Amendment 16
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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

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2. Recognises the persistent economic and budgetary constraints at national level, as well as the need for fiscal consolidation; reiterates, however, its conviction that the EU budget represents a common and effective instrument of investment and solidarity, which is needed particularly at the present time to trigger economic growth, competitiveness and job creation in the 27 Member States; stresses that, despite its limited size, not exceeding 2 % of total public spending in the Union, the EU budget has had a real economic impact and has thus far successfully complemented Member States' recovery policies;

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Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

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3. Intends, therefore, to strongly defend an adequate level of resources for next year's budget, as defined in the draft budget, and to oppose any attempt to cut resources, especially for policies delivering growth and employment; believes that the EU budget, which cannot run a deficit, should not be the victim of unsuccessful economic policies at national level; notes that in 2012 several Member States are increasing the size of their national budgets;

Amendment

3. Believes that in the context of continued challenging economic circumstances, the European Union should freeze its budgets; emphasises, however, the need to comply with legally binding obligations and allow for possible subsequent increases, on the basis that such increases be offset to maintain the level of an overall freeze; believes that the EU budget, which cannot run a deficit, should not be the victim of unsuccessful economic policies in some Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 18
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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission to budget realistically, and insists that the utmost be done to examine the European added value of all current EU programmes; calls for systematic and regular evaluations, allowing for evidence-based policy-making and ensuring that all spending is achieving the desired outcomes in a cost-effective manner while contributing to the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and respecting the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;

Or. en

Amendment 19 Richard Ashworth on behalf of the ECR Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Views the proposed increase of 6.8 % in PA compared to 2012 as an initial response to Parliament's call for responsible and realistic budgeting; notes that the increases in payments are concentrated in the areas of competitiveness and cohesion, owing to a greater level of claims expected by running projects in these fields; fully endorses this increase, which is the result not only of past commitments that need to be honoured but also of the actual implementation of programmes, which is expected to reach cruising speed by the last year of the current MFF; calls on the Commission to verify with the Member States that their estimated demands for payment increases are accurate and realistic;

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