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General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018 - all sections
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Amendment 1
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Stresses that *Parliament's reading of the 2018 Budget fully reflects* the political priorities *adopted by an overwhelming majority in its abovementioned resolutions of 15 March 2017 on general guidelines and of 5 July 2017 on a mandate for the trilogue*; recalls that jobs, *growth* and security are at the core of those priorities;

Amendment

1. Stresses *the fact* that *the Union budget is not delivering concrete answers to* the political priorities *which Union is facing*; recalls that jobs, *economic recovery, migration* and security are at the core of those priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 2

Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Gérard Deprez, Nedzhmi Ali, Nils Torvalds, Jean Arthuis, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

1. Stresses that Parliament's reading of the 2018 Budget fully reflects the political priorities adopted by an overwhelming majority in its abovementioned resolutions of 15 March 2017 on general guidelines and of 5 July 2017 on a mandate for the trilogue; recalls that jobs, *sustainable growth, security and tackling climate change* are at the core of those priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 4

Liadh Ní Riada, Marie-Pierre Vieu, Younous Omarjee
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Stresses that Parliament's reading of the 2018 Budget reflects the political priorities adopted by an overwhelming majority in its abovementioned resolutions of 15 March 2017 on general guidelines and of 5 July 2017 on a mandate for the trilogue; ***insists that long-term*** jobs, growth, ***sustainability and solidarity should be*** at the core of ***the Union*** priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 5

Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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priorities adopted by an overwhelming majority in its abovementioned resolutions of 15 March 2017 on general guidelines and of 5 July 2017 on a mandate for the trilogue; recalls that jobs, *sustainable* growth and security are at the core of those priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Liadh Ní Riada, Marie-Pierre Vieu, Younous Omarjee, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Stresses that the Union budget should give priority to policies of real convergence, integration and cohesion, based on social progress and solidarity, safeguarding and promoting the creation of decent, quality and stable jobs, prioritising the sustainable use of natural resources and the protection of the environment; insists that the Union budget has proven to be scarce despite its potential to become a key resource in tackling crises and responding to measures which were not anticipated during the negotiation of the MFF 2014-2020, such as the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), the migration and refugee humanitarian challenges or geopolitical tensions in Europe's neighbourhood causing a number of serious challenges and emergencies, while within the Union the pace of economic recovery and the continuous sluggishness of both public and private investment levels led to an investment gap and the aggravation of inequalities between the Member States, its regions and its citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. *Highlights that the Union continues to face numerous challenges and is convinced that the necessary financial resources need to be deployed from the Union budget, in order to meet the political priorities and allow the Union to deliver answers and effectively respond to those challenges;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 8
Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Gérard Deprez, Nedzhmi Ali, Jean Arthuis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Highlights that the Union continues to face numerous challenges and is convinced that the necessary financial resources need to be deployed from the Union budget, in order to meet the political priorities and allow the Union to deliver answers and effectively respond to those challenges;

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Or. en

Amendment 9

Marco Zanni

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2**

Motion for a resolution

2. ***Highlights that*** the Union continues to face numerous challenges and is convinced that the necessary financial resources need to ***be deployed from the Union budget***, in order to meet the political priorities and allow the Union to deliver answers and effectively respond to those challenges;

Amendment

2. ***Reiterates its concerns on*** the Union budget's funds and on their role in supplying concrete answers to citizen's needs and to the growing difficulties they are facing, such as unemployment, economic recession, poverty, the migration crisis and the security threats; ***underlines the*** need to properly evaluate which funds could be better managed at national level in order to guarantee the full respecting of the subsidiarity principle;

Or. en

**Amendment 10
Jean-Paul Denanot**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2**

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

**Amendment 11
Marco Valli**

Motion for a resolution

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Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Highlights that the Union continues to face numerous challenges and is convinced that ***the necessary*** financial resources ***need to be deployed from the Union budget, in order to meet the political priorities and allow the Union to*** deliver answers and effectively respond to those challenges;

Amendment

2. Highlights that the Union continues to face numerous challenges and is convinced that ***its*** financial resources ***must*** deliver ***concrete*** answers and effectively respond to those challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Liadh Ní Riada, Helmut Scholz, Younous Omarjee
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 2 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Recalls the announcement of Commissioner Malmstrom and that the Commission has expressed the intention to conclude before the end of 2017 the negotiations for freetrade agreements between the Union and its Member States with Japan, with MERCOSUR, with Mexico, and with Chile, and that the Commission wants to propose still in 2017 ratification of the FTAs with Singapore and with Vietnam; points out that this would mean a dramatic reduction of own resources income for the Union's budget in 2018 and the coming years; underlines the urgent need for a thorough reorganisation of the Union budget and its structure in the context of thereview of the next MFF and with regard to the trade policy agenda, and calls on the Commission to take the initiative vis-à-vis the Council and Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Reaffirms its commitment to financing Union policies that enhance jobs and **growth** through investments in research, education, **infrastructure**, SMEs and employment, in particular among young people; ***fails to understand how the Union can achieve progress in these fields considering the cuts proposed by the Council under subheading 1a; decides instead to additionally reinforce research and innovation programmes that have a very high implementation rate and which, due to oversubscription, are faced with a particularly low success rate for applications;***

Amendment

3. Reaffirms its commitment to financing Union policies that enhance jobs and **economic recovery** through investments in research, education, SMEs and employment, in particular among young people;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Pavel Poc

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

3. Reaffirms its commitment to financing Union policies that enhance jobs, growth **and citizens' quality of life** through investments in research, education, **health**, infrastructure, SMEs and employment, in particular among young people; fails to understand how the Union can achieve progress in these fields considering the cuts proposed by the Council under subheading 1a; decides instead to additionally reinforce research and innovation programmes that have a very high implementation rate and which, due to oversubscription, are faced with a particularly low success rate for applications;

Amendment 15

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 3***Motion for a resolution*

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Amendment

3. Reaffirms its commitment to financing Union policies that enhance jobs and growth *in all its regions* through investments in research, education, infrastructure, SMEs and employment, in particular among young people; fails to understand how the Union can achieve progress in these fields considering the cuts proposed by the Council under subheading 1a; decides instead to additionally reinforce research and innovation programmes that have a very high implementation rate and which, due to oversubscription, are faced with a particularly low success rate for applications;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Liadh Ní Riada, Marie-Pierre Vieu, Younous Omarjee, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 3 a (new)***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

3 a. Stresses the need to immediately put an end to the austeritarian policies trend, both at national and Union level; insists on a new strategy for the Union, to enable a social Europe, a path for decent, quality, long-term employment, to enlarge social protection and ensure health and education coverage to all, based upon social cohesion, integrative communities and robust public sectors, guaranteeing

the highest levels of living one path that pays heed to the development needs of each region, each Member State, in particular the least developed ones, favouring real convergence between regions, Member States and enhancing all efforts to efficiently reduce the current economic and social gaps;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Remains committed to its pledges made during the EFSI negotiations, namely to minimise the impact of EFSI-related cuts on Horizon 2020 **and the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)** in the framework of the annual budgetary procedure; **proposes, therefore, to offset those cuts by restoring the original annual profile of those two programmes, in order to allow them to fully accomplish the objectives agreed during the adoption of the relevant legislation;**

Amendment

4. Remains committed to its pledges made during the EFSI negotiations, namely to minimise the impact of EFSI-related cuts on Horizon 2020 in the framework of the annual budgetary procedure; ***underlines that 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 added-value in comparison with the existing EIB programmes;***

Or. en

Amendment 18

Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 19
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Underlines that EFSI failed to guarantee growth and to tackle unemployment; therefore, its financing should be stopped so that the Member States could use this money for the real benefit of their citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Expresses its ***political support*** for the establishment of the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) and ***welcomes*** the legislative proposal put forward in this regard by the Commission; considers, ***however, that, pending a decision on the financing of the ESC and the adoption of the relevant regulation under the ordinary***

5. Expresses its ***opposition*** to the establishment of the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) and ***rejects*** the legislative proposal put forward in this regard by the Commission; considers ***that*** no financial provision should be entered for this purpose in the 2018 Budget ***or future budgets***; decides, therefore, that relevant

legislative procedure, no financial provision should be entered for this purpose in the 2018 Budget; decides, therefore, that relevant appropriations and redeployments, entered by the Commission in the Draft Budget 2018 (DB), should be *for the moment* reversed, *as the decision on the 2018 Budget should not prejudge in any way the outcome of the legislative negotiations; remains fully committed to integrate the decision on ESC financing in next year's budget immediately via an amending budget, in case the negotiations on the relevant regulation are not concluded before the end of the 2018 budgetary procedure*;

appropriations and redeployments, entered by the Commission in the Draft Budget 2018 (DB), should be reversed;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Expresses its political support for the establishment of the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) and welcomes the legislative proposal put forward in this regard by the Commission; considers, however, that, pending a decision on the financing of the ESC and the adoption of the relevant regulation under the ordinary legislative procedure, no financial provision should be entered for this purpose in the 2018 Budget; decides, therefore, that relevant appropriations and redeployments, entered by the Commission in the Draft Budget 2018 (DB), should be for the moment reversed, as the decision on the 2018 Budget should not prejudge in any way the outcome of the legislative negotiations; remains fully committed to integrate the decision on ESC financing in next year's budget immediately via an amending budget, in case the negotiations

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next year's budget immediately via an amending budget, in case the negotiations on the relevant regulation are not concluded before the end of the 2018 budgetary procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 23
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution

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Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Is concerned by the fact that youth unemployment remains at unprecedented levels ***and is convinced that in order not to jeopardise the future of an entire generation of young Europeans, additional actions need to be undertaken; decides therefore to reinforce the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) beyond the level proposed by the Commission for 2018; stresses that such reinforcement should be considered as additional to the overall allocation that was politically endorsed for YEI in the context of the MFF mid-term revision, and not as a mere frontloading of that allocation in the 2018 Budget;***

Amendment

6. Is concerned by the fact that youth unemployment remains at unprecedented levels;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Is concerned by the fact that youth unemployment remains at unprecedented levels and is convinced that in order not to jeopardise the future of an entire generation of young Europeans, additional actions need to be undertaken; ***decides therefore to reinforce the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) beyond the level proposed by the Commission for 2018; stresses that such reinforcement should be considered as additional to the overall allocation that was politically endorsed for YEI in the context of the MFF mid-term revision, and not as a mere frontloading of that allocation in the 2018 Budget;***

Amendment

6. Is ***deeply*** concerned by the fact that youth unemployment remains at unprecedented levels and is convinced that in order not to jeopardise the future of an entire generation of young Europeans, additional actions need to be undertaken;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Is concerned by the fact that youth unemployment remains at unprecedented levels ***and is convinced that in order not to jeopardise the future of an entire generation of young Europeans, additional actions need to be undertaken; decides therefore to reinforce the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) beyond the level proposed by the Commission for 2018; stresses that such reinforcement should be considered as additional to the overall allocation that was politically endorsed for YEI in the context of the MFF mid-term revision, and not as a mere frontloading of that allocation in the 2018 Budget;***

Amendment

6. Is concerned by the fact that youth unemployment remains at unprecedented levels; ***underlines that the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) failed to recover this emergency; believes that employment and social policy initiatives should come, primarily, from the Member States and that the solution to the problems of citizens cannot be found by imposing additional EU constraints, since the Member States themselves are best placed to meet the expectations of their citizens, including their social and economic expectations;***

Or. en

Amendment 26

Jean Arthuis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Is concerned by the fact that youth unemployment remains at unprecedented levels and is convinced that in order not to jeopardise the future of an entire generation of young Europeans, additional actions need to be undertaken; decides therefore to reinforce the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) beyond the level proposed by the Commission for 2018; stresses that such reinforcement should be considered as additional to the overall allocation that was politically

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endorsed for YEI in the context of the MFF mid-term revision, and not as a mere frontloading of that allocation in the 2018 Budget;

endorsed for YEI in the context of the MFF mid-term revision, and not as a mere frontloading of that allocation in the 2018 Budget; *moreover, considers that professional training actions, towards the youth and in particular the apprenticeship should be eligible for financing under the cohesion policy;*

Or. en

Amendment 27
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Is concerned by the fact that youth unemployment remains at unprecedented levels and is convinced that in order not to jeopardise the future of an entire generation of young Europeans, additional actions need to be undertaken; decides therefore to reinforce the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) beyond the level proposed by the Commission for 2018; stresses that such reinforcement should be considered as additional to the overall allocation that was politically endorsed for YEI in the context of the MFF mid-term revision, and not as a mere frontloading of that allocation in the 2018 Budget;

Amendment

6. Is concerned by the fact that youth unemployment, *especially in the peripheral regions of the Union,* remains at unprecedented levels and is convinced that in order not to jeopardise the future of an entire generation of young Europeans, additional actions need to be undertaken; decides therefore to reinforce the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) beyond the level proposed by the Commission for 2018; stresses that such reinforcement should be considered as additional to the overall allocation that was politically endorsed for YEI in the context of the MFF mid-term revision, and not as a mere frontloading of that allocation in the 2018 Budget;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Recalls that the cohesion policy plays a primary role in the development and growth of the Union; stresses that in 2018, cohesion policy programmes are expected to catch-up and reach cruising speed; and emphasises Parliament's commitment to ensuring adequate appropriations for those programmes that represent one of the core policies of the Union; 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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Or. en

Amendment 29
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Recalls that the cohesion policy plays a primary role in *the* development and growth *of the Union*; stresses that in 2018, cohesion policy programmes are expected to catch-up and reach cruising speed; and emphasises Parliament's commitment to ensuring adequate appropriations for those programmes that represent one of the core policies of the Union; 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

7. Recalls that the cohesion policy plays a primary role in *achieving social and economic convergence in the Union, and thus its* development and growth; stresses that in 2018, cohesion policy programmes are expected to catch-up and reach cruising speed; and emphasises Parliament's commitment to ensuring adequate appropriations for those programmes that represent one of the core policies of the Union; 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 30**Marco Valli****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 7***Motion for a resolution*

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Amendment

7. Recalls that the cohesion policy plays a primary role in the development and **economic recovery** of the Union; stresses that in 2018, cohesion policy programmes are expected to catch-up and reach cruising speed; and emphasises Parliament's commitment to ensuring adequate appropriations for those programmes that represent one of the core policies of the Union; 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 31**Pavel Poc****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 7 a (new)***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

7 a. Deplores the cuts proposed by the Council in Headings 2 and 3; believes that the Union budget should proportionally reflect the threats that we are facing; calls, therefore, for more attention and appropriations devoted to the protection of environment, health, with a particular attention to cancer research, and stable and safe food supply;

recognizes, in this regard, the role of the Common Agricultural Policy and farmers across Europe coping with increasing market volatility, extreme weather events and climate change and stresses the need for a policy transition based on sustainability, exclusion of hazardous chemical inputs, better animal welfare, soil and water protection and innovation;

Or. en

Amendment 32

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

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 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 particular for migration issues;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Believes that, while the peak of the migratory and refugee crisis seems to have passed, the Union must stand ready to respond to any unforeseen event in this area; therefore urges the Commission to continuously monitor the adequacy of allocations under Heading 3 and make full use of all available instruments to respond in a timely manner to any

8. Recognises that in spite of the mobilisation of significant budgetary means spread over in 2015, 2016 and 2017 to address the migration and refugee crisis, a solution has still not been found; underlines the failure of European policies on preventing migration flows and human trafficking;

unforeseen event that might require additional funding; decides therefore to reinforce in a limited manner the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund and the Internal Security Fund; notes, once again, that the Heading 3 ceiling is vastly insufficient to provide for appropriate funding for the internal dimension of the migration and refugee crisis as well as other priority programmes, such as culture programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Gérard Deprez, Nedzhmi Ali, Jean Arthuis, Nils Torvalds, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. *Believes* that, while the *peak of* the migratory and refugee crisis *seems to have passed*, the Union must stand ready to respond to any unforeseen event in this area; therefore urges the Commission to continuously monitor the adequacy of allocations under Heading 3 and make full use of all available instruments to respond in a timely manner to any unforeseen event that might require additional funding; decides therefore to reinforce in a limited manner the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund and the Internal Security Fund; notes, once again, that the Heading 3 ceiling is vastly insufficient to provide for appropriate funding for the internal dimension of the migration and refugee crisis as well as other priority programmes, such as culture programmes;

Amendment

8. *Recalls* that, while the *Union managed to put in place mechanisms helping to cope with* the migratory and refugee crisis, *still over one hundred thousand refugees and migrants have arrived to Europe by sea so far in 2017 according to the UNHCR; therefore believes that* the Union must stand ready to respond to any unforeseen event in this area *and moreover pursue more proactive approach in the field of migration;* therefore urges the Commission to continuously monitor the adequacy of allocations under Heading 3 and make full use of all available instruments to respond in a timely manner to any unforeseen event that might require additional funding; decides therefore to reinforce in a limited manner the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund and the Internal Security Fund; notes, once again, that the Heading 3 ceiling is vastly insufficient to provide for appropriate funding for the internal dimension of the migration and refugee crisis as well as other priority programmes,

such as culture programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Believes that, while the peak of the migratory and refugee *crisis* seems to *have passed*, the Union must stand ready to respond to any *unforeseen* event in this area; therefore urges the Commission to continuously monitor the adequacy of allocations under Heading 3 and make full use of all available instruments to respond in a timely manner to any unforeseen event that might require additional funding; decides therefore to reinforce *in a limited manner* the Asylum Migration *and* Integration Fund and *the* Internal Security Fund; notes, once again, that the Heading 3 ceiling is vastly insufficient to provide for appropriate funding for the internal dimension of the migration and refugee *crisis* as well as other priority programmes, such as culture programmes;

Amendment

8. Believes that, while *at present* the peak of the migratory and refugee *challenges* seems to *slightly decreased*, the Union must stand ready to respond to any *further future* event in this area; therefore urges the Commission to continuously monitor the adequacy of allocations under Heading 3 and make full use of all available instruments *under the current MFF* to respond in a timely manner to any unforeseen event that might require additional funding; decides therefore to reinforce the Asylum Migration, *the* Integration Fund and Internal Security Fund *and the European Asylum and Support Office (EASO) to provide the adequate financial and human resources*; notes, once again, that the Heading 3 ceiling is vastly insufficient to provide for appropriate funding for the internal dimension of the migration and refugee *challenges* as well as other priority programmes, such as *the culture and citizenship* programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Believes that, **while** the peak of the migratory and refugee crisis **seems to have passed**, the Union must stand ready to respond to any unforeseen event in this area; therefore urges the Commission to continuously monitor the adequacy of allocations under Heading 3 and make full use of all available instruments to respond in a timely manner to any unforeseen event **that might require additional funding; decides therefore to reinforce in a limited manner** the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund and the Internal Security Fund; **notes, once again**, that the Heading 3 **ceiling is vastly insufficient to provide for appropriate funding for** the internal dimension of the migration and refugee crisis as well as other priority programmes, such as culture programmes;

Amendment

8. Believes that the peak of the migratory and refugee crisis **is still ongoing and** the Union must stand ready to respond to any unforeseen event in this area; therefore urges the Commission to continuously monitor the adequacy of **the use of** allocations under Heading 3 and make full **and efficient** use of all available instruments to respond in a timely manner to any unforeseen event; **recognizes** therefore **the role played by** the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund and the Internal Security Fund; **stresses the fact** that the Heading 3 **funds must be** appropriate **and properly managed in order to provide concrete answers to** the internal dimension of the migration and refugee crisis as well as **to** other priority programmes, such as culture programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Believes that, while the peak of the migratory and refugee crisis **seems to have passed**, the Union must stand ready to respond to any unforeseen event in this area; therefore urges the Commission to continuously monitor the adequacy of allocations under Heading 3 and make full use of all available instruments to respond in a timely manner to any unforeseen event that might require additional funding; decides therefore to reinforce in a limited manner the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund and the Internal Security Fund; notes, once again, that the Heading 3 ceiling is vastly insufficient to provide for appropriate funding for the internal dimension of the migration and refugee

Amendment

8. Believes that, while the peak of the migratory and refugee crisis **has not been repeated in recent months**, the Union must stand ready to respond to any unforeseen event in this area; therefore urges the Commission to continuously monitor the adequacy of allocations under Heading 3 and make full use of all available instruments to respond in a timely manner to any unforeseen event that might require additional funding; decides therefore to reinforce in a limited manner the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund and the Internal Security Fund; notes, once again, that the Heading 3 ceiling is vastly insufficient to provide for appropriate funding for the internal dimension of the

crisis as well as other priority programmes, such as culture programmes;

migration and refugee crisis as well as other priority programmes, such as culture programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Liadh Ní Riada, Marie-Pierre Vieu, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. *Rejects any use of the Union budget to finance a militarist EU program; recalls that EU funds, including research grants from the Commission, cannot fund military projects; stresses that the concept of dual-use technology shall not be used as a loop-hole to fund projects with a de facto military aim such as drones for high-tech warfare and security surveillance; insists in an alternative set of programmes that support a more social Europe reinforcing sustainable development, strengthened, environment-friendly internal demand based on progressive wages, full employment with rights, social welfare, eradicating poverty and social exclusion and improved social and economic cohesion;*

Or. en

Amendment 39 **Marco Zanni**

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. *Underlines that Heading 3 has been largely mobilised in recent years to*

9. *Reiterates its concerns about the role played by instruments such as the*

address challenges arising from the migratory and refugee crisis and that such actions should continue for as long as needed; insists however that in the light of recent security concerns across the Union, funding under that heading should also pay particular attention to measures which will lead to enhancing security of Union citizens; decides for this reason to reinforce agencies in the field of Justice and Home Affairs which due to increased workload and additional tasks, have been facing shortage of staff and funding in the past years;

Internal Security Fund (ISF) and the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) in the management of the effects of the migratory and refugee crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

9. Underlines that Heading 3 has been largely mobilised in recent years to address **challenges arising from** the migratory and refugee **crisis** and that such actions should continue for as long as needed; **insists however that in the light of recent security concerns across the Union, funding under that heading should also pay particular attention to measures which will lead to enhancing security of Union citizens; decides for this reason to reinforce agencies in the field of Justice and Home Affairs which due to increased workload and additional tasks, have been facing shortage of staff and funding in the past years;**

Amendment

9. Underlines that Heading 3 has been largely mobilised in recent years to address the migratory and refugee **challenges** and that such actions should continue for as long as needed;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Liadh Ní Riada, Marie-Pierre Vieu

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on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Underlines that Heading 3 has been largely mobilised in recent years to address challenges arising from the migratory and refugee crisis and that such actions should continue for as long as needed; *insists however that in the light of recent security concerns across the Union, funding under that heading should also pay particular attention to measures which will lead to enhancing security of Union citizens; decides for this reason to reinforce agencies in the field of Justice and Home Affairs which due to increased workload and additional tasks, have been facing shortage of staff and funding in the past years;*

Amendment

9. Underlines that Heading 3 has been largely mobilised in recent years to address challenges arising from the migratory and refugee crisis and that such actions should continue for as long as needed;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Underlines that Heading 3 has been largely mobilised in recent years to address challenges arising from the migratory and refugee crisis and that such actions should continue for as long as needed; insists however that in the light of recent security concerns across the Union, funding under that heading should also pay particular attention to measures which will lead to enhancing security of Union citizens; *decides for this reason to reinforce agencies in the field of Justice and Home Affairs which due to increased workload and additional tasks, have been facing shortage of staff and funding in the past*

Amendment

9. Underlines that Heading 3 has been largely mobilised in recent years to address challenges arising from the migratory and refugee crisis and that such actions should continue for as long as needed; insists however that in the light of recent security concerns across the Union, funding under that heading should also pay particular attention to measures which will lead to enhancing security of Union citizens; *recognizes the role of the agencies in the field of Justice and Home Affairs which are facing increased workload and additional tasks,*

years;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Underlines that Heading 3 has been largely mobilised in recent years to address challenges arising from the migratory and refugee crisis and that such actions should continue for as long as needed; *insists* however that *in the light of recent security concerns across the Union, funding under that heading should also pay particular attention to measures which will lead to enhancing security of Union citizens*; decides for this reason to reinforce agencies in the field of Justice and Home Affairs which due to increased workload and additional tasks, have been facing shortage of staff and funding in the past years;

Amendment

9. Underlines that Heading 3 has been largely mobilised in recent years to address challenges arising from the migratory and refugee crisis and that such actions should continue for as long as needed; *notes* however that *the funding provided so far is insufficient for enhancing security and ensuring an effective management of asylum applications that respects the basic human rights of asylum applicants*; decides for this reason to reinforce agencies in the field of Justice and Home Affairs which due to increased workload and additional tasks, have been facing shortage of staff and funding in the past years;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

9 a. Underlines that in the light of recent security concerns across the Union, funding under Heading 3 should also pay attention to measures which will lead to enhancing security of Union citizens; decides for this reason to reinforce agencies in the field of Justice

Amendment

and Home Affairs which due to increased workload and additional tasks, have been facing shortage of staff and funding in the past years;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Urmaz Paet, Nils Torvalds

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Reiterates that part of the solution to the migratory and refugee crisis *as well as to the security concerns of Union citizens* lie in addressing the root causes of migration and devoting sufficient financial means to external instruments that aim at tackling issues such as poverty, lack of employment, education and economic opportunities, instability, conflict and climate change; is of the opinion that the Union should make an optimal use of financial means under Heading 4 which proved to be insufficient to equally address all external challenges;

Amendment

10. Reiterates that *essential* part of the solution to the migratory and refugee crisis lie in addressing the root causes of migration and devoting sufficient financial means to external instruments that aim at tackling issues such as poverty, lack of employment, education and economic opportunities, instability, conflict and climate change; *considers that climate change is one of the underlying causes globally behind increasing migration and its significance will only increase in the future*; is of the opinion that the Union should make an optimal use of financial means under Heading 4 which proved to be insufficient to equally address all external challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Reiterates that part of the solution to the migratory and refugee *crisis* as well as to the security concerns of Union

Amendment

10. Reiterates that part of the solution to the migratory and refugee *challenges* as well as to the security concerns of Union

citizens lie in addressing the root causes of migration and devoting sufficient financial means to external instruments that aim at tackling issues such as poverty, lack of employment, education and economic opportunities, instability, conflict and climate change; is of the opinion that the Union should make an optimal use of financial means under Heading 4 which proved to be insufficient to equally address all external challenges;

citizens lie in addressing the root causes of migration and devoting sufficient financial means to external instruments that aim at tackling issues such as poverty, lack of employment, education and economic opportunities, instability, conflict and climate change; is of the opinion that the Union should make an optimal use of financial means under Heading 4 which proved to be insufficient to equally address all external challenges, ***considering that the resources are clearly insufficient and should be increased in a more organic way;***

Or. en

Amendment 47
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Reiterates that part of the solution to the migratory and refugee crisis ***as well as to the security concerns of Union citizens lie*** in addressing the root causes of migration and devoting sufficient financial means to external instruments that aim at tackling issues such as poverty, lack of employment, education and economic opportunities, instability, conflict and climate change; is of the opinion that the Union should make an optimal use of financial means under Heading 4 which proved to be ***insufficient*** to equally address all external challenges;

Amendment

10. Reiterates that part of the solution to the migratory and refugee crisis ***lies*** in addressing the root causes of migration and devoting sufficient financial means to external instruments that aim at tackling issues such as poverty, lack of employment, education and economic opportunities, instability, conflict and climate change; is of the opinion that the Union should make an optimal use of financial means under Heading 4 which proved to be ***ineffective*** to equally address all external challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

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Motion for a resolution

10. Reiterates that part of the solution to the migratory and refugee crisis as well as to the security concerns of Union citizens lie in addressing the root causes of migration and devoting sufficient financial means to external instruments that aim at tackling issues such as poverty, lack of employment, education and economic opportunities, instability, conflict and climate change; is of the opinion that the Union should make an optimal use of financial means under Heading 4 which proved to be insufficient to equally address all external challenges;

Amendment

10. Reiterates that part of the solution to the migratory and refugee crisis as well as to the security concerns of Union citizens lie in addressing the root causes of ***forced*** migration and devoting sufficient financial means to external instruments that aim at tackling issues such as poverty, lack of employment, education and economic opportunities, instability, conflict and climate change; is of the opinion that the Union should make an optimal use of financial means under Heading 4 which proved to be insufficient to equally address all external challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Liadh Ní Riada

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Is highly concerned with the raise of instability and insists on the need to a whole new approach, on the need to rebalance the Union's approach to peace and security, sustainable development and human rights; calls upon the Commission and the Member States to connect and boost efforts towards further sustaining peace and conflict prevention; recalls the worldwide inspiration brought by the Good Friday Agreement while acknowledging the unprecedented challenges and pressures on the aftermath of the United Kingdom 2017 Referendum; calls upon the Commission and the Member States to enhance their support to reconciliation and to guarantee the Union's commitment to secure additional support to Peace funding in the 2018 Budget to secure peace, stability and

reconciliation in Ireland;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nils Torvalds, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Gérard Deprez, Nedzhmi Ali, Urmaz Paet, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Reminds that the Union budget must support the fulfilment of the objectives of the Paris Agreement and the Union's own long-term climate goals by achieving the target of 20 % climate spending in the 2014-2020 MFF; regrets that the Commission has failed to put forward concrete and realistic proposals to achieve these goals; therefore proposes increases above the level of the DB for climate-related actions; notes however that these increases are not sufficient and calls on the Commission to present all the necessary proposals to reach the goals in the forthcoming amending letter and in the following draft budgets;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Regrets that, while preparing its position, Parliament has not been sufficiently informed about the budgetary impact of a possible political decision to extend the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRT); ***reiterates its longstanding position that new initiatives shall not be financed***

11. Regrets that, while preparing its position, Parliament has not been sufficiently informed about the budgetary impact of a possible political decision to extend the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRT); calls therefore on the Commission, ***to repeal the FRT and end all Union***

to the detriment of existing EU external projects; calls therefore on the Commission, in the event of the prolongation of the FRT, to propose its financing through fresh means; notes that the Heading 4 ceiling is vastly insufficient to provide a sustainable and effective response to the current external challenges, including the migration and refugee crisis;

budgetary payments to Turkey;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Regrets that, while preparing its position, Parliament has not been sufficiently informed about the budgetary impact of a possible political decision to extend the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRT); reiterates its longstanding position that new initiatives shall not be financed to the detriment of existing EU external projects; *calls therefore on the Commission, in the event of the prolongation of the FRT, to propose its financing through fresh means; notes that the Heading 4 ceiling is vastly insufficient to provide a sustainable and effective response to the current external challenges, including the migration and refugee crisis;*

Amendment

11. Regrets that, while preparing its position, Parliament has not been sufficiently informed about the budgetary impact of a possible political decision to extend the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRT); reiterates its longstanding position that new initiatives shall not be financed to the detriment of existing EU external projects; *stresses the fact that the Heading 4 funds must be appropriate and properly managed in order to provide a sustainable and effective response to the current external challenges, including the migration and refugee crisis;*

Or. en

Amendment 53
Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Regrets that, while preparing its position, Parliament has not been sufficiently informed about the budgetary impact of a possible political decision to extend the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRT); reiterates its longstanding position that new initiatives shall not be financed to the detriment of existing EU external projects; calls therefore on the Commission, in the event of the prolongation of the FRT, to propose its financing through fresh means; notes that the Heading 4 ceiling is vastly insufficient to provide a sustainable and effective response to the current external challenges, including the migration and refugee crisis;

Amendment

11. Regrets that, while preparing its position, Parliament has not been sufficiently informed about the budgetary impact of a possible political decision to extend the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRT); reiterates its longstanding position that new initiatives shall not be financed to the detriment of existing EU external projects; calls therefore on the Commission, in the event of the prolongation of the FRT, to propose its financing through fresh means **and through more direct cooperation with local NGOs**; notes that the Heading 4 ceiling is vastly insufficient to provide a sustainable and effective response to the current external challenges, including the migration and refugee crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Regrets that, while preparing its position, Parliament has not been sufficiently informed about the budgetary impact of a possible political decision to extend the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRT); reiterates its longstanding position that new initiatives shall not be financed to the detriment of existing EU external projects; calls therefore on the Commission, in the event of the prolongation of the FRT, to propose its financing through fresh means; notes that the Heading 4 ceiling is vastly insufficient to provide a sustainable and effective response to the current external challenges, including the migration and refugee **crisis**;

Amendment

11. Regrets that, while preparing its position, Parliament has not been sufficiently informed about the budgetary impact of a possible political decision to extend the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRT); reiterates its longstanding position that new initiatives shall not be financed to the detriment of existing EU external projects; calls therefore on the Commission, in the event of the prolongation of the FRT, to propose its financing through fresh means; notes that the Heading 4 ceiling is vastly insufficient to provide a sustainable and effective response to the current external challenges, including the migration and refugee

phenomenon;

Or. en

Amendment 55

Gérard Deprez, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Jean Arthuis, Louis Michel, Nils Torvalds

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Stresses that the trend by the Commission to resort to satellite budgetary mechanisms such as the Facility for Refugees in Turkey, trust funds and other similar instruments has not always proven to be a success; is concerned that the establishment of financial instruments outside the Union budget could threaten its unity and circumvent the budgetary procedure; considers, indeed, that it undermines the transparent management of the budget and hampers the right of the Parliament to exercise effective scrutiny of expenditures; considers, therefore, that external financial instruments which emerged in recent years must be incorporated into the Union budget, with Parliament having full scrutiny over the implementation of these instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Restores *all cuts* proposed by Council to the DB; *fails to understand the reasoning behind* the proposed cuts, for example those to Horizon 2020 and

12. Restores *the cut* proposed by Council to the DB *for the item related to the disaster prevention and preparedness within the Union*; welcomes the proposed

Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), *two programmes already affected by redeployments to EFSI, as well as those to external policies; contests, in any event, Council's declared intention to target budget lines with a low execution rate or absorption capacity, as this is not substantiated by the actual implementation figures and ignores the varying implementation patterns of certain programmes;*

cut for the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), *since EU appropriations should not be used to finance projects characterized by controversy and without a real economic, environmental and social added value, such as the new Lyon-Turin rail link; welcomes* Council's declared intention to target budget lines with a low execution rate or absorption capacity;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Concludes that, for the purpose of adequately financing all pressing needs, and considering the very tight MFF margins in 2018, all means available in the MFF Regulation in terms of flexibility will need to be deployed; expects that the Council will share this approach and that an agreement will easily be reached in conciliation, allowing the Union to rise to the occasion and effectively respond to the challenges ahead;

Amendment

13. Concludes that, for the purpose of adequately financing all pressing needs, and considering the very tight MFF margins in 2018, all means available in the MFF Regulation in terms of flexibility will need to be deployed; expects that the Council will share this approach and that an agreement will easily be reached in conciliation, allowing the Union to rise to the occasion and effectively respond to the challenges ahead; ***underlines that the constant deviation of the original programming under the current MFF each budgetary year advocate in favour of an upward adjustment of the ceilings in the MFF post-2020;***

Or. en

Amendment 58

Xabier Benito Ziluaga, Marie-Pierre Vieu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

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Motion for a resolution

13. Concludes that, for the purpose of adequately financing all pressing needs, and considering the very tight MFF margins in 2018, all means available in the MFF Regulation in terms of flexibility will need to be *deployed*; expects that the Council will share this approach and that an agreement will easily be reached in conciliation, allowing the Union to rise to the occasion and effectively respond to the challenges ahead;

Amendment

13. Concludes that, for the purpose of adequately financing all pressing needs, and considering the very tight MFF margins in 2018, all means available in the MFF Regulation in terms of flexibility *and in terms of substantial raising of the ceilings* will need to be *applied*; expects that the Council will share this approach and that an agreement will easily be reached in conciliation, allowing the Union to rise to the occasion and effectively respond to the challenges ahead;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Alain Lamassoure

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

13. Concludes that, for the purpose of adequately financing all pressing needs, and considering the very tight MFF margins in 2018, all means available in the MFF Regulation in terms of flexibility will need to be *deployed*; expects that the Council will share this approach and that an agreement will easily be reached in conciliation, allowing the Union to rise to the occasion and effectively respond to the challenges ahead;

Amendment

13 a. Recalls that, in accordance with Article 24 of the MFF Regulation, all expenditures and revenues of the European Union and Euratom shall be entered in the general budget of the Union in accordance with Article 7 of the Financial Regulation; calls on the Commission to preserve the unity of the budget and to consider it as a guiding principle when introducing new initiatives;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

13 a. *Takes note that OLAF has investigated in the beginning of 2017 in a severe case of customs fraud in the UK which was caused by undervaluation of imported products and which has created a loss of income of almost EUR 2 billion for the Union budget in the period 2013-2016; is concerned that this fraud has not been stopped to date and that losses to the Union budget are still on-going; asks the Commission to take into account the lax reaction of the UK administration to its recommendations in this regard when negotiating Brexit; asks those Member States that objected to the Union legal framework for customs infringements and sanctions to reconsider their position in order to allow for a speedy solution of this problem;*

Or. en

Amendment 61

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. *Sets* the overall level of appropriations for 2018 at EUR 162 547 930 901 in commitment appropriations and EUR 146 637 004 930 in payment appropriations;

Amendment

14. ***Regrets that*** the overall level of appropriations for 2018 ***has been set*** at EUR 162 547 930 901 in commitment appropriations and ***at*** EUR 146 637 004 930 in payment appropriations; ***asks for a reduction on those lines where it is possible to get savings, in order to avoid any waste of taxpayers' money;***

Or. en

Amendment 62

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Underlines that the constant deviation of the original programming under the current MFF advocates in favour of an upward adjustment of all headings ceilings in the MFF post-2020;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Rejects Council's unjustified EUR 750 million cuts to subheading 1a, which alone represent almost two thirds of the overall Council cuts in commitments in MFF headings; notes that such cuts contradicts Council's own stated political priorities;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 64
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Rejects Council's unjustified EUR 750 million cuts to subheading 1a, which alone represent almost two thirds of the overall Council cuts in commitments in MFF headings; notes that such cuts contradicts Council's own stated political priorities;

15. Takes note of the Council's EUR 750 million cuts to subheading 1a, which alone represent almost two thirds of the overall Council cuts in commitments in MFF headings; notes that such cuts contradicts Council's own stated political priorities;

Amendment 65

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 16***Motion for a resolution*

16. **Warns that** such cuts **would jeopardize** programmes **with real European added value and a direct impact on job and growth creation**, such as **Horizon 2020 or CEF**; points out, **in particular**, that sufficient funding for Horizon 2020 **is essential to** allow for the development of research and innovation in Europe and for SMEs; recalls that this programme has demonstrated a strong European added-value with 83% of Horizon 2020-funded projects that would not have gone ahead without Union-level support; reiterates the importance of **the CEF funding instrument for the completion of the TEN-T network and for achieving a Single European Transport Area**; consequently decides to reverse **all cuts** made by the Council and, **furthermore, to** fully restore the original profile of the **Horizon 2020 and CEF lines that were cut for the provisioning of the EFSI Guarantee Fund**;

Amendment

16. **Welcomes** such cuts **on those** programmes **which finance projects without a real economic, environmental and social added value**, such as **the new Lyon-Turin rail link**; points out that sufficient funding for Horizon 2020 **might** allow for the development of research and innovation in Europe and for SMEs; recalls that this programme has demonstrated a strong European added-value with 83% of Horizon 2020-funded projects that would not have gone ahead without Union-level support; reiterates the importance of **not financing projects marked by controversy such as the new Lyon-Turin rail link**; consequently decides to **not** reverse **the cut** made by the Council and, **hence, to not** fully restore the original profile of the **CEF line**;

Or. en

Amendment 66

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

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 16***Motion for a resolution*

16. Warns that such cuts would jeopardize programmes with real European

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Amendment

16. Warns that such cuts would jeopardize programmes with real European

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added value and a direct impact on job and growth creation, such as Horizon 2020 or CEF; points out, in particular, that sufficient funding for Horizon 2020 is essential to allow for the development of research *and* innovation in Europe *and for SMEs*; recalls that this programme has demonstrated a strong European added-value with 83% of Horizon 2020-funded projects that would not have gone ahead without Union-level support; reiterates the importance of the CEF funding instrument for the completion of the TEN-T network and for achieving a Single European Transport Area; consequently decides to reverse all cuts made by the Council and, furthermore, to fully restore the original profile of the Horizon 2020 and CEF lines that were cut for the provisioning of the EFSI Guarantee Fund;

added value and a direct impact on job and growth creation, such as Horizon 2020 or CEF; points out, in particular, that sufficient funding for Horizon 2020 is essential to allow for the development of research, innovation, *leadership in digitalisation and for the support of SMEs* in Europe; recalls that this programme has demonstrated a strong European added-value with 83% of Horizon 2020-funded projects that would not have gone ahead without Union-level support; reiterates the importance of the CEF funding instrument for the completion of the TEN-T network and for achieving a Single European Transport Area; consequently decides to reverse all cuts made by the Council and, furthermore, to fully restore the original profile of the Horizon 2020 and CEF lines that were cut for the provisioning of the EFSI Guarantee Fund;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Decides, therefore, to further reinforce beyond the DB and the pre-EFSI and pre-ESC profiles those programmes that are key to boosting growth and jobs and that reflect widely agreed Union priorities, namely Erasmus+, Horizon 2020 (Marie Curie, European Research Council, SME Instrument), COSME, and EaSI (Progress and Eures);

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Or. en

Amendment 68
Marco Valli

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. ***Decides, therefore, to further reinforce beyond the DB and the pre-EFSI and pre-ESC profiles those programmes that are key to boosting growth and jobs and that reflect widely agreed Union priorities, namely Erasmus+, Horizon 2020 (Marie Curie, European Research Council, SME Instrument), COSME, and EaSI (Progress and Eures);***

Amendment

19. ***Recognizes the importance of guaranteeing appropriate funds for those programmes which are key to boosting sustainable economic growth and jobs and that reflect widely agreed Union priorities, such as Erasmus+, Horizon 2020, COSME and EaSI (Progress and Eures);***

Or. en

Amendment 69

Liadh Ní Riada, Marie-Pierre Vieu, Younous Omarjee
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Insists that in order to achieve sustainable growth, decent, quality and long-term job creation in the Union, boosting investments in research, innovation, education, infrastructure and MSMEs are key; insists in this respect in the need to further reinforce to Horizon 2020, Erasmus+ and the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) as these programmes contribute directly to reaching these goals; reiterates the need to increase the appropriations to COSME, but also to workers organisations; points in particular to the need to further reinforce MSMEs in the fields of green research and applied technologies, which can become an important source of job creation in the Union; highlights that such measures if accompanied with a set of robust policies and investments to reinforce the public sector in health, education and transport sectors 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 Union;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. *Stresses the importance of stimulating cooperative defence research in Europe for addressing key capability shortfalls at a time when international developments increasingly require Europe to step up its efforts on defence; fully supports the increased allocation for the Preparatory Action on defence research; reiterates, nevertheless, its longstanding position that new initiatives should be financed through fresh appropriations and not at the expense of existing EU programmes;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 71
Liadh Ní Riada, Marie-Pierre Vieu, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. *Stresses the importance of stimulating cooperative defence research in Europe for addressing key capability shortfalls at a time when international developments increasingly require Europe to step up its efforts on defence; fully*

deleted

supports the increased allocation for the Preparatory Action on defence research; reiterates, nevertheless, its longstanding position that new initiatives should be financed through fresh appropriations and not at the expense of existing EU programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. *Stresses the importance of stimulating cooperative defence research in Europe for addressing key capability shortfalls at a time when international developments increasingly require Europe to step up its efforts on defence; fully supports the increased allocation for the Preparatory Action on defence research; reiterates, nevertheless, its longstanding position that new initiatives should be financed through fresh appropriations and not at the expense of existing EU programmes;*

Amendment

20. **Opposes** defence research **spending and rejects stepping up Union** efforts on defence; **rejects** the increased allocation for the Preparatory Action on defence research;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Stresses the importance of stimulating cooperative defence research in Europe for addressing key capability shortfalls at a time when international developments increasingly require Europe

Amendment

20. Stresses the importance of stimulating cooperative defence research in Europe for addressing key capability shortfalls at a time when international developments increasingly require Europe

to step up its efforts on defence; **fully supports the increased allocation for the Preparatory Action on defence research; reiterates, nevertheless, its longstanding position that** new initiatives should be financed through **fresh appropriations and not at the expense of** existing EU programmes;

to step up its efforts on defence; **believes that the** new initiatives should be financed through **the dismissing of the** existing EU programmes **that could not demonstrate their real economic, social and environmental added value;**

Or. en

Amendment 74

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

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Stresses the importance of stimulating cooperative defence research in Europe for addressing key capability shortfalls at a time when international developments increasingly require Europe to step up its efforts on defence; fully supports the increased allocation for the Preparatory Action on defence research; reiterates, nevertheless, its longstanding position that new initiatives should be financed through fresh appropriations and not at the expense of existing EU programmes;

Amendment

20. Stresses the importance of stimulating cooperative defence research in Europe for addressing key capability shortfalls at a time when international developments increasingly require Europe to step up its efforts on defence; fully supports the increased allocation for the Preparatory Action on defence research **but calls for a defence research programme with a dedicated budget within the next Multiannual Financial Framework;** reiterates, nevertheless, its longstanding position that new initiatives should be financed through fresh appropriations and not at the expense of existing EU programmes; **underlines, furthermore, the need to improve the competitiveness and innovation in the European defence industry that can contribute to stimulate growth and job creation;**

Or. en

Amendment 75 Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution

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Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Stresses the importance of stimulating cooperative defence research in Europe for addressing key capability shortfalls at a time when international developments increasingly require Europe to step up its efforts on defence; **fully supports** the increased allocation for the Preparatory Action on defence research; reiterates, **nevertheless**, its longstanding position that new initiatives **should be** financed through fresh appropriations and not **at the expense** of existing EU programmes;

Amendment

20. Stresses the importance of stimulating cooperative defence research in Europe for addressing key capability shortfalls at a time when international developments increasingly require Europe to step up its efforts on defence; **believes that additional expenses on the Union level in the field of defence research should be compensated by savings on the national level; takes note of** the increased allocation for the Preparatory Action on defence research; reiterates its longstanding position that new initiatives **shall** be financed through fresh appropriations and not **to the detriment** of existing EU programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Monika Vana

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Stresses the importance of stimulating cooperative defence research in Europe for addressing key capability shortfalls at a time when international developments increasingly require Europe to step up its efforts on defence; **fully supports the increased allocation for the Preparatory Action on defence research;** reiterates, **nevertheless**, its longstanding position that new initiatives should be financed through fresh appropriations and not at the expense of existing EU programmes;

Amendment

20. Stresses the importance of stimulating cooperative defence research in Europe for addressing key capability shortfalls at a time when international developments increasingly require Europe to step up its efforts on defence; reiterates its longstanding position that new initiatives should be financed through fresh appropriations and not at the expense of existing EU programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Stresses the importance of stimulating cooperative defence research in Europe for addressing key capability shortfalls at a time when international developments increasingly require Europe to step up its efforts on defence; fully supports the increased allocation for the Preparatory Action on defence research; reiterates, nevertheless, its longstanding position that new initiatives should be financed through fresh appropriations and not at the expense of existing EU programmes;

Amendment

20. Stresses the importance of stimulating cooperative defence research in Europe for addressing key capability shortfalls at a time when international developments **and uncertainties** increasingly require Europe to step up its efforts on defence; fully supports the increased allocation for the Preparatory Action on defence research; reiterates, nevertheless, its longstanding position that new initiatives should be financed through fresh appropriations and not at the expense of existing EU programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Stresses the importance of stimulating cooperative defence research in Europe for addressing key capability shortfalls at a time when international developments increasingly require Europe to step up its efforts on defence; **fully** supports the increased allocation for the Preparatory Action on defence research; reiterates, nevertheless, its longstanding position that new initiatives **should** be financed through fresh appropriations and not **at the expense** of existing EU programmes;

Amendment

20. Stresses the importance of stimulating cooperative defence research in Europe for addressing key capability shortfalls at a time when international developments increasingly require Europe to step up its efforts on defence; supports the increased allocation for the Preparatory Action on defence research; reiterates, nevertheless, its longstanding position that new initiatives **shall** be financed through fresh appropriations and not **to the detriment** of existing EU programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. *As a result, increases the level of commitment appropriations for subheading 1a above the DB by EUR 143,9 million (excluding pre-EFSI and pre-ESC restoration, pilot projects and preparatory actions), to be financed within the margin available as well as a further mobilisation of the Global Margin for Commitments;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 80
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. *As a result, increases the level of commitment appropriations for subheading 1a above the DB by EUR 143,9 million (excluding pre-EFSI and pre-ESC restoration, pilot projects and preparatory actions), to be financed within the margin available as well as a further mobilisation of the Global Margin for Commitments;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 81
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. **Disapproves** of Council's proposed cuts of EUR 240 million in payments under Subheading 1b, including on support lines and reverses them, pending updated forecasts from the Commission;

Amendment

22. **Takes note** of Council's proposed cuts of EUR 240 million in payments under Subheading 1b, including on support lines and reverses them, pending updated forecasts from the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 82

Younous Omarjee, Liadh Ní Riada, Marie-Pierre Vieu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 a. Stresses the need to strengthen the European Cohesion policy in times of deepening regional, economic and social disparities, and proposes therefore to reverse all the cuts proposed by the Council on the lines related to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF);

Or. en

Amendment 83

Liadh Ní Riada, Marie-Pierre Vieu, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. Insists on criticizing and denouncing the EFSI as it failed in bridging the investment gap across the Union; insists that instead a major and more ambitious public investment plan should have been implemented across the territories of the Union to help implement strategic, structural

investments which would provide a high level of added value to the economy, the public sector, the environment and society;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Recalls that youth unemployment rates remain unacceptably high in the Union; emphasises that, in order to address this issue, it is of importance to ensure proper funding of the Youth Guarantee schemes through the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) and the ESF; *welcomes the agreement on the need to provide fresh funding for the YEI, and the inclusion of the corresponding appropriations in the DB 2018; considers nevertheless that, given the challenges and risks posed by youth unemployment, the YEI should benefit from increased appropriations and therefore decides to bring the YEI to EUR 600 million in commitments in 2018;*

Amendment

24. Recalls that youth unemployment rates remain unacceptably high in the Union; emphasises that, in order to address this issue, it is of importance to ensure proper funding of the Youth Guarantee schemes through the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) and the ESF;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Liadh Ní Riada, Marie-Pierre Vieu, Younous Omarjee
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Underlines that part of the solution to address youth unemployment lies in adequately supporting young people in rural areas; proposes therefore an increase

Amendment

26. Underlines that part of the solution to address youth unemployment lies in adequately supporting young people in rural areas *and insists on enhancing the*

of EUR 50 million above the level of the DB for payments for young farmers;

"greening" of CAP as it has the potential to foster growth and jobs in particular through supporting innovative sustainable projects while safeguarding biodiversity; proposes therefore an increase of EUR 50 million above the level of the DB for payments for young farmers;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Underlines that part of the solution to address youth unemployment lies in adequately supporting young people in rural areas; proposes therefore ***an increase of EUR 50 million above the level of the DB for payments for*** young farmers;

Amendment

26. Underlines that part of the solution to address youth unemployment lies in adequately supporting young people in rural areas; proposes therefore ***to ensure an adequate level of appropriations in order to support*** young farmers ***as well as to ensure that these resources are allocated in an efficient and transparent way;***

Or. en

Amendment 87
Xabier Benito Ziluaga, Marie-Pierre Vieu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Decides, in line with its Europe 2020 targets and with its international commitments to tackle climate change, to propose an increase of EUR 21,2 million above the level of the DB for climate-related actions;

Amendment

27. Decides, in line with its Europe 2020 targets and with its international commitments to tackle climate change, to propose an increase of EUR 21,2 million above the level of the DB for climate-related actions; ***raises that the new expenditure devoted to address climate change has to be implemented exclusively in renewable resources under a***

democratic economic model, prioritizing the development of social, decentralised and cooperative economy;

Or. en

Amendment 88

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Decides, in line with its Europe 2020 targets and with its international commitments to tackle climate change, to propose an increase of EUR 21,2 million above the level of the DB for climate-related actions;

Amendment

27. Decides, in line with its Europe 2020 targets and with its international commitments to tackle climate change, to propose an increase of EUR 21,2 million above the level of the DB for climate-related actions; ***reiterates that both the European Court of Auditors as well as ECOFIN ascertained that the Union budget is not in line with its climate targets;***

Or. en

Amendment 89

Liadh Ní Riada, Marie-Pierre Vieu

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 a. Stresses that the Union climate policy is failing as the recorded decrease in CO2 emissions is resulting from a decrease in economic activity rather than Union policy; notes that the ETS cannot bring reductions in CO2 emission as one Member State's reduction in emission quota is off-set by another Member State's increase in quota; believes that the Union budget must prioritise initiatives that will

facilitate a real greening of the economy;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Pavel Poc

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 a. Notes with concern that only 8,2 % of total commitment appropriations proposed in draft budget for 2018 are related to biodiversity protection; highlights in this context that an annual increase of 0,1 % stands in high contrast to the worrying and accelerating decline in species and habitats;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28. Increases therefore commitment appropriations **by EUR 78,1 million in commitment appropriations, excluding pilot projects and preparatory actions**, leaving a margin of EUR 635,346 million below the ceiling for commitments in Heading 2;

28. Supports therefore **the proper** commitment appropriations, leaving a margin of EUR 635,346 million below the ceiling for commitments in Heading 2;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution

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Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28 a. *Firmly believes that taxpayers' money should not be used to support the rearing or breeding of bulls for fighting activities; stresses that breeding or rearing for these purposes should not be eligible for basic payments; takes note of the Commission's executability letter which states that proposal cannot be implemented due to provisions in existing Union legislation; demands, therefore, in order to move this issue forward, proposals should be initiated to change the relevant pieces of legislation that the Commission cite as blocking this initiative;*

Or. en

Amendment 93

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28 a. *Recalls that taxpayers' money should not be used to support the rearing or breeding of bulls for fighting activities; believes that breeding or rearing for these purposes should not be eligible for basic payments and asks the Commission a proposal in order to amend the current legislation on this issue;*

Or. en

Amendment 94

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Notes that, while the number of migrant crossings on the Central and Eastern Mediterranean routes into the Union fell in the first eight months of 2017, pressure on the Western Mediterranean route remains high; is of the opinion that **additional** funding is needed to fully cover the needs of the Union in the field of migration, notably through the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund;

Amendment

30. Notes that, while the number of migrant crossings on the Central and Eastern Mediterranean routes into the Union fell in the first eight months of 2017, pressure on the Western Mediterranean route remains high; is of the opinion that **increased** funding is needed to fully cover the needs of the Union in the field of **asylum and** migration, notably through the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund **to support Members States in improving integration measures and practices for those in need of international protection, especially unaccompanied minors, and, where necessary, carrying out return operations for those not entitled to protection while fully respecting the principle of non-refoulement sound return operations; in this context also insists that the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) will be equipped with adequate, increased financial and human resources to allow the agency to fulfil its assigned tasks and deliver the best possible results;**

Or. en

Amendment 95

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Notes that, while the number of migrant crossings on the Central and Eastern Mediterranean routes into the Union fell **in the first eight months of 2017**, pressure on the Western Mediterranean route remains high; is of the opinion that additional funding is needed to fully cover the needs of the Union in the field of migration, notably through the

Amendment

30. Notes that, while the number of migrant crossings on the Central and Eastern Mediterranean routes into the Union fell, pressure on the Western Mediterranean route remains high; **according to IOM, 134,549 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in the first nine months of 2017, compared with 302,175 arrivals across the region**

Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund;

through the same period last year, with over 75 % arriving in Italy and the remainder divided between Greece, Cyprus and Spain; is of the opinion that additional funding is needed to fully cover the needs of the Union in the field of migration, notably through the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30 a. Poses the need of adopting a rather different approach for migration and refugees crisis, on one hand, and for the raising of terrorism cases, on the other; states clearly that, concerning forced migration, the Union has to give a solidarity response from the origin, allowing to those affected countries to go ahead freely and in equality, for taking the opportunity to give a better future for its population, forming safe routes in the transit, to finalise with the circumstances which make human traffic a business, and providing duly social and labour integration for the people which have not other remedy that staying with us in the destination; considers, as regards terrorism, that the Union and its Member States should halt any economic transaction with those countries which promotes extremist fanaticism, and pursuing those groups which were showing dangerous behaviour through police intelligence means; finally, considers that defence investment should be adjusted, as it hasn't nothing to do with the mentioned issues;

Or. en

Amendment 97

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30 a. Is in favour of the creation of a new budget line for a Research and Rescue Fund to support Member States in their obligations under international maritime law; asks the Commission to present a legislative proposal to set up such an EU Research and Rescue Fund;

Or. en

Amendment 98

Liadh Ní Riada, Marie-Pierre Vieu, Xabier Benito Ziluaga
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. Is convinced that, in order to effectively tackle security concerns of Union citizens, the budget of the Internal Security Fund must be boosted to equip the Member States better in the fight against terrorism, cross-border organised crime, radicalisation and cybercrime; underlines, in particular, that sufficient resources must be provided for reinforcing security infrastructures and boosting information-sharing between law enforcement agencies and national authorities, including through improving the interoperability of information systems;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 99
Jean-Paul Denanot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Is convinced that, in order to effectively tackle security concerns of Union citizens, the budget of the Internal Security Fund must be boosted to equip the Member States better in the fight against terrorism, cross-border organised crime, radicalisation and cybercrime; underlines, in particular, that sufficient resources must be provided for reinforcing security infrastructures and boosting information-sharing between law enforcement agencies and national authorities, including through improving the interoperability of information systems;

Amendment

31. Is convinced that, in order to effectively tackle security concerns of Union citizens, the budget of the Internal Security Fund must be boosted to equip the Member States better in the fight against terrorism, cross-border organised crime, radicalisation and cybercrime; underlines, in particular, that sufficient resources must be provided for reinforcing security infrastructures and boosting information-sharing between law enforcement agencies and national authorities, including through improving the interoperability of information systems *while guarantying at the same time respect to individual rights and liberties*;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Is convinced that, in order to effectively tackle security concerns of Union citizens, the budget of the Internal Security Fund *must be boosted* to equip the Member States better in the fight against terrorism, cross-border organised crime, radicalisation *and cybercrime*; underlines, in particular, that sufficient resources must be provided for reinforcing security infrastructures and boosting information-sharing between law enforcement agencies and national authorities, including through improving the interoperability of

Amendment

31. Is convinced that, in order to effectively tackle security concerns of Union citizens, the budget of the Internal Security Fund *needs additional funds* to equip the Member States better in the fight against terrorism, cross-border organised crime *and* radicalisation; underlines, in particular, that sufficient resources must be provided for reinforcing security infrastructures and boosting information-sharing between law enforcement agencies and national authorities, including through improving the interoperability of

information systems;

information systems;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32. Highlights the crucial role played by the EU agencies in the area of justice and home affairs in addressing pressing concerns of Union citizens; decides therefore to increase budgetary appropriations and staffing of Europol, Eurojust, EASO and CEPOL; reiterates the contribution of these agencies to enhancing cooperation between Member States in the field;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 102

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32. Highlights the crucial role played by the EU agencies in the area of justice and home affairs in addressing pressing concerns of Union citizens; decides therefore to increase budgetary appropriations and staffing of Europol, Eurojust, EASO and CEPOL; reiterates the contribution of these agencies to enhancing cooperation between Member States in the field;

32. Highlights the crucial role played by the EU agencies in the area of justice and home affairs in addressing pressing concerns of Union citizens; decides therefore to increase budgetary appropriations and staffing of Europol, **including the creation of 7 staff posts for the new operating unit called Europol operating unit for missing children, as well as to reinforce** Eurojust, EASO and CEPOL; reiterates the contribution of these agencies to enhancing cooperation between Member States in the field;

Amendment 103

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. ***Highlights the crucial*** role played by the EU agencies in the area of justice and home affairs ***in addressing pressing concerns of Union citizens; decides therefore to increase*** budgetary appropriations and staffing of Europol, Eurojust, EASO and CEPOL; ***reiterates*** the contribution of these agencies to enhancing cooperation between Member States in the ***field***;

Amendment

32. ***Takes note of the*** role played by the EU agencies in the area of justice and home affairs; ***underlines that*** budgetary appropriations and staffing of Europol, Eurojust, EASO and CEPOL ***should be optimized and properly managed; acknowledges*** the contribution of these agencies to enhancing cooperation ***and mutual trust*** between Member States in the ***addressing key challenges***;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. ***Regrets Council's arbitrary cuts of more than EUR 30 million in commitment appropriations to numerous programmes in the areas of culture, citizenship, justice, public health, consumer rights and civil protection, in disregard of these programmes' excellent implementation rates and despite already insufficient levels of financing that leave many high-quality projects unfunded; restores all lines to the level of the DB and proposes additional increases to relevant lines;***

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 105
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35. *Reiterates its conviction that it is time to boost funding for important EU programmes in the areas of culture and citizenship, in particular Creative Europe and Europe for Citizens and in view of the European elections in 2019; reiterates that all institutions must honour the political agreement found on the 2018 funding for the European Year of Cultural Heritage by providing sufficient appropriations for it through Creative Europe's Culture sub-programme, in the absence of a separate budget line for the Year;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 106
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35. *Reiterates its conviction that it is time to boost funding for important EU programmes in the areas of culture and citizenship, in particular Creative Europe and Europe for Citizens and in view of the European elections in 2019; reiterates that all institutions must honour the political agreement found on the 2018 funding for the European Year of Cultural Heritage by providing sufficient appropriations for it through Creative Europe's Culture sub-programme, in the absence of a separate budget line for the Year;*

35. Reiterates that all institutions must honour the political agreement found on the 2018 funding for the European Year of Cultural Heritage by providing sufficient appropriations for it through Creative Europe's Culture sub-programme, in the absence of a separate budget line for the Year;

Or. en

Amendment 107

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Reiterates its conviction that it is time to boost funding for important EU programmes in the areas of culture and citizenship, in particular Creative Europe and Europe for Citizens *and* in view of the European elections in 2019; reiterates that all institutions must honour the political agreement found on the 2018 funding for the European Year of Cultural Heritage by providing sufficient appropriations for it through Creative Europe's Culture sub-programme, in the absence of a separate budget line for the Year;

Amendment

35. Reiterates its conviction that it is time to boost funding for important EU programmes in the areas of culture and citizenship, in particular Creative Europe and Europe for Citizens, *which have a key role in supporting cultural and creative industries, as well as participatory citizenship, especially* in view of the European elections in 2019; reiterates that all institutions must honour the political agreement found on the 2018 funding for the European Year of Cultural Heritage by providing sufficient appropriations for it through Creative Europe's Culture sub-programme, in the absence of a separate budget line for the Year;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Is in favour of increased transparency of and visibility for the Daphne objective of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme, as a key Union tool in combatting all forms of violence against children, young people, women and other at-risk groups; supports setting up a European monitoring centre on gender-based violence within the European Institute for Gender Equality;

Amendment

36. Is in favour of increased transparency of and visibility for the Daphne objective of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme, as a key Union tool in combatting all forms of violence against children, young people, women, *LGBTI people* and other at-risk groups; supports setting up a European monitoring centre on gender-based violence within the European Institute for

Amendment 109

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37. Reinforces Heading 3 by EUR 108,8 million in commitment appropriations, excluding pilot projects and preparatory actions, and proposes to finance these reinforcements by a further mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument;

deleted

Amendment 110

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37. Reinforces Heading 3 by EUR 108,8 million in commitment appropriations, excluding pilot projects and preparatory actions, and proposes to finance these reinforcements by a further mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument;

37. Reinforces Heading 3 by EUR 108,8 million in commitment appropriations ***above the Commission's proposal***, excluding pilot projects and preparatory actions, and proposes to finance these reinforcements by a further mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument;

Amendment 111

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Stresses once again that the Union's external action is faced with ever growing funding needs which greatly exceed the current size of Heading 4; considers that the mobilisation of the Union budget to respond to the migration challenge will continue to require dynamic responses in the coming years; stresses that an ad hoc one-year increase, such as that in 2017, cannot be considered sufficient in view of the complex challenges that the Union is facing and the urgent need for stronger Union external presence in today's global world;

Amendment

38. Stresses once again that the Union's external action is faced with ever growing funding needs which greatly exceed the current size of Heading 4 **as well as the related margin** ; considers that the mobilisation of the Union budget to respond to the migration challenge will continue to require dynamic responses in the coming years; stresses that an ad hoc one-year increase, such as that in 2017, cannot be considered sufficient in view of the complex challenges that the Union is facing and the urgent need for stronger Union external presence in today's global world;

Or. en

Amendment 112

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Is of the opinion that priority should be given to the Union's immediate neighbours and to measures aimed at tackling the main issues they are facing, namely the migratory and refugee **crisis** and corresponding humanitarian challenges in the Southern Neighbourhood, and the Russian aggression in the Eastern Neighbourhood; believes that stability and prosperity of the EU Neighbourhood are beneficial to both the concerned regions and to the Union as a whole; reiterates that supporting countries which are implementing association agreements with the Union is pivotal to facilitating political and economic reforms, but stresses that such support should apply as long as those countries meet the eligibility criteria,

Amendment

39. Is of the opinion that priority should be given to the Union's immediate neighbours and to measures aimed at tackling the main issues they are facing, namely the migratory and refugee **phenomenon** and corresponding humanitarian challenges in the Southern Neighbourhood, and the Russian aggression in the Eastern Neighbourhood; believes that stability and prosperity of the EU Neighbourhood are beneficial to both the concerned regions and to the Union as a whole; reiterates that supporting countries which are implementing association agreements with the Union is pivotal to facilitating political and economic reforms, but stresses that such support should apply as long as those

especially as regards the rule of law and enforcing democratic institutions; therefore decides to increase resources for the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), for the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) and for Macro-Financial Assistance (MFA);

countries meet the eligibility criteria, especially as regards the rule of law and enforcing democratic institutions; therefore decides to increase resources for the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), for the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) and for Macro-Financial Assistance (MFA); ***stresses the importance of the role that Europe plays at global level in eradicating poverty and bringing development in the most deprived regions of the globe, in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals; therefore, allocates additional financial resources to the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) and Humanitarian Aid; reminds that, since a consistent share of migrants crossing the Mediterranean Sea is coming from Sub-Saharan Africa, Union support in this region is the key for tackling the root causes of migration;***

Or. en

Amendment 113

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Is of the opinion that priority should be given to the Union's immediate neighbours and to measures aimed at tackling the main issues they are facing, namely the migratory and refugee crisis and corresponding humanitarian challenges in the Southern Neighbourhood, and the Russian aggression in the Eastern Neighbourhood; believes that stability and prosperity of the EU Neighbourhood are beneficial to both the concerned regions and to the Union as a whole; reiterates that supporting countries which are implementing association agreements with the Union is pivotal to facilitating political

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Amendment

39. Is of the opinion that priority should be given to the Union's immediate neighbours and to measures aimed at tackling the main issues they are facing, namely the migratory and refugee crisis and corresponding humanitarian challenges in the Southern Neighbourhood, and the Russian aggression in the Eastern Neighbourhood; believes that stability and prosperity of the EU Neighbourhood are beneficial to both the concerned regions and to the Union as a whole; ***reiterate its call to increase support to UNRWA to cope with growing needs, in order to achieve EU's stated objective to promote***

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 and enforcing democratic institutions; therefore decides to increase resources for the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), for the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) and for Macro-Financial Assistance (MFA);

development and stability in the region and support the resilience and staying power of Palestine refugees; reiterates that supporting countries which are implementing association agreements with the Union is pivotal to 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 and enforcing democratic institutions; therefore decides to increase resources for the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), for the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) and for Macro-Financial Assistance (MFA);

Or. en

Amendment 114 **Alfred Sant**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 39**

Motion for a resolution

39. Is of the opinion that priority should be given to the Union's immediate neighbours and to measures aimed at tackling the main issues they are facing, namely the migratory and refugee crisis and corresponding humanitarian challenges in the Southern Neighbourhood, and ***the Russian aggression*** in the Eastern Neighbourhood; believes that stability and prosperity of the EU Neighbourhood are beneficial to both the concerned regions and to the Union as a whole; reiterates that supporting countries which are implementing association agreements with the Union is pivotal to 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 and enforcing democratic institutions; therefore decides to increase resources for the European Neighbourhood Instrument

Amendment

39. Is of the opinion that priority should be given to the Union's immediate neighbours and to measures aimed at tackling the main issues they are facing, namely the migratory and refugee crisis and corresponding humanitarian challenges in the Southern Neighbourhood, and ***ongoing conflicts*** in the Eastern Neighbourhood; believes that stability and prosperity of the EU Neighbourhood are beneficial to both the concerned regions and to the Union as a whole; reiterates that supporting countries which are implementing association agreements with the Union is pivotal to 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 and enforcing democratic institutions; therefore decides to increase resources for the European Neighbourhood Instrument

(ENI), for the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) and for Macro-Financial Assistance (MFA);

(ENI), for the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) and for Macro-Financial Assistance (MFA);

Or. en

Amendment 115

Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 41 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

41 a. Underlines that any funding to Turkey, a country that does not respect several of the basic principles of freedom and democracy, must be immediately stopped;

Or. en

Amendment 116

Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42. Is of the opinion that in order to adequately tackle disinformation campaigns, especially those coming from the Russian Federation, and to promote an objective image of the Union outside its borders, additional financial means are needed; calls therefore to step up funding to counter disinformation campaigns and cyberattacks; decides therefore to increase resources for strategic communication actions;

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Or. en

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Jonathan Arnott

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42. *Is of the opinion that in order to adequately tackle disinformation campaigns, especially those coming from the Russian Federation, and to promote an objective image of the Union outside its borders, additional financial means are needed; calls therefore to step up funding to counter disinformation campaigns and cyberattacks; decides therefore to increase resources for strategic communication actions;*

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 118
Marco Valli**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42. *Is of the opinion that in order to adequately tackle disinformation campaigns, especially those coming from the Russian Federation, and to promote an objective image of the Union outside its borders, additional financial means are needed; calls therefore to step up funding to counter disinformation campaigns and cyberattacks; decides therefore to increase resources for strategic communication actions;*

42. *Calls to step up funding to counter disinformation campaigns and cyberattacks;*

Or. en

**Amendment 119
Inese Vaidere**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

42. Is of the opinion that in order to adequately tackle disinformation campaigns, especially those coming from the Russian Federation, and to promote an objective image of the Union outside its borders, additional financial means are needed; calls therefore to step up funding to counter disinformation campaigns and cyberattacks; decides therefore to increase resources for strategic communication actions;

Amendment

42. Is of the opinion that in order to adequately tackle disinformation campaigns, especially those coming from the Russian Federation, and to promote an objective image of the Union outside its borders, additional financial means are needed; calls therefore to step up funding to counter disinformation campaigns and cyberattacks, ***especially in those Member States that have a common border with the Russian Federation and/ or significant Russian speaking community***; decides therefore to increase resources for strategic communication actions;

Or. en

Amendment 120

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 42**

Motion for a resolution

42. Is of the opinion that in order to adequately tackle disinformation campaigns, ***especially those coming from the Russian Federation***, and to promote an objective image of the Union outside its borders, additional financial means are needed; calls therefore to step up funding to counter disinformation campaigns and cyberattacks; decides therefore to increase resources for strategic communication actions;

Amendment

42. Is of the opinion that in order to adequately tackle disinformation campaigns, and to promote an objective image of the Union outside its borders, additional financial means are needed; calls therefore to step up funding to counter disinformation campaigns and cyberattacks; decides therefore to increase resources for strategic communication actions ***to be carried out in the Southern and Eastern Neighbourhood as well as in the Western Balkans***;

Or. en

Amendment 121

Alfred Sant

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

42. Is of the opinion that in order to adequately tackle disinformation campaigns, ***especially those coming from the Russian Federation***, and to promote an objective image of the Union outside its borders, additional financial means are needed; calls therefore to step up funding to counter disinformation campaigns and cyberattacks; decides therefore to increase resources for strategic communication actions;

Amendment

42. Is of the opinion that in order to adequately tackle disinformation campaigns, and to promote an objective image of the Union outside its borders, additional financial means are needed; calls therefore to step up funding to counter disinformation campaigns and cyberattacks; decides therefore to increase resources for strategic communication actions;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Jens Geier, Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43 a. Notes that, by end of September 2017, a total of EUR 795 million has been committed for Union Trust Funds in the 2017 Union budget; asks the Commission to present to the two arms of the budgetary authority how much it intends to commit in 2018; reiterates its concern that Member State contributions to these Trust Funds tend to lag behind their pledges; takes note of the European Court of Auditors Special Report 11/2017 on the Bekou EU Trust Fund for the Central African Republic; is concerned about the deficiencies identified by the ECA, such as the lack of assessment for overall needs and the dysfunctional coordination mechanisms with other donors; regrets the limited parliamentary scrutiny when setting-up and in managing the Trust Fund; expresses its intention to assess the added value of Union Trust

Funds as an instrument of Union external policy;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 43 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43 a. Stresses the importance of election observation missions in strengthening democratic institutions and building public confidence in electoral processes, which in return promote peace-building and stability; emphasizes the need to ensure sufficient financial resources for this objective;

Or. en

Amendment 124

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 43 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43 b. Points out that DCI funding shall not be redeployed in order to finance the new Capacity Building for Security and Development (CBSD) initiative under the IcSP; deplores the draft budget proposal to redeploy EUR 7,5 million from the DCI to the CBSD and stresses the urgent need to find alternative solutions to fill this gap;

Or. en

Amendment 125

Monika Vana

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 44 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

44 a. Underlines that development funds should not be used in order to finance capacity building of military actors in third countries; opposes therefore the transfer of funds between the Development Cooperation Instrument and the revised Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP);

Or. en

Amendment 126

Monika Vana

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 44 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

44 b. Rejects the Commission proposal to transfer EUR 30 million from the DCI, ENPI, CFSP and the margin of Heading 4 for the 2018 budget in order to finance capacity building of military actors via a revised Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP); underlines the need to maintain the level of financing of the Union's neighbourhood policy, its police and justice missions within the context of CFSP and to foresee a margin in Heading 4 for reacting to unforeseeable crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 127

Monika Vana

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

44 c. Believes that in line with its recommendations adopted in the context of its resolution of 22 November 2016 on the European Defence Union (paragraph 47, point 13) such military security objective should be planned and financed within the appropriate legal framework which is CSDP and the ATHENA mechanism;

Or. en

Amendment 128
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

45. As a result, decides to reverse almost all of the Council's cuts and to reinforce Heading 4 by EUR 299,7 million above the DB in commitment appropriations (excluding pilot projects and preparatory actions, the transfer of EUSRs and adopted cuts);

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Or. en

Amendment 129
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

45. As a result, decides to reverse almost all of the Council's cuts and to

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reinforce Heading 4 by EUR 299,7 million above the DB in commitment appropriations (excluding pilot projects and preparatory actions, the transfer of EUSRs and adopted cuts);

Or. en

Amendment 130
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46. Considers that Council's cuts do not reflect the real needs and therefore restores the DB for all Commission administrative expenditure, including administrative and research support expenditure in Headings 1 to 4;

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Or. en

Amendment 131
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46. Considers that Council's cuts do not reflect the real needs and therefore restores the DB for all Commission administrative expenditure, including administrative and research support expenditure in Headings 1 to 4;

46. Regrets the increase of Heading 5 for administrative expenditure; underlines that a large part of this increase is due to additional appropriations needed for pensions of Union officials; takes note that the number of pensioners is expected to rise further in the coming years and asks therefore for a revision of the privileges and advantages of Union pensions and allowances scheme; calls for a new and more fair approach towards administrative expenditure, starting from the cut of the highest salaries and pensions of Union staff;

Amendment 132

Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Considers that Council's cuts do not reflect the real needs ***and therefore restores the DB for all Commission administrative expenditure, including administrative and research support expenditure in Headings 1 to 4;***

Amendment

46. Considers that Council's cuts do not reflect the real needs ***as more needs to be done to reduce the overall Union budget;***

Amendment 133

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Considers that Council's cuts do not reflect the real needs and ***therefore*** restores the DB for all Commission administrative expenditure, including administrative and research support expenditure in Headings 1 to 4;

Amendment

46. Considers that Council's cuts do not reflect the real needs and ***thus jeopardise the already significantly rationalised administrative expenditure;*** restores ***therefore*** the DB for all Commission administrative expenditure, including administrative and research support expenditure in Headings 1 to 4;

Amendment 134

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 46 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46 a. Asks for a full transparent accountability on the missions expenditures of the Commissioners and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy; regrets that the number of travel reports has been so limited and asks for a general reduction of the missions travel costs;

Or. en

Amendment 135

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 46 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46 b. Asks for a renegotiation of the current Union Institutions' rent contracts in order to reduce the EU costs as much as possible through an efficient and economical optimization of the EU resources;

Or. en

Amendment 136

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 47

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47. Decides, in line with the conclusion of the "Joint Opinion of the Legal Services of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on three aspects of the relationship between OLAF and its Supervisory Committee" of 12 September 2016, to hold 10% of appropriations of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)

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until the Supervisory Committee is granted access to OLAF cases files, while slightly reinforcing its budget, in line with increased responsibilities;

Or. en

Amendment 137
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47. Decides, in line with the conclusion of the "Joint Opinion of the Legal Services of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on three aspects of the relationship between OLAF and its Supervisory Committee" of 12 September 2016, to hold 10% of appropriations of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) until the Supervisory Committee is granted access to OLAF cases files, while slightly reinforcing its budget, in line with increased responsibilities;

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Or. en

Amendment 138
Younous Omarjee, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47 a. Stresses the need for the urgent establishment of a European authority empowered to fight tax evasion;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 48

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

48. Endorses, as a general rule, the Commission's estimates of the budgetary needs of agencies; considers, therefore, that any further cuts proposed by the Council would endanger the proper functioning of the agencies, in particular the European Medicines Agency (EMA), and would not allow them to fulfil the tasks they have been assigned;

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Or. en

Amendment 140
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 48

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

48. Endorses, as a general rule, the Commission's estimates of the budgetary needs of agencies; considers, therefore, that any further cuts proposed by the Council would endanger the proper functioning of the agencies, in particular the European Medicines Agency (EMA), and would not allow them to fulfil the tasks they have been assigned;

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Or. en

Amendment 141
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 48

Motion for a resolution

48. Endorses, as a general rule, the Commission's estimates of the budgetary needs of agencies; considers, therefore, that any further cuts proposed by the Council would endanger the proper functioning of the agencies, *in particular the European Medicines Agency (EMA)*, and would not allow them to fulfil the tasks they have been assigned;

Amendment

48. Endorses, as a general rule, the Commission's estimates of the budgetary needs of agencies; considers, therefore, that any further cuts proposed by the Council would endanger the proper functioning of the agencies and would not allow them to fulfil the tasks they have been assigned; *considers that the new posts adopted in its position are needed to fulfil additional tasks due to new policy developments and new legislation; reiterates its commitment to safeguard resources and where necessary provide additional resources as to ensure the proper functioning of the agencies;*

Or. en

Amendment 142

Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 48

Motion for a resolution

48. *Endorses, as a general rule, the Commission's estimates of the budgetary needs of agencies; considers, therefore, that any further cuts proposed by the Council would endanger the proper functioning of the agencies, in particular the European Medicines Agency (EMA), and would not allow them to fulfil the tasks they have been assigned;*

Amendment

48. *Asks for a complete revision of the role of the European agencies questioning if their tasks and objectives could not be better accomplished by existing Directorates-General of the European Commission or by Member States, in order to prevent duplication of roles and costs and also improving transparency;*

Or. en

Amendment 143

Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 49

49. *In the context of the challenges the Union is still facing in terms of migration and security, and bearing in mind the necessity for a coordinated European response, decides to reinforce the appropriations for the European Police Office (Europol), the European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit (Eurojust), the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL), the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) and the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA);*

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Or. en

Amendment 144

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 49

49. In the context of the challenges the Union is still facing in terms of migration and security, and bearing in mind the necessity for a coordinated European response, ***decides to reinforce*** the appropriations for the European Police Office (Europol), the European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit (Eurojust), the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL), the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) and the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA);

49. In the context of the challenges the Union is still facing in terms of migration and security, and bearing in mind the necessity for a coordinated European response, ***takes note of*** the appropriations for the European Police Office (Europol), the European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit (Eurojust), the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL), the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) and the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA);

Or. en

Amendment 145

Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 51

Motion for a resolution

51. Considers that additional appropriation and staff are needed for the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) to fulfil its expanded mission related to the ***implementation of the electricity and gas network codes and guidelines and its monitoring***;

Amendment

51. Considers that additional appropriation and staff are needed for the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) to fulfil its expanded mission related to the ***coordination between National Regulatory Authorities in the fields of electricity and natural gas***;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 53

Motion for a resolution

53. Reiterates that, as agreed in the IIA of 2 December 2013, 2018 is the last year of implementation of the 5% staff reduction and redeployment pool approach to the staffing of agencies; ***considers that the new posts adopted in its position are needed to fulfil additional tasks due to new policy developments and new legislation***; reaffirms its openness to ***release posts by means of*** achieving efficiency gains between agencies through increased administrative cooperation or even mergers where appropriate and through pooling certain functions with either the Commission or another agency;

Amendment

53. Reiterates that, as agreed in the IIA of 2 December 2013, 2018 is the last year of implementation of the 5% staff reduction and redeployment pool approach to the staffing of agencies; ***reiterates its opposition towards any continuation of a global approach on agency resources after 2018***; reaffirms its openness to achieving efficiency gains between agencies through increased administrative cooperation or even mergers where appropriate and through pooling certain functions with either the Commission or another agency; ***welcomes in this regard the initiative to further coordinate agencies activities via establishing the Network of EU Agencies' Permanent Secretariat (now called the Shared Support Office) and supports the allocation to the European Food Safety Agency (EFSA) an additional establishment plan post whose costs will be mutualised from the EU Agencies' existing budgets and seconded to this office***;

Amendment 147

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 53

Motion for a resolution

53. Reiterates that, as agreed in the IIA of 2 December 2013, 2018 *is* the last year of implementation of the 5% staff reduction and redeployment pool approach to the staffing of agencies; considers that the new posts adopted in its position are needed to fulfil additional tasks due to new policy developments and new legislation; reaffirms its openness to release posts by means of achieving efficiency gains between agencies through increased administrative cooperation or even mergers where appropriate and through pooling certain functions with either the Commission or another agency;

Amendment

53. Reiterates that, as agreed in the IIA of 2 December 2013, 2018 **could be** the last year of implementation of the 5% staff reduction and redeployment pool approach to the staffing of agencies; considers that the new posts adopted in its position are needed to fulfil additional tasks due to new policy developments and new legislation; reaffirms its openness to release posts by means of achieving efficiency gains between agencies through increased administrative cooperation or even mergers where appropriate and through pooling certain functions with either the Commission or another agency;

Or. en

Amendment 148

Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 53 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

53 a. Demands that, due to recent revelations regarding the travel expenditure of members of the Commission, there must be a higher degree of accountability by ensuring this information is made publically available;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 149
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

54. *Having carried out a careful analysis of the pilot projects and preparatory actions submitted as regards the rate of success of the on-going ones, excluding initiatives already covered by existing legal bases and taking fully into account the Commission's assessment of the projects' implementability, decides to adopt a compromise package made up of a limited number of PP-PAs, in view also of the limited margins available and the ceilings for PP-PAs;*

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Or. en

Amendment 150
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

54 a. *Stresses therefore the efforts made by the Parliament in this regard and asks the Commission to show good will in the implementation of the adopted PP-PAs at the end of the budgetary procedure, regardless its implementability assessment, as for any decision of the budgetary authority;*

Or. en

Amendment 151
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution

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Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

55. Recalls the usefulness of special instruments to provide flexibility over and beyond the extremely tight ceilings of the current MFF and welcomes the improvements brought about by the mid-term revision of the MFF Regulation; calls for an extensive use of the Flexibility instrument, the Global Margin for Commitments and the Contingency Margin in order to finance the wide range of new challenges and additional responsibilities that the Union budget is facing;

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Or. en

Amendment 152 Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 56

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

56. Recalls also the significance of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the Emergency Aid Reserve (EAR) and the EU Solidarity Fund (EUSF); supports the Commission's intention to provide for a quicker mobilisation of the EUSF by putting most of its annual amount in a reserve in the Union budget, on top of the amount already budgeted for advances; regrets the Council's cut in that respect and restores partially the DB level, with the exception of the amount which has been frontloaded to 2017 via amending budget 4/2017 and the mobilisation of the EUSF for Italy;

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Or. en

Amendment 153

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

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 56

Motion for a resolution

56. Recalls also the significance of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the Emergency Aid Reserve (EAR) and the EU Solidarity Fund (EUSF); supports the Commission's intention to provide for a quicker mobilisation of the EUSF by putting most of its annual amount in a reserve in the Union budget, on top of the amount already budgeted for advances; regrets the Council's cut in that respect and restores partially the DB level, with the exception of the amount which has been frontloaded to 2017 via amending budget 4/2017 and the mobilisation of the EUSF for Italy;

Amendment

56. Recalls also the significance of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), the Emergency Aid Reserve (EAR) and the EU Solidarity Fund (EUSF); supports the Commission's intention to provide for a quicker mobilisation of the EUSF by putting most of its annual amount in a reserve in the Union budget, on top of the amount already budgeted for advances; regrets the Council's cut in that respect and restores partially the DB level, with the exception of the amount which has been frontloaded to 2017 via amending budget 4/2017 and the mobilisation of the EUSF for Italy; ***extends the scope of the EUSF to provide assistance to victims of acts of terrorism and their families;***

Or. en

Amendment 154
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 57

Motion for a resolution

57. Is concerned about the current under-execution trend in payments throughout the Union budget, not only in subheading1b but also in Headings 3 and 4, despite the surge ***in crisis-related expenditure*** and the setting-up of flexible funding mechanisms; recalls that for the past two years the payment level of the Union budget was considerably decreased, coupled with a high level of budget surplus; expresses, therefore, its concern that the DB still leaves an unprecedented

Amendment

57. Is concerned about the current under-execution trend in payments throughout the Union budget, not only in subheading1b but also in Headings 3 and 4, despite the ***need to answer the surge of new challenges*** and the setting-up of flexible funding mechanisms; recalls that for the past two years the payment level of the Union budget was considerably decreased, coupled with a high level of budget surplus; expresses, therefore, its concern that the DB still leaves an

margin of EUR 10 billion below the payment ceiling, which reflects a low execution trend that may lead to an acute payment pressure at the end of the current MFF;

unprecedented margin of EUR 10 billion below the payment ceiling, which reflects a low execution trend that may lead to an acute payment pressure at the end of the current MFF;

Or. en

Amendment 155
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

58. Decides to restore the DB in payments on all lines cut by the Council and reinforces payment appropriations in targeted manner, mostly on those lines which are amended in commitment appropriations;

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Or. en

Amendment 156
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

58. Decides to restore the DB in payments on all lines cut by the Council and reinforces payment appropriations in targeted manner, mostly on those lines which are amended in commitment appropriations;

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Or. en

Amendment 157
Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial
on behalf of the S&D Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58

Motion for a resolution

58. *Decides* to restore the DB in payments on all lines cut by the Council and reinforces payment appropriations in targeted manner, mostly on those lines which are amended in commitment appropriations;

Amendment

58. *Insists on the necessity* to restore the DB in payments on all lines cut by the Council and reinforces payment appropriations in targeted manner, mostly on those lines which are amended in commitment appropriations;

Or. en

Amendment 158
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

58 a. Asks not to increase the commitment appropriations in the Union budget before a complete stabilisation of the backlog of outstanding payment claims;

Or. en

Amendment 159
Younous Omarjee, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 58 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

58 a. Considers that the Union budget should already integrate a new line for Own Resources of the Union, in the form of new taxes such as a corporate tax for multinationals, a carbon tax, or a tax on financial transactions;

Or. en

Amendment 160

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 59

Motion for a resolution

59. **Regrets** the repeated Council practice of increasing the abatement rate for all of the other sections; **believes this to have a particularly distorting effect on the budgets of institutions with historically accurate abatement rates; considers that this approach does not constitute a targeted reduction nor sound financial management; restores therefore** the abatement rate for all of the other sections in which Council introduced an increase;

Amendment

59. **Welcomes** the repeated Council practice of increasing the abatement rate for all of the other sections **and stresses the fact that all administrative expenditures related to the EU Institutions should be reduced as much as possible through an efficient and economical optimization of the EU costs; decides hence to not restore** the abatement rate for all of the other sections in which Council introduced an increase;

Or. en

Amendment 161

Manuel dos Santos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 59

Motion for a resolution

59. Regrets the repeated Council practice of increasing the abatement **rate for all of the other sections**; believes this to have a particularly distorting effect on the budgets of institutions with historically accurate **abatement rates**; considers that this approach does not constitute a targeted reduction nor sound financial management; restores therefore the **abatement rate for all of the other sections in which** Council **introduced an increase**;

Amendment

59. Regrets the repeated Council practice of increasing the **standard flat rate** abatement **for the EU institutions**; believes this to have a particularly distorting effect on the budgets of institutions with historically accurate **standard flat rate abatements** ; considers that this approach does not constitute a targeted reduction nor sound financial management; restores therefore the **standard flat rate abatements at the level of the draft budget and cancels the related reductions in appropriations done by the Council**;

Or. en

Amendment 162

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 60

Motion for a resolution

60. *Maintains the overall* level of its budget for 2018, *as adopted in its abovementioned resolution of 5 April 2017*, at EUR 1 953 483 373; *incorporates budgetary-neutral technical adjustments to reflect updated information which was not available earlier this year;*

Amendment

60. *Regrets that the* level of its budget for 2018 *has been set aside* at EUR 1 953 483 373 *and has not been reduced compared to 2017;*

Or. en

Amendment 163

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 61

Motion for a resolution

61. Notes that the level of estimates for 2018 corresponds to 18,88 %, which is lower than that achieved in 2017 (19,25 %) *and the lowest part of Heading 5 in the past fifteen years;*

Amendment

61. Notes that the level of estimates for 2018 corresponds to 18,88 %, which is *just slightly* lower than that achieved in 2017 (19,25 %); *asks for a substantial weighted cut of the Parliament's costs in order to give a strong signal to Union citizens who are facing a difficult economic situation;*

Or. en

Amendment 164

Younous Omarjee, Liadh Ní Riada, Marie-Pierre Vieu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 61

Motion for a resolution

61. Notes that the level of estimates for 2018 corresponds to 18,88 %, which is lower than that achieved in 2017 (19,25 %)

Amendment

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and the lowest part of Heading 5 in the past fifteen years;

and the lowest part of Heading 5 in the past fifteen years; *insists nevertheless that the drive for the lowest expenditure possible for the Parliament shouldn't come at the cost of a reduced Parliament's capacity for its ordinary legislative work;*

Or. en

Amendment 165

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 62

Motion for a resolution

62. Reiterates Parliament's priorities for the forthcoming financial year, namely, *consolidating the security measures already taken and improving Parliament's resilience to cyber-attacks*; improving the transparency of the Parliament's own internal budgetary procedure; and focusing the Parliament's budget on its core functions of legislating, representing citizens and scrutinising the work of other institutions;

Amendment

62. Reiterates Parliament's priorities for the forthcoming financial year, namely, improving the transparency of the Parliament's own internal budgetary procedure; and focusing the Parliament's budget on its core functions of legislating, representing citizens and scrutinising the work of other institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 166

Paul Rübig

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 62

Motion for a resolution

62. Reiterates Parliament's priorities for the forthcoming financial year, namely, consolidating the security measures already taken and improving Parliament's resilience to cyber-attacks; improving the transparency of the Parliament's own internal budgetary procedure; and focusing the Parliament's budget on its core

Amendment

62. Reiterates Parliament's priorities for the forthcoming financial year, namely, consolidating the security measures already taken and improving Parliament's resilience to cyber-attacks; improving the transparency of the Parliament's own internal budgetary procedure; and focusing the Parliament's budget on its core

functions of legislating, representing citizens and scrutinising the work of other institutions;

functions of legislating, ***acting as one arm of the budgetary authority***, representing citizens and scrutinising the work of other institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 167

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Isabelle Thomas, John Howarth

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 62 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

62 a. Welcomes the creation of the Parliament's Bureau Working group on the General expenditure allowance; recalls the expectations of a greater transparency regarding the general expenditure allowance and a need to work on a definition of more precise rules regarding the accountability of the expenditure authorised under this allowance, without generating additional costs to Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 168

Dennis de Jong, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 62 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

62 a. Stresses that the need for greater transparency regarding GEAs for MEPs makes it advisable for each MEP to submit end-of-year public reports of the accounts relating to those allowances; calls, in addition, for such public reporting to become mandatory as from 2019 following the revision of the Statute for Members;

Amendment 169

Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 63 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

63 a. Firmly believes it was wrong for Political Groups to have been exempt from previous staff reduction targets and, furthermore, opposes the decision to allocate an extra 76 posts offset by these reductions from the administration; calls, therefore, for the number of posts for Political Groups to be reduced by 76 and a 5% reduction applied;

Or. en

Amendment 170

Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 64

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64. Welcomes the exchange of views on Parliament's building policy held on 11 July 2017 between the Committee on Budgets, the Secretary General and the Vice-Presidents responsible for Parliament's building policy; considers that this dialogue ought to be a continuous process, particularly in the light of upcoming Bureau discussions on the refurbishment of the Paul Henri-Spaak building;

64. Condemns the lack of transparency and efficiency in EU building policy; censures any initiative to use hundreds of millions of euros of taxpayers' money for the Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) building, for which European citizens already paid EUR 1 billion in 1993 and which, according to the Bureau of the European Parliament, has already reached 'the end of its life cycle'(after only 24 years); rejects any further waste of public funds and calls for complete transparency for EU citizens when it comes to EU expenditure;

Or. en

Amendment 171

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 64

Motion for a resolution

64. **Welcomes** the exchange of views on Parliament's building policy held on 11 July 2017 between the Committee on Budgets, the Secretary General and the Vice-Presidents responsible for Parliament's building policy; **considers** that this dialogue **ought to be** a continuous process, particularly in the light of upcoming Bureau discussions on the refurbishment of the Paul Henri-Spaak building;

Amendment

64. **Takes note of** the exchange of views on Parliament's building policy held on 11 July 2017 between the Committee on Budgets, the Secretary General and the Vice-Presidents responsible for Parliament's building policy; **stresses the fact** that this dialogue **must aim at being** a continuous, **well-detailed and transparent** process, particularly in the light of upcoming Bureau discussions on the refurbishment of the Paul Henri-Spaak building;

Or. en

Amendment 172

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

65. **Reiterates Parliament's position as expressed in its abovementioned resolution of 5 April²⁰¹⁷ that there is further room for improvement on the control mechanisms** related to European political parties and political foundations; **notes in this regard the Commission's proposal to amend Regulation No 1141/2014⁹ and welcomes any effort to improve the accountability and transparency of spending;**

Amendment

65. **Calls for a complete annulation of the expenditures** related to **the** European political parties and political foundations; **stresses the fact the European political parties and foundations should become totally reliant on own resources and cut their dependency on Parliament's budget;** **considers that contributions or grants should be totally cut; maintains that only a complete reliance on own resources would eliminate the risk to the Parliament's budget in recovering amounts erroneously or fraudulently spent;**

Amendment 173

Pina Picierno, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Bart Staes, Bas Eickhout, Judith Sargentini, Catherine Bearder, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, John Howarth, Ulrike Lunacek, Elly Schlein, Jan Philipp Albrecht, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Miriam Dalli, Ivan Štefanec, Marita Ulvskog, Ivo Vajgl, Dennis de Jong, Anja Hazekamp, Jeroen Lenaers, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Olle Ludvigsson, Ernest Urtasun, Anna Hedh, Brando Benifei, Romana Tomc, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Luigi Morgano, Evelyn Regner, Martina Anderson

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 65 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65 a. Recalls the 2013 Fox-Häfner report, which estimated the costs of the geographic dispersion of the Parliament to be between EUR 156 million and EUR 204 million and equivalent to 10 % of the Parliament's budget; notes the finding that 78 % of all missions by Parliament statutory staff arise as a direct result of the Parliament's geographic dispersion; emphasises that the report also estimates the environmental impact of the geographic dispersion to be between 11,000 to 19,000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions; reiterates the negative public perception caused by this dispersion and calls therefore for a roadmap to a single seat and a reduction in the relevant budget lines;

Amendment 174

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 65 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65 a. *Believes that the EP car service should be used by Members exclusively for reaching Parliament premises from the airport/station or vice versa, and that EP minivans and minibuses should be used in this regard; calls for a restricted weekday budget for taxi reimbursement requests; recalls that Members have the opportunity to freely use rail transport in Belgium;*

Or. en

Amendment 175
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65 b. *Calls for a reduction of at least 15% in Members' monthly salaries, daily allowances and economic benefits, including GEA, in order to give a strong signal to European citizens, who are facing a difficult economic social and historical situation; invites the Bureau to review the implementing measures of the Statute for Members in order to provide as more savings as possible with regard to Members' benefits;*

Or. en

Amendment 176
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65 c. *Takes the view that the Decision 2005/684/CE on the Statute for Members needs to be revised, in order to amend Article 14 and bring the pension*

entitlements of the MEPs into line with the social security systems for ordinary citizens of individual Member States, as regards both the calculation of the amount and the age, and contribution-related requirements which entitle them to a pension; calls for a recalculation of the pensions paid out from the EU budget for former members who accrued such an entitlement prior to, and following, the entry force of the current Statute;

Or. en

Amendment 177

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 65 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65 d. Asks for a single seat of the European Parliament in order to consider as more savings as possible and to avoid the waste of taxpayers' money, since the additional yearly running costs of a multi-seat European Parliament are around EUR 180 million;

Or. en

Amendment 178

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 66

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66. *Restores* the DB on all budget items cut by the Council *which are essential to the functioning of the Court and restores the estimates for two budget items* in order to *enhance the Court's ability to deal with increasingly high translation demands;*

66. *Decides to not restore* the DB on all budget items cut by the Council *and asks for as more savings as possible* in order to *reduce EU administrative expenditures;*

Amendment 179

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 68

Motion for a resolution

68. **Restores** the DB on all items cut by Council, in order to **implement the work programme of the Court of Auditors and deliver the planned Audit Reports**;

Amendment

68. **Decides to not restore** the DB on all items cut by Council **and asks for as more savings as possible** in order to **reduce EU administrative expenditures**;

Or. en

Amendment 180

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 70

Motion for a resolution

70. **Restores** the DB on all items cut by the Council;

Amendment

70. **Decides to not restore** the DB on all items cut by the Council **and asks for as more savings as possible in order to reduce EU administrative expenditures**;

Or. en

Amendment 181

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 71

Motion for a resolution

71. **Increases** two lines above the DB in relation to the work of Domestic Advisory Groups;

Amendment

71. **Decides to not increase the** two lines above the DB in relation to the work of Domestic Advisory Groups;

Or. en

Amendment 182
Paul Rübzig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 71

Motion for a resolution

71. Increases two lines above the DB in relation to the work of Domestic Advisory Groups;

Amendment

71. Increases two lines above the DB in relation to the work of Domestic Advisory Groups *in trade agreements*;

Or. en

Amendment 183
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 72

Motion for a resolution

72. *Restores* the DB on all items cut by the Council;

Amendment

72. *Decides to not restore* the DB on all items cut by the Council *and asks for as more savings as possible in order to reduce EU administrative expenditures*;

Or. en

Amendment 184
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 73

Motion for a resolution

73. *Increases a number of lines above the draft budget in line with the Committee of the Region's own estimates*;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 185

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 74

Motion for a resolution

74. *Welcomes the excellent* work done by the Ombudsman in finding efficiency savings in her own budget when compared with the previous year;

Amendment

74. *Takes note of the* work done by the Ombudsman in finding efficiency savings in her own budget when compared with the previous year; *asks for as more savings as possible in order to reduce EU administrative expenditures;*

Or. en

Amendment 186

Paul Rübzig

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 74

Motion for a resolution

74. Welcomes the *excellent* work done by the Ombudsman in finding efficiency savings in her own budget when compared with the previous year;

Amendment

74. Welcomes the work done by the Ombudsman in finding efficiency savings in her own budget when compared with the previous year;

Or. en

Amendment 187

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 75

Motion for a resolution

75. *Questions why the Council would reduce the budget of the European Data Protection Supervisor given the additional tasks conferred upon the institution by Parliament and the Council; restores therefore* all the budget lines cut by Council *to enable the European Data*

Amendment

75. *Decides to not restore* all the budget lines cut by Council *and asks for as more savings as possible in order to reduce the EU administrative expenditures;*

Protection Supervisor to fulfil his obligations and commitments;

Or. en

Amendment 188
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 76

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

76. Restores all lines cut by the Council;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 189
Marco Zanni

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 76

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

76. Restores all lines cut by the Council;

76. Underlines that the EEAS has proved to be useless and expensive; believes that foreign policy should remain an exclusive competence of National States and asks therefore for a complete deletion of all the budgetary lines concerning this Service;

Or. en

Amendment 190
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 76

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

76. Restores all lines cut by the

76. Decides to not restore the DB on

Council;

all items cut by the Council and asks for as more savings as possible in order to reduce EU administrative expenditures;

Or. en

Amendment 191

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 77

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

77. Creates a Strategic Communication Capacity budget item in line with the European Council conclusions of March 2015 and to equip the EEAS with adequate staff and tools to face the challenge of disinformation from third states and non-state actors;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 192

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 79

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

79. Provides an additional amount above the EEAS estimates for trainees in EU Delegations, in response to the findings of the European Ombudsman's inquiry into unpaid traineeships¹⁰ ;

79. Regrets the European External Action Service's practice of offering unpaid traineeships in EU delegations since it may lead to a discriminatory situation, endorsing only those who can afford it; asks for more savings as possible in the EEAS' administrative expenditures in order to provide, same annual EEAS' budgetary resources, appropriate allowances in this case of maladministration;

¹⁰ European Ombudsman, 454.2014/PMC.

