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Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

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Draft amendment 26

== AGRI/6237 ==

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 05 01 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the ‘Agriculture and rural development’ policy area

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 01 01	100 777 140	100 777 140	98 018 415	98 018 415	97 195 775	97 195 775	822 640	822 640	98 018 415	98 018 415
Reserve										
Total	100 777 140	100 777 140	98 018 415	98 018 415	97 195 775	97 195 775	822 640	822 640	98 018 415	98 018 415

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 27

== AGRI/6238 ==

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 01 02 01 — External personnel

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 01 02 01	3 419 215	3 419 215	3 156 935	3 156 935	3 087 967	3 087 967	68 968	68 968	3 156 935	3 156 935
Reserve										
Total	3 419 215	3 419 215	3 156 935	3 156 935	3 087 967	3 087 967	68 968	68 968	3 156 935	3 156 935

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 28

== AGRI/6239 ==

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 01 02 11	6 490 597	6 490 597	6 480 752	6 480 752	6 286 420	6 286 420	194 332	194 332	6 480 752	6 480 752
Reserve										
Total	6 490 597	6 490 597	6 480 752	6 480 752	6 286 420	6 286 420	194 332	194 332	6 480 752	6 480 752

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 29

==== AGRI/6240 ====

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) — Non-operational technical assistance

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 01 04 01	7 682 000	7 682 000	8 000 000	8 000 000	7 760 000	7 760 000	240 000	240 000	8 000 000	8 000 000
Reserve										
Total	7 682 000	7 682 000	8 000 000	8 000 000	7 760 000	7 760 000	240 000	240 000	8 000 000	8 000 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 30

==== AGRI/6241 ====

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 01 04 04 — Support expenditure for the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) — Non-operational technical assistance

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 01 04 04	4 910 000	4 910 000	4 689 000	4 689 000	4 548 330	4 548 330	140 670	140 670	4 689 000	4 689 000
Reserve										
Total	4 910 000	4 910 000	4 689 000	4 689 000	4 548 330	4 548 330	140 670	140 670	4 689 000	4 689 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 31

==== AGRI/6242 ====

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 01 05 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 01 05 01	1 535 400	1 535 400	1 589 136	1 589 136	1 541 462	1 541 462	47 674	47 674	1 589 136	1 589 136
Reserve										
Total	1 535 400	1 535 400	1 589 136	1 589 136	1 541 462	1 541 462	47 674	47 674	1 589 136	1 589 136

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 32

=== AGRI/6243 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 01 05 02 — External personnel implementing research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 01 05 02	433 545	433 545	442 216	442 216	428 950	428 950	13 266	13 266	442 216	442 216
Reserve										
Total	433 545	433 545	442 216	442 216	428 950	428 950	13 266	13 266	442 216	442 216

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 33

=== AGRI/6244 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 01 05 03 — Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 01 05 03	830 664	830 664	400 000	400 000	388 000	388 000	12 000	12 000	400 000	400 000
Reserve										
Total	830 664	830 664	400 000	400 000	388 000	388 000	12 000	12 000	400 000	400 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 6235

=== AGRI/6235 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes, Stefan Eck, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 02 06 03 — Private storage of olive oil

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 02 06 03	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000
Reserve										
Total	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000

Justification:

A private storage aid is still a necessity in order to address the short-term market problems that the olive oil sector faces still.

Draft amendment 6236

==== AGRI/6236 ====

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes, Stefan Eck, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 02 06 05 — Quality improvement measures

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 02 06 05	46 000 000	46 000 000	46 000 000	46 000 000	43 000 000	43 000 000	7 000 000	7 000 000	50 000 000	50 000 000
Reserve										
Total	46 000 000	46 000 000	46 000 000	46 000 000	43 000 000	43 000 000	7 000 000	7 000 000	50 000 000	50 000 000

Justification:

At a stage where worldwide production grows is fundamental to direct funds for the enhancement of product quality in order to face international competition.

Draft amendment 34

==== AGRI/6245 ====

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 02 06 05 — Quality improvement measures

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 02 06 05	46 000 000	46 000 000	46 000 000	46 000 000	43 000 000	43 000 000	3 000 000	3 000 000	46 000 000	46 000 000
Reserve										
Total	46 000 000	46 000 000	46 000 000	46 000 000	43 000 000	43 000 000	3 000 000	3 000 000	46 000 000	46 000 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 35

==== AGRI/6234 ====

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 02 06 99 — Other measures (olive oil)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 02 06 99	300 000	300 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	900 000	900 000	1 000 000	1 000 000
Reserve										
Total	300 000	300 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	900 000	900 000	1 000 000	1 000 000

Justification:

The European Union is the leading producer, consumer and exporter of olive oil. Given its importance to the economies of many regions, demand is steadily increasing both in the EU and in third countries, but the sector faces problems like plagues (in Italy the Xillella fastidiosa case) and price volatility. To maintain and strengthen its position in world markets, producers need support.

Draft amendment 36

== AGRI/6212 ==

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 02 08 03 — Operational funds for producer organisations

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 02 08 03	455 000 000	455 000 000	460 000 000	460 000 000	422 000 000	422 000 000	38 000 000	38 000 000	460 000 000	460 000 000
Reserve										
Total	455 000 000	455 000 000	460 000 000	460 000 000	422 000 000	422 000 000	38 000 000	38 000 000	460 000 000	460 000 000

Remarks:

Amend text as follows:

This appropriation is intended to cover the Union's part-financing of expenditure connected with operational funds for producer organisations, in accordance with Articles 32 to 38 and 152 to 160 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013. ***The Commission shall ensure legal certainty for producer organisations with regard to the applicable criteria.***

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB). Producer organisations are important for primary producers to strengthen their position in the chain. Resources therefore should remain available and the applicable criteria need to be unambiguous in order for producer organisations to make use of the funds with legal certainty.

Draft amendment 6215

== AGRI/6215 ==

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes, Stefan Eck, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 02 08 03 — Operational funds for producer organisations

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 02 08 03	455 000 000	455 000 000	460 000 000	460 000 000	422 000 000	422 000 000	38 000 000	38 000 000	460 000 000	460 000 000
Reserve										
Total	455 000 000	455 000 000	460 000 000	460 000 000	422 000 000	422 000 000	38 000 000	38 000 000	460 000 000	460 000 000

Justification:

This proposal strongly reduces support to POs. This reinforcement is thus aimed at giving more consistency to the new CAP which focuses on supporting producer organizations, looking for school purposes and gain weight in the production and distribution chain.

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 6246

==== AGRI/6246 ====

Tabled by Tibor Szanyi, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 02 08 03 — Operational funds for producer organisations

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 02 08 03	455 000 000	455 000 000	460 000 000	460 000 000	422 000 000	422 000 000	38 000 000	38 000 000	460 000 000	460 000 000
Reserve										
Total	455 000 000	455 000 000	460 000 000	460 000 000	422 000 000	422 000 000	38 000 000	38 000 000	460 000 000	460 000 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 6216

==== AGRI/6216 ====

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes, Stefan Eck, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 02 08 11 — Aid to producer groups for preliminary recognition

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 02 08 11	22 000 000	22 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	130 400 000	130 400 000	140 400 000	140 400 000
Reserve										
Total	22 000 000	22 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	130 400 000	130 400 000	140 400 000	140 400 000

Justification:

This proposal strongly reduces support to POs. This reinforcement is thus aimed at giving more consistency to the new CAP which focuses on supporting producer organizations, so weight gain in the production and distribution chain can happen.

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Draft amendment 37

=== AGRI/6207 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 02 08 12 — School fruit scheme

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 02 08 12	130 000 000	130 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	120 000 000	120 000 000	130 000 000	130 000 000
Reserve										
Total	130 000 000	130 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	120 000 000	120 000 000	130 000 000	130 000 000

Justification:

Establishment of the school fruit scheme is to be welcomed. it should be stressed that the scheme helps to provide young people with a healthy diet and that the appropriations for it must therefore be consolidated.

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Draft amendment 6217

=== AGRI/6217 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes, Stefan Eck, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 02 11 04 — POSEI (excluding direct payments)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 02 11 04	237 000 000	237 000 000	231 000 000	231 000 000	231 000 000	231 000 000	158 000 000	158 000 000	389 000 000	389 000 000
Reserve										
Total	237 000 000	237 000 000	231 000 000	231 000 000	231 000 000	231 000 000	158 000 000	158 000 000	389 000 000	389 000 000

Justification:

In many islands, it appears that there is a double insular effect which increases substantially all costs of production and consumption. The POSEI the funds have not been enough according to the data collected in our views which justifies a significant boost.

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Draft amendment 38

=== AGRI/6209 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 02 12 02 — Storage measures for skimmed-milk powder

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 02 12 02	19 000 000	19 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	9 000 000	9 000 000	19 000 000	19 000 000
Reserve										

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Total	19 000 000	19 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	9 000 000	9 000 000	19 000 000	19 000 000

Justification:

In times of crisis the availability to buy into storage will alleviate the impact of the crises, because volume will be taken out of the market. In addition, buying-in has also a positive effect on the Commission's finances, because the products will be released onto the market at a higher price.

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Draft amendment 39

=== AGRI/6211 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 02 12 04 — Storage measures for butter and cream

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 02 12 04	9 000 000	9 000 000	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	9 000 000	9 000 000	9 000 000	9 000 000
Reserve										
Total	9 000 000	9 000 000	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	9 000 000	9 000 000	9 000 000	9 000 000

Justification:

In times of crisis the availability to buy into storage will alleviate the impact of the crises, because volume will be taken out of the market. In addition, buying-in has also a positive effect on the Commission's finances, because the products will be released onto the market at a higher price.

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Draft amendment 6220

=== AGRI/6220 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 02 12 04 — Storage measures for butter and cream

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 02 12 04	9 000 000	9 000 000	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	15 000 000	15 000 000	15 000 000	15 000 000
Reserve										
Total	9 000 000	9 000 000	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	15 000 000	15 000 000	15 000 000	15 000 000

Justification:

Given the current crisis, price volatility and the situation of producers and the whole sector in Europe after the end of the quotas system, it is not acceptable a decrease of funds dedicated to this rubric.

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Draft amendment 40

=== AGRI/6206 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 02 12 06 — Private storage of certain cheeses

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 02 12 06	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	9 000 000	9 000 000	9 000 000	9 000 000
Reserve										
Total	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	9 000 000	9 000 000	9 000 000	9 000 000

Justification:

In times of crisis the availability to buy into storage will alleviate the impact of the crises, because volume will be taken out of the market. In addition, buying-in has also a positive effect on the Commission's finances, because the products will be released onto the market at a higher price.

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Draft amendment 41

=== AGRI/6208 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 02 12 08 — School milk

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 02 12 08	75 000 000	75 000 000	22 000 000	22 000 000	22 000 000	22 000 000	53 000 000	53 000 000	75 000 000	75 000 000
Reserve										
Total	75 000 000	75 000 000	22 000 000	22 000 000	22 000 000	22 000 000	53 000 000	53 000 000	75 000 000	75 000 000

Justification:

Establishment of the school milk scheme is to be welcomed. it should be stressed that the scheme helps to provide young people with a healthy diet and that the appropriations for it must therefore be consolidated.

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Draft amendment 6214

=== AGRI/6214 ===

Tabled by Hannu Takkula, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Nils Torvalds, Ulrike Müller, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 02 12 99 — Other measures (milk and milk products)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 02 12 99	504 700 000	504 700 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000 000	100 000 000	100 100 000	100 100 000
Reserve										
Total	504 700 000	504 700 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000 000	100 000 000	100 100 000	100 100 000

Justification:

Addition is targeted for the dairy producers, who are still effected by Russian import ban. The dairy sector in EU has rehabilitated in overall and the raw milk prices have started to rise due to restoration of market volatility and reduction of global oversupply. However, the raw milk prices have not recovered in the

regions, which exported significantly to Russian market before the ban, and the overall effects are still seen, as new similar export markets for milk products are hard to find.

Draft amendment 6221

=== AGRI/6221 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 02 12 99 — Other measures (milk and milk products)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 02 12 99	504 700 000	504 700 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	19 900 000	19 900 000	20 000 000	20 000 000
Reserve										
Total	504 700 000	504 700 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	19 900 000	19 900 000	20 000 000	20 000 000

Justification:

Given the current crisis, price volatility and the situation of producers and the whole sector in Europe after the end of the quotas system, it is not acceptable a decrease of funds dedicated to this rubric.

Draft amendment 6222

=== AGRI/6222 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 02 15 01 — Refunds for pigmeat

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 02 15 01	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	70 000 000	70 000 000	70 000 000	70 000 000
Reserve										
Total	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	70 000 000	70 000 000	70 000 000	70 000 000

Justification:

The pig meat sector is facing severe difficulties, with significant downward pressure on prices which goes beyond the normal cyclical periods known in the pig meat sector, with the continuing Russian ban on EU food imports, the largest market for the EU's pig farmer. Producers in this sector may not be in a position to recover from any further fall in farm gate prices, so they need to be compensated for this crisis that it is to stabilize prices and improve the market.

Draft amendment 6223

=== AGRI/6223 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 02 15 99 — Other measures (pigmeat, poultry, eggs, bee-keeping, other animal products)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 02 15 99	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	4 000 000	4 000 000	4 000 000	4 000 000
Reserve										
Total	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	4 000 000	4 000 000	4 000 000	4 000 000

Justification:

The pig meat sector is facing severe difficulties, with significant downward pressure on prices which goes beyond the normal cyclical periods known in the pig meat sector, with the continuing Russian ban on EU food imports, the largest market for the EU's pig farmer. Producers in this sector may not be in a position to recover from any further fall in farm gate prices, so they need to be compensated for this crisis that it is to stabilize prices and improve the market.

Draft amendment 42

=== AGRI/6247 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 03 01 10 — Basic payment scheme (BPS)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 03 01 10	15 296 000 000	15 296 000 000	16 831 000 000	16 831 000 000	16 643 000 000	16 643 000 000	188 000 000	188 000 000	16 831 000 000	16 831 000 000
Reserve										
Total	15 296 000 000	15 296 000 000	16 831 000 000	16 831 000 000	16 643 000 000	16 643 000 000	188 000 000	188 000 000	16 831 000 000	16 831 000 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 6210

=== AGRI/6210 ===

Tabled by Peter Jahr, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 03 01 13 — Payment for young farmers

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 03 01 13	441 000 000	441 000 000	357 000 000	357 000 000	357 000 000	357 000 000	84 000 000	84 000 000	441 000 000	441 000 000
Reserve										
Total	441 000 000	441 000 000	357 000 000	357 000 000	357 000 000	357 000 000	84 000 000	84 000 000	441 000 000	441 000 000

Justification:

It is extremely important to support the necessary generational shift in agriculture and to make it possible for farms to be set up by increasing the budget earmarked for that.

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Draft amendment 6213

=== AGRI/6213 ===

Tabled by Bas Belder, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 03 01 13 — Payment for young farmers

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 03 01 13	441 000 000	441 000 000	357 000 000	357 000 000	357 000 000	357 000 000	84 000 000	84 000 000	441 000 000	441 000 000
Reserve										
Total	441 000 000	441 000 000	357 000 000	357 000 000	357 000 000	357 000 000	84 000 000	84 000 000	441 000 000	441 000 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB) at the level of 2017. Resources should remain available for the young farmer scheme, as Parliament has adopted amendments to the Omnibus regulation with the aim to allow Member States to make full use of the national ceilings for the young farmers scheme.

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Draft amendment 6224

=== AGRI/6224 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes, Stefan Eck, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 03 02 50 — POSEI — European Union support programmes

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 03 02 50	411 000 000	411 000 000	420 000 000	420 000 000	420 000 000	420 000 000	196 000 000	196 000 000	616 000 000	616 000 000
Reserve										
Total	411 000 000	411 000 000	420 000 000	420 000 000	420 000 000	420 000 000	196 000 000	196 000 000	616 000 000	616 000 000

Justification:

In many islands, it appears that there is a double insular effect which increases substantially all costs of production and consumption. The POSEI the funds have not been enough according to the data collected in our views which justifies a significant boost.

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Draft amendment 44

=== AGRI/6248 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 03 02 60 — Voluntary coupled support scheme

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 03 02 60	3 988 000 000	3 988 000 000	3 989 000 000	3 989 000 000	3 969 000 000	3 969 000 000	20 000 000	20 000 000	3 989 000 000	3 989 000 000

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Reserve										
Total	3 988 000 000	3 988 000 000	3 989 000 000	3 989 000 000	3 969 000 000	3 969 000 000	20 000 000	20 000 000	3 989 000 000	3 989 000 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 45

=== AGRI/6225 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 05 03 10 — Reserve for crises in the agricultural sector

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 03 10	450 500 000	450 500 000	459 500 000	459 500 000	459 500 000	459 500 000	232 100 000	232 100 000	691 600 000	691 600 000
Reserve										
Total	450 500 000	450 500 000	459 500 000	459 500 000	459 500 000	459 500 000	232 100 000	232 100 000	691 600 000	691 600 000

Justification:

Despite registering an increase in the proposal, we think that it is insufficient. Indeed, the liberalization measures of the CAP and the promotion of free trade with third countries will exponentially increase the volatility of markets and prices, forcing the EU to intervene to save the productive sectors and prevent chain bankruptcy.

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Draft amendment 46

=== AGRI/6249 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 04 60 02 — Operational technical assistance

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 04 60 02	18 522 000	19 022 443	20 770 000	21 037 093	20 146 900	20 413 993	623 100	623 100	20 770 000	21 037 093
Reserve										
Total	18 522 000	19 022 443	20 770 000	21 037 093	20 146 900	20 413 993	623 100	623 100	20 770 000	21 037 093

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 6232

=== AGRI/6232 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes, Stefan Eck, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 05 03 02 — Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union *acquis*

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 05 03 02	51 000 000	12 900 000	59 000 000	31 200 000	59 000 000	31 200 000	-59 000 000	-31 200 000	p.m.	p.m.
Reserve										
Total	51 000 000	12 900 000	59 000 000	31 200 000	59 000 000	31 200 000	-59 000 000	-31 200 000	p.m.	p.m.

Remarks:

Delete following text:

~~Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in the Western Balkans:~~

- ~~– providing support for economic, social and territorial development, with a view to achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth,~~
- ~~– strengthening the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 at all levels to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of economic, social and territorial development by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union *acquis*, including preparation for management of Union Structural Funds, the Cohesion Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.~~

~~Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under point (b) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.~~

Justification:

We believe that the diversity within the EU is an asset to preserve. That said, I understand that should not be developed actions which seek to shape the agricultural sector in a third country, because past experiences fall within these interventions so disastrous. Besides this, the process of new members is frozen according to statements by the Commission in the European Parliament.

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Draft amendment 47

=== AGRI/6250 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 05 04 02 — Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union *acquis*

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 05 04 02	148 000 000	51 750 000	148 000 000	120 000 000	131 000 000	113 300 000	17 000 000	6 700 000	148 000 000	120 000 000
Reserve										
Total	148 000 000	51 750 000	148 000 000	120 000 000	131 000 000	113 300 000	17 000 000	6 700 000	148 000 000	120 000 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 48

=== AGRI/6251 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 07 01 02 — Monitoring and preventive measures — Direct payments by the Union

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 07 01 02	11 279 139	9 900 515	9 130 000	9 879 183	7 130 000	9 879 183	2 000 000		9 130 000	9 879 183
Reserve										
Total	11 279 139	9 900 515	9 130 000	9 879 183	7 130 000	9 879 183	2 000 000		9 130 000	9 879 183

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 49

=== AGRI/6252 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 07 01 06 — Expenditure for financial corrections in favour of Member States following decisions on accounting clearance of previous years' accounts with regard to shared management declared under the EAGGF-Guarantee Section (previous measures) and under the EAGF

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 07 01 06	20 000 000	20 000 000	20 000 000	20 000 000	8 000 000	8 000 000	12 000 000	12 000 000	20 000 000	20 000 000
Reserve										
Total	20 000 000	20 000 000	20 000 000	20 000 000	8 000 000	8 000 000	12 000 000	12 000 000	20 000 000	20 000 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 50

=== AGRI/6253 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 05 07 02 — Settlement of disputes

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 07 02	29 000 000	29 000 000	22 300 000	22 300 000	20 300 000	20 300 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	22 300 000	22 300 000

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Reserve										
Total	29 000 000	29 000 000	22 300 000	22 300 000	20 300 000	20 300 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	22 300 000	22 300 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 51

=== AGRI/6254 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 05 08 01 — Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 08 01	18 000 830	17 811 386	14 900 087	14 109 446	11 900 087	13 109 446	3 000 000	1 000 000	14 900 087	14 109 446
Reserve										
Total	18 000 830	17 811 386	14 900 087	14 109 446	11 900 087	13 109 446	3 000 000	1 000 000	14 900 087	14 109 446

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 52

=== AGRI/6255 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 05 08 06 — Enhancing public awareness of the common agricultural policy

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 08 06	8 000 000	8 000 000	14 560 000	14 560 000	13 560 000	13 560 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	14 560 000	14 560 000
Reserve										
Total	8 000 000	8 000 000	14 560 000	14 560 000	13 560 000	13 560 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	14 560 000	14 560 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 53

=== AGRI/6256 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 05 08 09 — European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) — Operational technical assistance

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 08 09	6 270 000	6 270 000	4 140 000	4 140 000	4 015 800	4 015 800	124 200	124 200	4 140 000	4 140 000
Reserve										
Total	6 270 000	6 270 000	4 140 000	4 140 000	4 015 800	4 015 800	124 200	124 200	4 140 000	4 140 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 54

=== AGRI/6200 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 05 08 77 16

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 08 77 16							10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000
Reserve										
Total							10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000

Heading:

Preparatory action — Smart rural areas in the 21st Century

Remarks:

Add following text:

The purpose of the project is to complement the previous smart villages pilot project (Smart Eco Social Villages (2016) and to implement considerations stemming from the above pilot project as well as other lessons learned and knowledge obtained from actions and initiatives foreseen in the EU Action for Smart Villages. The present PA will provide the necessary tools and budget to set up plans and assist the creation of smart villages under real life conditions.

The goal of this Preparatory Action is to implement successful practices, ICT/online methods such as the setting up of digital hubs and other good examples up to 10 villages in operation throughout the EU. This idea is strongly linked to the Digital Single Market, digital platforms, urban-rural links, sharing and collaborative economy and bioeconomy (innovation, precision farming, environmental management, renewable energies, supply chain, services, local food), improving quality of life, education and employment, taking accounts the importance of women and young people.

Through this project, we can enhance the ability to exchange and share agriculture machinery, including precision farming tools, in order to maximize the output of scarce resources. These goals are fully in line with the Cork Declaration 2.0, which recognizes the importance to enable farms access to appropriate technologies, in order to deliver economic, social and environmental benefits.

The project will focus on developing growth and jobs in rural areas through concrete actions:

- Selecting villages with common features in the Union: infrastructure, various resources, services, access to markets.

- offering solutions on the fields of:

- *the Digital Single Market,*
- *urban-rural links,*
- *bioeconomy and circular economy (innovation, precision farming, environmental management, local renewable energies, supply chain, services, local food),*
- *sharing and collaborative economy (new rural mobility solutions like car sharing, ride sharing; new paradigms in tourism; sharing and exchange of agricultural machinery and services...),*
- *technology (IoT, big data collection, drones, electric vehicles, next generation mobile broadband connections...),*
- *social aspects (home care and transporting people instead of hospitalization),*
- *new full time and part time jobs which will grow in mentioned economies.*

The project will be documented on film and through other means, in order to show the development. It will identify regulative and legislative obstacles on local, member state and EU level, which are hindering the establishment of new business models and the access to sources from different EU funds. As an important outcome, it will propose regulation changes which will enable their adoption and at the same time protect rights of all involved stakeholders.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

Rural depopulation is a known and acknowledged tendency presenting common challenges across the EU. There is a general fear that the new technologies targeting urban areas can further widen the gap between rural and urban areas. The main purpose is to find solutions in practice for improving quality of life, employment and by creating new markets through digital platforms and thereby allowing a direct and better B2B and B2C interaction. We take into account the importance of various social aspects, including elderly, women, farmers and young people.

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Draft amendment 6203

=== AGRI/6203 ===

Tabled by Paloma López Bermejo, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 05 08 77 17

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 08 77 17							750 000	750 000	750 000	750 000
Reserve										
Total							750 000	750 000	750 000	750 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Land banks and farming in the EU

Remarks:

Add following text:

Access to land is often an important barrier to the take-up of agricultural production in areas which have been depopulated and/or exhibit highly fragmented patterns of ownership. The situation is even more difficult for particular groups of people in unemployment, such as young people and women, since they are structurally discriminated in their access to land. The aim of this project is to collect, support and disseminate existing experiences with land banks of different national, regional or local public authorities that provide intermediation and/or management of private, common and public land-holdings in the benefit of farmers with little land or no land to cultivate.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

Generational turnover, the gender gap and the loss of small farms are common problems of agricultural management in the EU. Land banks provide an interesting, if little-known, system of management and intermediation of land that can complement existing agricultural policies to better address these issues and ensure a robust agricultural sector in EU rural areas. While respecting national competences, the EU can act to collect, support and disseminate best practices across Member States in this field.

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Draft amendment 55

==== AGRI/6204 ====

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 05 08 77 18

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 08 77 18							800 000	800 000	800 000	800 000
Reserve										
Total							800 000	800 000	800 000	800 000

Heading:

Preparatory action — Restructuration of the Honey Bee chain and Varroa Resistance Breeding & Selection Program - PA 1st year

Remarks:

Add following text:

The aim of this project is to make a synthesis of the different European strategies on innovation, social inclusion and creation of jobs in order to link them to a re-orientation of the CAP and to support the development of agriculture towards a greater sustainability and a practical research involving the actual breeding of Resistant Bee population, particularly against Varroa.

Methodology of the project is based on:

- *Implementation of a series of complementary and integrated actions, i.e. genetic selection (particularly Varroa Resistance Selection), breeding and conservation, training in apidology/sanitary (bees behaviour, veterinary and sanitary technics)*
- *Support to local swarms and queens reproduction/breeding farms*
- *Cooperation with relevant scientists and scientific institutes, in order to obtain maximum synergy (also through combination with existing Honey Bee Research Programmes of the EU).*

There is a great need for specific applied research, particularly on Varroa Resistance selection, to save the honey bee and a need for funding the practical connection of volunteers on the one hand and the results of fundamental research from apiology projects at scientific institutes supported by the Union at the other.

Knowhow transfer, support to the implementation and communication tools of such a methodology cannot be funded by any existing programme. A first European Apidology Training Centre would be the bridgehead of the Pilot Project around following issues: Research, selection and conservation, repopulation and biodiversity.

Although the honeybee plays a very important role in agriculture, most beekeepers and breeders are volunteers. In the sector of pollination and honey production there are professional beekeepers and small companies who manage larger numbers of bee colonies. But also these professionals often get their breeding material from the breeding groups that are mainly organized by volunteers.

As a result, within the beekeeping community almost no budget is available for the application of research on breeding Varroa resistant bee lines through an EU wide connection of volunteers (beekeepers) with scientists on the matter. This project wants to solve this practical gap and deficiency in the FP7 programme SMARTBEES and national apiculture programmes.

As a consequence, the project will focus on a practical breeding programme with Varroa resistant bee lines, targeted as deliverables and will be executed in cooperation with major breeding groups and experienced bee-breeders located in multiple EU countries. The methods to be used shall be based on established Varroa Sensitive Hygiene (VSH) trait and will be coordinated, as far as the aspect of Varroa resistance breeding is concerned, by a dedicated organization, thus anticipating efficient and effective Varroa resistant bee lines distribution. International cooperation with other applied research experts on Varroa resistance will be considered of particular importance. The bee races of European honey bees, Carnica, Buckfast and Black Bee, shall be included in the project. One of the main added values of the project is the setting of a methodology across the EU. It represents a real innovation the whole apiculture sector is claiming for. This first year of PA will allow to pursue the implementation of the projects that will win the open call for tender about to be launched, do the follow-up of the to-be-organised international Workshop focused on the project's result, and to prepare the project's integration into the existing legislation.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

Already voted as a PP in 2016 + 2017 budgetary procedures, this project turned into a PA for 2018 shall finally be launched by the EC the earliest possible in 2017 as it is legally committed, as it confirmed it via email in March 2017, and as required by the democratic rules the EP votes embody. Indeed, the procurement phase has not started yet, as there was no CoT publication. Even if the EC plans to start the implementation

of this pilot project by the end of 2017 with a longer duration, it is not premature to think about the way to emphasize the results, even if expected by 2020 or later.

Draft amendment 6205

=== AGRI/6205 ===

Tabled by Eric Andrieu, Jean-Paul Denanot, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 05 08 77 19

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 08 77 19							1 300 000	1 300 000	1 300 000	1 300 000
Reserve										
Total							1 300 000	1 300 000	1 300 000	1 300 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Vineyard decline: sustainability and competitiveness of European vineyards in danger

Remarks:

Add following text:

In European vineyards as a whole, there are signs of decline - lower productivity and early vine-stock death - brought about by a host of factors: the environment, climate change, genetic diversity, and agricultural practices. Vine mortality affects between 5% and 10% of European vineyards, most noticeably as a result of biological attacks, bacteria, phytoplasmas, viruses, pests and a succession of grapevine trunk diseases (GTDs), prompting cross-sector and sectoral organisations and firms to introduce a series of programmes of research into, in particular, GTDs and action to combat viral infections.

Today, however, the fact is that:

- because of the complexity of the stakeholders concerned, winegrowers, nurseries, product organisations, public-sector actors and the scientific community, a more joined-up approach is required, this being all the more necessary in view of the specific characteristics of European vineyards and of how they are set up;

- furthermore, national wine production support programmes cannot fund European governance arrangements (Regulation 1308/2013 establishing a common market organisation);

- Winetwork, a ISIB 2/H2020-funded programme for a thematic network, coordinated by the French Wine and Vine Institute, on GTDs and flavescence dorée, is certainly innovative, running networks of winegrowers and technicians at wine region level in order to identify and disseminate winegrowers' innovations and good practices, but is ending in 2017;

- European Innovation Partnership (EIP) measures funded via European regions involve local operational groups of farmers and technicians fostering innovation exchange and transfer (not governance).

In the two instances referred to above, measures relate to innovation and skills transfer to growers, but their objective is not to build up sectoral organisations on the basis of a European action plan. Accordingly, the aim of the pilot project is to set up European governance arrangements representative of the various countries concerned in order to carry out concerted action at European level. As such, the project is more akin to a COST network for professionals, in allusion to the COST programme for scientists, and seeks to build a professional community on the basis of an ambitious European action plan

in order to safeguard the competitiveness of European vineyards and keep them resilient in response to the attacks they are facing.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

It is now necessary to move beyond Winetown and existing EIP measures; national wine production support programmes cannot fund European governance arrangements. The aim of this pilot project will be to build up sectoral organisations so that an ambitious European action plan can be implemented to safeguard the competitiveness of European vineyards and keep them resilient in response to the attacks they are facing.

Draft amendment 6218

=== AGRI/6218 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes, Stefan Eck

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 05 08 77 20

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 08 77 20							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000
Reserve										
Total							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Study on the use of European soil, direct access to small farmers land

Remarks:

Add following text:

Study on the need and assured access to small and medium family farms, of land rights and the relationship with the state, studying the impact of measures such as:

- Measures to use of the natural conditions - and purchased - from each Member State in order to increase national production and the agricultural area; A Rural Rental Law which guarantees economically fair income and stability of those who cultivate the land, through a written contract, suitable for each type of operation, bearing in mind its temporal relation to the investment made;*
- Fees applied to energy consumption, suitable for family farming and paid only in the months of consumption and values of irrigation fees agreed with the small farmers;*
- Taxes on small and medium-sized rural agro holdings, taking into account its net annual income;*
- Lower the tax burden on the main factors of production and services to agriculture, particularly in energy costs and fuel and VAT;*
- Best pensions and retirement, equal for men and women, with periodic update according to the rising cost of living;*
- Ensuring local public services such as schools and health facilities;*

- Ensuring the existence of public grants of arable land, to safeguard the land assets by small and medium young farmers.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

Small and medium agriculture are fundamental in land use and production of quality and proximity food. Also entail in themselves a capital of respect for diversity and is therefore more environmentally friendly, using less aggressive techniques and being responsible for the preservation of races, species and indigenous seeds and the preservation of traditional production systems and practices that respect the environment. It is therefore increasingly important to ensure access to land to those farmers.

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Draft amendment 6226

=== AGRI/6226 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes, Stefan Eck

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 05 08 77 21

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 08 77 21							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000
Reserve										
Total							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Impact assessment of land grabbing practices in the EU

Remarks:

Add following text:

It is therefore proposed a study that:

- Quantifies the transfer of farms and arable land for large economic groups and investment funds;
- Characterize the distribution of property in Europe;
- Study the access to arable land to young farmers;
- Study the impact on the ownership by third parties in the land tenure system of each member state;
- Study of protection measures for small and medium agriculture and land tenure systems of each member state

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the

general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

In the last decade, more than 33 million hectares of land worldwide, an area the size of Portugal, have been sold to foreign investors. As this phenomenon known as Land Grabbing. They are often land deals that take place without the prior, free and informed consent of the communities that often result in the expulsion of farmers and families from their homes. Moreover it can endanger the sovereignty and land tenure of States.

Draft amendment 6227

==== AGRI/6227 ====

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes, Stefan Eck

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 05 08 77 22

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 08 77 22							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000
Reserve										
Total							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Impact Assessment of the concentration of the retail sector retail in the income of agricultural and agricultural producers

Remarks:

Add following text:

It is therefore proposed that a study that :

-quantified the distribution of agricultural value added along the production and distribution chain;

-characterize the market structure at the retail level on a dynamic basis in order to identify the evolutionary trend of this sector, particularly in terms of market functioning and competition laws in force in the EU;

- Propose intervention mechanisms that limit the margins on each link in the production and distribution chain, ensuring a fair return to farmers and competitive prices to the consumer.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

The large distribution responsibility in crushing prices paid to production is widely recognized. This study aims to quantify this impact in aggregate and simultaneously to study measures that could prevent such practices and ensure a fair income for European farmers.

Draft amendment 6228

=== AGRI/6228 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes, Stefan Eck

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 05 08 77 23

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 08 77 23							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000
Reserve										
Total							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Impact of the new planting rights allocation mechanism of the vineyard and the transitional arrangements 2016-2030

Remarks:

Add following text:

This item is intended to study the impact of the new mechanism for the allocation of vine planting rights and the 2016-2030 transitional regime, particularly in small and medium-sized wine producers

This program will study:

- *Programs and permanent and exceptional measures to support regional economies;*
- *The specificities of each country and region and the value to the economy should be taken into account as well as the features and small and medium viticulture needs;*
- *Alternatives to safeguard the mechanisms of market regulation;*
- *Measures to ensure the improvement of the income of small and medium-sized wine producers;*
- *The consequences of the rising cost of production factors and prices paid to production in the scenario of the new mechanism for the allocation of vine planting rights and transitional arrangements 2016-2030.*

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

Since the beginning of year the vine planting rights system was replaced by a system of planting authorizations will be valid until December 31, 2030. The previous system of vine planting rights would end at the end of 2015, but the risks of full liberalization of vine planting rights to market stability led to negotiate a system of planting permits is therefore justified to study, particularly in small and medium-sized wine producers.

Draft amendment 6229

=== AGRI/6229 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 05 08 77 24

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 08 77 24							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000
Reserve										
Total							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Incentive for population settling in rural areas - Combating desertification

Remarks:

Add following text:

This pilot project aims to promote the population settling in rural areas. It is intended to achieve a better understanding of the factors which may promote population fixing. It is proposed to develop a methodology for the design of projects at local and regional level, fixing populations in rural areas, involving the identification of needs and capabilities in each location / region.

Project steps:

- 1. Collection of information in the Member States on the needs to be met in encouraging effective fixation of populations in rural areas (involving a consultation of the people and various agents and local authorities);*
- 2. Identification of problems and potential in each region, in the face of this objective;*
- 3. Analysis of best practices and success stories;*
- 4. Design projects at local and regional level, fixing populations in rural areas.*

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

The establishment of populations in rural areas is of utmost importance to ensure territorial cohesion, halting desertification, reverse the agricultural abandonment, promote economic development and prevent the occurrence of disasters. Despite the existence of some measures in the Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of 17 December, these measures reveal to be insufficient or ineffective, not producing the expectable results with focus setting of the population in rural areas.

Draft amendment 6230

=== AGRI/6230 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 05 08 77 25

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 08 77 25							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000
Reserve										
Total							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Study of milk regulation mechanisms

Remarks:

Add following text:

This pilot project shall permit study:

- The consequences of the rising cost of production factors and prices paid to production in the milk market liberalization scenario*
- Instruments for effective regulation of production and "marketing" and establishment of principles such as the "national preference" in relation to imports from EU countries and third countries;*
- Alternative mechanisms of supply regulation as a way to combat volatility;*
- Regulatory instruments to ensure the improvement of the income of small and medium farmers;*
- Mechanisms to ensure food sovereignty and security in the Member States and ensure the sustained growth of the agro-food production in more deficit;*
- Programs and permanent and exceptional measures to support insular regional economies;*
- The specificities of each country and region and the value to the economy, as well as the characteristics and needs of small and medium agriculture;*
- Alternatives to safeguard the regulatory mechanisms of these markets.*

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

This pilot project is intended to study the impact on small and medium producers of milk and in the outermost areas of market regulation measures, the scene of the dairy sector crisis after the end of the quota system.

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Draft amendment 6231

=== AGRI/6231 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 05 08 77 26

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 08 77 26							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000
Reserve										
Total							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Study of supply regulation mechanisms following the pig sector crisis

Remarks:

Add following text:

This pilot project shall permit study:

- *The consequences of the rising cost of production factors and prices paid to production in the milk market liberalization scenario*
- *Instruments for effective regulation of production and "marketing" and establishment of principles such as the "national preference" in relation to imports from EU countries and third countries;*
- *Alternative mechanisms of supply regulation as a way to combat volatility;*
- *Regulatory instruments to ensure the improvement of the income of small and medium farmers;*
- *Mechanisms to ensure food sovereignty and security in the Member States and ensure the sustained growth of the agro-food production in more deficit;*
- *Programs and permanent and exceptional measures to support insular regional economies;*
- *The specificities of each country and region and the value to the economy, as well as the characteristics and needs of small and medium agriculture;*
- *Alternatives to safeguard the regulatory mechanisms of these markets.*

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

This pilot project is intended to study the impact on small and medium pig farmers of market regulation measures following the pig sector crisis.

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Draft amendment 6233

=== AGRI/6233 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes, Stefan Eck

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 05 08 77 27

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 08 77 27							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000
Reserve										
Total							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Mapping the global threat of antimicrobial resistance in food-producing animals

Remarks:

Add following text:

A deeper study on the prescription and use of antimicrobial drugs in the European livestock production, since the lack of concrete data impede the persecution of measures and preparation of national control plans against this problem.

The data collected in this study will have knowledge regarding the evolution of antibiotic consumption and prevalence of multidrug resistance to antibiotics, in addition to serve as a basis for further studies, notably on the influence to the serious problem of the increasing microbial resistance to antibiotics in humans.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

The plans of action against the growing threat that is antimicrobial resistance, have not been enough to halt or reverse, so data are needed regarding the use of antimicrobials.

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Draft amendment 56

==== AGRI/6257 ====

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 05 09 03 01 — Securing sufficient supplies of safe and high quality food and other bio-based products

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
05 09 03 01	221 563 529	108 915 289	235 755 857	154 885 244	220 755 857	154 885 244	15 000 000		235 755 857	154 885 244
Reserve										
Total	221 563 529	108 915 289	235 755 857	154 885 244	220 755 857	154 885 244	15 000 000		235 755 857	154 885 244

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 57

==== AGRI/6202 ====

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 07 02 77 42

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
07 02 77 42							800 000	400 000	800 000	400 000
Reserve										
Total							800 000	400 000	800 000	400 000

Heading:

Pilot project — EU Butterfly Monitoring and Indicators

Remarks:

Add following text:

Project objective is to create a representative butterfly (Lepidoptera) monitoring network across the EU and a suite of Lepidoptera indicators, which would help improve targeting and efficiency of conservation measures taken under the EU Habitats Directive, but also contribute to the monitoring of the biodiversity impact of the greening of the Common Agricultural Policy and ensuring remunerative payments to farmers for maintaining Natura 2000 areas in good condition, as well as climate change and European sectoral and land use policies in general.

Rationale

1. The project aims at developing a suite of EU Lepidoptera indicators which can help improve conservation measures and assess progress in implementing EU policies and legislation such as the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 and the EU Habitats Directive. Besides providing a highly relevant indicator for measuring progress in terms of managing and restoring Natura 2000 sites, it would also contribute to monitoring progress on Target 3 of the EU Biodiversity Strategy, which aims to increase the contribution of agriculture and forestry to maintaining and enhancing biodiversity. In particular, the pilot should deliver a representative indicator to help monitor the impact of the Common Agricultural Policy on grassland biodiversity. It will also provide data to produce a climate change indicator, thereby contributing to the ongoing revision of climate change adaptation strategies. Indicators will also be possible for woodland, wetland and urban habitats.

2. Such indicators are needed for tracking and stimulating progress towards the EU's and global Headline biodiversity target for 2020 and the SDGs. The project is highly policy relevant and can provide at EU level several benefits, such as linking science and policy and strengthen the evidence and knowledge base for EU policy-making; linking efforts by citizens/volunteers to policy makers in Member States where this has not been a tradition; increasing professional opportunities for young people across Europe, increasing their skills; and linking knowledge across the environment and agriculture sectors, and with climate change researchers and policy makers.

3. It can help to raise the profile of biodiversity and the importance of agriculture policy and practice to biodiversity recovery and contribute to the ongoing discussion on innovative agro-ecology approaches, paving the way for sustainable innovation in agriculture and measuring the effectiveness of payments aiming at greening and sustainability improvement. Currently agricultural Natura 2000 areas have the lowest conservation status; this project can further assist with improving the implementation of the EU Habitats Directive and stimulating further actions to improve the conservation status of Natura 2000 Lepidoptera and the habitats they depend on, specifically by enabling better targeting of CAP pillar 2 funds and ensuring the Natura 2000 payments are effective and remunerative so that farmers are better incentivised to protect the areas and the species they support. It would complement the existing farmland birds indicators as it would be more sensitive in describing high habitat quality/ecosystems condition.

Moreover, it replaces an ad hoc approach to Lepidoptera monitoring and indicator reporting with a sustainable system that covers more Member States, more records and which is more representative, in order to have wider acceptance.

4. This coherent project enables the development of a system for collecting and recording validated Lepidoptera data at the European level in such a way as to allow cost effective and regular updating of a grassland butterfly indicator and other indicators. This would be a significant improvement on the current approach. It involves the development and construction of a well-designed database with processes for collating systematic records of Lepidoptera numbers along a fixed route or transect (a methodology already agreed with EEA) from more countries and a process for regularly compiling and updating a suite of Lepidoptera indicators.

5. The project would enable new monitoring schemes to be set up in some Member States who are without schemes at present and contribute to building capacity. This involves inter alia finding citizen volunteers, training them, giving them some support and enabling them to report their findings cost effectively. Ensuring validation and quality control can be achieved effectively in such Member States through modest support for part time knowledgeable coordinators. This will increase opportunities and skills for young people.

6. As a result of this project we will have a greatly improved EU network for monitoring lepidopterans, more transects walked each year, more EU Member States and more citizens involved in monitoring, and a suite of Lepidoptera indicators and a comprehensive database that can provide a valuable resource for researchers, policy makers and evaluators. Results will be used to inform policy debates, improve policy implementation and raise the profile of biodiversity and ecosystem services, including pollination services.

Main tasks of the project

Objective 1.

Construct a unified, high quality database and automated data entry system.

Expected results:

A unified database of validated and standardised Lepidoptera counts from across European Monitoring Schemes capable of being searched and producing regular reports on Lepidoptera indicators and enriching research, which would directly contribute to the integrated spatial data infrastructure for natural capital developed by the European Environment Agency, the Joint Research Centre, Eurostat and DG Environment.

Main activities

- Produce an effective database for Lepidoptera monitoring records with capability to produce a suite of Lepidoptera indicators.*
- Establish legal data sharing agreements with existing monitoring schemes to clarify intellectual property rights and rights of access to data.*
- Gather data annually from existing monitoring schemes, validate counts, populate database.*
- Develop an online data entry system and allow countries to submit data efficiently and in a standard format (NB some existing schemes are also adopting such a system)*
- Provide training for monitoring scheme volunteers in using the online data entry system.*
- Provide tools for calculating national Lepidoptera population trends.*
- Make the records available for research as appropriate*

Objective 2.

Support and develop a unified, sustainable and cost effective European monitoring network based on trained volunteer recorders, supported by new coordinators, together with local access to the on-line data recording system.

Expected results:

Volunteer-based and expertly validated Lepidoptera monitoring schemes in most European countries, reporting high quality data to central database and inputs to national records.

Increased opportunities for young people to become involved in a European level project of practical value and policy importance, increasing their skills and employability and creating some new jobs requiring coordination, data management and people skills and professional knowledge.

Activities

- Ensure existing Lepidoptera monitoring schemes contribute data to the central database: Belgium, Catalonia, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden, UK*
- Support further development, and improve the quality and sustainability of some existing and fledgling schemes, especially by adding transects, improving frequency of recording and recruiting more volunteers and supporting coordinators (in e.g. France, Slovenia, Estonia, Lithuania, Spain).*
- Work with partners and other key stakeholders, including National Parks, where appropriate, to help set up new monitoring schemes in at least 6 of the following countries: Austria, Czech Republic, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Cyprus, Malta, Denmark, and Latvia.*
- Provide training, essential translation and facilitate learning among volunteers*
- Provide feedback to volunteers and coordinators in the form of annual newsletters and by organizing biennial meetings to co-ordinate effort, share best practice, and nurture long-term volunteer engagement.*

Objective 3.

Produce policy relevant Lepidoptera indicators for a range of habitats, analyse results, and disseminate findings to policy makers and the public.

Expected results:

A suite of policy relevant Lepidoptera indicators for different habitats within the EU and Europe as a whole. A series of reports, which interpret the significance of Lepidoptera indicators and trends. Increased understanding among policy makers of the impact of their policies on lepidopterans, ecosystems and their services, including pollination services. Adoption by the EU and other European institutions of Lepidoptera as indicators; sharing of best practice; and improved awareness amongst the public. Development of specific indicators which can be used for result based schemes.

Activities

- Develop automated systems for producing annual indicators and trends in different habitats and groups of species. Initial selection: grassland, woodland, wetland, urban areas, and climate change.*
- Produce a European Lepidoptera Indicator showing the general trend in lepidopterans at EU and European scales.*
- Produce a European Lepidoptera Indicator to help improve the implementation of the EU Habitats Directive and achieve Favourable Conservation Status (FCS) of Natura 2000 Lepidoptera species and their habitats.*
- Produce reports on European Grassland Butterfly Indicator covering more countries and help inter alia to monitor the impact of the Common Agricultural Policy on biodiversity, and the new approach on result based schemes.*
- Produce reports on Lepidoptera trends in woodland, wetland and urban habitats*
- Show how Lepidoptera communities are responding to rising temperatures and climate change.*

- Disseminate results to relevant institutions, including the EU, Council for Europe, Berne Convention and the UN CBD and influence policy debates and action at EU and national levels
- Work with representatives of other invertebrate groups to share knowledge and contribute to an EU Pollinator initiative
- Disseminate the results more widely to the public via websites and social media.

Objective 4. Project management and administration

Expected results:

Smooth running of project; timely delivery of above components within budget; annual progress reports; annual financial reports and overall evaluation of impacts.

Activities

- Manage the project to ensure delivery of the above and produce annual progress reports.
- Establish contracts to deliver the above components.
- Administer finances for the project soundly and publish annual financial reports.
- Produce annual progress reports and evaluate impacts.

This 2-year pilot project, with a view to becoming a preparatory action, would have a total budget of EUR 800.000.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

The project aims to develop EU Lepidoptera indicators which can help improve conservation measures incl. optimising Natura 2000 payments, & assess progress in implementing EU policies and legislation. Lepidopterans are easily identifiable biodiversity indicators: well-documented, measurable, sensitive to change, they occur in a wide range of habitat types & represent many other insects. Biodiversity decline including pollinators as well as predators of pests is a big agri-environmental problem.

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Draft amendment 58

=== AGRI/6258 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 08 02 03 02 — Securing sufficient supplies of safe, healthy and high quality food and other bio-based products

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
08 02 03 02	151 783 756	133 402 096	188 374 001	189 964 342	178 374 001	189 964 342	10 000 000		188 374 001	189 964 342
Reserve										
Total	151 783 756	133 402 096	188 374 001	189 964 342	178 374 001	189 964 342	10 000 000		188 374 001	189 964 342

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 59

=== AGRI/6259 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 17 01 01 — Expenditure relating to officials and temporary staff in the ‘Health and food safety’ policy area

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 01 01	72 294 157	72 294 157	72 514 823	72 514 823	71 906 227	71 906 227	608 596	608 596	72 514 823	72 514 823
Reserve										
Total	72 294 157	72 294 157	72 514 823	72 514 823	71 906 227	71 906 227	608 596	608 596	72 514 823	72 514 823

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 60

=== AGRI/6260 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 17 01 02 01 — External personnel

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 01 02 01	6 439 851	6 439 851	6 344 619	6 344 619	6 178 945	6 178 945	165 674	165 674	6 344 619	6 344 619
Reserve										
Total	6 439 851	6 439 851	6 344 619	6 344 619	6 178 945	6 178 945	165 674	165 674	6 344 619	6 344 619

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 61

=== AGRI/6261 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 17 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 01 02 11	7 854 304	7 854 304	7 649 918	7 649 918	7 464 124	7 464 124	185 794	185 794	7 649 918	7 649 918
Reserve										

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Total	7 854 304	7 854 304	7 649 918	7 649 918	7 464 124	7 464 124	185 794	185 794	7 649 918	7 649 918

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 62

=== AGRI/6262 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 17 01 04 03 — Support expenditure in the field of food and feed safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 01 04 03	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 400 000	1 400 000	100 000	100 000	1 500 000	1 500 000
Reserve										
Total	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 400 000	1 400 000	100 000	100 000	1 500 000	1 500 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 63

=== AGRI/6263 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 17 01 06 02 — Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency — Contribution from the ‘Third programme for the Union’s action in the field of health (2014-2020)’

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 01 06 02	4 209 000	4 209 000	4 406 500	4 406 500	4 206 500	4 206 500	200 000	200 000	4 406 500	4 406 500
Reserve										
Total	4 209 000	4 209 000	4 406 500	4 406 500	4 206 500	4 206 500	200 000	200 000	4 406 500	4 406 500

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 64

=== AGRI/6264 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 17 04 01 — Ensuring a higher animal health status and high level of protection of animals in the Union

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 04 01	165 000 000	151 300 000	161 500 000	135 200 000	160 000 000	134 866 667	1 500 000	333 333	161 500 000	135 200 000
Reserve										
Total	165 000 000	151 300 000	161 500 000	135 200 000	160 000 000	134 866 667	1 500 000	333 333	161 500 000	135 200 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 65

=== AGRI/6265 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

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SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 17 04 02 — Ensuring timely detection of harmful organisms for plants and their eradication

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 04 02	15 000 000	10 000 000	25 000 000	13 200 000	22 000 000	12 450 000	3 000 000	750 000	25 000 000	13 200 000
Reserve										
Total	15 000 000	10 000 000	25 000 000	13 200 000	22 000 000	12 450 000	3 000 000	750 000	25 000 000	13 200 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 66

=== AGRI/6266 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

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SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 17 04 03 — Ensuring effective, efficient and reliable controls

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 04 03	53 558 000	49 500 000	57 483 000	53 280 000	55 483 000	51 280 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	57 483 000	53 280 000
Reserve										
Total	53 558 000	49 500 000	57 483 000	53 280 000	55 483 000	51 280 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	57 483 000	53 280 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 67

=== AGRI/6267 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 17 04 04 — Fund for emergency measures related to animal and plant health

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 04 04	20 000 000	16 000 000	40 000 000	40 000 000	35 000 000	38 500 000	5 000 000	1 500 000	40 000 000	40 000 000
Reserve										
Total	20 000 000	16 000 000	40 000 000	40 000 000	35 000 000	38 500 000	5 000 000	1 500 000	40 000 000	40 000 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 68

=== AGRI/6201 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 17 04 77 06 — Pilot project — Environmental monitoring of pesticide use through honeybees

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 04 77 06	500 000	250 000	p.m.	150 000	p.m.	150 000	750 000	850 000	750 000	1 000 000
Reserve										
Total	500 000	250 000	p.m.	150 000	p.m.	150 000	750 000	850 000	750 000	1 000 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

Former item 07 02 77 38

Amend text as follows:

The objective of this *ongoing* pilot project is to put in place a tool for evaluation of pesticide exposure in the environment *at landscape level and understand the sources of contamination* with the help of bees and bee products. This approach combines environmental contaminant monitoring with animal health and food safety and security.

Honey bees come ~~into~~ contact with diverse environmental matrices due to their biological needs and behaviour. As a result of their foraging behaviour bees cover large areas (up to 15 km radius). Numerous plants are visited every day to collect nectar, secretions from sap-feeding insects, pollen and water, while plant gums are collected for propolis production. While flying they also come into contact with airborne particles, which stick to their body hairs, or substances diluted in the air. Scattered studies have been performed using bees and beekeeping products as biological ‘monitoring instruments’ to measure environmental quality. Various levels of environmental monitoring with honey bees have already been described, differing in their degree of complexity and sensitivity.

Concerned about honey bee colony losses, *beekeepers, beekeeper technicians*~~beekeepers~~ and scientists in specific areas of Europe started ~~analyzing~~*analysing* the pesticide content of bees and bee products. The results are often the same: bees are exposed to a wide variety of contaminants simultaneously and consecutively. Surprisingly, on many occasions the pesticides detected were not authorised, while in others they were found in natural areas away from the sources of contamination.

This pilot project is a citizens' science project in which beekeepers from several ($n=5-6$) countries in Europe will collect ~~biweekly~~ weekly pollen samples during two beekeeping seasons. ***The countries will be chosen on the basis of the following criteria: existence of regional/national activities and scientists/technicians able to do pollen sampling in the country, at least one representative of each authorization zone (Annex 1 of Regulation 1107/2009). A protocol agreed between scientists and*** Pollen and pesticide analyses will serve to establish the botanical origin and contamination of the samples, respectively. Analytical data will be put in a geospatial context, aiming to understand the possible sources of both bee food and contaminants. In specific cases, fresh honey samples may be collected in order to understand possible contamination of honeydew. In addition, in specific cases a field ***practitioners will be proposed following official methodological recommendations (i.e. Health-B recommendations, Epilobee). In doing so, the outcome of the project can be integrated in multiple stressor models linked with bee health and risk assessment. Practitioners' work will be coordinated by scientists/technicians. Pollen and pesticide analyses will serve to establish the botanical origin and contamination of the samples, respectively. Analytical data will be put in a geospatial context, aiming to understand the possible sources and variability of both bee food and contaminants. In specific cases, fresh honey samples may be collected in order to understand possible contamination of honeydew.*** survey may be carried out among farmers operating in the area with a radius of 3 km around the sampled apiary in order to know in depth the agricultural practices performed. Analysis will screen for both authorised and non-authorised pesticide and veterinary ***products. Additionally, the fate of the colonies participating to the sampling will be surveyed to explore potential correlations with the parameters measured,*** products, which will allow evaluation of the implementation of Union legislation in terms of pesticide application. The project would last *circa* 30 months, to include two years of sampling to cover data fluctuations.

Add following text:

This will allow evaluation of the implementation of European legislation in terms of pesticide application (sustainable use directive), pesticide authorisation and efficiency of agro-environmental and greening measures from the common agricultural policy.

Amend text as follows:

The expected results are (1) the development of a non-invasive environmental monitoring system, easy to ~~perform~~ carry out and reproducible across Europe; (2) ~~the~~ an increase in knowledge on environmental pollution by using environmental ***samplers (honey bees);*** samplers; (3) the identification of ***areas at risk for bee health;*** problematic areas, both in geographical and chemical terms; (4) the verification of the efficacy of ~~EU~~ Union legislation in terms of prevention of environmental and food ***contamination from pesticides;*** contamination; (5) an indication of the plant biodiversity of the landscape throughout the year; (6) the verification of the quality of the CORINE database ***(or other more detailed land use dataset available in the countries participating)*** for landscape-level exposure modelling.

Add following text:

This ongoing pilot project, with a view to becoming a preparatory action, was re-assessed successfully as its total budget increase was proposed: EUR 1.250.000 (2017-2018). The budget increase has been requested by EC services and stakeholders in order to ensure its successful implementation. The increased amounts reflect the budget cuts which were made during the PPPA budget negotiations in 2016.

Justification:

This ongoing pilot project is citizens' science, as networks of beekeepers will be gathering environmental data using bees and bee products. Those data will help find out about field exposure of honeybees to key environmental stressors, help gauge how bee-friendly landscapes are and also help inform policy decisions about implementation of EU legislation on the environment, public health and food safety. In order to carry out the project successfully, budget increase is requested.

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SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 22 02 01 01 — Support for political reforms and related progressive alignment with the Union *acquis*

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 02 01 01	276 700 000	131 933 508	189 267 000	219 000 000	189 267 000	219 000 000	-189 267 000	-219 000 000	p.m.	p.m.
Reserve										
Total	276 700 000	131 933 508	189 267 000	219 000 000	189 267 000	219 000 000	-189 267 000	-219 000 000	p.m.	p.m.

Remarks:

Delete following text:

~~Under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II), this appropriation will address the following specific objectives in the Western Balkans:~~

- ~~– support for political reforms;~~
- ~~– strengthening of the ability of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 at all levels to fulfil the obligations stemming from Union membership in the area of political reforms by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the Union *acquis*.~~

~~Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the Union and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under point (b) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.~~

Justification:

We think that the political reforms are an issue that concerns to each state. It is the will of the people which makes the political reforms and the people are free to choose if they want or not a progressive alignment with the Union *acquis*. This measure coming from the Commission means that the European Union promote interference in the political reforms of the countries.