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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Markus Ferber
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General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018 - all sections
(2017/2044(BUD))

Amendment 1
Auke Zijlstra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls for the 2018 budget to reflect the *priorities outlined in the European Semester, specifically re-launching investment, pursuing structural reforms and conducting responsible fiscal policies*;

Amendment

1. Calls for the 2018 budget to reflect the *fact that central spending has never been proven to be efficient*.

Or. en

Amendment 2
Miguel Viegas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls for the 2018 budget to *reflect the priorities outlined in the European Semester, specifically re-launching investment, pursuing structural reforms and conducting responsible fiscal policies*;

Amendment

1. Calls for the 2018 budget to *take account of the constraint to which a group of countries in the eurozone are subject in the framework of the European Semester, promoting social and territorial cohesion and investment*;

Or. pt

Amendment 3
Ivana Maletić

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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conducting responsible fiscal policies;

conducting responsible fiscal policies;
underlines that synergies between the budget of the Union and the budget of a Member State are required in order to achieve European Semester's priorities.

Or. en

Amendment 4
Olle Ludvigsson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls for the 2018 budget to reflect the priorities outlined in the European Semester, specifically re-launching investment, pursuing structural reforms and conducting responsible fiscal policies;

Amendment

1. Calls for the 2018 budget to reflect the priorities outlined in the European Semester, specifically re-launching investment, pursuing structural reforms and conducting responsible fiscal policies, *innovation, growth and job creation, fostering convergence, pursuing sustainable and socially balanced structural reforms to modernise European economies making them more competitive, conducting fiscal policies which would ensure investment and sustainable growth;*

Or. en

Amendment 5
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls for the 2018 budget to *reflect* the priorities outlined in the European Semester, specifically re-launching investment, pursuing structural reforms and conducting responsible fiscal policies;

Amendment

1. Calls for the 2018 budget to *contribute to the fulfilment of* the priorities outlined in the European Semester, specifically re-launching *future oriented* investment, pursuing *socially balanced and sustainable* structural

reforms and conducting responsible fiscal policies;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Alfred Sant

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls for the 2018 budget to reflect the priorities outlined in the European Semester, specifically re-launching investment, pursuing *structural* reforms and conducting responsible fiscal policies;

Amendment

1. Calls for the 2018 budget to reflect the priorities outlined in the European Semester, specifically re-launching investment, pursuing *socially responsible and growth oriented* reforms and conducting responsible fiscal policies;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Tibor Szanyi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

(1) Calls for the 2018 budget to reflect the priorities outlined in the European Semester, specifically re-launching investment, pursuing structural reforms *with a social perspective* and conducting responsible fiscal policies;

Or. hu

Amendment 8
Nils Torvalds

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

1. Calls for the 2018 budget to reflect the priorities outlined in the European Semester, specifically re-launching investment, pursuing structural reforms ***to increase competitiveness*** and conducting responsible fiscal policies;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. el

Amendment 10
Luigi Morgano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Underlines the crucial importance of the budget line on "Coordination and surveillance of, and communication on, the economic and monetary union, including the euro" as a technical and communication means for better coordination of economic policies, including in the context of the European Semester, for its contribution to Treaty-based surveillance obligations and critical data production, and for its support actions for financial assistance, thus

*contributing to financial stability within
and outside the Union;*

Or. en

Amendment 11
Olle Ludvigsson, Pervenche Berès

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Points out the need to support the current debate on the future of the EMU by financing the necessary tools to ensure a broad debate with citizens and stakeholders;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Ivana Maletić

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Stresses the need to introduce a standard set of data for recording, reporting and monitoring execution of the national budgets and the Union budget, and their contribution to the achievement of the goals set out in Annual Growth Survey and CSRs;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Auke Zijlstra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. ***Welcomes the inclusion of adequate resources in the 2018 budget to support the European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs); underlines that the role of the ESAs is essential in fostering the consistent application of Union law and better coordination between national authorities, and in ensuring financial stability, better integrated financial markets and consumer protection; emphasises that the ESAs must stick strictly to the tasks assigned to them by the European Parliament and the Council and must not seek to broaden their mandate beyond those assignments;***

Amendment

2. ***Considers the European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs) to be mainly superfluous and questions therefore the exorbitant budget;***

Or. en

Amendment 14
Olle Ludvigsson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the inclusion of adequate resources in the 2018 budget to support the European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs); underlines that the role of the ESAs is essential in fostering the consistent application of Union law and better coordination between national authorities, and in ensuring financial stability, better integrated financial markets and consumer protection; ***emphasises that the ESAs must stick strictly to the tasks assigned to them by the European Parliament and the Council and must not seek to broaden their mandate beyond those assignments;***

Amendment

2. Welcomes the inclusion of adequate resources in the 2018 budget to support the European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs); underlines that the role of the ESAs is essential in fostering the consistent application of Union law and better coordination between national authorities, and in ensuring financial stability, better integrated financial markets and consumer protection; ***points out that a more significant part of the ESAs' resources should be allocated to retail investor and consumer protection;***

Or. en

Amendment 15

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Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Welcomes the inclusion of adequate resources in the 2018 budget to support the European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs); underlines that the role of the ESAs is essential in fostering the consistent application of Union law and better coordination between national authorities, and in ensuring financial stability, better integrated financial markets and consumer protection; emphasises that the ESAs must *stick strictly to* the tasks assigned to them by the European Parliament *and the Council and must not seek to broaden their mandate beyond those assignments*;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the inclusion of adequate resources *provided for* in the 2018 budget to support the European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs); underlines that the role of the ESAs is essential in fostering the consistent application of Union law and better coordination between national authorities, and in ensuring financial stability, better integrated financial markets and consumer protection; emphasises that the ESAs must *fulfil* the tasks assigned to them by the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Neena Gill

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Amendment 17
Markus Ferber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Or. en

Amendment 18
Barbara Kappel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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the ESAs must stick strictly to the tasks assigned to them by the European **Parliament and the Council** and must not seek to broaden their mandate beyond those assignments;

the ESAs must stick strictly to the tasks assigned to them by the European **legislator** and must not seek to *de facto* broaden their mandate beyond those assignments;

Or. en

Amendment 19 **Sander Loones**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 20 **Notis Marias**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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fostering the consistent application of Union law and better coordination between national authorities, and in ensuring financial stability, better integrated financial markets and consumer protection; emphasises that the ESAs must stick strictly to the tasks assigned to them by the European Parliament and the Council and must not seek to broaden their mandate beyond those assignments;

Or. el

Amendment 21
Sander Loones

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. *Believes that the budget of the ESAs still has rationalisation potential; stresses, therefore, that any potential increases in the means of the ESAs should be accompanied by adequate rationalisation measures;*

Or. en

Amendment 22
Auke Zijlstra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Suggests that, as the workload of the ESAs is shifting from legislative tasks to supervisory convergence and enforcement, the budget ***and manpower of the ESAs*** should be ***allocated accordingly; emphasises that all three agencies will have to assign resources to analyse the implications of Brexit for the future of***

3. Suggests that, as the workload of the ESAs is shifting from legislative tasks to supervisory convergence and enforcement, the budget should be ***given back to the Member States and the authorities should cease to exist;***

Amendment 23
Olle Ludvigsson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. *Suggests that, as the workload of the ESAs is shifting from legislative tasks to supervisory convergence and enforcement, the budget and manpower of the ESAs should be allocated accordingly;* emphasises that all three agencies will have to assign resources to analyse the implications of Brexit for the future of Union financial markets;

Amendment

3. Emphasises that all three agencies will have to assign resources to analyse the implications of Brexit for the future of Union financial markets;

Amendment 24
Markus Ferber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Suggests that, as the workload of the ESAs is shifting from legislative tasks to supervisory convergence and enforcement, the budget and manpower of the ESAs should be allocated accordingly; emphasises that all three agencies will have to assign resources to analyse the implications of Brexit for the future of *Union* financial markets;

Amendment

3. Suggests that, as the workload of the ESAs is *increasingly* shifting from legislative tasks to supervisory convergence and enforcement, the budget and manpower of the ESAs should be allocated accordingly; emphasises that all three agencies will have to assign resources to analyse the implications of Brexit for the future of *the Union's* financial markets;

Amendment 25

Alfred Sant

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3**

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

**Amendment 26
Neena Gill**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 4**

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that the ESAs should ensure that the IT-systems used are **as** efficient, secure and cost-effective **as possible**;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that the ESAs should ensure that the IT-systems used are efficient, secure, and cost-effective; **therefore, in order to make further efficiency gains, calls for a common administrative organisation, consisting of a common IT department, and a common HR department.**

Or. en

**Amendment 27
Notis Marias**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 4**

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that the ESAs should

Amendment

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ensure that the IT-systems used are as efficient, secure and cost-effective as possible;

ensure that the IT-systems used are as efficient, ***user-friendly***, secure and cost-effective as possible;

Or. el

Amendment 28
Olle Ludvigsson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. ***Reiterates that the financing of the ESAs should be reviewed; calls on the Commission to examine the possibility of introducing calibrated fees for market participants partly replacing the contributions of national competent authorities;***

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 29
Markus Ferber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Reiterates that the financing of the ESAs should be reviewed; calls on the Commission to examine the possibility of introducing calibrated fees for market participants partly replacing the contributions of national competent authorities;

Amendment

5. Reiterates that the financing of the ESAs should be reviewed; calls on the Commission to examine ***in the framework of the upcoming ESA review*** the possibility of introducing calibrated fees for market participants partly replacing the contributions of national competent authorities; ***encourages the Commission to make a proposal for the ESA review shortly;***

Or. en

Amendment 30
Neena Gill

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Reiterates that the financing of the ESAs should be reviewed; calls on the Commission to ***examine the possibility of*** introducing calibrated fees for market participants partly replacing the contributions of national competent authorities;

Amendment

5. Reiterates that the financing of the ESAs should be reviewed; calls on the Commission to ***come forward with a proposal*** introducing calibrated fees for market participants partly replacing the contributions of national competent authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Nils Torvalds

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Reiterates that the financing of the ESAs should be reviewed; calls on the Commission to ***examine the possibility of introducing*** calibrated fees for market participants partly replacing the contributions of national competent authorities;

Amendment

5. Reiterates that the financing of the ESAs should be reviewed; calls on the Commission to ***propose the introduction of*** calibrated fees for market participants partly replacing the contributions of national competent authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Miguel Viegas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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Amendment

5. Reiterates that the financing of the ESAs should be reviewed; calls on the Commission to examine the possibility of

introducing calibrated fees for market participants partly replacing the contributions of national competent authorities;

introducing calibrated fees for market participants partly replacing the contributions of national competent authorities, *without calling into question the ESAs' independence in relation to financial power*;

Or. pt

Amendment 33
Barbara Kappel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Reiterates that the financing of the ESAs *should* be reviewed; calls on the Commission to examine the possibility of introducing calibrated fees for market participants partly replacing the contributions of national competent authorities;

Amendment

5. Reiterates that the financing of the ESAs *could* be reviewed; calls on the Commission to examine the possibility of introducing calibrated fees for market participants partly replacing the contributions of national competent authorities; *acknowledges, however, the deteriorating profitability of Union banks and stresses the financial impact of low and negative interest rates; suggests that any possible shift in financing arrangements by market participants should be postponed until the systemic risk sensitivity in the aftermath of the crisis has been resolved*;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Sander Loones

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Reiterates that the financing of the ESAs should be reviewed; calls on the Commission to examine the possibility of introducing calibrated fees for market

Amendment

5. Reiterates that the financing of the ESAs should be reviewed; calls on the Commission to examine the possibility of introducing *appropriately and*

participants partly replacing the contributions of national competent authorities;

proportionately calibrated fees for market participants partly replacing the contributions of national competent authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Reiterates that the financing of the ESAs should be reviewed; calls on the Commission to examine the possibility of introducing calibrated fees for market participants *partly* replacing the contributions of national competent authorities;

Amendment

5. Reiterates that the financing of the ESAs should be reviewed; calls on the Commission to examine the possibility of introducing calibrated fees for market participants replacing the contributions of national competent authorities;

Or. el

Amendment 36
Auke Zijlstra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Reiterates that the financing of the ESAs should be reviewed; *calls on the Commission to examine the possibility of introducing calibrated fees for market participants partly replacing the contributions of national competent authorities;*

Amendment

5. Reiterates that the financing of the ESAs should be reviewed;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Barbara Kappel

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Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Highlights the importance of contributions of national competent authorities in guaranteeing national interests; points out that the banking industry already contributes heavily to regulation and supervision (e.g. SSM fees 2016: € 404,5 million; SRB contributions 2017: € 90,7 million);

Or. en

Amendment 38
Miguel Viegas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Underlines that the costs for moving the European Banking Authority (EBA) from London should be borne by the UK;

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 39
Neena Gill

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Underlines that the costs for moving the European Banking Authority (EBA) from London should be borne by the UK;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 40
Sander Loones

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Underlines that the costs *for* moving the European Banking Authority (EBA) from London should be *borne by the UK*;

Amendment

6. Underlines that the costs *incurred by* moving the European Banking Authority (EBA) from London should be *allocated appropriately*;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Kay Swinburne

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Underlines that the costs *for* moving the European Banking Authority (EBA) from London should be *borne by the UK*;

Amendment

6. Underlines that the costs *incurred by* moving the European Banking Authority (EBA) from London should be *allocated appropriately*;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Alfred Sant

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Underlines that the costs *for* moving the European Banking Authority (EBA) from London should be borne by the UK;

Amendment

6. Underlines that the costs *of* moving the European Banking Authority (EBA) from London should be borne by the UK; *points out, however, that the Commission should have prepared the necessary financial allocations in the eventuality that it would have to bear the implied*

costs;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Sven Giegold

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Underlines that the costs *for* moving the European Banking Authority (EBA) from London should be *borne by the UK*;

Amendment

6. Underlines that the costs *of* moving the European Banking Authority (EBA) from London should be *negotiated diligently and within the framework of the current MFF*;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Markus Ferber

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Underlines that the costs *for* moving the European Banking Authority (EBA) from London should be borne by the *UK*;

Amendment

6. Underlines that the *entire* costs *of* moving the European Banking Authority (EBA) from London should be borne by the *United Kingdom*;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Auke Zijlstra

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Underlines that the costs *for*

Amendment

6. Underlines that the costs *of* moving

moving the European Banking Authority (EBA) from London should be *borne by the UK*;

the European Banking Authority (EBA) from London should be *settled in the spirit of the Treaty and in recognition of the pivotal role of the British in the history of the European continent*;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Miguel Viegas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. *Points out that considerable efficiency gains could be achieved by merging EBA with at least one of the two other ESAs.*

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 47
Olle Ludvigsson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. *Points out that considerable efficiency gains could be achieved by merging EBA with at least one of the two other ESAs.*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 48
Nils Torvalds

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. ***Points out that considerable efficiency gains could be achieved by merging EBA*** with at least one of the two other ESAs.

Amendment

7. ***Stresses that EBA should be merged*** with at least one of the two other ESAs ***which would achieve considerable efficiency gains and strengthen the Union financial supervisory architecture.***

Or. en

Amendment 49
Neena Gill

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Points out that considerable efficiency gains ***could*** be achieved by merging EBA with at least one of the two other ESAs.

Amendment

7. Points out that considerable efficiency gains ***should*** be achieved by merging EBA with at least one of the two other ESAs ***and calls upon the Commission to come forward with other measures to achieve efficiency gains.***

Or. en

Amendment 50
Auke Zijlstra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. ***Points out*** that considerable efficiency gains could be achieved by merging EBA with at least one of the two other ESAs.

Amendment

7. ***Welcomes the suggestion*** that considerable efficiency gains could be achieved by merging EBA with at least one of the two other ESAs ***with a vision of reducing resources.***

Or. en

Amendment 51
Sander Loones

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 7**

Draft opinion

7. *Points out that considerable efficiency gains could be achieved by merging EBA with at least one of the two other ESAs.*

Amendment

7. *Considers that efficiency must be the critical criterion in the decision-making process on EBA relocation.*

Or. en

**Amendment 52
Alfred Sant**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 7**

Draft opinion

7. *Points out that considerable efficiency gains could be achieved by merging EBA with at least one of the two other ESAs.*

Amendment

7. *Welcomes the Commission initiative to assess the current institutional framework of the ESAs and possible efficiency gains that could be achieved through a change in the current structure.*

Or. en

**Amendment 53
Markus Ferber**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. *Points out that a significant part of each of the respective budgets of the ESAs is spent on renting office spaces; notes that rent prices vary considerably between ESAs; notes that EIOPA's rent is EUR 29/m² per month while ESMA's rent is EUR 52,5/m² per month; points out that the cost of renting office space should be given careful consideration when deciding about the relocation of EBA;*

Amendment 54
Jakob von Weizsäcker

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. Stresses that in the field of digitalisation of financial services, particularly with regard to distributed ledger technology (DLT), a further build-up of technical expertise is needed to be better able to react to potential challenges and therefore expressly supports continued funding for the Horizontal Task Force Distributed Ledger Technology; further calls for the development of use cases for governmental application to harness the innovative potential of the technology;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Olle Ludvigsson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. Points out the need to ensure the adequate resources to support the Union action to fight tax fraud, tax evasion and aggressive tax planning, notably through a preparatory action on capacity building, programmatic development and communication in the context of the fight against tax avoidance, tax evasion and tax fraud, following the pilot project launched in 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. Is of the opinion that increased resources should be allocated in the framework of the 2018 Union budget in order to conduct a comprehensive and unbiased assessment of the risk posed by third countries in terms of their strategic deficiencies in the area of anti-money laundering and countering terrorist financing, based on criteria defined in Article 9 of Directive (EU) 2015/849 and establish a list of 'high-risk' jurisdictions;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Olle Ludvigsson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 b. Reiterates its critique on the fact that the user-friendliness of Eurostat's website continues to leave significant room for improvement; calls on Eurostat to make improvements in that regard and to ensure that all objectives from the European Statistical Programme are in fact accomplished.

Or. en

Amendment 58
Sven Giegold
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 b. Welcomes the readiness of Eurostat to improve the user-friendliness of its online data and deems therefore that the budgetary reserve adopted last year does not need to be repeated; calls on Eurostat to implement in that perspective the requirements provided for in the 2018-2020 extension of the European Statistical Programme;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Olle Ludvigsson, Pervenche Berès

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 c. Calls on the Commission to continue the reform of the European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG), in particular with regard to its task and responsibilities, thereby also strengthening the Union's influence in international accounting standard-setting.

Or. en

Amendment 60
Olle Ludvigsson, Pervenche Berès

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 d. Stresses the importance of supporting the Commission's completion of its Capital Markets Union initiative, as

well as ensuring the implementation of the Consumer Financial Services Action Plan, thereby benefiting consumers, businesses and investors.

Or. en