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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Peter Šťastný
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Amendment 1
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes, in a context of scarcity of resources, the proposal to increase, in terms of both payments and commitments, several key budget lines within the Commission's trade policy title; **is concerned**, however, that these slight increases **may not be sufficient to ensure that the Commission has the capacity to cope with its expanding negotiating agenda, including** free trade agreements (FTAs) **with the USA and Japan**;

Amendment

1. Welcomes, in a context of scarcity of resources, the proposal to increase, in terms of both payments and commitments, several key budget lines within the Commission's trade policy title; **considers** however that these slight increases **are sufficient only if the Commission is restructuring its general approach towards multilateral trade obligations and therefore will revise its strategy aiming at concluding more and more bilateral** free trade agreements (FTAs) **which are counterproductive to the professed aim to promote sustainable development and job creation both in the EU and in the third Partner countries through international Trade and Commercial cooperation**;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Peter Šťastný

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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cope with its expanding ***bilateral*** negotiating agenda, including free trade agreements (FTAs) with the USA and Japan, ***to efficiently implement the EU's trade defence instruments and to do its utmost to help shore up the multilateral trading system by drawing up new proposals and taking concrete initiatives;***

Or. en

Amendment 3
Peter Šťastný

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that this slight increase of the budgetary line devoted to the trade policy of the EU should be complemented by adequate resources and staff reallocation within the Commission; is satisfied with the proposal of a significant increase in staff working in the Union delegations on trade-related matters, which should support the Union's trade and economic influence in third countries;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Franziska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recommends that the increase in resources within the Commission's trade policy title should partly be used to help build up Parliament's and civil society's capacity to adequately monitor the

*growing complexity and proliferation of
bilateral EU trade negotiations;*

Or. en

Amendment 5

Syed Kamall

on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Insists, however, in the light of the continuing problematic fiscal and economic situation in the Member States, that any desired increase in appropriations should be offset with commensurate reductions, redeployments or reallocations elsewhere in the budget, allowing for the principle of budget neutrality to be respected;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Peter Šťastný

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Regrets the sharp decrease in commitments for the Instrument for Macro-Financial Assistance and the European Neighbourhood Instrument, which **will** undermine the EU's capacity to stabilise and assist its neighbouring countries, including those with whom it negotiates deep and comprehensive free trade agreements (DCFTAs);

2. Regrets the sharp decrease in commitments for the Instrument for Macro-Financial Assistance and the European Neighbourhood Instrument **(ENI)**, which **could** undermine the EU's capacity to stabilise and assist its neighbouring countries, including those with whom it negotiates deep and comprehensive free trade agreements (DCFTAs); **believes that the ENI funding should, given its restrictions, focus on**

trade-related technical support and assistance to our partners, especially those countries in the Eastern Partnership which could soon implement DCFTAs concluded with the EU as well as the Euromed countries;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Syed Kamall

on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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2. **Regrets** the sharp decrease in commitments for the Instrument for Macro-Financial Assistance and the European Neighbourhood Instrument, ***which will undermine the EU's capacity to stabilise and assist its neighbouring*** countries, including those with whom it negotiates deep and comprehensive free trade agreements (DCFTAs);

Amendment

2. **Notes** the sharp decrease in commitments for the Instrument for Macro-Financial Assistance and the European Neighbourhood Instrument, ***underlines that this reduction should not lead to a diminishment in the capacity of the EU to enhance economic and trading relations with third*** countries, including those with whom it negotiates deep and comprehensive free trade agreements (DCFTAs);

Or. en

Amendment 8

Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Deplores also the fall in real terms in funding for Aid for Trade, ***particularly as*** this is proposed in tandem with a sharp decrease in funding for the Development

Amendment

3. Deplores also the fall in real terms in funding for Aid for Trade, ***and is concerned that*** this is proposed in tandem with a sharp decrease in funding for the

Cooperation Instrument (DCI);

Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI); *therefore calls for an increase in payments in both of these substantial instruments of EU External Relations Policies;*

Or. en

Amendment 9
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes the substantial increase in funding for the Partnership Instrument (former ICI/ICI+), which reflects the widened scope of this instrument; supports the significant financing for activities in support of EU businesses on third markets, but *recalls* that the coordination platform for internationalisation of SMEs will not be implemented until 2014 despite its inclusion in the scope of ICI+ since 2012;

Amendment

4. Notes the substantial increase in funding for the Partnership Instrument (former ICI/ICI+), which reflects the widened scope of this instrument; supports the significant financing for activities in support of EU businesses on third markets, but *deplores* that the coordination platform for internationalisation of SMEs will not be implemented until 2014 despite its inclusion in the scope of ICI+ since 2012;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Peter Šťastný

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes the substantial increase in funding for the Partnership Instrument (former ICI/ICI+), which reflects the widened scope of this instrument; supports the significant financing for activities in support of EU businesses on third markets, *but recalls that the coordination platform*

Amendment

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for internationalisation of SMEs will not be implemented until 2014 despite its inclusion in the scope of ICI+ since 2012;

resources for COSME and for the Partnership Instrument should allow for a whole range of activities in support of SMEs internationalisation and recalls the relevance of finally implementing the coordination platform for SMEs as of 2014;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Peter Šťastný

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Notes with interest that the Partnership Instrument will fund the expansion of the EU business centres in Asia, after thorough reviews of the existing structures in China and India, and the creation of a Business Centre in Latin America; believes that this renewed funding implies that the Commission will take into account all the lessons drawn from the first experiences of business centres, in terms of outreach to SMEs, complementarities with existing public and private structures of the EU and of Members States and sustainability of these projects;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Syed Kamall
on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Believes that the drop in the annual ceiling for possible use of the European Globalisation Fund for 2014-2020 is bound to reduce the effectiveness of this fund, the purpose of which is to help workers affected by globalisation and trade agreements;

Deleted

Or. en

Amendment 13

Peter Šťastný

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Believes that the drop in the annual ceiling for possible use of the European Globalisation Fund for 2014-2020 ***is bound to reduce the effectiveness of this fund, the purpose of which is to help workers affected by globalisation and trade agreements;***

5. Believes that the drop in the annual ceiling for possible use of the European Globalisation Fund for 2014-2020 ***could affect its effectiveness, in particular as the EGF's scope of recipients has been expanded to anticipate the possibility of some negative social impact of future trade liberalisation by the Union;***

Or. en

Amendment 14

Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Supports the extension for a third year, into 2014, of the Preparatory Action 'Euromed innovation entrepreneurs for change'.

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used to promote sustainable economic development, deepened regional co-operation, a decrease in unemployment and a rise in living standards for the population as a whole, as opposed to being a tool for the economic and political interests of big business in Europe.

Or. en

Amendment 15
Josefa Andrés Barea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Considers it necessary to provide specific funds as part of international aspects of customs in order to implement the fight against counterfeiting and pirating, a growing problem that poses a threat to legitimate trade, consumer health and business investment.

Or. es

Amendment 16
Josefa Andrés Barea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Considers it necessary to increase the amount allocated to the ILO to promote better labour standards, as called for in trade agreements with third countries, which is a key element in ensuring that trade brings people prosperity.

Or. es

Amendment 17
Josefa Andrés Barea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6c. Expresses concern at the ability of Parliament and of civil society adequately to monitor the growing complexity and proliferation of bilateral EU trade negotiations, and therefore stresses the need to set up a pilot project to create an umbrella organisation (Trade Watch) which would systematically gather together all the independent analytical knowledge that parliamentarians require in order to exercise Parliament's prerogative of granting rapid and informed approval for EU trade agreements; considers that this is now particularly crucial so that Parliament can monitor EU-US negotiations on what will be one of the most significant trade agreements in the world, which will have numerous consequences for all sectors and which therefore requires public monitoring.

Or. es

Amendment 18
Josefa Andrés Barea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6d. Warns that the EU's objectives of enhancing trade inclusiveness and international economic cooperation and stability must be reflected in the budgetary

allocations for the Aid for Trade, the Partnership Instrument and the Instrument for Macro-Financial Assistance; opposes therefore decreasing the allocation of the European Globalization Fund; supports, in this regard, the allocation of specific funds to compensate losses suffered by developing countries in specific economic sectors as a result of signing a free trade agreement with the EU.

Or. en

Amendment 19
Josefa Andrés Barea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6e. Warns of the imbalance that exists among regions with regard to the funds they receive from the DCI, and calls on the Commission to make provision for redistribution or compensation in order to prevent these imbalances.

Or. es

Amendment 20
Josefa Andrés Barea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6f. Regrets that the funds previously available in the 'Preparatory action: Opportunities for internationalisation of small and medium-sized enterprises' have been divided up into different lines, and this at a time of economic crisis when

*international trade is the only way out for
many SMEs.*

Or. es