

Amendment 11

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Report**A8-0358/2018**

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 1***Motion for a resolution*

1. Stresses that the 2021-2027 MFF must *guarantee the Union's responsibility for* and *ability to* meet emerging needs, additional challenges and new international commitments, and attain *its* political priorities and objectives; *points* to the *serious problems linked to the underfinancing of the 2014-2020 MFF, and reiterates the necessity of avoiding a repetition of previous mistakes by securing, from the outset, a strong and credible* EU budget for the benefit of citizens over the next seven-year period;

Amendment

1. Stresses that the 2021-2027 MFF must *efficiently and effectively respond to* and meet emerging needs, additional challenges and new international commitments, and attain *those* political priorities and objectives *which create real added value for EU citizens; stresses the need to carry out a spending review in order to provide a comprehensive and judicious evaluation aimed at demonstrating the real added value of each programme for delivering a credible and optimised* EU budget for the *exclusive* benefit of *the* citizens over the next seven-year period;

Or. en

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Paragraph 3

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3. ***Underlines that*** the Commission proposal regarding the global level of the next MFF, set at 1.08 % of the EU-27 GNI (1.11 % after the integration of the European Development Fund), ***represents, in terms of GNI percentage, a reduction in real terms compared to the current MFF***; considers that ***the proposed level of the MFF will not*** allow the Union to deliver on its political commitments and respond to ***the*** important challenges ahead; ***intends, therefore, to negotiate the necessary increase;***

Amendment

3. ***Takes note of*** the Commission proposal regarding the global level of the next MFF, set at 1.08 % of the EU-27 GNI (1.11 % after the integration of the European Development Fund); considers that ***this proposal may*** allow the Union to deliver on its political commitments and respond to important challenges ahead; ***recalls, in this context, the need to review EU budget expenditure, in particular administrative expenditure, with the aim of reducing Member States' contributions and ensuring that spending under the EU budget takes place exclusively and genuinely in favour of EU citizens' needs;***

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Paragraph 4

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4. Declares, *moreover*, its opposition to *any* reduction in the level of *long-standing* EU policies *enshrined in the Treaties*, such as *cohesion policy and the common agricultural and fisheries policies*; is particularly opposed to any radical cuts that will *have an adverse* impact on the *very nature and objectives of these policies, such as the cuts proposed for the Cohesion Fund or for the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development*; opposes, in this context, the proposal to reduce the European Social Fund *Plus (ESF+)* despite its enlarged scope, and the integration of *four existing social programmes, notably* the Youth Employment Initiative;

Amendment

4. Declares its opposition to *the* reduction *proposed by the Commission* in the level of *funding for a number of key* EU policies, such as the common agricultural *policy (CAP)*; is particularly opposed to any radical cuts that will *adversely* impact on the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development; opposes, in this context, the proposal to reduce the European Social Fund despite its enlarged scope and the integration of the Youth Employment Initiative; *calls, therefore, for an increase in the level of the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) in comparison with the Commission's proposal, since it may allow Member States to implement minimum income schemes in favour of EU citizens living in poverty*;

Or. en

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Paragraph 8 a (new)

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8a. Recalls the need to provide a new MFF with a real added value for EU citizens, that will not constitute an additional burden on top of Member States' contributions; stresses the need for a mandatory spending review with a view to making savings where possible; believes that the national contributions of the Member States should be deducted from the calculation of the national deficit level;

Or. en

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Paragraph 16

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16. *Reconfirms its formal position that the level of the 2021-2027 MFF should be set at EUR 1 324.1 billion in 2018 prices, representing 1.3 % of the EU-27 GNI, in order to ensure the necessary level of funding for key EU policies that will enable them to fulfil their mission and objectives;*

Amendment

16. *Welcomes the Commission's proposal regarding the levels of funding for some programmes for the 2021-2027 MFF, but stresses the need to ensure an appropriate level of funding for key EU policies, such as the common agricultural policy (CAP) and the ESF+; believes that an ambitious and realistic new MFF can also be delivered without asking for a higher contribution from the Member States; believes that the national contributions of the Member States should be deducted from the calculation of the national deficit level;*

Or. en

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Paragraph 17 – point iii a (new)

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Amendment

iii(a) Stresses the need for the extension of the scope of the CEF in order to include spending programmes for the safety, security, monitoring and maintenance of infrastructure networks; recalls that the assessment of infrastructural projects financed by the CEF should take into account social, economic and environmental factors, especially with respect to the effects that they have on local communities, in order to determine whether real added value is delivered to EU citizens;

Or. en

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Paragraph 17 – point ix a (new)

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Amendment

ix(a) Calls for an increase in the level of the European Social Fund in comparison with the Commission's proposal, in order to ensure a strong fight against poverty with the aim of allowing Member States to implement minimum income schemes for effective action against poverty;

Or. en

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Paragraph 17 – point xvi

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xvi. Maintain the financing of the common agricultural policy (CAP) for the EU-27 at the level of the 2014-2020 budget in real terms while budgeting the initial amount of the agricultural reserve;

Amendment

xvi. Maintain the financing of the common agricultural policy (CAP) for the EU-27 at the level of the 2014-2020 budget in real terms while budgeting the initial amount of the agricultural reserve,
recalling the importance of the CAP as a key policy both for the EU economy and, above all, for EU farmers;

Or. en

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Paragraph 17 – point xxi

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xxi. *Reinstate at least the 2020 level for all agencies, while defending the higher level proposed by the Commission, including for the agencies, which have been granted new competences and responsibilities, and calling for a comprehensive approach on fee-financing;*

Amendment

xxi. *Is sceptical of the proposal by the Commission concerning the level for the agencies; calls, in this context, for an accurate spending review with a view to merging agencies with similar tasks and reducing the related expenditure;*

Or. en

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Amendment 20

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Paragraph 17 – point xxiii a (new)

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Amendment

*xxiii(a) Regrets the deteriorating
situation of human rights and
fundamental freedoms in Turkey, and
calls for an end to pre-accession
assistance to that country;*

Or. en

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Paragraph 19

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19. *Intends to defend the Commission proposal on securing a sufficient level of funding for a strong, efficient and high-quality European public administration at the service of all Europeans; recalls that, during the current MFF, the EU institutions, **bodies and decentralised agencies** have implemented a 5 % reduction in staff, and believes that **they should not be subject to any further reduction that would directly jeopardise the delivery of Union policies; reiterates, once more, its fierce opposition towards a repetition of the so-called redeployment pool for agencies;***

Amendment

19. *Calls for a total overhaul of the European public administration given that all administrative expenditure related to the EU institutions should be reduced as much as possible, in order to make savings and avoid any waste of taxpayers' money; notes that, during the current MFF, the EU institutions have implemented a 5 % reduction in staff and believes that further **reductions may be possible in the interests of savings;***

Or. en

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Paragraph 37

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37. ***Welcomes, in this context, as an important step towards a more ambitious reform,*** the Commission's set of proposals adopted on 2 May 2018 on a new system of own resources; invites the Commission to take into account Opinion No 5/2018 of the European Court of Auditors concerning the Commission's proposal on the new system of own resources of the European Union, which underlines that better calculation and further simplification of the system is needed;

Amendment

37. ***Recognises that*** the Commission's set of proposals adopted on 2 May 2018 on a new system of own resources ***may represent an important step towards a more ambitious reform;*** invites the Commission to take into account Opinion No 5/2018 of the European Court of Auditors concerning the Commission's proposal on the new system of own resources of the European Union, which underlines that better calculation and further simplification of the system is needed; ***recalls, in this context, that the proposed own resources system should not increase the overall fiscal burden for EU taxpayers, and should lead to a proportionate reduction in the Member States' contribution to the EU budget;***

Or. en