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on the ABB-ABM method as a management tool for allocating budgetary
resources
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Amendment 1

Gary Titley

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Considers that the five-year strategic objectives of the Commission, ultimately the political base for its overall programming, and their annual translation into the Annual Policy Strategy (APS), should be much better linked with the Multi-annual Financial Frameworks (MFF), with a view to streamlining the timing and adoption of these into one coherent strategy with the corresponding resources;

Amendment

3. Considers that the five-year strategic objectives of the Commission, ultimately the political base for its overall programming, and their annual translation into the Annual Policy Strategy (APS), should be much better linked with the Multi-annual Financial Frameworks (MFF), with a view to streamlining the timing and adoption of these into one coherent strategy with the corresponding resources ***and therefore believes that the MFF should itself be of five years' duration;***

Or. en

Amendment 2

Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers it of utmost importance that, as the Executive responsible for implementation, the Commission has enough means and room for manoeuvre, but that it should report very clearly on the objectives achieved and the use of allocated financial and human resources; considers ***less*** important - from the point of view of a budgetary authority - ***exactly how the goals were achieved and how the Commission worked internally; therefore advocates a correspondingly greater degree of freedom in that regard;*** calls on

Amendment

6. Considers it of utmost importance that, as the Executive responsible for implementation, the Commission has enough means and room for manoeuvre, but that it should report very clearly on the objectives achieved and the use of allocated financial and human resources; ***considers that the Commission should establish clear quantitative and qualitative indicators to measure the achievement of policy and administrative objectives and should make them comparable over time and clearly indicate for every DG the***

the Commission to analyse the current ABB/SPP cycle in order to ensure that it is consistent in this regard and to present any relevant proposals for change;

number of staff employed for policy activities; considers ***it*** important - from the point of view of a budgetary authority - ***to link staff to policy activities***; calls on the Commission to analyse the current ABB/SPP cycle in order to ensure that it is consistent in this regard and to present any relevant proposals for change;

Or. en

Amendment 3 Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers that the practical presentation and synthesis of results and allocated resources used in Annual Activity Reports (AAR) is still lagging behind when compared to the time spent on administrative tasks presenting the goals and requested resources in the preparatory stages, i.e. APS, Annual Management Plans and Activity Statements; in this respect, considers that further development is necessary in which the Commission's collective services take "ownership" of this process in a positive way;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 4 Gary Titley

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Considers that it is a serious shortcoming that, until now, the APS, and the parallel budgetary information feeding into the PDB, have introduced new priorities without identifying any "negative priorities" and that, in consequence, the whole cycle tends to add one priority after another without taking any political decision as to issues that, given the limited resources available from the tax-payer, need to be scaled down in order to give way to the most crucial priorities; stresses that this is in clear contradiction of the basic principles of the reform;

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Or. en

Amendment 5

Gary Titley

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Takes note of the proposals to improve the coherence between Annual Management Plans and the Activity Statements published with the PDB so that the administrative burden of the SPP process is reduced while maintaining the link between objectives and measured "outputs"; asks the Commission to act swiftly;

Amendment

13. Takes note of the proposals to improve the coherence between Annual Management Plans and the Activity Statements published with the PDB so that the administrative burden of the SPP process is reduced while maintaining the link between objectives and measured "outputs"; ***believes that the Annual Management Plan needs to be reformed and that the public part of the it should be merged with the Activity Statement;*** asks the Commission to act swiftly;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Is thus still not convinced that the SPP/ABM process sufficiently takes into account 'lessons learned' and previous results and how these are fed back into the system for the coming years; points out that this is also linked to how the vast array of studies and evaluations carried out by the Commission are taken into account and influence, as they rightly should, the resource allocation process;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 7
Gary Titley

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

14a. Believes the AAR should also include an assessment of risks related to the achievement of policy results;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Considers that the long-term objectives and plans, i.e. the MFF and the five-year strategic objectives as well as APS also need to be better explained and linked to the work of individual DGs and services as an important part of motivating these staff and making them feel part of, and contributors to, the overriding objectives of the organisation as a whole;

Amendment

17. Considers that the long-term objectives and plans, i.e. the MFF and the five-year strategic objectives as well as APS also need to be better explained and linked to the work of individual DGs and services as an important part of motivating these staff and making them feel part of, and contributors to, the overriding objectives of the organisation as a whole; ***asks the DGs, therefore, to link more clearly the positive and negative priorities in their Annual Management Plans and Annual Activity Reports to multiannual and strategic objectives of the Commission as a whole;***

Or. en

Amendment 9
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Requests the Commission to better integrate and streamline the SPP-ABM cycle so that the actual results of the implementation of policies and activities can be taken into due consideration when allocating human and financial resources; emphasises that this should also result in the identification of possible "negative priorities";

Amendment

21. Requests the Commission to better integrate and streamline the SPP-ABM cycle so that the actual results of the implementation of policies and activities can be taken into due consideration when allocating human and financial resources; emphasises that this should also result in the identification of possible "negative priorities"; ***stresses the need to consider and include in the yearly planning not only financial risks but also risks that might affect the achievement of policy objectives;***

Amendment 10

Gary Titley

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Believes consideration should be given to making the Annual Policy Strategy a bi-annual process thereby reducing the administrative burden on the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 11

Gary Titley

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Believes that more emphasis should be placed on establishing quality criteria to which performance information should comply;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Gary Titley

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Believes the European Parliament should review how it uses the

*performance information from the
SPP/ABM documents to strengthen its
dialogue with the Commission;*

Or. en