and emphasises Parliament's commitment to ensuring adequate appropriations for these programmes; is however preoccupied by the unacceptable delays in the implementation of operational programmes at national level; calls on Member States to ensure that the designation of managing, auditing and certifying authorities is concluded and implementation is accelerated; ***calls on the Commission to maintain the current level of funding that will enhance cooperation across all EU Member States and avoid unacceptable delays in the implementation of the operational programmes at EU Level.***

Or. en

Amendment 78
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that in 2018, cohesion policy programmes are expected to reach cruising speed and emphasises Parliament's commitment to ensuring adequate appropriations for these programmes; is however preoccupied by the unacceptable delays in the implementation of operational programmes at national level; calls on Member States to ensure that the designation of managing,

Amendment

9. Stresses that in 2018, cohesion policy programmes are expected to reach cruising speed and emphasises Parliament's commitment to ensuring adequate appropriations for these programmes; is however preoccupied by the unacceptable delays in the implementation of operational programmes at national level ***due to inadequate technical assistance and expertise***

auditing and certifying authorities is concluded and implementation is *accelerated*;

provision; calls on Member States to ensure that the designation of managing, auditing and certifying authorities is concluded and implementation is *adequate, according to nationally set prioritization criteria*;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Isabelle Thomas, Daniele Viotti

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that in 2018, cohesion policy programmes are expected to reach cruising speed and emphasises Parliament's commitment to ensuring adequate appropriations for these programmes; is however preoccupied by the unacceptable delays in the implementation of operational programmes at national level; calls on Member States to ensure that the designation of managing, auditing and certifying authorities is concluded and implementation is accelerated;

Amendment

9. ***Recalls that the cohesion policy plays a primary role for the development and growth of the EU***; Stresses that in 2018, cohesion policy programmes are expected to reach cruising speed and emphasises Parliament's commitment to ensuring adequate appropriations for these programmes; is however preoccupied by the unacceptable delays in the implementation of operational programmes at national level; calls on Member States to ensure that the designation of managing, auditing and certifying authorities is concluded and implementation is accelerated;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Gérard Deprez, Urmas Paet, Nils Torvalds, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. ***Stresses*** that in 2018, cohesion policy programmes are expected to reach

Amendment

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cruising speed *and emphasises Parliament's commitment to ensuring adequate appropriations for these programmes*; is however preoccupied by the unacceptable delays in the implementation of operational programmes at national level; calls on Member States to ensure that the designation of managing, auditing and certifying authorities is concluded and implementation is accelerated;

speed; is however preoccupied by the unacceptable delays in the implementation of operational programmes at national level; calls on Member States to ensure that the designation of managing, auditing and certifying authorities is concluded and implementation is accelerated;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that in 2018, cohesion policy programmes are expected to reach cruising speed and emphasises Parliament's commitment to ensuring adequate appropriations for these programmes; is however preoccupied by the unacceptable delays in the implementation of operational programmes at national level; calls on Member States to ensure that the designation of managing, auditing and certifying authorities is concluded and implementation is accelerated;

Amendment

9. Stresses that in 2018, cohesion policy programmes are expected to reach cruising speed and emphasises Parliament's commitment to ensuring adequate appropriations for these programmes *that represent one of the core policies of the EU*; is however preoccupied by the unacceptable delays in the implementation of operational programmes at national level; calls on Member States to ensure that the designation of managing, auditing and certifying authorities is concluded and implementation is accelerated;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Liadh Ní Riada
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that in 2018, cohesion policy programmes are expected to reach cruising speed **and emphasises** Parliament's commitment to ensuring adequate appropriations for these programmes; is however **preoccupied** by the unacceptable delays in the implementation of operational programmes at national level; calls on Member States to ensure that the designation of managing, auditing and certifying authorities is concluded and implementation is accelerated;

Amendment

9. Stresses that in 2018, cohesion policy programmes are expected to **catch-up and** reach cruising speed; **while emphasizing** Parliament's commitment to ensuring adequate appropriations for these programmes is, however, **deeply concerned** by the unacceptable delays in the implementation of operational programmes at national level; calls on Member States to ensure that the designation of managing, auditing and certifying authorities is concluded and implementation is accelerated;

Or. en

Amendment 83

Gérard Deprez, Urmas Paet, Nils Torvalds, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

9 a. Welcomes the fact that more and more Member States consider that cohesion funds should be a tool for guaranteeing solidarity in all Union policies, in particularly for migration issues;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 84

Isabelle Thomas, Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Is particularly concerned at the

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possible reconstitution of a backlog of unpaid bills towards the end of the current MFF period, and recalls the unprecedented amount of EUR 24.7 billion reached at the end of 2014; welcomes the fact that the Commission, on the occasion of the MFF mid-term revision, provided a payment forecast until 2020 for the first time, but stresses that this needs to be duly updated every year, in order to allow the budgetary authority to take the necessary measures in time; is convinced that the credibility of the EU is also linked to its ability to ensure an adequate level of payment appropriations in the EU budget that will allow it to deliver on its commitments;

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Or. en

Amendment 85
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Is particularly concerned at the possible reconstitution of a backlog of unpaid bills towards the end of the current MFF period, and recalls the unprecedented amount of EUR 24.7 billion reached at the end of 2014; welcomes the fact that the Commission, on the occasion of the MFF mid-term revision, provided a payment forecast until 2020 for the first time, but stresses that this needs to be duly updated every year, in order to allow the budgetary authority to take the necessary measures in time; is convinced that the credibility of the

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EU is also linked to its ability to ensure an adequate level of payment appropriations in the EU budget that will allow it to deliver on its commitments; ***underlines, considering the importance for the private sector and notably EU SMEs of the contracts with public bodies, the detrimental effect on the EU growth of their late payments;***

Or. en

Amendment 86

Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nedzhmi Ali

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Is particularly concerned at the possible reconstitution of a backlog of unpaid bills towards the end of the current MFF period, and recalls the unprecedented amount of EUR 24.7 billion reached at the end of 2014; welcomes the fact that the Commission, on the occasion of the MFF mid-term revision, provided a payment forecast until 2020 for the first time, but stresses that this needs to be duly updated every year, in order to allow the budgetary authority to take the necessary measures in time; is convinced that the credibility of the EU is also linked to its ability to ensure an adequate level of payment appropriations in the EU budget that will allow it to deliver on its commitments;

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Or. en

Amendment 87

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Is particularly concerned at the possible reconstitution of a backlog of unpaid bills towards the end of the current MFF period, and recalls the unprecedented amount of EUR 24.7 billion reached at the end of 2014; welcomes the fact that the Commission, on the occasion of the MFF mid-term revision, provided a payment forecast until 2020 for the first time, but stresses that this needs to be duly updated every year, in order to allow the budgetary authority to take the necessary measures in time; is convinced that the credibility of the EU is also linked to its ability to ***ensure an adequate*** level of payment appropriations in the EU budget ***that will allow it to deliver on its commitments***;

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10. Is particularly concerned at the possible reconstitution of a backlog of unpaid bills towards the end of the current MFF period, and recalls the unprecedented amount of EUR 24.7 billion reached at the end of 2014; welcomes the fact that the Commission, on the occasion of the MFF mid-term revision, provided a payment forecast until 2020 for the first time, but stresses that this needs to be duly updated every year, in order to allow the budgetary authority to take the necessary measures in time; is convinced that the credibility of the EU is also linked to its ability to ***propose a realistic*** level of payment appropriations in the EU budget ***providing savings where possible***;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

10 a. Stresses the importance of a performance-based budgeting in order to analyse those budgetary lines which are not really yielding concrete results;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 89
Pavel Poc, Karin Kadenbach, Biljana Borzan, Tiemo Wölken

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Points to the insufficient level of climate action funding as proposed by the Commission; recalls the conclusions of the European Council confirmed by the resolution of the European Parliament on the MFF 2014-2020 from 2013 and the special report of the European Court of Auditors from 2016 concluding that there is a serious risk of falling short of meeting the objective to devote at least 20 % of EU expenditure in the 2014-2020 MFF to climate related actions without more effort;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Isabelle Thomas, Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Reiterates that citizens' security and safety is an EU priority which concern the preservation of peace and border security as well as food security and energy security; questions therefore the proposed cuts in Heading 3 compared to the 2017 Budget which do not seem to be in line with the EU pledge to enforce security and tackle terrorism;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Pavel Poc, Karin Kadenbach, Biljana Borzan, Tiemo Wölken

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 b. Notes with concern the modest increase of 0,1 % devoted to biodiversity; recalls the commitment of the EU to halt the global loss of biodiversity and the degradation of ecosystem services by 2020 and underlines that sufficient resources should be dedicated to biodiversity preservation;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Reiterates that while growth and jobs should remain the underlying priority of the EU budget, obtaining sustainable progress in these fields will be impossible if the citizens feel ***unsafe or insecure***; ***emphasises, moreover, that the unprecedented mobilisation of special instruments has shown that the EU budget was not initially designed to address the magnitude of the migration and refugee crisis; believes that moving to a post-crisis approach is premature given the volatility of the situation in the EU Neighbourhood and the terrorist threat within the EU; questions therefore the proposed cuts in Heading 3 compared to the 2017 Budget which do not seem to be in line with the EU pledge to deal in an efficient manner with the migration and refugee crisis, enforce security and tackle terrorism and radicalisation;***

11. Reiterates that while ***sustainable*** growth, ***public investment*** and jobs should remain the underlying priority of the EU budget, obtaining sustainable progress in these fields will be impossible if the citizens feel ***not safe***;

Or. en

Amendment 93

Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Frédérique Ries

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. ***Reiterates that while growth and jobs should remain the underlying priority of the EU budget, obtaining sustainable progress in these fields will be impossible if the citizens feel unsafe or insecure; emphasises, moreover, that the unprecedented mobilisation of special instruments has shown that the EU budget was not initially designed to address the magnitude of the migration and refugee crisis; believes that moving to a post-crisis approach is premature given the volatility of the situation in the EU Neighbourhood and the terrorist threat within the EU; questions therefore the proposed cuts in Heading 3 compared to the 2017 Budget which do not seem to be in line with the EU pledge to deal in an efficient manner with the migration and refugee crisis, enforce security and tackle terrorism and radicalisation;***

Amendment

11. ***Notes*** that the unprecedented mobilisation of special instruments has shown that the EU budget was not initially designed to address the magnitude of the migration and refugee crisis; ***stresses, however, that after a response to an urgent, un-precedented situation, a more systemic and pro-active approach should follow, complemented by an effective use of the EU budget;***

Or. en

Amendment 94

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. ***Reiterates that while growth and jobs should remain the underlying priority of the EU budget, obtaining sustainable progress in these fields will be impossible***

Amendment

11. ***Reiterates that sustainable growth and decent, quality and long-term job creation remain the priority of the EU citizens and the EU budget should further***

if the citizens feel unsafe or insecure; emphasises, moreover, that the unprecedented mobilisation of special instruments has shown that the EU budget was not initially designed to address the magnitude of the migration and *refugee crisis*; believes that moving to a post-crisis approach is premature given the volatility of the situation in the EU Neighbourhood and the *terrorist threat* within the EU; questions therefore the proposed cuts in Heading 3 compared to the 2017 Budget which do not seem to be in line with the EU pledge to *deal in an efficient manner with the migration and refugee crisis, enforce security and tackle terrorism and radicalisation*;

enhance a sustainable progress in these fields; emphasises, moreover, that the unprecedented mobilisation of special instruments has shown that the EU budget was not initially designed to address the magnitude of the *unprecedented demands to try to tackle the successive financial, economic and social crises, and therefore to effectively and substantially overcome the investment gap, contribute to real convergence by reducing the development disparities between regions, Member States and existing economic, social and regional discrepancies*', *enhance territorial cohesion, ensure migration and refugees' integration while guaranteeing a solid humanitarian and development aid solidarity*; believes that moving to a post-crisis approach is premature given the volatility of the situation in the EU Neighbourhood and the *safeguarding expectations* within the EU; questions therefore the proposed cuts in Heading 3 compared to the 2017 Budget, *in particular in AMIF*, which do not seem to be in line with the EU pledge to *solidarity and peace*;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. *Reiterates that while growth and jobs should remain the underlying priority of the EU budget, obtaining sustainable progress in these fields will be impossible if the citizens feel unsafe or insecure*; emphasises, *moreover*, that the unprecedented mobilisation of special instruments has shown that the EU budget was not initially designed to address *the*

Amendment

11. Emphasises that the unprecedented mobilisation of special instruments has shown that the EU budget was not initially designed to address *issues like the current refugee and migration situation. Opposes* therefore the proposed cuts in Heading 3 compared to the 2017 Budget which *are not* in line with the EU pledge to deal in an efficient manner with the *overall financial*

magnitude of the migration and refugee crisis; believes that moving to a post-crisis approach is premature given the volatility of the situation in the EU Neighbourhood and the terrorist threat within the EU; questions therefore the proposed cuts in Heading 3 compared to the 2017 Budget which do not seem to be in line with the EU pledge to deal in an efficient manner with the migration and refugee crisis, enforce security and tackle terrorism and radicalisation;

need for an efficient management of asylum procedures and common borders management;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. *Reiterates that while growth and jobs should remain the underlying priority of the EU budget, obtaining sustainable progress in these fields will be impossible if the citizens feel unsafe or insecure; emphasises, moreover, that the unprecedented mobilisation of special instruments has shown that the EU budget was not initially designed to address the magnitude of the migration and refugee crisis; believes that moving to a post-crisis approach is premature given the volatility of the situation in the EU Neighbourhood and the terrorist threat within the EU; questions therefore the proposed cuts in Heading 3 compared to the 2017 Budget which do not seem to be in line with the EU pledge to deal in an efficient manner with the migration and refugee crisis, enforce security and tackle terrorism and radicalisation;*

Amendment

11. Emphasises that the unprecedented mobilisation of special instruments has shown that the EU budget was not initially designed to address the magnitude of the migration and refugee crisis; believes that moving to a post-crisis approach is premature given the volatility of the situation in the EU Neighbourhood; questions, *one more*, the proposed cuts in Heading 3 compared to the 2017 Budget which do not seem to be in line with the EU pledge to deal in an efficient manner with the migration and refugee crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 97

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Reiterates that **while** growth and jobs should remain the underlying priority of the EU budget, obtaining sustainable progress in these fields **will be impossible if the citizens feel unsafe or insecure**; emphasises, moreover, that the unprecedented mobilisation of special instruments has shown that the EU budget was not initially designed to address the magnitude of the migration and refugee crisis; believes that moving to a post-crisis approach is premature given the volatility of the situation in the EU Neighbourhood **and the terrorist threat within the EU**; questions therefore the proposed cuts in Heading 3 compared to the 2017 Budget which do not seem to be in line with the EU pledge to deal in an efficient manner with the migration and refugee crisis, enforce security and tackle terrorism and radicalisation;

Amendment

11. Reiterates that growth and jobs should remain the underlying priority of the EU budget; **Believes that** obtaining sustainable progress in these fields **is to go in conjunction with a strengthening in the improvement of safety and security of EU citizens**; emphasises, moreover, that the unprecedented mobilisation of special instruments has shown that the EU budget was not initially designed to address the magnitude of the migration and refugee crisis; believes that moving to a post-crisis approach is premature given the volatility of the situation in the EU Neighbourhood; questions therefore the proposed cuts in Heading 3 compared to the 2017 Budget which do not seem to be in line with the EU pledge to deal in an efficient manner with the migration and refugee crisis, enforce security and tackle terrorism and radicalisation;

Or. en

Amendment 98

Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Reiterates that while growth and jobs should remain the underlying priority of the EU budget, obtaining sustainable progress in these fields will be impossible if the citizens feel unsafe or insecure;

Amendment

11. Reiterates that while growth and jobs should remain the underlying priority of the EU budget, obtaining sustainable progress in these fields will be impossible if the citizens feel unsafe or insecure;

emphasises, moreover, that the unprecedented mobilisation of special instruments has shown that the EU budget was not initially designed to address the magnitude of the migration and refugee crisis; believes that moving to a post-crisis approach is premature given the volatility of the situation in the EU Neighbourhood and the terrorist threat within the EU; questions therefore the proposed cuts in Heading 3 compared to the 2017 Budget which do not seem to be in line with the EU pledge to deal in an efficient manner ***with the migration and refugee crisis, enforce security and tackle*** terrorism and radicalisation;

emphasises, moreover, that the unprecedented mobilisation of special instruments has shown that the EU budget was not initially designed to address the magnitude of the ***illegal immigration, other migration flows*** and refugee crisis; believes that moving to a post-crisis approach is premature given the volatility of the situation in the EU Neighbourhood and the terrorist threat within the EU; questions therefore the proposed cuts in Heading 3 compared to the 2017 Budget which do not seem to be in line with the EU pledge to deal in an efficient manner ***on enforcing security, and tackling*** terrorism and radicalisation;

Or. en

Amendment 99

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Believes that it is necessary a break with the current European Union policies if we want that the problems of sustainable economic growth, unemployment, poverty, social exclusion and inequality (mainly in income) to be truly resolved; stresses that a new strategy is needed to establish a new direction for Europe, that is, a path of full employment, decent jobs, living wages, social and economic cohesion and social protection for all, guaranteeing the highest levels of living one path that pays heed to the development needs of each Member State, in particular the least developed countries, favouring real convergence contributing to reducing the development gap between Member States and existing

economic, social and regional disparities;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Emphasises, moreover, that the unprecedented mobilisation of special instruments has shown that the EU budget was not initially designed to address the magnitude of the migration and refugee crisis; believes that moving to a post-crisis approach is premature given the volatility of the situation in the EU Neighbourhood and the terrorist threat within the EU; questions therefore the proposed cuts in Heading 3 compared to the 2017 Budget which do not seem to be in line with the EU pledge to deal in an efficient manner with the migration and refugee crisis, enforce security and tackle terrorism and radicalisation;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Stresses the need to better coordinate the actions of the Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition through consultations of stakeholders in order to identify the best practices to address the estimated 900 000 ICT workers shortage in the EU by

the end of 2020, especially taking into consideration that 40% of the EU workforce do not possess competent digital skills and knowledge;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Isabelle Thomas, Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Reaffirms that tackling the root causes of the migratory and refugee crisis represent *the* long-term sustainable solution and that investments in the countries of origin of migrants and refugees are key to achieving this objective; notes therefore with surprise the decreases in Heading 4 which cannot be fully justified in the framework of past budgetary increases or low implementation rate; is convinced that the EU cannot enter in a post-migratory *crisis* scenario yet and that the efforts to address the instability in the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood must be enhanced;

Amendment

12. Reaffirms that tackling the root causes of the migratory and refugee crisis represent *a* long-term sustainable solution, *along with stabilisation of the EU neighbourhoods*, and that investments in the countries of origin of migrants and refugees are key to achieving this objective; *stresses, moreover, that a possible reform of the Dublin Regulation could require additional budgetary means*; notes therefore with surprise the decreases in Heading 4 which cannot be fully justified in the framework of past budgetary increases or low implementation rate; is convinced that the EU cannot enter in a post-migratory *challenges* scenario yet and that the efforts to address the instability in the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood must be enhanced;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nedzhmi Ali, Frédérique Ries, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Reaffirms that tackling the root causes of the migratory and refugee crisis represent the long-term sustainable solution and that investments in the countries of origin of migrants and refugees are key to achieving this objective; **notes therefore with surprise** the decreases in Heading 4 which cannot be fully justified in the framework of past budgetary increases or low implementation rate; is convinced **that the EU cannot enter in a post-migratory crisis scenario yet and** that the efforts to address the instability in the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood must be enhanced;

Amendment

12. Reaffirms that tackling the root causes of the migratory and refugee crisis represent the long-term sustainable solution and that investments in the countries of origin of migrants and refugees are key to achieving this objective; **welcomes, in this regard, the External Investment Plan (EIP) and calls for the swift agreement among the institutions and rapid implementation of the European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD);** notes the decreases in Heading 4 which cannot be fully justified in the framework of past budgetary increases or low implementation rate; is convinced that the efforts to address the instability in the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood must be enhanced;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Reaffirms that tackling the root causes of the migratory and refugee **crisis** represent the long-term sustainable solution and that investments in the countries of origin of migrants and refugees are key to achieving this objective; notes therefore with surprise the decreases in Heading 4 which cannot be fully justified in the framework of past budgetary increases or low implementation rate; is convinced that the EU **cannot enter in a post-migratory crisis scenario yet and that the efforts to address the instability in the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood** must be enhanced;

Amendment

12. Reaffirms that tackling the root causes of the migratory and refugee **phenomenon** represent the long-term sustainable solution and that investments in the countries of origin of migrants and refugees are key to achieving this objective; notes therefore with surprise the decreases in Heading 4 which cannot be fully justified in the framework of past budgetary increases or low implementation rate; is convinced that the EU **must be always vigilant and maintain a high level of engagement with our neighbourhood countries and that the efforts to address the instabilities** must be enhanced;

Amendment 105

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Reaffirms that tackling the root causes of the migratory and refugee crisis represent the long-term sustainable solution and that investments in the countries of origin of migrants and refugees are key to achieving this objective; **notes therefore with surprise** the decreases in Heading 4 **which cannot be fully** justified in the framework of past budgetary increases or low implementation rate; is convinced that the EU cannot enter in a post-migratory crisis scenario yet and that the efforts to address the instability in the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood must be enhanced;

Amendment

12. Reaffirms that tackling the root causes of the migratory and refugee crisis represent the long-term sustainable solution and that investments in the countries of origin of migrants and refugees are key to achieving this objective; **takes note of** the decreases in Heading 4 justified in the framework of past budgetary increases or low implementation rate; is convinced that the EU cannot enter in a post-migratory crisis scenario yet and that the efforts to address the instability in the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood must be enhanced;

Or. en

Amendment 106

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Reaffirms that tackling the root causes of the migration, including but not limited to poverty; inequality; demographic growth; lack of employment, education and economic opportunities; instability; conflict; climate change and the long-term consequences of forced displacement, represent the long-term

sustainable solution and that investments in the countries of origin of migrants and refugees are key to achieving this objective; notes therefore with surprise the decreases in Heading 4 which cannot be fully justified in the framework of past budgetary increases or low implementation rate; is convinced that the EU cannot enter in a post-migratory crisis scenario yet and that the efforts to address the instability in the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood must be enhanced

Or. en

Amendment 107
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Welcomes the increase proposed for the eastern component of the European Neighbourhood Instrument responding to Parliament's previous calls; is convinced that in order to counter the activities of an increasingly aggressive Russian Federation, the EU's support, especially for the countries that have signed Association Agreements, is essential;

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Or. en

Amendment 108
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Welcomes the increase proposed for the eastern component of the European Neighbourhood Instrument responding to Parliament's previous calls; is convinced that in order to counter the activities of an increasingly aggressive Russian Federation, the EU's support, especially for the countries that have signed Association Agreements, is essential;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 109
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Welcomes the increase proposed for the eastern component of the European Neighbourhood Instrument responding to Parliament's previous calls; is convinced that in order to counter the activities of an increasingly aggressive Russian Federation, the EU's support, especially for the countries that have signed Association Agreements, is essential;

13. Welcomes the increase proposed for the eastern component of the European Neighbourhood Instrument responding to Parliament's previous calls; is convinced that in order to counter the activities of an increasingly aggressive Russian Federation, the EU's support, especially for the countries that have signed Association Agreements, is essential; ***calls for a public consultation to find new ways of promoting EU's shared values, joint ownership, collective norms, and address the other shared challenges in a concerted way thus improving stability and prosperity;***

Or. en

Amendment 110
Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the increase proposed for the eastern component of the European Neighbourhood Instrument responding to Parliament's previous calls; ***is convinced that in order to counter the activities of an increasingly aggressive Russian Federation, the EU's support, especially for the countries that have signed Association Agreements, is essential;***

Amendment

13. Welcomes the increase proposed for the eastern component of the European Neighbourhood Instrument responding to Parliament's previous calls;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the increase proposed for the eastern component of the European Neighbourhood Instrument responding to Parliament's previous calls; ***is convinced that in order to counter the activities of an increasingly aggressive Russian Federation, the EU's support, especially for the countries that have signed Association Agreements, is essential;***

Amendment

13. Welcomes the increase proposed for the eastern component of the European Neighbourhood Instrument responding to Parliament's previous calls;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. **Welcomes** the increase proposed for the eastern component of the European Neighbourhood Instrument responding to Parliament's previous calls; is convinced that ***in order to counter the activities of an increasingly aggressive Russian Federation, the EU's support, especially for the countries that have signed Association Agreements, is essential;***

Amendment

13. **Acknowledges** the increase proposed for the eastern component of the European Neighbourhood Instrument responding to Parliament's previous calls; is convinced that ***it is of pivotal importance to provide essential support towards member states and the EU's interests in order to counter hostile or aggressive activities of foreign third actors, in collaboration with*** countries that have signed Association Agreements ***as required;***

Or. en

Amendment 113

Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the increase proposed for the eastern component of the European Neighbourhood Instrument responding to Parliament's previous calls; is convinced that ***in order to counter the activities of an increasingly aggressive Russian Federation, the EU's support, especially for the countries that have signed Association Agreements, is essential;***

Amendment

13. Welcomes the increase proposed for the eastern component of the European Neighbourhood Instrument responding to Parliament's previous calls; is convinced that the EU's support, especially for the countries that have signed Association Agreements, is essential;

Or. en

Amendment 114

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the increase proposed for the eastern component of the European Neighbourhood Instrument responding to Parliament's previous calls; ***is convinced that in order to counter the activities of an increasingly aggressive Russian Federation, the EU's support, especially for the countries that have signed Association Agreements, is essential;***

Amendment

13. Welcomes the increase proposed for the eastern component of the European Neighbourhood Instrument responding to Parliament's previous calls; ***asks for an increase in the financial resources dedicated to UNRWA and reminds the importance of ensuring sufficient funds for the Southern Neighbourhood, since stability in the Middle East is a key element for addressing the root causes of migration.***

Or. en

Amendment 115

Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nedzhmi Ali, Nils Torvalds, Hannu Takkula, Iskra Mihaylova, Frédérique Ries

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13**

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the increase proposed for the eastern component of the European Neighbourhood Instrument responding to Parliament's previous calls; ***is convinced that in order to counter the activities of an increasingly aggressive Russian Federation, the EU's support, especially for the countries that have signed Association Agreements, is essential;***

Amendment

13. Welcomes the increase proposed for the eastern component of the European Neighbourhood Instrument responding to Parliament's previous calls; ***believes that the EU's support for these countries is essential in order to further economic integration and convergence with the EU and to advance democracy, rule of law and human rights in our Eastern neighborhood;***

Or. en

Amendment 116

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

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13**

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the increase proposed for the eastern component of the European Neighbourhood Instrument responding to Parliament's previous calls; is convinced that in order to ***counter the activities of an increasingly aggressive Russian Federation***, the EU's support, especially for the countries that have signed Association Agreements, is essential;

Amendment

13. Welcomes the increase proposed for the eastern component of the European Neighbourhood Instrument responding to Parliament's previous calls; is convinced that in order to ***stabilise this neighbourhood and to reaffirms the inviolability of the borders***, the EU's support, especially for the countries that have signed Association Agreements, is essential;

Or. en

Amendment 117

Alfred Sant, Daniele Viotti

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Maintains that the EU needs to focus on an investment strategy towards its southern neighbourhood;

Or. en

Amendment 118

Isabelle Thomas, Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Notes that the draft budget 2018 leaves very limited margins or no margin under the MFF ceilings throughout Headings 1a, 1b, 3, 4 and 5; considers this as a logical consequence of the significant new initiatives taken since 2014 (EFSI, migration-related proposals, and lately

14. Notes that the draft budget 2018 leaves very limited margins or no margin under the MFF ceilings throughout Headings 1a, 1b, 3, 4 and 5; considers this as a logical consequence of ***an undersized overall level of the current MFF, which has been effectively reduced compared to***

defence research and the European Solidarity Corps), which have been squeezed within the MFF ceilings agreed in 2013; recalls that the MFF, in particular, once its revision is finalised by the Council, provides for flexibility provisions which, albeit limited, should be used to their fullest in order to maintain the level of ambition of successful programmes and tackle the new challenges; expresses Parliament's intention to further mobilise such flexibility provisions as part of the amending process;

the previous programming period, and the significant new initiatives taken since 2014 (EFSI, migration-related proposals, and lately defence research and the European Solidarity Corps), which have been squeezed within the MFF ceilings agreed in 2013; *calls, once again, for the introduction of new genuine own resources in the EU budget;* recalls *also* that the MFF, in particular, once its revision is finalised by the Council, provides for flexibility provisions which, albeit limited, should be used to their fullest in order to maintain the level of ambition of successful programmes and tackle the new challenges; expresses Parliament's intention to further mobilise such flexibility provisions as part of the amending process;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Notes that the draft budget 2018 leaves very limited margins or no margin under the MFF ceilings throughout Headings 1a, 1b, 3, 4 and 5; considers this as a logical consequence of the significant new initiatives taken since 2014 (EFSI, migration-related proposals, and lately defence research and the European Solidarity Corps), which have been squeezed within the MFF ceilings agreed in 2013; recalls that the MFF, in particular, once its revision is finalised by the Council, provides for flexibility provisions which, albeit limited, should be used to their fullest in order to maintain the level of ambition of successful programmes and tackle the new challenges; expresses

Amendment

14. Notes that the draft budget 2018 leaves very limited margins or no margin under the MFF ceilings throughout Headings 1a, 1b, 3, 4 and 5; considers this as a logical consequence of the significant new initiatives taken since 2014 (EFSI, migration-related proposals, and lately defence research and the European Solidarity Corps), which have been squeezed within the MFF ceilings agreed in 2013; recalls that the MFF, in particular, once its revision is finalised by the Council, provides for flexibility provisions which, albeit limited, should be used to their fullest in order to maintain the level of ambition of successful programmes and tackle the new *and unforeseen* challenges;

Parliament's intention to further mobilise such flexibility provisions as part of the amending process;

expresses Parliament's intention to further mobilise such flexibility provisions as part of the amending process;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. *Notes* that the draft budget 2018 leaves very limited margins or no margin under the MFF ceilings throughout Headings 1a, 1b, 3, 4 and 5; considers this as a logical consequence of the significant new initiatives taken since 2014 (EFSI, migration-related proposals, and lately defence research and the European Solidarity Corps), which have been squeezed within the MFF ceilings agreed in 2013; recalls that the MFF, in particular, once its revision is finalised by the Council, provides for flexibility provisions which, albeit limited, should be used to their fullest in order to *maintain the level of ambition of successful programmes and* tackle the new challenges; expresses Parliament's intention to further mobilise such flexibility provisions as part of the amending process;

Amendment

14. *Stresses* that the draft budget 2018 leaves very limited margins or no margin under the MFF ceilings throughout Headings 1a, 1b, 3, 4 and 5; considers this as a logical *but unfortunate* consequence of the significant new initiatives taken since 2014 (EFSI, migration-related proposals, and lately defence research and the European Solidarity Corps), which have been squeezed within the MFF ceilings agreed in 2013; recalls that the MFF, in particular, once its revision is finalised by the Council, provides for flexibility provisions which, albeit limited, should be used to their fullest in order to tackle the new challenges; expresses Parliament's intention to further mobilise such flexibility provisions as part of the amending process;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Notes that the draft budget 2018 leaves very limited margins or no margin under the MFF ceilings throughout Headings 1a, 1b, 3, 4 and 5; **considers this as** a logical consequence of the significant new initiatives taken since 2014 (EFSI, migration-related proposals, and lately defence research and the European Solidarity Corps), which have been squeezed within the MFF ceilings agreed in 2013; recalls that the MFF, in particular, once its revision is finalised by the Council, provides for flexibility provisions which, albeit limited, should be used to their fullest in order to maintain the level of ambition of successful programmes and tackle the new challenges; expresses Parliament's intention to further mobilise such flexibility provisions as part of the amending process;

Amendment

14. Notes that the draft budget 2018 leaves very limited margins or no margin under the MFF ceilings throughout Headings 1a, 1b, 3, 4 and 5; **regrets that this is** a logical consequence of the significant new initiatives taken since 2014 (EFSI, migration-related proposals, and lately defence research and the European Solidarity Corps), which have been squeezed within the MFF ceilings agreed in 2013; recalls that the MFF, in particular, once its revision is finalised by the Council, provides for flexibility provisions which, albeit limited, should be used to their fullest in order to maintain the level of ambition of successful programmes and tackle the new challenges; expresses Parliament's intention to further mobilise such flexibility provisions as part of the amending process;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Siegfried Mureşan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Notes that the draft budget 2018 leaves very limited margins or no margin under the MFF ceilings throughout Headings 1a, 1b, 3, 4 and 5; considers this as a logical consequence of the significant new initiatives taken since 2014 (EFSI, migration-related proposals, and lately defence research and the European Solidarity Corps), which have been squeezed within the MFF ceilings agreed in 2013; recalls that the MFF, in particular, **once** its revision **is finalised by the Council**, provides for flexibility provisions

Amendment

14. Notes that the draft budget 2018 leaves very limited margins or no margin under the MFF ceilings throughout Headings 1a, 1b, 3, 4 and 5; considers this as a logical consequence of the significant new initiatives taken since 2014 (EFSI, migration-related proposals, and lately defence research and the European Solidarity Corps), which have been squeezed within the MFF ceilings agreed in 2013; recalls that the MFF, in particular **after** its revision, provides for flexibility provisions which, albeit limited, should be

which, albeit limited, should be used to their fullest in order to maintain the level of ambition of successful programmes and tackle the new challenges; expresses Parliament's intention to further mobilise such flexibility provisions as part of the amending process;

used to their fullest in order to maintain the level of ambition of successful programmes and tackle the new challenges; expresses Parliament's intention to further mobilise such flexibility provisions as part of the amending process;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Liadh Ní Riada

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Notes that the draft budget 2018 leaves very limited margins or no margin under the MFF ceilings throughout Headings 1a, 1b, 3, 4 and 5; considers this as a *logical* consequence of the significant new initiatives taken since 2014 (EFSI, migration-related proposals, and lately defence research and the European Solidarity Corps), which have been squeezed within the MFF ceilings agreed in 2013; recalls that the MFF, in particular, once its revision is finalised by the Council, provides for flexibility provisions which, albeit limited, should be used to their fullest in order to maintain the level of ambition of successful programmes and tackle the new challenges; expresses Parliament's intention to further mobilise such flexibility provisions as part of the amending process;

Amendment

14. Notes that the draft budget 2018 leaves very limited margins or no margin under the MFF ceilings throughout Headings 1a, 1b, 3, 4 and 5; considers this as a consequence of the significant new initiatives taken since 2014 (EFSI, migration-related proposals, and lately defence research and the European Solidarity Corps), which have been squeezed within the MFF ceilings agreed in 2013; recalls that the MFF, in particular, once its revision is finalised by the Council, provides for flexibility provisions which, albeit limited, should be used to their fullest in order to maintain the level of ambition of successful programmes and tackle the new challenges; expresses Parliament's intention to further mobilise such flexibility provisions as part of the amending process;

Or. en

Amendment 124

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. *Insists that the Union budget should not finance initiatives which could be to the detriment of existing Union social policies and programs, in particular, reiterates its commitment to financing initiatives which can actively promote peace, integration and cohesion objectives in the Union; recalls that, while respecting provisions enshrined in the Treaties, strengthened cooperation in the the EU and its Members States should by no means undermine the commitment to peace, to sustainable development and to neutrality;*

Or. en

Amendment 125
Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. *Notes in this respect the numerous references in the draft budget to the necessity of a letter of amendment which may partially pre-empt Parliament's position in the budgetary procedure; regrets that, instead of already including them in the draft budget, the Commission has announced that possible new initiatives in the area of security and migration and a possible extension of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey may be proposed as part of an upcoming letter of amendment; urges the Commission to provide details as to these upcoming proposals in a timely manner so that the*

deleted

budgetary authority can properly examine them; stresses that these potential initiatives should not disregard, let alone replace, requests and amendments put forward by Parliament in the context of this budgetary procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 126
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes in this respect the numerous references in the draft budget to the necessity of a letter of amendment which may partially pre-empt Parliament's position in the budgetary procedure; regrets that, instead of already including them in the draft budget, the Commission has announced that possible new initiatives in the area of security and *migration* and a possible extension of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey may be proposed as part of an upcoming letter of amendment; urges the Commission to *provide details as to* these upcoming proposals *in a timely manner so that the budgetary authority can properly examine them*; stresses that these potential initiatives should not disregard, let alone replace, requests and amendments put forward by Parliament in the context of this budgetary procedure;

Amendment

15. Notes in this respect the numerous references in the draft budget to the necessity of a letter of amendment which may partially pre-empt Parliament's position in the budgetary procedure; regrets that, instead of already including them in the draft budget, the Commission has announced that possible new initiatives in the area of security and *handling illegal immigration* and a possible extension of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey may be proposed as part of an upcoming letter of amendment; urges the Commission to *revise* these upcoming proposals, *especially the extension of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey, since nominal goals have not been achieved to an adequate degree*; stresses that these potential initiatives should not disregard, let alone replace, requests and amendments put forward by Parliament in the context of this budgetary procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 127
Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Urmas Paet, Nedzhmi Ali, Nils Torvalds, Frédérique Ries, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Reiterates its support for the implementation of the Commission's strategy 'Budget Focused on Results' and calls on continuous improvement of the quality and presentation of performance data, in order to provide accurate, clear and understandable information on EU programmes' performance;

Or. en

Amendment 128
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Notes that in comparison with 2017, the Commission proposal for 2018 corresponds to an increase in commitments under subheading 1a of +2.5 % to EUR 21 841.3 million; welcomes the fact that Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility and Erasmus+ account for an important part of this increase as their commitment appropriations rise by respectively 7.3 %, 8.7 % and 9.5 %, but notes still that this is slightly below their financial programming;

16. Notes that in comparison with 2017, the Commission proposal for 2018 corresponds to an increase in commitments under subheading 1a of +2.5 % to EUR 21 841.3 million; welcomes the fact that Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility and Erasmus+ account for an important part of this increase as their commitment appropriations rise by respectively 7.3 %, 8.7 % and 9.5 %, but notes still that this is slightly below their financial programming; **highlights in particular the very low success rate for applications to Horizon 2020;**

Or. en

Amendment 129
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. *Notes* that in comparison with 2017, the Commission proposal for 2018 corresponds to *an* increase in commitments under subheading 1a of +2.5 % to EUR 21 841.3 million; *welcomes the fact* that Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility and Erasmus+ account for an important part of this increase as their commitment appropriations rise by respectively 7.3 %, 8.7 % and 9.5 %, but notes still that this is slightly below their financial programming;

Amendment

16. *Highlights* that in comparison with 2017, the Commission proposal for 2018 corresponds to *a substantial* increase in commitments under subheading 1a of +2.5 % to EUR 21 841.3 million; *notes* that Horizon 2020, the Connecting Europe Facility and Erasmus+ account for an important part of this increase as their commitment appropriations rise by respectively 7.3 %, 8.7 % and 9.5 %, but notes still that this is slightly below their *overall* financial programming *as it currently stands*;

Or. en

Amendment 130
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. *Is surprised, however,* that COSME commitment and payment appropriations have been reduced respectively by 2.9 % and 31.3 %, although support to SMEs is identified as one of the top priorities of the EU; expresses its *intention to further reinforce this programme* in the 2018 budget;

Amendment

17. *Stresses* that COSME commitment and payment appropriations have been reduced respectively by 2.9 % and 31.3 %, although support to SMEs is *nominally* identified as one of the top priorities of the EU; expresses its *commitment to safeguard this programme's commitments and payment appropriations* in the 2018 budget;

Or. en

Amendment 131
Liadh Ní Riada
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Is *surprised, however, that COSME* commitment and payment appropriations *have been reduced* respectively by 2.9 % and 31.3 %, *although* support to SMEs *is* identified as one of the top priorities of the EU; expresses its intention to further reinforce this programme in the 2018 budget;

Amendment

17. Is *dismayed with the Commission's proposal to reduce* commitment and payment appropriations, respectively by 2.9 % and 31.3 %, *to COSME, despite* support to SMEs *being* identified as one of the top priorities of the EU; expresses its intention to further reinforce this programme in the 2018 budget;

Or. en

Amendment 132

Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nedzhmi Ali, Nils Torvalds, Frédérique Ries, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. *Is surprised*, however, that COSME commitment and payment appropriations have been reduced respectively by 2.9 % and 31.3 %, although support to SMEs is identified as one of the top priorities of the EU; expresses its intention to further reinforce this programme in the 2018 budget;

Amendment

17. *Regrets*, however, that COSME commitment and payment appropriations have been reduced respectively by 2.9 % and 31.3 %, although support to SMEs is identified as one of the top priorities of the EU; expresses its intention to further reinforce this programme in the 2018 budget;

Or. en

Amendment 133

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. Highlights that the social and

solidarity economy (SSE) represents today over 2 million enterprises, 180 000 are cooperatives; underlines that the SSE sector employs over 4 and a half million people in the EU and generates over 10 % of the EU GNI; calls for further support and simplification of the access to financing to SSEs, in particular by widening the scope of existing programs and financial instruments at EU and Member States' level, while calling for concrete new measures to further promote and expand cooperatives and social enterprises model economy, as this remains under-represented and under-financed when compared to other enterprise models, despite its importance in terms of share of GNI and employment in the Union; reiterates the role of the SSEs in strengthening sustainable, smart growth, in the creation of decent and sustainable jobs, in cohesion and social integration, and that it should be further supported and made accessible, while underlining that the SSE sector remains an important provider of social, health, educational, environmental, energy production and distribution services.

Or. en

Amendment 134
Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Reiterates, regarding the extension of the EFSI, that Parliament opposes any further cuts to the CEF, and takes the view that the additional EUR 1.1 billion allocated to the EU guarantee should be taken only from unallocated margins (for an amount of EUR 650 billion) and expected net positive income (for an

Amendment

18. Reiterates, regarding the extension of the EFSI, that Parliament opposes any further cuts to the CEF, and takes the view that the additional EUR 1.1 billion allocated to the EU guarantee should be taken only from unallocated margins (for an amount of EUR 650 billion) and expected net positive income (for an

amount of EUR 450 billion); recalls that the CEF envelope (ICT strand) also integrates the new Wifi4EU initiative;

amount of EUR 450 billion); recalls that the CEF envelope (ICT strand) also integrates the new Wifi4EU initiative; ***recalls that the CEF budget is subjected to systematic oversubscription due to insufficient appropriations, especially in regards to the infrastructure strand;***

Or. en

Amendment 135

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Reiterates, regarding the extension of the EFSI, that Parliament opposes any further cuts to the CEF, and takes the view that the additional EUR 1.1 billion allocated to the EU guarantee should be taken only from unallocated margins (for an amount of EUR 650 billion) and expected net positive income (for an amount of EUR 450 billion); recalls that the CEF envelope (ICT strand) also integrates the new Wifi4EU initiative;

Amendment

18. Reiterates, regarding the extension of the EFSI, that Parliament opposes any further cuts to the CEF, and takes the view that the additional EUR 1.1 billion allocated to the EU guarantee should be taken only from unallocated margins (for an amount of EUR 650 billion) and expected net positive income (for an amount of EUR 450 billion); recalls that the CEF envelope (ICT strand) also integrates the new Wifi4EU initiative; ***insists on keeping the commitment to invest EUR 120mio in Wifi4EU initiative between 2017 and 2019;***

Or. en

Amendment 136

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. ***Reiterates***, regarding the extension

Amendment

18. ***Regrets***, regarding the extension of

of the EFSI, that Parliament opposes any further cuts *to the CEF*, and takes the view that the additional EUR 1.1 billion allocated to the EU guarantee should be taken only from unallocated margins (for an amount of EUR 650 billion) and expected net positive income (for an amount of EUR 450 billion); recalls that the CEF envelope (ICT strand) also integrates the new Wifi4EU initiative;

the EFSI, that Parliament opposes any further cuts, and takes the view that the additional EUR 1.1 billion allocated to the EU guarantee should be taken only from unallocated margins (for an amount of EUR 650 billion) and expected net positive income (for an amount of EUR 450 billion); recalls that the CEF envelope (ICT strand) also integrates the new Wifi4EU initiative;

Or. en

Amendment 137
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Takes note of the Commission's proposal to set up a European Solidarity Corps (ESC); notes, however, with concern that, despite Parliament's warnings, the legislative proposal adopted on 30 May 2017 envisages that three fourths of the ESC budget would be financed by redeployments from existing programmes, and mainly from Erasmus+ (EUR 197.7 million); is concerned by the risk that this situation would pose to those EU programmes;

Amendment

19. Takes note of the Commission's proposal to set up a European Solidarity Corps (ESC); notes, however, with concern that, despite Parliament's warnings, the legislative proposal adopted on 30 May 2017 envisages that three fourths of the ESC budget would be financed by redeployments from existing programmes, and mainly from Erasmus+ (EUR 197.7 million); is concerned by the risk that this situation would pose to those EU programmes; ***is concerned about the effective use of funds when duplicating structures supportive of volunteering and by dealing with volunteering on the basis of a co-financed operation; is additionally apprehensive on potential hidden costs by opening up channels of "volunteers" from thirds countries settling in Europe, leading to the need of further fund allocation on operations supporting security and tackling illegal immigration;***

Or. en

Amendment 138

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. **Takes note of** the Commission's proposal to set up a European Solidarity Corps (ESC); notes, however, with concern that, despite Parliament's warnings, the legislative proposal adopted on 30 May 2017 envisages that three fourths of the ESC budget would be financed by redeployments from existing programmes, and mainly from Erasmus+ (EUR 197.7 million); **is** concerned by the risk that this situation would pose to those EU programmes;

Amendment

19. **Welcomes** the Commission's proposal to set up a European Solidarity Corps (ESC); notes, however, with **strong** concern that, despite Parliament's warnings, the legislative proposal adopted on 30 May 2017 envisages that three fourths of the ESC budget would be financed by redeployments from existing programmes, and mainly from Erasmus+ (EUR 197.7 million), **which according to the MFF 2014-2020 agreement should have seen a stronger increase** **is** concerned by the risk that this situation would pose to those EU programmes; **Recalls the need for fresh money for new programmes like the ESC to be viable and not detrimental to current programmes.**

Or. en

Amendment 139

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Takes note of the Commission's proposal to set up a European Solidarity Corps (ESC); notes, however, with concern that, despite Parliament's warnings, the legislative proposal adopted on 30 May 2017 envisages that three fourths of the ESC budget would be financed by redeployments from existing programmes, and mainly from Erasmus+ (EUR 197.7 million); **is** concerned by the risk that this

Amendment

19. Takes note of the Commission's proposal to set up a European Solidarity Corps (ESC); notes, however, with concern that, despite Parliament's warnings, the legislative proposal adopted on 30 May 2017 envisages that three fourths of the ESC budget would be financed by redeployments from existing programmes, and mainly from Erasmus+ (EUR 197.7 million); **is** concerned by the risk that this

situation would pose to those EU programmes;

situation would pose to those EU programmes; ***and reiterates that any new political commitments should be financed with new appropriations and not through flexibility instruments or redeployments of appropriations***

Or. en

Amendment 140

Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nedzhmi Ali, Nils Torvalds, Hannu Takkula, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Frédérique Ries, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Takes note of the Commission's proposal to set up a European Solidarity Corps (ESC); notes, however, with concern that, despite Parliament's warnings, the legislative proposal adopted on 30 May 2017 envisages that three fourths of the ESC budget would be financed by redeployments from existing programmes, and mainly from Erasmus+ (EUR 197.7 million); is concerned **by** the risk that this situation would pose to **those** EU programmes;

Amendment

19. Takes note of the Commission's proposal to set up a European Solidarity Corps (ESC); notes, however, with concern that, despite Parliament's warnings, the legislative proposal adopted on 30 May 2017 envisages that three fourths of the ESC budget would be financed by redeployments from existing programmes, and mainly from Erasmus+ (EUR 197.7 million); is **also** concerned **of the proposed cuts to the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and to LIFE programme; is concerned of** the risk that this situation would pose to **the** EU programmes **that are subject to cuts;**

Or. en

Amendment 141

Isabelle Thomas, Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Takes note of the Commission's

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proposal to set up a European Solidarity Corps (ESC); notes, however, with concern that, despite Parliament's warnings, the legislative proposal adopted on 30 May 2017 envisages that three fourths of the ESC budget would be financed by redeployments from existing programmes, and mainly from Erasmus+ (EUR 197.7 million); is concerned by the risk that this situation would pose to those EU programmes;

proposal to set up a European Solidarity Corps (ESC); notes, however, with concern that, despite Parliament's warnings, the legislative proposal adopted on 30 May 2017 envisages that three fourths of the ESC budget would be financed by redeployments from existing programmes, and mainly from Erasmus+ (EUR 197.7 million); is concerned by the risk that this situation would pose to those EU programmes; ***recalls its position that new priorities should be financed through additional resources;***

Or. en

Amendment 142

Gérard Deprez, Urmas Paet, Nils Torvalds, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. ***Takes note of*** the Commission's proposal to set up a European Solidarity Corps (ESC); notes, however, with concern that, despite Parliament's warnings, the legislative proposal adopted on 30 May 2017 envisages that three fourths of the ESC budget would be financed by redeployments from existing programmes, and mainly from Erasmus+ (EUR 197.7 million); is concerned by the risk that this situation would pose to those EU programmes;

Amendment

19. ***Welcomes*** the Commission's proposal to set up a European Solidarity Corps (ESC); notes, however, with concern that, despite Parliament's warnings, the legislative proposal adopted on 30 May 2017 envisages that three fourths of the ESC budget would be financed by redeployments from existing programmes, and mainly from Erasmus+ (EUR 197.7 million); is concerned by the risk that this situation would pose to those EU programmes ***and expresses its intention to further reinforce Erasmus+ in the 2018 budget;***

Or. en

Amendment 143

Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Takes note of the Commission's proposal to set up a European Solidarity Corps (ESC); *notes, however, with concern that, despite Parliament's warnings, the legislative proposal adopted on 30 May 2017 envisages that three fourths of the ESC budget would be financed by redeployments from existing programmes, and mainly from Erasmus+ (EUR 197.7 million); is concerned by the risk that this situation would pose to those EU programmes;*

Amendment

19. Takes note of the Commission's proposal to set up a European Solidarity Corps (ESC); *Stresses that already today, young people in Europe expressed their solidarity in various projects, including the European Voluntary Service, which had celebrated its 20th anniversary this year. It raises the question of whether the European Union is actually taking action against the high rate of youth unemployment in some countries, or whether this proposal will result in misleading reductions to this rate.*

Or. en

Amendment 144

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. *Takes note of* the Commission's proposal to set up a European Solidarity Corps (ESC); notes, however, with concern that, despite Parliament's warnings, the legislative proposal adopted on 30 May 2017 envisages that three fourths of the ESC budget would be financed by redeployments from existing programmes, and mainly from Erasmus+ (EUR 197.7 million); *is concerned by* the risk that this situation would pose to those EU programmes;

Amendment

19. *Welcomes* the Commission's proposal to set up a European Solidarity Corps (ESC); notes, however, with concern that, despite Parliament's warnings, the legislative proposal adopted on 30 May 2017 envisages that three fourths of the ESC budget would be financed by redeployments from existing programmes, and mainly from Erasmus+ (EUR 197.7 million); *asks for in-depth clarifications on* the risk that this situation would pose to those EU programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Welcomes the proposed scaling-up of the preparatory action on defence research and the presentation by the Commission of a legislative proposal for a defence industry development programme; recalls its earlier position that new initiatives in this area should be financed by additional funds and not be detrimental to existing programmes; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 146
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Welcomes the proposed scaling-up of the preparatory action on defence research and the presentation by the Commission of a legislative proposal for a defence industry development programme; recalls its earlier position that new initiatives in this area should be financed by additional funds and not be detrimental to existing programmes; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 147
Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. **Welcomes** the proposed scaling-up of the preparatory action on defence research and the presentation by the Commission of a legislative proposal for a defence industry development programme; **recalls its earlier position that new initiatives in this area should be financed by additional funds and not be detrimental to existing programmes;**

Amendment

20. **Notes** the proposed scaling-up of the preparatory action on defence research and the presentation by the Commission of a legislative proposal for a defence industry development programme; **Believes that a planning process would have to be in place before a joint armaments fund, and the work should be clearly distributed. Stresses that the establishment of a common armaments fund and the provision of financing without a clear concept may lead us to spend without meaning. It merely serves the purpose of creating a common European army in a "Centralized European State".**

Or. en

Amendment 148
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. **Welcomes** the proposed scaling-up of the preparatory action on defence research and the presentation by the Commission of a legislative proposal for a defence industry development programme; recalls its earlier position that new initiatives in this area **should** be financed by additional funds **and not be detrimental to existing programmes;**

Amendment

20. **Takes note of** the proposed scaling-up of the preparatory action on defence research and the presentation by the Commission of a legislative proposal for a defence industry development programme; recalls its earlier position that new initiatives in this area **have to** be financed by additional funds; **is therefore concerned that the Commission proposes to reassign a significant part of the designated budget of the proposal for a defence industry development programme from CEF; believes this is contrary to the objective of an investment-oriented Union policy;**

Amendment 149**Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 20***Motion for a resolution*

20. **Welcomes** the proposed scaling-up of the preparatory action on defence research and the presentation by the Commission of a legislative proposal for a defence industry development programme; recalls its earlier position that new initiatives in this area should be financed by additional funds and not be detrimental to existing programmes;

Amendment

20. **Notes** the proposed scaling-up of the preparatory action on defence research and the presentation by the Commission of a legislative proposal for a defence industry development programme; ***recalls its earlier position that new initiatives in this area should be financed by additional funds and not be detrimental to existing programmes***; recalls its earlier position that new initiatives in this area should be financed by additional funds and not be detrimental to existing programmes;

Amendment 150**Indrek Tarand****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 20***Motion for a resolution*

20. Welcomes the proposed scaling-up of the preparatory action on defence research and the presentation by the Commission of a legislative proposal for a defence industry development programme; recalls its earlier position that new initiatives in this area should be financed by additional funds and not be detrimental to existing programmes;

Amendment

20. Welcomes the proposed scaling-up of the preparatory action on defence research and the presentation by the Commission of a legislative proposal for a defence industry development programme; recalls its earlier position that new initiatives in this area should be financed by additional funds and not be detrimental to existing programmes; ***regrets the EUR 41 million savings from CEF Energy for this purpose***;

Amendment 151

Liadh Ní Riada

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. **Welcomes** the proposed scaling-up of the preparatory action on defence research and the presentation by the Commission of a legislative proposal for a defence industry development programme; recalls its **earlier** position that **new** initiatives in this area should be financed by **additional funds and not be** detrimental to existing **programmes**;

Amendment

20. **Rejects** the proposed scaling-up of the preparatory action on defence research and the presentation by the Commission of a legislative proposal for a defence industry development programme; recalls its position that initiatives in this area **are of the strict competence of the Member States and** should **in no way** be financed by **the EU BUDG and at the expense or being** detrimental to existing **EU programs**;

Amendment 152

Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nedzhmi Ali

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Welcomes the proposed scaling-up of the preparatory action on defence research and the presentation by the Commission of a legislative proposal for a defence industry development programme; recalls its earlier position that new initiatives in this area should be financed by additional funds and not be detrimental to existing programmes;

Amendment

20. Welcomes the proposed scaling-up of the preparatory action on defence research and the presentation by the Commission of a legislative proposal for a defence industry development programme; recalls its earlier position that new initiatives in this area should be financed by additional funds and not be detrimental to existing **research** programmes;

Amendment 153

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. **Welcomes** the proposed scaling-up of the preparatory action on defence research and the presentation by the Commission of a legislative proposal for a defence industry development programme; recalls its earlier position that new initiatives in this area should be financed by additional funds and not be detrimental to existing programmes;

Amendment

20. **Takes note of** the proposed scaling-up of the preparatory action on defence research and the presentation by the Commission of a legislative proposal for a defence industry development programme; recalls its earlier position that new initiatives in this area should be financed by additional funds and not be detrimental to existing programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 154

Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. **Welcomes** the proposed scaling-up of the preparatory action on defence research and the presentation by the Commission of a legislative proposal for a defence industry development programme; recalls its **earlier** position that new initiatives in this area should be financed by additional funds and not be detrimental to existing programmes;

Amendment

20. **Notes** the proposed scaling-up of the preparatory action on defence research and the presentation by the Commission of a legislative proposal for a defence industry development programme; recalls its position that new initiatives in this area should be financed by additional funds and not be detrimental to existing programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 155

Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Recognises economic and social cohesion as one of the EU's main goals in achieving a balanced and sustainable development of the European Unions and considers it important to grant special attention to the new territorial cooperation programmes from under developed regions thus ensuring a fair access to development;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 a. Asks for targeted commitments towards the Union's peripheral regions with the aim of slowing down the growing socioeconomic cleavage between the European centre and its peripheral regions;

Or. en

Amendment 157
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Stresses the need *for* the implementation of the 2014-2020 programmes ***to reach full speed, and***

23. Stresses the need ***of revising*** the implementation of the 2014-2020 programmes; strongly believes that any

strongly believes that any ‘abnormal’ build-up of unpaid bills must be avoided in the future; *calls, in this context, on the Commission and the Member States to resolve, as a priority, any outstanding issues linked with the delayed designation of national managing and certifying authorities, as well as other bottlenecks for the submission of payment applications; sincerely hopes that both the national authorities and the Commission have improved their estimates of the payment needs in the 2018 budget and that the proposed level of payment appropriations will be fully executed;*

‘abnormal’ build-up of unpaid bills must be avoided in the future;

Or. en

Amendment 158

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses the need for the implementation of the 2014-2020 programmes to reach full speed, and strongly believes that any ‘abnormal’ build-up of unpaid bills must be avoided in the future; calls, in this context, on the Commission and the Member States to resolve, as a priority, any outstanding issues linked with the delayed designation of national managing and certifying authorities, as well as other bottlenecks for the submission of payment applications; sincerely hopes that both the national authorities and the Commission have improved their estimates of the payment needs in the 2018 budget and that the proposed level of payment appropriations will be fully executed;

Amendment

23. Stresses the need for the implementation of the 2014-2020 programmes to reach full speed, and strongly believes that any ‘abnormal’ build-up of unpaid bills must be avoided in the future; calls, in this context, on the Commission and the Member States to resolve, as a priority, any outstanding issues linked with the delayed designation of national managing and certifying authorities, as well as other bottlenecks for the submission of payment applications; sincerely hopes that both the national authorities and the Commission have improved their estimates of the payment needs in the 2018 budget and that the proposed level of payment appropriations will be fully executed; *recognizes that the lengthy negotiation regarding the legal basis between the EU institutions are among the several causes of this current*

low implementation rate;

Or. en

Amendment 159

Nicola Caputo, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to fund the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative and notes the proposed mobilisation of EUR 233.3 million from the global margin for commitments; recalls that any increase in the dedicated allocation for YEI should be matched with the corresponding amounts from the European Social Fund (ESF);

Amendment

24. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to fund the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative and notes the proposed mobilisation of EUR 233.3 million from the global margin for commitments; ***calls on the Commission and the Member States to follow the indications of the recent report of the European Court of Auditors (ECA) in order to carry out an impact assessment specifying expected costs and benefits;*** recalls that any increase in the dedicated allocation for YEI should be matched with the corresponding amounts from the European Social Fund (ESF);

Or. en

Amendment 160

Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. ***Welcomes*** the Commission's proposal to fund the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative and notes the proposed mobilisation of EUR 233.3 million from the global margin for commitments; ***recalls that any increase in the dedicated allocation for YEI should be***

Amendment

24. ***Notes*** the Commission's proposal to fund the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative and notes the proposed mobilisation of EUR 233.3 million from the global margin for commitments; ***Stresses that this initiative exclusively supports young people who***

matched with the corresponding amounts from the European Social Fund (ESF);

are not in education, employment or training. It supports the provision of apprenticeships, traineeships, job placements and further education leading to a qualification. Instead, a training reform should be pursued under the "Dual Education System" in all European countries.

Or. en

Amendment 161
Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to fund the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative and notes the proposed mobilisation of EUR 233.3 million from the global margin for commitments; recalls that any increase in the dedicated allocation for YEI should be matched with the corresponding amounts from the European Social Fund (ESF);

Amendment

24. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to fund the continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative and notes the proposed mobilisation of EUR 233.3 million from the global margin for commitments; ***expresses its intention to further reinforce this programme in the 2018 budget***; recalls that any increase in the dedicated allocation for YEI should be matched with the corresponding amounts from the European Social Fund (ESF);

Or. en

Amendment 162
Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. ***Notes that the Commission has left a EUR 713.5 million margin under the ceilings of Heading 2; points to the fact that increased volatility of agricultural***

Amendment

26. ***Highlights the importance of reduction of the EAGF. In principle, funding programs must be designed to initiate a development, resolve or mitigate***

markets, as was the case with the dairy sector crisis in the past, might envisage recourse to this margin; calls on the Commission to ensure that the margin left under the ceilings is sufficient to address any crises that may arise;

problems and thus lead to a lasting improvement of the situation. They should therefore set an impetus, but they should not constitute a permanent subsidy. Stresses that since subsidies which have already begun raise expectations among the recipients of payments, each subsidy must be limited in time. In addition, the objectives of agricultural policy are to be regularly examined for their effectiveness and to promote innovation in the agricultural sector.

Or. en

Amendment 163

Liadh Ní Riada

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Notes that the Commission has left a EUR 713.5 million margin under the ceilings of Heading 2; points to the fact that increased volatility of agricultural markets, as was the case with the dairy sector crisis in the past, might envisage recourse to this margin; calls on the Commission to ensure that the margin left under the ceilings is sufficient to address any crises that may arise;

Amendment

26. Notes that the Commission has left a EUR 713.5 million margin under the ceilings of Heading 2; points to the fact that increased volatility of agricultural markets, as was the case with the dairy sector crisis in the past, might envisage recourse to this margin; calls on the Commission to ensure that the margin left under the ceilings is sufficient to address any crises that may arise; ***calls on the Commission to develop all efforts and come forward with permanent tools to counter price volatility, unfair trading practices and falling farm incomes, which would in turn mean less need and resources for crisis management;***

Or. en

Amendment 164

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Notes that the Commission has left a EUR 713.5 million margin under the ceilings of Heading 2; points to the fact that increased volatility of agricultural markets, as was the case with the dairy sector crisis in the past, might envisage recourse to this margin; calls on the Commission to ensure that the margin left under the ceilings is sufficient to address any crises that may arise;

Amendment

26. Notes that the Commission has left a EUR 713.5 million margin under the ceilings of Heading 2; points to the fact that increased volatility of agricultural markets, as was the case with the dairy sector crisis in the past, ***as well as nature caused emergencies such as droughts and floods***, might envisage recourse to this margin; calls on the Commission to ensure that the margin left under the ceilings is sufficient to address any crises that may arise;

Or. en

Amendment 165
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Notes that the Commission has left a EUR 713.5 million margin under the ceilings of Heading 2; points to the fact that increased volatility of agricultural markets, ***as was the case with the dairy sector crisis in the past***, might envisage recourse to this margin; calls on the Commission to ensure that the margin left under the ceilings is ***sufficient to*** address any crises that may arise;

Amendment

26. Notes that the Commission has left a EUR 713.5 million margin under the ceilings of Heading 2; points to the fact that increased ***and speculative*** volatility of agricultural markets, ***which is severely counter-productive and unjust to producers***, might envisage recourse to this margin; calls on the Commission to ensure that the margin left under the ceilings is ***sufficiently appropriate to avert***, address ***or contain*** any crises that may arise;

Or. en

Amendment 166
Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nedzhmi Ali, Nils Torvalds, Hannu Takkula, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Highlights the prolongation of exceptional support measures for certain fruits for which the market situation is still difficult, **but regrets that** support measures in the livestock sectors related to the Russian ban on EU imports **will not be extended**; awaits the Commission's letter of amendment, expected in October, which should be based on updated information on the EAGF funding to verify the real needs in the agricultural sector;

Amendment

27. Highlights the prolongation of exceptional support measures for certain fruits for which the market situation is still difficult; **regrets, however, that the Commission is not currently proposing** support measures in the livestock sectors, **and particularly in the dairy sector**, related to the Russian ban on EU imports **and expects, therefore, a change of course in this regard; expects, consequently, that if the margin of Heading 2 is deployed, a part of it will be allocated to dairy farmers in countries most affected from the Russian embargo**; awaits the Commission's letter of amendment, expected in October, which should be based on updated information on the EAGF funding to verify the real needs in the agricultural sector, **taking duly into account the impact of the Russian embargo and other market volatilities**;

Or. en

Amendment 167
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. **Highlights** the prolongation of exceptional support measures for certain fruits for which the market situation is still difficult, but **regrets** that support measures in the livestock sectors related to the Russian ban on EU imports will not be extended; awaits the Commission's letter of amendment, expected in October, which should be based on updated information on

Amendment

27. **Notes** the prolongation of exceptional support measures for certain fruits for which the market situation is still difficult, but **is saddened** that support measures in the livestock sectors related to the Russian ban on EU imports will not be extended; **stresses that it would be far more effective if the Commission substantially re-evaluated the approach to**

the EAGF funding to verify the real needs in the agricultural sector;

the Russian embargo-style measures and similar unjustifiable distortions to the relevant markets, which result to the very need to adopt support measures to counteract the negative economic impact on specific Union sectors; awaits the Commission's letter of amendment, expected in October, which should be based on updated information on the EAGF funding to verify the real needs in the agricultural sector;

Or. en

Amendment 168

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28 a. *Recalls that according to the European Court of Auditors there is a serious risk that the 20 % climate target in the EU Budget will not be achieved, while according to Commission figures, the share of funding dedicated to climate action has averaged 17.6 % between 2014 and 2016. Shares with the ECA the view that the rate of climate funding would need to be increased to an average of 22 % across the remaining years of the current programming period, i.e. for 2017 to 2020, to reach the overall target of 20 % by the end of 2020. Recalls that in March 2017, ECOFIN also called on Member States to spend a higher amount of the EU budget during the remaining current MFF period on climate financing, given the additional commitments entered into at the COP 21 in Paris.*

Or. en

Amendment 169

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Notes the proposed EUR 3 473.1 million in commitment appropriations for Heading 3; emphasises the need for joint, comprehensive and sustainable solutions to the current migration and *refugee* crisis, and to addressing *safety and security* concerns; welcomes, therefore, the Commission's proposal for an additional EUR 800 million dedicated to tackling these issues;

Amendment

29. Notes the proposed EUR 3 473.1 million in commitment appropriations for Heading 3; ***stresses the need to adopt a human rights-based approach on migration; condemns the increasing focus on returns, detention and externalisation of border control in EU policies, that are jeopardising human rights; reiterates its commitment to the principle of solidarity among Member States in financing the efforts needed to adequately provide for migrants and refugees;*** emphasises the need for joint, comprehensive and sustainable solutions to the current migration and *humanitarian* crisis, and to addressing *social integration* concerns ***of all EU citizens;*** welcomes, therefore, the Commission's proposal for an additional EUR 800 million dedicated to tackling these issues;

Or. en

Amendment 170

Gérard Deprez, Urmas Paet, Nils Torvalds, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nedzhmi Ali, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Notes the proposed EUR 3 473.1 million in commitment appropriations for Heading 3; emphasises the need for joint, comprehensive and sustainable solutions to the *current* migration and refugee *crisis*, and to addressing safety and security

Amendment

29. Notes the proposed EUR 3 473.1 million in commitment appropriations for Heading 3; emphasises the need for joint, comprehensive and sustainable solutions to the migration and refugee *challenges*, and to addressing safety and security concerns

concerns; welcomes, therefore, the Commission's proposal for an additional EUR 800 million dedicated to tackling these issues;

particularly following the series of terrorist attacks that the European Union has known on its territory; welcomes, therefore, the Commission's proposal for an additional EUR 800 million dedicated to tackling these issues;

Or. en

Amendment 171
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Notes the proposed EUR 3 473.1 million in commitment appropriations for Heading 3; emphasises the need for joint, comprehensive *and sustainable* solutions to the current *migration and* refugee crisis, and to *addressing* safety and security concerns; welcomes, therefore, the Commission's proposal for an additional EUR 800 million dedicated to tackling these issues;

Amendment

29. Notes the proposed EUR 3 473.1 million in commitment appropriations for Heading 3; emphasises the need for joint, comprehensive, *long-term and security-focused* solutions to the current *illegal immigration issues along with the* refugee crisis, and to *attempting to address certain* safety and security concerns; welcomes, therefore, the Commission's proposal for an additional EUR 800 million dedicated to tackling these issues;

Or. en

Amendment 172
Indrek Tarand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Notes the proposed EUR 3 473.1 million in commitment appropriations for Heading 3; emphasises the need for joint, comprehensive and sustainable solutions to the current migration and refugee crisis,

Amendment

29. Notes the proposed EUR 3 473.1 million in commitment appropriations for Heading 3; emphasises the need for joint, comprehensive and sustainable solutions to the current migration and refugee crisis,

and to addressing safety and security concerns; welcomes, therefore, the Commission's proposal for an additional EUR 800 million dedicated to tackling these issues;

and to addressing safety and security concerns *as well as needs regarding integration*; welcomes, therefore, the Commission's proposal for an additional EUR 800 million dedicated to tackling these issues;

Or. en

Amendment 173
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Notes the proposed EUR 3 473.1 million in commitment appropriations for Heading 3; emphasises the need for joint, comprehensive and sustainable solutions to the current migration and refugee *crisis*, and to addressing safety and security concerns; welcomes, therefore, the Commission's proposal for an additional EUR 800 million dedicated to tackling these issues;

Amendment

29. Notes the proposed EUR 3 473.1 million in commitment appropriations for Heading 3; emphasises the need for joint, comprehensive and sustainable solutions to the current migration and refugee *situation*, and to addressing safety and security concerns; welcomes, therefore, the Commission's proposal for an additional EUR 800 million dedicated to tackling these issues;

Or. en

Amendment 174
Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Is of the opinion that the importance and urgency of these issues is not in line with the significant decreases in commitment (-18.9 %) and payment appropriations (-21.7 %) proposed for Heading 3 compared with the 2017 budget,

Amendment

30. Is of the opinion that the importance and urgency of these issues is not in line with the significant decreases in commitment (-18.9 %) and payment appropriations (-21.7 %) proposed for Heading 3 compared with the 2017 budget,

notably on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), *the Internal Security Fund (ISF) and the Justice programme*; considers that those cuts are not *fully* justifiable *given* the delays in implementation of the agreed measures and the delays in the adoption of the new legal proposals; calls therefore on the Commission to ensure that adequate budgetary resources are provided for and that any additional needs will be swiftly addressed;

notably on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) *and the Justice programme*; *welcomes the role played by instruments such as the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) in providing support to Member States to respond to the needs of migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees, and calls for adequate budgeting for these funds*; *insists that the cuts proposed by the Commission* are not justifiable *despite* the delays in implementation of the agreed measures and the delays in the adoption of the new legal proposals *bearing in mind the urgent demands for humanitarian aid*; calls therefore on the Commission to ensure that adequate budgetary resources are provided for and that any additional needs will be swiftly addressed;

Or. en

Amendment 175 **Eleftherios Synadinos**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 30**

Motion for a resolution

30. Is of the opinion that the importance and urgency of these issues is not in line with the significant decreases in commitment (-18.9 %) and payment appropriations (-21.7 %) proposed for Heading 3 compared with the 2017 budget, notably on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), the Internal Security Fund (ISF) and the Justice programme; considers that those cuts are not fully justifiable given the delays in implementation of the agreed measures and the delays in the adoption of the new legal proposals; calls therefore on the Commission to ensure that adequate budgetary resources are provided *for and that any additional needs will be swiftly*

Amendment

30. Is of the opinion that the importance and urgency of these issues is not in line with the significant decreases in commitment (-18.9 %) and payment appropriations (-21.7 %) proposed for Heading 3 compared with the 2017 budget, notably on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), the Internal Security Fund (ISF) and the Justice programme; considers that those cuts are not fully justifiable given the delays in implementation of the agreed measures and the delays in the adoption of the new legal proposals; calls therefore on the Commission to ensure that adequate budgetary resources, *along with sufficient margins*, are provided *prior to facing and*

addressed;

needing to address yet more additional urgent challenges that threaten security of the Union and its Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 176

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Is of the opinion that the importance and urgency of these issues is not in line with the significant decreases in commitment (-18.9 %) and payment appropriations (-21.7 %) proposed for Heading 3 compared with the 2017 budget, notably on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), the Internal Security Fund (ISF) and the Justice programme; considers that those cuts are not *fully* justifiable given the delays in implementation of the agreed measures and the delays in the adoption of the new legal proposals; calls therefore on the Commission to ensure that adequate budgetary resources are provided for and that any additional needs will be swiftly addressed;

Amendment

30. Is of the opinion that the importance and urgency of these issues is not in line with the significant decreases in commitment (-18.9 %) and payment appropriations (-21.7 %) proposed for Heading 3 compared with the 2017 budget, notably on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), the Internal Security Fund (ISF) and the Justice programme; considers that those cuts are not justifiable given the delays in implementation of the agreed measures and the delays in the adoption of the new legal proposals; calls therefore on the Commission to ensure that adequate budgetary resources are provided for and that any additional needs will be swiftly addressed;

Or. en

Amendment 177

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Furthermore believes that

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cooperation among Member States in security related matters could be further enhanced through increased support from the EU budget; questions how such an objective could be reached while relevant budgetary lines of the ISF are significantly decreased compared to 2017 Budget;

Or. en

Amendment 178

Gérard Deprez, Urmas Paet, Nils Torvalds, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nedzhmi Ali, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Furthermore believes that cooperation among Member States in security related matters could be further enhanced through increased support from the EU budget; questions how such an objective could be reached while relevant budgetary lines of the ISF are significantly decreased compared to 2017 Budget;

Amendment

31. Furthermore believes that cooperation among Member States in security related matters could be further enhanced through increased support from the EU budget; questions how such an objective could be reached while relevant budgetary lines of the ISF are significantly decreased compared to 2017 Budget; ***stresses the need to guarantee the necessary funding to implement the new information and border systems such as European Travel Information and Authorisation and Entry-Exit Systems.***

Or. en

Amendment 179

Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

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cooperation among Member States in security related matters could be **further** enhanced through increased support from the EU budget; questions how such an objective could be reached while relevant budgetary lines of the ISF are significantly decreased compared to 2017 Budget;

cooperation among Member States in security related matters could be enhanced through increased support from the EU budget, **in addition to technical assistance**; questions how such an objective could be **adequately** reached while relevant budgetary lines of the ISF are significantly decreased compared to 2017 Budget;

Or. en

Amendment 180
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Considers that 2018 will be a pivotal year in the establishment of the European Agenda on Migration, with several of its key components under development; underlines the need to carefully assess the budgetary implications of a number of legislative proposals on the table, such as the reform of the Dublin common asylum system, the new Entry-Exit and European Travel Information and Authorisation Systems, including the possibility of their late adoption; stresses the importance of adequate financing to match the Union's ambition in this regard and urgently achieve the set-up of an effective European asylum and migration policy;

Amendment

32. Considers that 2018 will be a pivotal year in the establishment of the European Agenda on Migration, with several of its key components under development; underlines the need to carefully assess the budgetary implications of a number of legislative proposals on the table, such as the reform of the Dublin common asylum system, the new Entry-Exit and European Travel Information and Authorisation Systems, including the possibility of their late adoption; **regrets that until now there is not an effective system of redistribution, that cause an unequal load for some Member States, notably Italy and Greece; reminds that in 2016 there are 361,678 refugees and migrants arrived in Europe, of which 181,405 in Italy and 173,447 in Greece and in 2017 Italy has already received the 85% of the refugees and migrants arrived in Europe; regrets that Italy has received until now only 147.6 millions of euro from the AMIF, which represents only the 3% of the total expenses for managing the migration crisis**; stresses the importance of adequate financing to match the Union's ambition in this regard and urgently

achieve the set-up of an effective European asylum and migration policy;

Or. en

Amendment 181

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Considers that 2018 will be a pivotal year in the establishment of the European Agenda on Migration, with several of its key components under development; underlines the need to carefully assess the budgetary implications of a number of legislative proposals on the table, such as the reform of the Dublin common asylum system, the new Entry-Exit and European Travel Information and Authorisation Systems, including the possibility of their late adoption; stresses the importance of adequate financing to match the Union's ambition in this regard and urgently achieve the set-up of an effective European asylum and migration policy;

Amendment

32. Considers that 2018 will be a pivotal year in the establishment of the European Agenda on Migration, with several of its key components under development; underlines the need to carefully assess the budgetary implications of a number of legislative proposals on the table, such as the reform of the Dublin common asylum system, the new Entry-Exit and European Travel Information and Authorisation Systems, including the possibility of their late adoption ; stresses the importance of adequate financing to match the Union's ambition in this regard and urgently achieve the set-up of an effective European asylum and migration policy ***based on solidarity among Member States*** ;

Or. en

Amendment 182

Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Considers that 2018 will be a pivotal year in the establishment of the European Agenda on Migration, with

Amendment

32. Considers that 2018 will be a pivotal year in the ***viable*** establishment of the European Agenda on Migration, with

several of its key components under development; underlines the need to carefully assess the budgetary implications of a number of legislative proposals on the table, such as the reform of the Dublin common asylum system, the new Entry-Exit and European Travel Information and Authorisation Systems, *including the possibility of their late adoption*; stresses the importance of adequate financing to match the Union's ambition in this regard and *urgently achieve the set-up of an effective European asylum and migration policy*;

several of its key components under development; underlines the need to carefully assess the budgetary implications of a number of legislative proposals on the table, such as the reform of the Dublin common asylum system, the new Entry-Exit and European Travel Information and Authorisation Systems; stresses the importance of adequate financing to match the Union's ambition in this regard and achieve *policy changes and implementation thereof*;

Or. en

Amendment 183

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Considers that 2018 will be a pivotal year in the establishment of the European Agenda on Migration, with several of its key components under development; underlines the need to carefully assess the budgetary implications of a number of legislative proposals on the table, such as the reform of the Dublin common asylum system, the new Entry-Exit and European Travel Information and Authorisation Systems, including the possibility of their late adoption; stresses the importance of adequate financing to match the Union's ambition in this regard and urgently achieve the set-up of an effective European asylum and migration policy;

Amendment

32. Considers that 2018 will be a pivotal year in the establishment of the European Agenda on Migration, with several of its key components under development; underlines the need to carefully assess the budgetary implications of a number of legislative proposals on the table, such as the reform of the Dublin common asylum system, the new Entry-Exit and European Travel Information and Authorisation Systems, including the possibility of their late adoption; stresses the importance of adequate financing to match the Union's ambition in this regard and urgently achieve the set-up of an effective European asylum and migration policy *in full respect of international law*

Or. en

Amendment 184

Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nedzhmi Ali, Nils Torvalds, Frédérique Ries, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Recalls Parliament's consistently strong support for culture and media programmes; welcomes the proposed increases for the Creative Europe Programme compared with the 2017 budget, including for the European Year for Cultural Heritage under 'Multimedia actions'; furthermore, insists on sufficient funding for the programme 'Europe for Citizens'; appreciates, **finally**, the increases in commitment appropriations for the Food and Feed programme, **the Health programme and the Consumer programme compared with the 2017 budget**;

Amendment

34. Recalls Parliament's consistently strong support for culture and media programmes; welcomes the proposed increases for the Creative Europe Programme compared with the 2017 budget, including for the European Year for Cultural Heritage under 'Multimedia actions'; furthermore, insists on sufficient funding for the programme 'Europe for Citizens'; appreciates **also** the increases in commitment appropriations for the Food and Feed programme **and the Consumer programme compared with the 2017 budget; emphasises, finally, the importance of a strong Health Programme and an appropriate budget to enable European cooperation in the field of health, including new innovations in health care, health inequalities, the burden of chronic diseases, anti-microbial resistance, cross-border healthcare and access to care**;

Or. en

Amendment 185

Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Recalls Parliament's consistently strong support for culture and media programmes; welcomes the proposed increases for the Creative Europe Programme compared with the 2017 budget, including for the European Year

Amendment

34. Recalls Parliament's consistently strong support for culture and media programmes; welcomes the proposed increases for the Creative Europe Programme compared with the 2017 budget, including for the European Year

for Cultural Heritage under 'Multimedia actions'; furthermore, insists on sufficient funding for the programme 'Europe for Citizens'; appreciates, finally, the increases in commitment appropriations for the Food and Feed programme, the Health programme and the Consumer programme compared with the 2017 budget;

for Cultural Heritage under 'Multimedia actions'; furthermore, insists on sufficient funding for the programme 'Europe for Citizens'; appreciates, finally, the increases in commitment appropriations for the Food and Feed programme, the Health programme and the Consumer programme compared with the 2017 budget; ***calls on the Commission to review initiatives under the 'multimedia actions' budget line to ensure that the budget effectively supports high-quality independent coverage of EU affairs; reiterates its support for a sustainable multiannual funding arrangement for Euranet+;***

Or. en

Amendment 186

Pavel Poc, Karin Kadenbach, Biljana Borzan, Tiemo Wölken

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Recalls Parliament's consistently strong support for culture and media programmes; welcomes the proposed increases for the Creative Europe Programme compared with the 2017 budget, including for the European Year for Cultural Heritage under 'Multimedia actions'; furthermore, insists on sufficient funding for the programme 'Europe for Citizens'; appreciates, ***finally***, the increases in commitment appropriations for the Food and Feed programme, the Health programme and the Consumer programme compared with the 2017 budget;

Amendment

34. Recalls Parliament's consistently strong support for culture and media programmes; welcomes the proposed increases for the Creative Europe Programme compared with the 2017 budget, including for the European Year for Cultural Heritage under 'Multimedia actions'; furthermore, insists on sufficient funding for the programme 'Europe for Citizens'; appreciates, ***in light of recent developments in the area of health, food and feed safety and consumer protection, which still are of major concern to EU citizens***, the increases in commitment appropriations for the Food and Feed programme, the Health programme and the Consumer programme compared with the 2017 budget;

Or. en

Amendment 187

Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. **Recalls** Parliament's consistently strong support for culture and media programmes; **welcomes the proposed increases for** the Creative Europe Programme compared with the 2017 budget, including **for** the European Year for Cultural Heritage **under 'Multimedia actions'**; **furthermore, insists on sufficient funding for the programme 'Europe for Citizens'**; **appreciates, finally,** the increases in commitment appropriations for the Food and Feed programme, the Health programme and the Consumer programme compared with the 2017 budget;

Amendment

34. **Notes** Parliament's consistently strong support for culture and media programmes; **Questions strongly the increase of** the Creative Europe Programme compared with the 2017 budget, including the European Year of Cultural Heritage. **Believes it is an illusion to hope that the national identity could gradually be replaced by a European identity. The coexistence of several identities characterizes the Western states. "More Europe" is not the solution. Note** the increases in commitment appropriations for the Food and Feed programme, the Health programme and the Consumer programme compared with the 2017 budget;

Or. en

Amendment 188

Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. **Recalls** Parliament's **consistently strong support for** culture and media programmes; **welcomes** the proposed increases for the Creative Europe Programme compared with the 2017 budget, including for the European Year for Cultural Heritage under 'Multimedia actions'; furthermore, **insists on** sufficient funding for the programme 'Europe for

Amendment

34. **Notes** Parliament's **support for member states'** culture and media programmes; **acknowledges** the proposed increases for the Creative Europe Programme compared with the 2017 budget, including for the European Year for Cultural Heritage under 'Multimedia actions'; furthermore, **asks for** sufficient funding for the programme 'Europe for

Citizens'; appreciates, finally, the increases in commitment appropriations for the Food and Feed programme, the Health programme and the Consumer programme compared with the 2017 budget;

Citizens' *while refocusing the scope of the programme itself*; appreciates, finally, the increases in commitment appropriations for the Food and Feed programme, the Health programme and the Consumer programme compared with the 2017 budget;

Or. en

Amendment 189
Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. **Takes note** of the overall decrease of financing for Heading 4, amounting to EUR 9.6 billion (-5.6 % compared with the 2017 budget) in commitment appropriations; notes that the decreases in the main Heading 4 instruments are largely linked with past reinforcements, approved in the 2017 budget, for the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRT) and the New Partnership Framework under the European agenda on migration;

Amendment

35. **Regrets** of the overall decrease of financing for Heading 4, amounting to EUR 9.6 billion (-5.6 % compared with the 2017 budget) in commitment appropriations; notes that the decreases in the main Heading 4 instruments are largely linked with past reinforcements, approved in the 2017 budget, for the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRT) and the New Partnership Framework under the European agenda on migration;

Or. en

Amendment 190
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. **Believes, however, that the level of cuts of the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) and the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), especially for the southern component, is not entirely justified given the longer-term**

Amendment

deleted

needs of the EU action on migration, going beyond the migration compacts under the Partnership Framework;

Or. en

Amendment 191
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Believes, however, that the level of cuts of the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) and the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), especially for the southern component, is not *entirely* justified given the longer-term needs of the EU action on migration, going beyond the migration compacts under the Partnership Framework;

Amendment

36. Believes, however, that the level of cuts of the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) and the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), especially for the southern component, is not justified given the longer-term needs of the EU action on migration, going beyond the migration compacts under the Partnership Framework; *in this context, calls for increasing the financial resources dedicated to UNRWA and reminds the importance of ensuring sufficient funds for the Southern Neighbourhood, since stability in the Middle East is a key element for addressing the root causes of migration.*

Or. en

Amendment 192
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Believes, however, that the level of cuts of the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) and the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI),

Amendment

36. Believes, however, that the level of cuts of the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) and the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI),

especially for the southern component, is not *entirely* justified given the longer-term needs of *the EU action on migration, going beyond the migration compacts under the Partnership Framework*;

especially for the southern component, is not justified given the longer-term needs of *EU action in the regions, including its policy on the economic and democratic development of the region, as well as the area of migration*;

Or. en

Amendment 193

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Believes, however, that the level of cuts of the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) and the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), especially for the southern component, is not *entirely* justified given the longer-term needs of the EU action on migration, *going beyond the migration compacts under the Partnership Framework*;

Amendment

36. Believes, however, that the level of cuts of the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) and the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), especially for the southern component, is not justified given the longer-term needs of the EU action on migration *and its commitment to international development*

Or. en

Amendment 194

Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Believes, however, that the *level of cuts of* the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) and the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), especially for the southern component, is not *entirely* justified given the longer-term needs of the EU action on migration, going

Amendment

36. Believes, however, that the *cuts to* the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) and the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), especially for the southern component, is not justified given the longer-term needs of the EU action on migration, going beyond the migration

beyond the migration compacts under the Partnership Framework;

compacts under the Partnership Framework;

Or. en

Amendment 195

Liadh Ní Riada

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36 a. Insists that priority needs to be given to investment in the EU Neighbourhood in order to support efforts to tackle economic recovery, enhancing and stabilising the transition to democracy in countries in the Southern Neighbourhood, which need also financial and humanitarian support in coping with the numbers of migrants and refugees reaching these countries driven by the hope to reach the European Union; points out that many countries in the Eastern Neighbourhood continue to struggle with unfinished transformation processes and potential conflicts, and that the situation in the region continues to be fragile, which gives support for the immediate implementation of the Minsk agreement utmost importance for the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood; reiterates that those countries which are implementing association agreements with the EU will be bound to fail both economically and socially without adequate financial grants and technical EU support in facilitating political and economic reforms, but stresses that such support should apply as long as those countries meet the eligibility criteria, especially as regards the rule of law, the pursuit of an inclusive economic development, the fight against corruption, and strengthening of democratic

institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 196
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37. Welcomes nevertheless the proposed increases for the eastern component of ENI which will contribute to supporting democratic reforms and economic integration with the EU, especially in the countries that have signed Association Agreements with the EU;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 197
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38. Notes the increased support for political reforms for Turkey (IPA II); expects however the same logic to apply to the Western Balkans which are in urgent need of financial support for reforms;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 198
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Notes the increased support for political reforms for Turkey (IPA II); *expects however the same logic to apply to the Western Balkans which are in urgent need of financial support for reforms;*

Amendment

38. Notes the increased support for political reforms for Turkey (IPA II); *calls on the European Commission to suspend the pre-accession funds if accession negotiations are suspended; asks, in case that scenario unfolds, to use those funds to directly support Turkish civil society and refugees in Turkey, and to invest more in people-to-people exchange programmes, such as Erasmus+ for students, academics and journalists;*

Or. en

Amendment 199
Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Notes the increased support for political reforms for Turkey (IPA II); *expects however the same logic to apply to the Western Balkans which are in urgent need of financial support for reforms;*

Amendment

38. Notes the increased support for political reforms for Turkey (IPA II); *Calls on the reduction of contributions to Turkey. The development in Turkey proves that EU aid is shown to be completely ineffective and that Turkey is developing into an authoritarian regime instead of a democracy according to European standards.*

Or. en

Amendment 200
Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nils Torvalds, Frédérique Ries, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. *Notes* the increased support for political reforms for Turkey (IPA II); expects *however the same logic to apply to* the Western Balkans which are in urgent need of financial support for reforms;

Amendment

38. *Regrets* the increased support for political reforms for Turkey (IPA II) *due to Country's backslide in the fields of rule of law, freedom of speech and fundamental rights*; expects *sufficient funding to the IPA beneficiary countries in* the Western Balkans which are in urgent need of financial support for reforms;

Or. en

Amendment 201

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Notes the increased support for political reforms for Turkey (IPA II); *expects however the same logic to apply to the Western Balkans which are in urgent need of financial support for reforms*;

Amendment

38. Notes *with concern* the increased support for political reforms for Turkey (IPA II); *stresses the necessity to a stronger link between financial support and democratic reforms, also in the Western Balkans*;

Or. en

Amendment 202

Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Hannu Takkula

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 38 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

38 a. Considers, given the importance of higher education for overall reforms in partner countries, that the student mobility and academic cooperation between the EU and Neighbourhood countries should receive continuous

Amendment

support; regrets thus the reductions in appropriations for the technical and financial assistance under the three external instruments - IPA, ENI and DCI, aimed at promoting the international dimension of higher education for the implementation of the 'Erasmus+' programme;

Or. en

Amendment 203
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38 a. *Underlines the need for financial support for the political reforms in the Western Balkans;*

Or. en

Amendment 204
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40. Calls on the Commission, which makes repeated references to a possible prolongation of the FRT, to put forward a genuine proposal for its prolongation as soon as possible if it intends to do so; recalls the commitment by Parliament, the Council and the Commission to ensuring that the establishment of the FRT and trust funds be transparent and clear, and consistent with the principle of the unity of the Union budget, with respect to the prerogatives of the budgetary authority;

40. Calls on the Commission, which makes repeated references to a possible prolongation of the FRT, to put forward a genuine proposal for its prolongation as soon as possible if it intends to do so; recalls the commitment by Parliament, the Council and the Commission to ensuring that the establishment of the FRT and trust funds be transparent and clear, and consistent with the principle of the unity of the Union budget, with respect to the prerogatives of the budgetary authority;

urges Member States once again to honour their commitments to financing the current FRT;

Or. en

Amendment 205
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. Calls on the Commission, which makes repeated references to a possible prolongation of the FRT, to put forward a genuine proposal for its prolongation as soon as possible if it intends to do so; recalls the commitment by Parliament, the Council and the Commission to ensuring that the establishment of the FRT and trust funds be transparent and clear, and consistent with the principle of the unity of the Union budget, with respect to the prerogatives of the budgetary authority;

Amendment

40. Calls on the Commission, which makes repeated references to a possible prolongation of the FRT, to put forward a genuine proposal for its prolongation as soon as possible if it intends to do so; recalls the commitment by Parliament, the Council and the Commission to ensuring that the establishment of the FRT and trust funds be transparent and clear, and consistent with the principle of the unity of the Union budget, with respect to the prerogatives of the budgetary authority, *including parliamentary scrutiny;*

Or. en

Amendment 206
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

41 a. Regrets that the budget line for support to the peace process and financial assistance to Palestine and to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) goes below the level of the budget for 2017; reiterates its long-standing commitment to provide

*the necessary financial resources to
UNRWA;*

Or. en

Amendment 207
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

42. *Notes* that Heading 5 expenditure is increased by 3.1 % compared to the 2017 Budget, up to EUR 9 682.4 million (+EUR 287.9 million); notes that more than one third of this nominal increase is explained by additional appropriations needed for pensions (+EUR 108.5 million); takes note that the additional appropriation results mostly in a growing number of pensioners expected (+4.2 %); takes note also that the number of pensioners is expected to grow in the coming years; takes note of the rigorous approach towards administrative expenditure and the nominal freeze for all non-salary related expenditure;

Amendment

42. *Regrets* that Heading 5 expenditure is increased by 3.1 % compared to the 2017 Budget, up to EUR 9 682.4 million (+EUR 287.9 million); notes that more than one third of this nominal increase is explained by additional appropriations needed for pensions (+EUR 108.5 million); takes note that the additional appropriation results mostly in a growing number of pensioners expected (+4.2 %); takes note also that the number of pensioners is expected to grow in the coming years; ***believes that a revision of the MEP pension scheme is necessary, in order to bring the pension entitlements of Members of the European Parliament into line with the social security systems for ordinary citizens of individual Member States***; takes note of the rigorous approach towards administrative expenditure and the nominal freeze for all non-salary related expenditure;

Or. en

Amendment 208
Indrek Tarand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

42. Notes that Heading 5 expenditure is increased by 3.1 % compared to the 2017 Budget, up to EUR 9 682.4 million (+EUR 287.9 million); notes that more than one third of this nominal increase is explained by additional appropriations needed for pensions (+EUR 108.5 million); takes note that the additional appropriation results mostly in a growing number of pensioners expected (+4.2 %); takes note also that the number of pensioners is expected to grow in the coming years; takes note of the rigorous approach towards administrative expenditure and the nominal freeze for all non-salary related expenditure;

Amendment

42. Notes that Heading 5 expenditure is increased by 3.1 % compared to the 2017 Budget, up to EUR 9 682.4 million (+EUR 287.9 million); notes that more than one third of this nominal increase is explained by additional appropriations needed for pensions (+EUR 108.5 million); takes note that the additional appropriation results mostly in a growing number of pensioners expected (+4.2 %); takes note also that the number of pensioners is expected to grow in the coming years; takes note of the rigorous approach towards administrative expenditure and the nominal freeze for all non-salary related expenditure; ***considers that the time is ripe to re-examine the staff regulation and the Members' statute in view of possible short-and long-term savings to be made***

Or. en

Amendment 209

Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

42. ***Notes*** that Heading 5 expenditure is increased by 3.1 % compared to the 2017 Budget, up to EUR 9 682.4 million (+EUR 287.9 million); notes that more than one third of this nominal increase is explained by additional appropriations needed for pensions (+EUR 108.5 million); takes note that the additional appropriation results mostly in a growing number of pensioners expected (+4.2 %); takes note also that the number of pensioners is expected to grow in the coming years; ***takes note*** of the ***rigorous*** approach towards administrative expenditure ***and the nominal freeze for all***

Amendment

42. ***Regrets*** that Heading 5 expenditure is increased by 3.1 % compared to the 2017 Budget, up to EUR 9 682.4 million (+EUR 287.9 million); notes that more than one third of this nominal increase is explained by additional appropriations needed for pensions (+EUR 108.5 million); takes note that the additional appropriation results mostly in a growing number of pensioners expected (+4.2 %); takes note also that the number of pensioners is expected to grow in the coming years; ***believes that a modification*** of the approach towards administrative expenditure ***should be***

non-salary related expenditure;

considered, starting from a reduction of the highest salaries and pensions of the EU staff;

Or. en

Amendment 210

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42 a. Recalls the decision taken by the Parliament within the 2017 EP budget procedure, which establishes the creation of an interpretation in International Sign language Service, for all plenary debates and calls upon the Administration to implement this decision without further delay;

Or. en

Amendment 211

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 7 (a) new

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Other Special Instruments

Or. en

Amendment 212

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43 a. Recalls the commitment by Parliament, the Council and the Commission to ensure and be consistent with the principle of the unity of the Union budget also on what regards the future integration of all Other Special Instruments in the EU budget; it furthermore insists on the closing of all ad-hoc financial instruments which have been created above and outside the EU Budget, with respect to the prerogatives of the budgetary authority;

Or. en

Amendment 213
Liadh Ní Riada
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43 b. Stresses the need to further increase, in particular, the payment appropriations for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGAF) for EUR 25 000 000 is insufficient; furthermore, insists that the current parameters of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund are unfairly prohibitive on smaller Member States; suggests that the criteria for eligibility be flexible in this regard as redundancies and closures have the ability to affect smaller regions to a greater extent than others;

Or. en

Amendment 214

**Liadh Ní Riada, Miguel Viegas, Marisa Matias, Eleonora Forenza, Curzio Maltese,
Barbara Spinelli, Xabier Benito Ziluaga**
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 43 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43 c. Highlights the importance of the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) which was set up to respond to major natural disasters and express European solidarity to disaster-stricken regions within Europe and takes note of the proposed increase in commitment and payment appropriations for the EUSF; calls upon the Commission to assess without delay if a further increase will be necessary bearing in mind, in particular, the earthquakes' in Italy and the fires in Portugal, which have had a dramatic and substantial impact on human life in particularly deprived regions; calls for the adaptation of the rules for mobilizing this fund, to allow a more flexible and timely mobilization, covering a wider range of disasters with significant impacts and reducing the time between the disaster and the availability of funds.

Or. en

Amendment 215

Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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activities and programme; intends to proceed with the identification of a balanced package of PP-PAs; notes that in the current proposal, the margin in some headings is quite limited, or even non-existent, and intends to explore ways to make room for possible PP-PAs without decreasing other political priorities;

standing EU activities and programme; intends to proceed with the identification of a balanced package of PP-PAs; notes that in the current proposal, the margin in some headings is quite limited, or even non-existent, and intends to explore ways to make room for possible PP-PAs without decreasing *or through a small decrease of* other political priorities; *calls for a budget increase of these two initiatives that will provide funding for new innovative programmed in key areas that have yet to be addressed; asks the European Commission to promote the fact that the PP and PA are initiated by the European Parliament and make visible the initiators and their names in their implementation;*

Or. en

Amendment 216
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

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their proposal;

Or. en

Amendment 217

Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

44 a. Opposes the proposal of the Commission to increase the Preparatory Action for Defence and Security, while underlining that the mentioned research window under the post-2020 MFF needs additional funding; insists this initiative should not be financed at the expense of the existing research funds and by the EU Budget.

Or. en

Amendment 218

Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

45. **Notes** the overall increase in draft budget 2018 for decentralised agencies by +3.1 % (not taking into account assigned revenues) and +146 posts **but highlights wide differences between ‘cruising speed’ agencies (-11.2 %) and ‘new tasks’ agencies (+10.5%); assumes that these figures properly reflect the fact that since 2013 most agencies have completed or even exceeded the 5 % staff cuts (some are to complete them in 2018), while staff increases in the same period were**

45. **Regrets** the overall increase in draft budget 2018 for decentralised agencies by +3.1 % (not taking into account assigned revenues) and +146 posts;

confined to agencies dealing with migration and security (+183 posts), financial supervisory agencies (+28 posts) and some agencies entrusted with new tasks (ERA, EASA, GSA) (+18 posts); reiterates its call, as expressed in the 2015 discharge report, to safeguard and where necessary provide additional resources to ensure the proper functioning of the agencies, including the Agencies Network's Permanent Secretariat (now called Shared Support Office);

Or. en

Amendment 219

Nicola Caputo, Biljana Borzan, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

45. Notes the overall increase in draft budget 2018 for decentralised agencies by +3.1 % (not taking into account assigned revenues) and +146 posts but highlights wide differences between 'cruising speed' agencies (-11.2 %) and 'new tasks' agencies (+10.5%); assumes that these figures properly reflect the fact that since 2013 most agencies have completed or even exceeded the 5 % staff cuts (some are to complete them in 2018), while staff increases in the same period were confined to agencies dealing with migration and security (+183 posts), financial supervisory agencies (+28 posts) and some agencies entrusted with new tasks (ERA, EASA, GSA) (+18 posts); reiterates its call, as expressed in the 2015 discharge report, to safeguard and where necessary provide additional resources to ensure the proper functioning of the agencies, including the Agencies Network's Permanent Secretariat (now called Shared Support Office);

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functioning of the agencies, including the Agencies Network's Permanent Secretariat (now called Shared Support Office);

Or. en

Amendment 220

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

45. *Notes* the overall increase in draft budget 2018 for decentralised agencies by +3.1 % (not taking into account assigned revenues) and +146 posts but highlights wide differences between 'cruising speed' agencies (-11.2 %) and 'new tasks' agencies (+10.5%); assumes that these figures properly reflect the fact that since 2013 most agencies have completed *or even exceeded* the 5 % staff cuts (some are to complete them in 2018), while staff increases in the same period were confined to agencies dealing with migration and security (+183 posts), financial supervisory agencies (+28 posts) and some agencies entrusted with new tasks (ERA, EASA, GSA) (+18 posts); *reiterates its call, as expressed in the 2015 discharge report, to safeguard and where necessary provide additional resources to ensure the proper functioning of the agencies, including the Agencies Network's Permanent Secretariat (now called Shared Support Office);*

Amendment

45. *Regrets* the overall increase in draft budget 2018 for decentralised agencies by +3.1 % (not taking into account assigned revenues) and +146 posts but highlights wide differences between 'cruising speed' agencies (-11.2 %) and 'new tasks' agencies (+10.5%); assumes that these figures properly reflect the fact that since 2013 most agencies have completed the 5 % staff cuts (some are to complete them in 2018), while staff increases in the same period were confined to agencies dealing with migration and security (+183 posts), financial supervisory agencies (+28 posts) and some agencies entrusted with new tasks (ERA, EASA, GSA) (+18 posts); *asks for an exhaustive analysis in order to merge Agencies with similar tasks in order to provide savings and to improve the efficiency;*

Or. en

Amendment 221

G rard Deprez, Urmas Paet, Nils Torvalds, Anneli J tteenm ki, Nedzhmi Ali, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Reiterates its conviction that the European agencies active in the Justice and Home Affairs field must be provided with the necessary operational expenditure and staffing levels to allow them to achieve the additional tasks and responsibilities they have been given in recent years; welcomes, in this regard, the substantial staff increases proposed for the European Coast and Border Guard Agency (Frontex) and the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), which it considers a minimum to ensure that these agencies can effectively perform their operations; requests the Commission to reassess whether the proposed operational funding (-23.6 % compared to 2017) and staffing levels (-4) for Eurojust will indeed allow this agency to fulfil in an effective manner its key role in the promotion of judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, including in the fields of drug policy and crime prevention;

Amendment

46. Reiterates its conviction that the European agencies active in the Justice and Home Affairs field must be provided with the necessary operational expenditure and staffing levels to allow them to achieve the additional tasks and responsibilities they have been given in recent years; welcomes, in this regard, the substantial staff increases proposed for the European Coast and Border Guard Agency (Frontex) and the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), which it considers a minimum to ensure that these agencies can effectively perform their operations; ***calls the Commission to reassess whether the staff increase proposed for Europol is enough, as this does not reflect the increased workload related to the additional tasks recently conferred to the Agency, especially in the area of terrorism, cybercrime and migrant smuggling ; underlines the identified gaps in the existing exchange of information architecture and urges the Commission to provide eu-LISA with the appropriate human and financial resources to fulfil the additional tasks and responsibilities recently assigned to the Agency in this respect*** ; requests the Commission to reassess whether the proposed operational funding (-23.6 % compared to 2017) and staffing levels (-4) for Eurojust will indeed allow this agency to fulfil in an effective manner its key role in the promotion of judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, including in the fields of drug policy and crime prevention;

Or. en

Amendment 222
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Reiterates its conviction that the European agencies active in the Justice and Home Affairs field must be provided with the necessary operational expenditure and staffing levels to allow them to achieve the additional tasks and responsibilities they have been given in recent years; welcomes, in this regard, the **substantial** staff increases proposed for the European Coast and Border Guard Agency (Frontex) and the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), which it considers **a** minimum to ensure that these agencies can effectively perform their operations; **requests** the Commission **to reassess whether** the proposed operational funding (-23.6 % compared to 2017) and staffing levels (-4) **for Eurojust will indeed allow this agency to fulfil in an effective manner its key role in the promotion of judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, including in the fields of drug policy and crime prevention;**

Amendment

46. Reiterates its conviction that the European agencies active in the Justice and Home Affairs field must be provided with the necessary operational expenditure and staffing levels to allow them to achieve the additional tasks and responsibilities they have been given in recent years; welcomes, in this regard, the staff increases proposed for the European Coast and Border Guard Agency (Frontex) and the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), which it considers **as an absolute** minimum to ensure that these agencies can effectively perform their operations; **underlines that the proposed budget and staffing level for Europol is insufficient to fulfill the assigned tasks as the commission and the member states have decided in previous years to strengthen the cooperation of member states especially in the field of combatting terrorism, organized crime, cybercrime, human trafficking and protection for unaccompanied children; regrets the decrease of** the proposed operational funding (-23.6 % compared to 2017) and staffing levels (-4) **to the detriment of Eurojust which is confronted with a serious increase in its casework especially in the area of terrorism and organized crime;**

Or. en

Amendment 223
Liadh Ní Riada, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Reiterates its conviction that the European agencies active in the Justice and Home Affairs field must be provided with the necessary operational expenditure and staffing levels to allow them to achieve the additional tasks and responsibilities they have been given in recent years; welcomes, in this regard, the substantial staff increases proposed for the European ***Coast and Border Guard Agency (Frontex) and the European Asylum Support Office (EASO)***, which it considers a minimum to ensure that ***these agencies*** can effectively perform ***their*** operations; requests the Commission to reassess whether the proposed operational funding (-23.6 % compared to 2017) and staffing levels (-4) for Eurojust will indeed allow this agency to fulfil in an effective manner its key role in the promotion of judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, including in the fields of drug policy and crime prevention;

Amendment

46. Reiterates its conviction that the European agencies active in the Justice and Home Affairs field must be provided with the necessary operational expenditure and staffing levels to allow them to achieve the additional tasks and responsibilities they have been given in recent years; welcomes, in this regard, the substantial staff increases proposed for the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), which it considers a minimum to ensure that ***this agency*** can effectively perform ***its*** operations; requests the Commission to reassess whether the proposed operational funding (-23.6 % compared to 2017) and staffing levels (-4) for Eurojust will indeed allow this agency to fulfil in an effective manner its key role in the promotion of judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, including in the fields of drug policy and crime prevention;

Or. en

Amendment 224
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Reiterates its conviction that the European agencies active in the Justice and Home Affairs field must be provided with the necessary operational expenditure and staffing levels to allow them to achieve the additional tasks and responsibilities they have been given in recent years; welcomes, in this regard, the substantial staff increases proposed for the European Coast and Border Guard Agency (Frontex) and the European Asylum Support Office (EASO),

Amendment

46. Reiterates its conviction that the European agencies active in the Justice and Home Affairs field must be ***urgently*** provided with the necessary operational expenditure and staffing levels to allow them to achieve the additional tasks and responsibilities they have been given in recent years; welcomes, in this regard, the substantial staff increases proposed for the European Coast and Border Guard Agency (Frontex) and the European Asylum

which it considers a minimum to ensure that these agencies can effectively perform their operations; requests the Commission to reassess whether the proposed operational funding (-23.6 % compared to 2017) and staffing levels (-4) for Eurojust will indeed allow this agency to fulfil in an effective manner its key role in the promotion of judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, including in the fields of drug policy and crime prevention;

Support Office (EASO), which it considers a minimum to ensure that these agencies can effectively perform their operations; requests the Commission to reassess whether the proposed operational funding (-23.6 % compared to 2017) and staffing levels (-4) for Eurojust will indeed allow this agency to fulfil in an effective manner its key role in the promotion of judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, including in the fields of drug policy and crime prevention;

Or. en

Amendment 225

Nicola Caputo, Biljana Borzan, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 46 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46 a. Notes EU agencies currently located in the UK will be facing an additional workload and budgetary needs in 2018 as a consequence of the decision of the UK to withdraw from the Union; calls on the Commission to make available additional staff and budget resources in 2018, to ensure that these agencies can both continue to carry out their tasks effectively and launch all required activities in preparation of their relocation in 2019 including significant IT and infrastructure investments; proposes in addition that the agencies, in the spirit of sound financial management, be authorised to maintain a budgetary reserve to respond to unforeseen costs and unfavourable exchange rate fluctuations that may be incurred in 2018 or beyond;

Or. en

Amendment 226
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46 a. *Notes with concern that especially the European agencies in the area of employment and training (CEDEFOP, ETF, EU-OSHA, EUROFOUND) as well as in the area of environmental action (ECDC, ECHA, EEA, EFSA, EMA) are target to staff cuts with -5 posts and -12 posts respectively; believes that this is contradictory to the overall Union policies of creating decent, quality and stable jobs and combatting climate change; welcomes the increase in staff and budget for ACER and GSA, but underlines that these increases are not sufficient for the agencies to adequately fulfil their tasks;*

Or. en

Amendment 227
Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Frédérique Ries, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46 a. *Notes that the year 2018 is the third REACH registration deadline affecting a large number of companies in Europe and the highest number of SMEs to date, which will consequently have a significant impact on the workload of ECHA; calls, therefore, on the Commission to refrain from the planned reduction of six Temporary Agent posts in 2018 and postpone this reduction until 2019 so that ECHA can effectively implement its entire 2018 Work Programme; notes, in this regard, that*

*ECHA has already implemented a 10%
REACH staff reduction since 2012;*

Or. en