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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 53**

**Draft opinion**  
**José Manuel Fernandes**  
(PE587.434v01-00)

Possible evolutions of and adjustments to the current institutional set-up of the  
European Union  
(2014/2248(INI))

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**Amendment 1**  
**José Manuel Fernandes**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph -1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***-1. Underlines that the challenges identified by the Europe 2020 strategy persist and are likely to intensify in the coming years; points in particular to the overarching priority of a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and the targets set on employment, innovation, education, social inclusions and climate / energy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Isabelle Thomas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

1. Believes that for the Union to meet the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy and to address current and new challenges effectively, it needs to be granted a budget that is commensurate with the mission it is called on to accomplish; considers that the current level of the EU budget, which corresponds to 1 % of the EU-28 GDP, is not sufficient to achieve these goals;

1. Believes that for the Union to meet the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy and to address current and new challenges effectively, it needs to be granted a budget that is commensurate with the mission it is called on to accomplish; considers that the current level of the EU budget, which corresponds to 1 % of the EU-28 GDP, is not sufficient to achieve these goals; ***considers, therefore, as Parliament pointed out in its resolution of 6 July 2016 entitled 'Preparation of the post-electoral revision of the MFF 2014-2020: Parliament's input ahead of the Commission's proposal', an ambitious review/revision of the current multiannual financial framework is***

*absolutely indispensable;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 3**  
**Enrico Gasbarra**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Believes that for the Union to meet the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy and to address current and new challenges effectively, it needs to be granted a budget that is commensurate with the mission it is called on to accomplish; considers that the current level of the EU budget, which corresponds to 1 % of the EU-28 GDP, is not sufficient to achieve these goals;

*Amendment*

1. Believes that for the Union to meet the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy and to address current and new challenges effectively, it needs to be granted a budget that is commensurate with the mission it is called on to accomplish; considers that the current level of the EU budget, which corresponds to 1 % of the EU-28 GDP, is not sufficient to achieve these goals;  
*considers that this reform - together with assignment to Parliament of full powers of legislative initiative - is essential for the substantial enhancement of the democratic effectiveness of the EU;*

Or. it

**Amendment 4**  
**Bernd Kölmel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. *Believes that for the Union to meet the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy and to address current and new challenges effectively, it needs to be granted a budget that is commensurate with the mission it is called on to accomplish; considers that the current level of the EU budget, which corresponds*

*Amendment*

1. *Notes that the EU's current problems cannot be resolved either with a greater degree of centralisation and harmonisation of European structures or with yet more European taxpayers' money, but only by a return to a United Europe of sovereign nation States whose political acts are guided by the European*

to **1 % of the EU-28 GDP**, is not sufficient to achieve these goals;

*ideal of peace, the quest for freedom and prosperity and the obligation to provide for social security and governed in principle by the will of the citizen, as this will ensure the lasting competitiveness of the Member States;*

Or. de

## Amendment 5 Notis Marias

### Draft opinion Paragraph 1

#### *Draft opinion*

1. Believes that for the **Union** to meet the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy and to address current and new challenges effectively, it needs to be granted a budget that is commensurate with the mission *it is* called on to accomplish; ***considers that the current level of the EU budget, which corresponds to 1 % of the EU-28 GDP, is not sufficient to achieve these goals;***

#### *Amendment*

1. Believes that for the **Member States** to meet the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy and to address current and new challenges effectively, it needs to be granted a budget that is commensurate with the mission ***they are*** called on to accomplish;

Or. el

## Amendment 6 Sophie Montel

### Draft opinion Paragraph 1

#### *Draft opinion*

1. Believes that ***for the Union to*** meet the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy ***and to*** address current and new challenges effectively, ***it needs to be granted a budget that is commensurate with the mission it is called on to accomplish;*** considers that the current level of the EU budget, which corresponds to 1 % of the EU-28 GDP, is

#### *Amendment*

1. Believes that the Union ***cannot*** meet the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy ***or*** address current and new challenges effectively, considers that the current level of the EU budget, which corresponds to 1 % of the EU-28 GDP, is ***excessive;***

*not sufficient to achieve these goals;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 7**  
**Beatrix von Storch**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Believes that for the Union to meet the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy and to address current and new challenges effectively, it needs to be granted a budget that is commensurate with the mission it is called on to accomplish; considers that the current level of the EU budget, which corresponds to 1 % of the EU-28 GDP, is ***not sufficient to achieve these goals;***

*Amendment*

1. Believes that for the Union to meet the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy and to address current and new challenges effectively, it needs to be granted a budget that is commensurate with the mission it is called on to accomplish; considers that the ***number of tasks transferred to the Union is excessive; considers that the*** current level of the EU budget, which corresponds to 1 % of the EU-28 GDP, is ***much too high and must be reduced;***

Or. de

**Amendment 8**  
**Marco Zanni, Marco Valli**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Believes that for the Union ***to meet the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy and*** to address current and new challenges effectively, it needs to ***be granted a budget that is commensurate with the mission it is called on to accomplish;*** considers that the current level of the EU budget, which corresponds to 1 % of the EU-28 GDP, is ***not sufficient*** to achieve these goals;

*Amendment*

1. Believes that for the Union to address current and new challenges effectively, it needs to ***focus on a number of priorities with clear added value for European citizens, in line with the resources at its disposal;*** considers that the current level of the EU budget, which corresponds to 1 % of the EU-28 GDP, ***must be used as effectively as possible*** to achieve these goals;

**Amendment 9**  
**Victor Negrescu**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Believes that for the Union to meet the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy and to address current and new challenges effectively, it needs to be granted a budget that is *commensurate* with the mission it is called on to accomplish; considers that the current level of the EU budget, which corresponds to 1 % of the EU-28 GDP, is not sufficient to achieve these goals;

*Amendment*

1. Believes that for the Union to meet the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy and to address current and new challenges effectively, it needs to be granted a budget that is *proportionate* with the mission it is called on to accomplish; considers that the current level of the EU budget, which corresponds to 1 % of the EU-28 GDP, is not sufficient to achieve these goals;

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Sophie Montel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point 1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**(1) proposes the principle of a forced reduction in the EU budget of 3% each year;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 11**  
**Sophie Montel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point 2 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**(2) proposes the principle of a reduction in the EU wage bill of 3% per year;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 12  
Sophie Montel**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 1 – point 3 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**(3) proposes the principle of a reduction in operating expenditure of 4% per year;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 13  
Sophie Montel**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 1 – point 4 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**(4) proposes the principle of an annual assessment of the various departments within each EU body, so as to make it possible to cut the wage bill of departments to which too many resources are allocated;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 14  
Sophie Montel**



**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point 5 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**(5) takes the view that the various reforms to the EU's economic and budgetary framework have given rise to complications that mean that the system is not viable;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 15**  
**Sophie Montel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point 6 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**(6) takes the view, in particular, that the European Semester, the six-pack and the two-pack have proven to be useless;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 16**  
**Sophie Montel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point 7 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**(7) considers, furthermore, that the European Semester, the six-pack and the two-pack are anti-democratic instruments;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 17**  
**Sophie Montel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point 8 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**(8) therefore calls for them to be scrapped;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 18**  
**Sophie Montel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point 9 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**(9) takes the view that the proposal made in Mr Verhofstadt's report to merge the deficit and debt procedures, the macroeconomic imbalance procedure and the country-specific recommendations into a single 'convergence code' of a legally binding nature is clear example of the doctrine according to which 'if Communism didn't work it's because we needed more of it';**

Or. fr

**Amendment 19**  
**Sophie Montel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point 10 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**(10) therefore demands that this ridiculous idea be scrapped;**

**Amendment 20**

**Sophie Montel**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 – point 11 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**(11) takes the view that the proposal to appoint a ‘European finance minister’ is a dangerous one;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 21**

**Sophie Montel**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 – point 12 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**(12) takes the view, furthermore, that the proposal is not politically acceptable for the public;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 22**

**Sophie Montel**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 – point 13 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**(13) takes the view, therefore, that it is anti-democratic and belongs in the realm of technocratic fantasy;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 23**  
**Sophie Montel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point 14 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***(14) points out that the Nation is the only legitimate framework for the exercise of democracy;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 24**  
**Sophie Montel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Takes the view that the EU largely functions by means of fraud, corruption and wastefulness, and that lavish spending is rife;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 25**  
**Sophie Montel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. Takes the view that the EU has provided sufficient evidence of the harm it does for the conclusion to be drawn that it should be scrapped;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 26**  
**Sophie Montel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Is convinced that the EU budget needs to be *endowed with a system of genuine own resources*, with simplicity, fairness and transparency as guiding principles; *considers that such a system should reduce the share of GNI contributions to the EU budget with a view to abandoning the ‘juste retour’ approach of Member States; insists, in this context, on the phasing-out of all forms of rebates;*

*Amendment*

2. Is convinced that the EU budget needs to be *cut as much as possible*, with simplicity, fairness and transparency as guiding principles;

Or. fr

**Amendment 27**  
**Beatrix von Storch**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Is convinced that the EU budget *needs to* be endowed with a system of genuine own resources, *with simplicity, fairness and transparency as guiding principles*; considers that *such a system should reduce the share of GNI contributions to the EU budget with a view to abandoning the ‘juste retour’ approach of Member States*; insists, in this context, on the *phasing-out of all forms of rebates*;

*Amendment*

2. Is convinced that the EU budget *should under no circumstances* be endowed with a system of genuine own resources; considers that the GNI contributions *should be cut*; insists, in this context, on *gradual but drastic reduction of the EU budget*;

Or. de

**Amendment 28**  
**Daniele Viotti**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Is convinced that the EU budget needs to be endowed with a system of genuine own resources, with simplicity, fairness and transparency as guiding principles; considers that such a system should reduce the share of GNI contributions to the EU budget with a view to abandoning the ‘juste retour’ approach of Member States; insists, in this context, on the phasing-out of all forms of rebates;

*Amendment*

2. Is convinced that the EU budget needs to be endowed with a system of genuine own resources, with simplicity, fairness and transparency as guiding principles; ***considers of primary importance the work of the High Level Group on Own Resources and expects from it timely, effective and ambitious proposals***; considers that such a system should reduce the share of GNI contributions to the EU budget with a view to abandoning the ‘juste retour’ approach of Member States; insists, in this context, on the phasing-out of all forms of rebates;

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Inese Vaidere**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Is convinced that the EU budget needs to be endowed with a system of genuine own resources, with simplicity, fairness and transparency as guiding principles; considers that such a system should reduce the share of GNI contributions to the EU budget with a view to abandoning the ‘juste retour’ approach of Member States; insists, in this context, on the phasing-out of all forms of rebates;

*Amendment*

2. Is convinced that the EU budget needs to be endowed with a system of genuine own resources, with simplicity, fairness and transparency as guiding principles; considers that such a system should reduce the share of GNI contributions to the EU budget with a view to abandoning the ‘juste retour’ approach of Member States; insists, in this context, on the phasing-out of all forms of rebates; ***while stresses that the main focus should be on the expenditure to ensure that all expenditure is covered by revenue***;

## Amendment 30

Bernd Kölmel

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 2

##### *Draft opinion*

2. *Is convinced that the EU budget needs to be endowed with a system of genuine own resources, with simplicity, fairness and transparency as guiding principles; considers that such a system should reduce the share of GNI contributions to the EU budget with a view to abandoning the ‘juste retour’ approach of Member States; insists, in this context, on the phasing-out of all forms of rebates;*

##### *Amendment*

2. *Rejects therefore the measures proposed or advocated in the draft report to address the crisis in the EU as a further centralisation of the EU with an independent EU government, an EU Finance Minister, an independent euro area budget (a ‘fiscal capacity for the euro area’), a Banking Union and a redemption fund for euro area countries;*

Or. de

## Amendment 31

Notis Marias

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 2

##### *Draft opinion*

2. Is convinced that the EU budget needs to be endowed with a system of genuine own resources, with simplicity, fairness and transparency as guiding principles; considers that such a system should reduce the share of GNI contributions to the EU budget with a view to abandoning the ‘juste retour’ approach of Member States; *insists, in this context, on the phasing-out of all forms of rebates;*

##### *Amendment*

2. Is convinced that the EU budget needs to be endowed with a system of genuine own resources, with simplicity, fairness and transparency as guiding principles; considers that such a system should reduce the share of GNI contributions to the EU budget with a view to abandoning the ‘juste retour’ approach of Member States;

Or. el

**Amendment 32**  
**Charles Goerens**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. *Underlines the need for the EU budget to be simple, clear and easily understood by EU citizens, and to be based on a structure that allows it to be compared and coordinated with national budgets; considers that these should be underpinning principles for both the expenditure and revenue sides of the EU budget;*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 33**  
**Enrico Gasbarra**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Underlines the need for the EU budget to be simple, clear and easily understood by EU citizens, and to be based on a structure that allows it to be compared and coordinated with national budgets; considers that these should be underpinning principles for both the expenditure and revenue sides of the EU budget;

*Amendment*

3. Underlines the need for the EU budget to be simple, clear and easily understood by EU citizens, and to be based on a structure that allows it to be compared and coordinated with national budgets; considers that these should be underpinning principles for both the expenditure and revenue sides of the EU budget; *believes it important — in the spirit of the Lisbon Treaty — to involve national parliaments in strategic EU budget discussions through joint meetings with their respective parliamentary committees on presentation of the budget by the Commission;*

Or. it



**Amendment 34**  
**Bernd Kölmel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Underlines the need for the EU budget to be simple, clear and easily understood by EU citizens, ***and to be based on a structure that allows it to be compared and coordinated with national budgets***; considers that these should be underpinning principles for both the expenditure and revenue sides of the EU budget;

*Amendment*

3. Underlines the need for the EU budget to be simple, clear and easily understood by EU citizens; considers that these should be underpinning principles for both the expenditure and revenue sides of the EU budget;

Or. de

**Amendment 35**  
**Beatrix von Storch**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Underlines the need for the EU budget to be simple, clear and easily understood by EU citizens, and to be based on a structure that allows it to be compared and coordinated with national budgets; ***considers that these should be underpinning principles for both the expenditure and revenue sides of the EU budget***;

*Amendment*

3. Underlines the need for the EU budget to be simple, clear and easily understood by EU citizens, and to be based on a structure that allows it to be compared and coordinated with national budgets; ***emphasises, in particular, that the Member States should themselves designate the GNI contributions in their budgets***;

Or. de

**Amendment 36**  
**Sophie Montel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Underlines the need for the EU budget to be simple, clear and easily understood by EU citizens, and to be based on a structure that allows it to be compared ***and coordinated*** with national budgets; considers that these should be underpinning principles for both the expenditure and revenue sides of the EU budget;

*Amendment*

3. Underlines the need for the EU budget to be simple, clear and easily understood by EU citizens, and to be based on a structure that allows it to be compared with national budgets; considers that these should be underpinning principles for both the expenditure and revenue sides of the EU budget;

Or. fr

**Amendment 37**  
**Bernd Kölmel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Stresses that the current challenges of the EU can be dealt with well enough with the present ceiling of the EU budget, provided that the corresponding appropriations are used in an efficient and targeted way in accordance with the requirements of professional project management, such as programme and project relevance, measurability of objectives, sustainability and good cost-benefit ratio;***

Or. de

**Amendment 38**  
**Victor Negrescu**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3a.** *Calls for an information campaign to ensure that citizens across Europe are better informed with regard to the EU Budget, thus they will be aware of how the money is being spent and also aware of the budget changes that might have an impact on them;*

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Enrico Gasbarra**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3a.** *Recalls the numerous pronouncements in favour of a single seat for the European Parliament, given the symbolic value of such a move and the actual savings it would achieve;*

Or. it

**Amendment 40**  
**Victor Negrescu**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3b.** *Calls for the further development and simplification of the Financial Transparency System so that people can gain easy access to information regarding the EU budget;*

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Notis Marias**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers that the multiannual financial framework should allow for maximum flexibility in order to respond to crises and evolving political priorities; ***stresses, in this context, the need to make available in the budget all extraordinary revenue resulting from decommitments under the EU budget or competition fines;***

*Amendment*

4. Considers that the multiannual financial framework should allow for maximum flexibility in order to respond to crises and evolving political priorities;

Or. el

**Amendment 42**  
**Daniele Viotti**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers that the multiannual financial framework should allow for maximum flexibility in order to respond to crises and evolving political priorities; stresses, in this context, the need to make available in the budget all extraordinary revenue resulting from decommitments under the EU budget or competition fines;

*Amendment*

4. Considers that the multiannual financial framework should allow for maximum flexibility in order to respond to crises and evolving political priorities, ***underlines therefore the importance of the 2014-2020 MFF mid - term revision and*** stresses, in this context, the need to make available in the budget all extraordinary revenue resulting from decommitments under the EU budget or competition fines;

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Inese Vaidere**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers that the multiannual financial framework should allow for maximum flexibility in order to respond to crises and evolving political priorities; ***stresses, in this context, the need to make available in the budget all extraordinary revenue resulting from decommitments under the EU budget or competition fines;***

*Amendment*

4. Considers that the multiannual financial framework should allow for maximum flexibility in order to respond to crises and evolving political priorities; ***while stresses the importance of ensuring the balance between the principle of long-term priorities and new challenges;***

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Beatrix von Storch**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers that the multiannual financial framework should allow for ***maximum flexibility in order to respond to crises and evolving political priorities;*** stresses, in this context, the need ***to make available in the budget*** all extraordinary revenue resulting from decommitments under the EU budget or competition fines;

*Amendment*

4. Considers that the multiannual financial framework should ***not*** allow for ***any flexibility since the response to crises can be triggered within the funds established for this purpose;*** stresses, in this context, the need ***ensure that*** all extraordinary revenue resulting from decommitments under the EU budget or competition fines ***flows back to the Member States;***

Or. de

**Amendment 45**  
**Sophie Montel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Considers that ***the multiannual financial framework should*** allow for maximum flexibility in order to respond to crises and evolving political priorities; stresses, in this context, the ***need to make available in the budget all extraordinary revenue resulting from decommitments under the EU budget or competition fines***;

*Amendment*

4. Considers that ***it is the national budgets that*** allow for maximum flexibility in order to respond ***as effectively as possible*** to crises and evolving political priorities; stresses, in this context, ***that*** the ***restrictions imposed on certain States have had a detrimental effect, especially as regards the management of the migration crisis***;

Or. fr

**Amendment 46**

**José Manuel Fernandes**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Notes that the EU budget is often called to finance extraordinary needs or new political priorities that were not anticipated at the time of adoption of the multiannual financial framework; stresses, however, that EU commitments should be fully respected and that any new initiatives and needs should not be financed to the detriment of existing EU programmes and policies; considers that the MFF special instruments should be mobilised, as appropriate, for this purpose, and be counted over and above the MFF ceilings, both in commitment and payment appropriations;***

Or. en

**Amendment 47**

**Beatrix von Storch**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

5. *Underlines the need to safeguard the principle of unity of the budget, and is concerned about the recent shift from the Community method to intergovernmental decision-making as observed in the setting-up of ad hoc satellite instruments outside the EU budget such as the Trust Funds; stresses the need to ensure parliamentary oversight over all EU expenditure.*

*deleted*

Or. de

**Amendment 48**  
**Sophie Montel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

5. *Underlines the need to safeguard the principle of unity of the budget, and is concerned about the recent shift from the Community method to intergovernmental decision-making as observed in the setting-up of ad hoc satellite instruments outside the EU budget such as the Trust Funds; stresses the need to ensure parliamentary oversight over all EU expenditure.*

5. *Calls for the Community method to be phased out and replaced by* intergovernmental decision-making;

Or. fr

**Amendment 49**  
**Notis Marias**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. ***Underlines the need to safeguard the principle of unity of the budget, and is concerned about*** the recent shift from the Community method to intergovernmental decision-making as observed in the setting-up of ad hoc satellite instruments outside the EU budget such as the Trust Funds; stresses the need to ensure parliamentary oversight over all EU expenditure.

*Amendment*

5. ***Notes*** the recent shift from the Community method to intergovernmental decision-making as observed in the setting-up of ad hoc satellite instruments outside the EU budget such as the Trust Funds; stresses the need to ensure parliamentary oversight over all EU expenditure.

Or. el

**Amendment 50**

**Marco Zanni, Marco Valli**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Underlines the need to safeguard the principle of unity of the budget, and is concerned ***about the recent shift from the Community method to intergovernmental decision-making as observed in*** the setting-up of ad hoc satellite instruments outside the EU budget such as the Trust Funds; stresses the need to ensure parliamentary oversight over all EU expenditure.

*Amendment*

5. Underlines the need to safeguard the principle of unity of the budget, and is concerned ***at*** the setting-up of ad hoc satellite instruments outside the EU budget such as the Trust Funds; stresses the need to ensure ***effective*** parliamentary oversight over all EU expenditure.

Or. it

**Amendment 51**

**Daniele Viotti**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Underlines the need to safeguard the principle of unity of the budget, and is

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concerned about the recent shift from the Community method to intergovernmental decision-making as observed in the setting-up of ad hoc satellite instruments outside the EU budget such as the Trust Funds; stresses the need to ensure *parliamentary* oversight over all EU expenditure.

concerned about the recent shift from the Community method to intergovernmental decision-making as observed in the setting-up of ad hoc satellite instruments outside the EU budget such as the Trust Funds; stresses the need to ensure *democratic* oversight over all EU expenditure.

Or. en

**Amendment 52**  
**José Manuel Fernandes**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a.** *Stresses the need to apply the ordinary legislative procedure for the adoption of the MFF Regulation, in order to align it with the decision-making procedure of virtually all EU multiannual programmes, including their respective financial allocations, as well as the EU budget; believes that the consent procedure deprives the European Parliament of the decision-making power that it exercises over the adoption of the annual budgets, while the unanimity rule in the Council means that the agreement represents the lowest common denominator, based on the need to avoid the veto of a single Member State;*

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Enrico Gasbarra**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a.** *Takes the view that the 60th*

*anniversary of the Treaties of Rome at the beginning of 2017 is the ideal occasion on which to relaunch a debate at the highest institutional level, focusing in particular on ways of increasing funding and enhancing growth mechanisms;*

Or. it