



5.11.2018

OPINION

of the Committee on Budgets

for the Committee on Legal Affairs and the Committee on Civil Liberties,
Justice and Home Affairs

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
establishing the Justice programme
(COM(2018)0384 – C8-0235/2018 – 2018/0208(COD))

Rapporteur for opinion: Esteban González Pons

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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Budgets calls on the Committee on Legal Affairs and the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, as the committees responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

Amendment 1

Draft legislative resolution Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft legislative resolution

Amendment

1a. Recalls its resolution of 14 March 2018 on the next MFF: Preparing the Parliament's position on the MFF post-2020^{1a}; reiterates its support for programmes in the areas of culture, education, media, youth, sport, democracy, citizenship and civil society that have clearly demonstrated their European added value and enjoy lasting popularity among beneficiaries; reiterates that a stronger and a more ambitious Union can only be achieved if it is provided with reinforced financial means; calls, therefore, for providing continuous support to existing policies, for increasing resources to the Union's flagship programmes, and for additional responsibilities to be matched with additional financial means;

^{1a} *Text adopted, P8_TA(2018)0075*

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation Recital 19 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(19 a) It is important to ensure sound financial management of the programme

and its implementation in the most effective and user-friendly manner possible, while also ensuring legal certainty and the accessibility of the programme to all participants.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation Recital 19 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(19 b) Improving implementation and quality of spending should constitute guiding principles for achieving the objectives of the programme while ensuring optimal use of the financial resources;

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation Recital 24 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(24 a) The proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on the protection of the Union's budget in case of generalised deficiencies as regards the rule of law in the Member States aims to equip the Union to better protect its budget when weaknesses in the rule of law impair or threaten to impair sound financial management of the financial interests of the Union. It should complement the Justice programme whose role is different, namely to further support the development of a European Area of Justice based on the rule of law and mutual trust and ensure people can enjoy their rights.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021 – 2027 shall be EUR [305 000 000] in current prices.

Amendment

1. ***Within the meaning of [reference to be updated as appropriate according to the new inter-institutional agreement: point 17 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management], the financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021 – 2027, representing the prime reference for the budgetary authority during the annual budgetary procedure, shall be EUR 316 000 000 in 2018 prices (EUR 356 000 000 in current prices).***

Justification

The financial envelope is proposed to be amended in line with the EP resolutions of 14 March and 30 May on the next MFF, based on a preliminary technical breakdown per programme that could be subject to further adjustments, while respecting the overall EP position as set out in those resolutions and the overall level of the 1.3% EU-27 GNI.

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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and double-sourcing of Funds is avoided by clearly indicating the sources of funding for each category of expenditure, in line with the principle of sound financial management. [The cumulative financing shall not exceed the total eligible costs of the action and the support from different Union programmes may be calculated on a pro-rata basis].

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

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PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Title	Justice programme	
References	COM(2018)0384 – C8-0235/2018 – 2018/0208(COD)	
Committees responsible Date announced in plenary	JURI 14.6.2018	LIBE 14.6.2018
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Rapporteur Date appointed	Esteban González Pons 28.6.2018	
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Result of final vote	+: 24 –: 3 0: 1	
Members present for the final vote	Jean Arthuis, Reimer Böge, Lefteris Christoforou, Gérard Deprez, André Elissen, José Manuel Fernandes, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Ingeborg Gräßle, Monika Hohlmeier, John Howarth, Bernd Kölmel, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Vladimír Maňka, Siegfried Mureşan, Jan Olbrycht, Paul Rübig, Eleftherios Synadinos, Indrek Tarand, Isabelle Thomas, Inese Vaidere, Daniele Viotti, Tiemo Wölken, Marco Zanni	
Substitutes present for the final vote	Karine Gloanec Maurin, Alain Lamassoure, Janusz Lewandowski, Andrey Novakov	
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Michael Detjen	

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

24	+
ALDE	Jean Arthuis, Gérard Deprez
ECR	Zbigniew Kuźmiuk
PPE	Reimer Böge, Lefteris Christoforou, José Manuel Fernandes, Ingeborg Gräßle, Monika Hohlmeier, Alain Lamassoure, Janusz Lewandowski, Siegfried Mureşan, Andrey Novakov, Jan Olbrycht, Paul Rübig, Inese Vaidere
S&D	Michael Detjen, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Karine Gloanec Maurin, John Howarth, Vladimír Maňka, Isabelle Thomas, Daniele Viotti, Tiemo Wölken
VERTS/ALE	Indrek Tarand

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ECR	Bernd Kölmel
ENF	André Elissen, Marco Zanni

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NI	Eleftherios Synadinos

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention