



2016/2047(BUD)

29.8.2016

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

2017 Budget
(2016/2047(BUD))

Committee on Development

Rapporteur: Nirj Deva

AB

Draft amendment 6005

==== DEVE/6005 ====

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 01 01 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff — Headquarters

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 01 01 01	65 266 714	65 266 714	67 426 603	67 426 603	66 726 196	66 726 196	700 407	700 407	67 426 603	67 426 603
Reserve										
Total	65 266 714	65 266 714	67 426 603	67 426 603	66 726 196	66 726 196	700 407	700 407	67 426 603	67 426 603

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 6007

==== DEVE/6007 ====

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 01 02 01 — External personnel — Headquarters

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 01 02 01	2 527 766	2 527 766	2 703 539	2 703 539	2 655 661	2 655 661	47 878	47 878	2 703 539	2 703 539
Reserve										
Total	2 527 766	2 527 766	2 703 539	2 703 539	2 655 661	2 655 661	47 878	47 878	2 703 539	2 703 539

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 6008

==== DEVE/6008 ====

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 01 02 02 — External personnel — Union delegations

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 01 02 02	2 703 892	2 703 892	2 467 391	2 467 391	2 423 913	2 423 913	43 478	43 478	2 467 391	2 467 391
Reserve										
Total	2 703 892	2 703 892	2 467 391	2 467 391	2 423 913	2 423 913	43 478	43 478	2 467 391	2 467 391

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 6009

==== DEVE/6009 ====

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 01 02 12 — Other management expenditure — Union delegations

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 01 02 12	3 749 284	3 749 284	3 536 082	3 536 082	3 407 783	3 407 783	128 299	128 299	3 536 082	3 536 082
Reserve										
Total	3 749 284	3 749 284	3 536 082	3 536 082	3 407 783	3 407 783	128 299	128 299	3 536 082	3 536 082

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 6010

==== DEVE/6010 ====

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 01 03 02 — Buildings and related expenditure — Union delegations

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 01 03 02	17 674 595	17 674 595	16 899 666	16 899 666	16 669 190	16 669 190	230 476	230 476	16 899 666	16 899 666
Reserve										
Total	17 674 595	17 674 595	16 899 666	16 899 666	16 669 190	16 669 190	230 476	230 476	16 899 666	16 899 666

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 5959

==== DEVE/5959 ====

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 01 04 01	83 880 954	83 880 954	84 993 151	84 993 151	81 923 151	81 923 151	3 070 000	3 070 000	84 993 151	84 993 151
Reserve										
Total	83 880 954	83 880 954	84 993 151	84 993 151	81 923 151	81 923 151	3 070 000	3 070 000	84 993 151	84 993 151

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 5960

=== DEVE/5960 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 01 06 01 — Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency — Contribution from Development Cooperation Instruments (DCIs)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 01 06 01	2 332 000	2 332 000	2 650 000	2 650 000	2 310 000	2 310 000	340 000	340 000	2 650 000	2 650 000
Reserve										
Total	2 332 000	2 332 000	2 650 000	2 650 000	2 310 000	2 310 000	340 000	340 000	2 650 000	2 650 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 6033

=== DEVE/6033 ===

Tabled by Davor Ivo Stier, Joachim Zeller, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, György Hölvényi

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 02 01 — Cooperation with Latin America

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 01	320 267 528	133 651 000	333 350 242	245 571 576	318 350 242	235 771 576	15 000 000	9 800 000	333 350 242	245 571 576
Reserve										
Total	320 267 528	133 651 000	333 350 242	245 571 576	318 350 242	235 771 576	15 000 000	9 800 000	333 350 242	245 571 576

Remarks:

After list ending with:

- promote policy reform particularly in the area of actions to enhance development of countries and regions.

Add following text:

Development cooperation will be delivered also via civil society and faith-based organisations, when they complement and support the work of the government and the EU toward the SDGs.

Justification:

Besides a reliable government, EU should be able to use the most efficient channels for its cooperation programmes, including civil society and faith-based organisations (FBO) which are present from long date, are experienced and trusted locally. So far EU financial rules limit FBO to apply for funding if they register as an NGO, leaving thousands of people at their charge out of the EU reach. Although funding should not be given for religious activities, FBO's role mitigating poverty and promoting development is undeniable as they focus on the most vulnerable sectors of the population.

Draft amendment 5961

=== DEVE/5961 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 02 01 — Cooperation with Latin America

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 01	320 267 528	133 651 000	333 350 242	245 571 576	318 350 242	235 771 576	15 000 000	9 800 000	333 350 242	245 571 576
Reserve										
Total	320 267 528	133 651 000	333 350 242	245 571 576	318 350 242	235 771 576	15 000 000	9 800 000	333 350 242	245 571 576

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 6018

=== DEVE/6018 ===

Tabled by Nirj Deva, rapporteur, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 02 01 — Cooperation with Latin America

Amend remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 01	320 267 528	133 651 000	333 350 242	245 571 576	318 350 242	235 771 576			318 350 242	235 771 576
Reserve										
Total	320 267 528	133 651 000	333 350 242	245 571 576	318 350 242	235 771 576			318 350 242	235 771 576

Remarks:

After paragraph:

The purpose of development cooperation under this achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Amend text as follows:

The Commission must continue to report annually on the benchmark used in the past for the assistance to developing countries that is to be allocated to social infrastructure and services, recognising that the Union contribution must be seen as part of overall donor support for the social sectors and that a degree of flexibility must be the norm. Moreover, the Commission will endeavour to ensure that a benchmark of 20 % of its assistance under the DCI will be dedicated to basic social services, with a focus on health and education, and to secondary education, this being an average across all geographical areas, and recognising that here *as well* a degree of flexibility must be the norm, for example where exceptional assistance is involved. This appropriation is intended to cover cooperation schemes in developing countries, territories and regions in Latin America in order to:

- contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the region,
- support trade union, non-governmental organisations and local initiatives to monitor the impact to the investments on the national economy, particularly respect for labour, environmental, social and human rights standards,
- support gender equality, through supporting actions to combat harmful traditional practices such as child marriage, and women empowerment,

- foster the development of civil society,
- combat poverty and social exclusion and promote social cohesion,
- contribute to improve social standards with focus on education, including education and vocational training for employment, and health, and to the improvement of social protection schemes,
- promote a more favourable climate for economic expansion and enhanced productive sector, encourage the transfer of know-how, promote contact and collaboration between business players bi-regionally,
- *promote and encourage, where there is added value, public-private partnerships on a regional scale, as well as together with international partners and financial institutions in areas ranging from energy, infrastructure and telecommunications to sectors such as agriculture, green technologies, water and sanitation, education, research and innovation, healthcare and property rights;*
- promote private sector development, incl. a SME-friendly business climate via i.e. legal property rights, reducing unnecessary administrative burden, improving access to credit, improving associations of small and medium-sized enterprises,
- support efforts towards food security and combat malnutrition,
- support regional integration; in Central America, foster the region's development via enhanced benefits derived from the EU-Central America association agreement,
- promote the sustainable use of natural resources, including water, and the combating of climate change (mitigation and adaptation),
- support efforts for improving good governance and help consolidate democracy, human rights and the rule of law,
- promote policy reform particularly in the area of justice and security and support related actions to enhance development of countries and regions.

Justification:

The EC Communication and the EP report on the role of the 'Private Sector in Development' clearly outline the new EU strategy on partnering with the private sector through public-private partnerships and blending and on supporting private sector development at national and regional levels. It also outlines the importance of financial institutions and investment partners for this new mechanism. These priorities in EU development must be streamlined accordingly in the DB 2017 DCI headings.

=====

Draft amendment 6019

=== DEVE/6019 ===

Tabled by Nirj Deva, rapporteur, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 02 02 — Cooperation with Asia

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 02	666 614 525	265 089 650	671 719 915	280 000 000	653 619 915	270 200 000	48 100 000	19 800 000	701 719 915	290 000 000
Reserve										
Total	666 614 525	265 089 650	671 719 915	280 000 000	653 619 915	270 200 000	48 100 000	19 800 000	701 719 915	290 000 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

This appropriation is intended to include actions development. Sectors that may be addressed include:

Amend text as follows:

- social protection and jobs, and universal access to health and education,
- business environment, regional integration and world markets,
- sustainable agriculture, nutrition and energy,
- climate change and environment,
- encouraging social cohesion, in particular social inclusion, fair income distribution, decent work and equity and gender equality,
- establishing inclusive partnerships around trade, investment, aid, migration, civil registration, research, innovation and technology,
- supporting an active and organised civil society for *development*, ~~development and fostering public private partnerships,~~
- *promoting, supporting and fostering public-private partnerships, with local and international partners and financial institutions, in areas ranging from energy, infrastructure and telecommunications to sectors such as agriculture, green technologies, water and sanitation, education, research and innovation, healthcare and property rights,*
- *promote private sector development, incl. an SME-friendly business climate via i.e. legal property rights, reducing unnecessary administrative burden, improving access to credit, improving associations of small and medium-sized enterprises,*
- supporting climate change mitigation and adaptation, the promotion of sustainable consumption and production as well as investments in clean technologies, sustainable energies, transport, sustainable agriculture and fisheries, the protection of and enhancement of biodiversity and ecosystem services, including water, sanitation and forests, and decent job including creation for young people and women, in the green economy,
- encouraging greater regional integration and cooperation in a result-oriented way through support to different processes of regional integration and dialogue,
- contributing to preventing and responding to health risks, including those originating at the interface between animals, humans and their various environments,
- supporting disaster preparedness and post-disaster long-term recovery, including in the field of food and nutrition security and assistance to uprooted people,
- strengthening the capacity to provide universal access to basic social services particularly in health and education.

Justification:

The appropriations should be raised to the level foreseen in the financial programming for DCI - Asia, based on the MFF, in order to allow for new initiatives with the private sector and to address challenges and instability in countries such as Bangladesh, Malaysia, Burma/Myanmar. The EC Communication and the EP report on the role of the 'Private Sector in Development' clearly outline the new EU strategy on partnering with the private sector in its geographical programmes.

Draft amendment 6034

=== DEVE/6034 ===

Tabled by Davor Ivo Stier, Joachim Zeller, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, György Hölvényi

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 02 02 — Cooperation with Asia

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 02	666 614 525	265 089 650	671 719 915	280 000 000	653 619 915	270 200 000	18 100 000	9 800 000	671 719 915	280 000 000
Reserve										
Total	666 614 525	265 089 650	671 719 915	280 000 000	653 619 915	270 200 000	18 100 000	9 800 000	671 719 915	280 000 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

This appropriation will address actions related to:

Amend text as follows:

- democracy, human rights including children's and women's rights and the rule of law,
- gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls,
- public sector management,
- tax policy and administration,
- corruption and transparency,
- civil society and local authorities,
- building and strengthening legitimate, effective and accountable public institutions and **bodies based on the principles of equality, liberty and solidarity**, ~~bodies~~, through promotion of institutional reforms (including on good governance and anti-corruption, public financial management, taxation and public administration reform) and legislative, administrative and regulatory reforms in line with international standards, in particular in fragile States and countries in conflict and post-conflict situations,
- in the context of the security and development nexus, fighting against corruption and organised crime, production, consumption and trafficking of drugs and against other forms of trafficking, and supporting efficient border management and cross-border cooperation and improving civil registration.

The purpose of development cooperation under this heading is its contribution to achieving the ~~Sustainable Millennium~~ **Sustainable** Development Goals as well as the promotion of democracy, good governance, respect for human rights and for the rule of law, fostering sustainable development and economic integration and promoting conflict prevention, conflict resolution and reconciliation.

Add following text:

Development cooperation will be delivered also via civil society and faith-based organisations, when they complement and support the work of the government and the EU toward the SDGs.

Justification:

Besides a reliable government, EU should be able to use the most efficient channels for its cooperation programmes, including civil society and faith-based organisations (FBO) which are present from long date, are experienced and trusted locally. So far EU financial rules limit FBO to apply for funding if they register as an NGO, leaving thousands of people at their charge out of the EU reach. Although funding should not be given for religious activities, FBO's role mitigating poverty and promoting development is undeniable as they focus on the most vulnerable sectors of the population.

=====

Draft amendment 5962

=== DEVE/5962 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 02 02 — Cooperation with Asia

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 02	666 614 525	265 089 650	671 719 915	280 000 000	653 619 915	270 200 000	18 100 000	9 800 000	671 719 915	280 000 000
Reserve										
Total	666 614 525	265 089 650	671 719 915	280 000 000	653 619 915	270 200 000	18 100 000	9 800 000	671 719 915	280 000 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

=====

Draft amendment 6020

=== DEVE/6020 ===

Tabled by Nirj Deva, rapporteur, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 02 03 — Cooperation with Central Asia

Amend remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 03	128 698 347	49 066 277	128 810 250	56 000 000	128 210 250	56 000 000			128 210 250	56 000 000
Reserve										
Total	128 698 347	49 066 277	128 810 250	56 000 000	128 210 250	56 000 000			128 210 250	56 000 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

When and where governance reform efforts of a meaningful make use of Union knowledge transfer in all sectors.

Add following text:

Public-private partnerships will also be encouraged nationally and on a regional scale, in cooperation with EU partners and financial institutions in areas ranging from energy, infrastructure and telecommunications to sectors such as agriculture, green technologies, water and sanitation, education, research and innovation, healthcare and property rights.

Justification:

The EC Communication and the EP report on the role of the ‘Private Sector in Development’ clearly outline the new EU strategy on partnering with the private sector through public-private partnerships and blending and on supporting private sector development at national and regional levels. It also outlines the importance of financial institutions and investment partners for this new mechanism. These priorities in EU development must be streamlined accordingly in the DB 2017 DCI headings.

=====

Draft amendment 6032

=== DEVE/6032 ===

Tabled by Davor Ivo Stier, Joachim Zeller, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Committee on Development, György Hölvényi

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 02 03 — Cooperation with Central Asia

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 03	128 698 347	49 066 277	128 810 250	56 000 000	128 210 250	56 000 000	600 000		128 810 250	56 000 000
Reserve										
Total	128 698 347	49 066 277	128 810 250	56 000 000	128 210 250	56 000 000	600 000		128 810 250	56 000 000

Remarks:After paragraph:

The programmes will be implemented with a steady focus gender, will be mainstreamed in all Union programmes.

Amend text as follows:

When and where governance reform efforts of a meaningful nature and genuine democratisation processes exist, providing support for them will be a priority. Similarly, allocations to border management and anti-drugs programmes will depend on the outlook for achieving significant results. Cooperation with civil *society, including faith-based organisations*, ~~society~~ will be a major element of cooperation. Increasingly, collaboration with Member States' agencies to implement these programmes will be chosen, to make use of Union knowledge transfer in all sectors.

Justification:

The EU should be able to work with any type of civil society organization sharing its values and objectives, and with groups that are reliable and trusted locally, including faith-based organizations. So far the EU financial rules only allow faith-based organizations to apply for funding if they register as an NGO. Although funding should not be given for religious activities, FBO's role mitigating poverty and promoting development is undeniable among the most vulnerable sectors including the displaced, the poor, the sick, the handicapped, children, women and the elderly.

=====

Draft amendment 5963

=== DEVE/5963 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 02 03 — Cooperation with Central Asia**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 03	128 698 347	49 066 277	128 810 250	56 000 000	128 210 250	56 000 000	600 000		128 810 250	56 000 000
Reserve										
Total	128 698 347	49 066 277	128 810 250	56 000 000	128 210 250	56 000 000	600 000		128 810 250	56 000 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

=====

Draft amendment 6023

=== DEVE/6023 ===

Tabled by Nirj Deva, rapporteur, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 02 04 — Cooperation with the Middle East

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 04	66 504 914	26 581 395	66 497 174	25 000 000	66 497 174	25 000 000	7 500 000	2 000 000	73 997 174	27 000 000
Reserve										
Total	66 504 914	26 581 395	66 497 174	25 000 000	66 497 174	25 000 000	7 500 000	2 000 000	73 997 174	27 000 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

This appropriation may include actions related to:

Amend text as follows:

- democracy, human rights and the rule of law,
- gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls,
- public sector management,
- tax policy and administration,
- corruption and transparency,
- civil society and local authorities,
- security and development nexus,
- support for microcredit *schemes and building support mechanisms and loan facilities for SMMEs, schemes,*
- *fostering public-private partnerships in areas of medium and high risk, backed by the EU,*
- capacity building to assist agricultural producers in developing countries to *increase production and to* meet Union hygiene and phytosanitary standards necessary for access to the Union market,
- support for refugees and displaced populations,
- promoting social development, social cohesion and fair income distribution.

Justification:

The appropriations should be raised to the level foreseen in the financial programming for DCI - Middle East, in order to allow for new initiatives with the private sector and to address challenges and instability in Iraq and Yemen. There is also a strong need to develop local businesses in the area and improve the overall business climate in the region.

=====

Draft amendment 6036

=== DEVE/6036 ===

Tabled by Davor Ivo Stier, Joachim Zeller, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, György Hölvényi

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 02 04 — Cooperation with the Middle East

Amend remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 04	66 504 914	26 581 395	66 497 174	25 000 000	66 497 174	25 000 000			66 497 174	25 000 000
Reserve										
Total	66 504 914	26 581 395	66 497 174	25 000 000	66 497 174	25 000 000			66 497 174	25 000 000

Remarks:

Before paragraph:

Any income from financial contributions from Member complemented by contributions for Union trust funds.

Amend text as follows:

Emphasis must be placed on operations influencing economic organisation and institutional ***development in spite of imperfect peace and stability situations***,~~development~~, improving the human rights situation, including freedom of expression, freedom of assembly, freedom of the press and media, freedom of religion and belief, including the right to relinquish beliefs, and promoting and protecting digital freedoms, the strengthening of civil society, including operations concerning democratisation, universal access for children of both sexes and women as well as children with disabilities to primary and secondary education, strengthening health systems, in particular with a view to eradicating polio following the latest outbreaks in Syria, Iraq and Israel, the environment, and the sustainable management of natural resources, including tropical forests, regional cooperation, disaster prevention and risk reduction, including climate-change-related hazards, and reconstruction measures, as well as the promotion of sustainable energy, the fight against climate change and the promotion of digital freedoms in connection with internet and information and communication technology use.

This appropriation is also intended to cover measures promoting conflict prevention, conflict resolution and ***reconciliation, where the role of faith-based organisations (FBOs) is crucial to success***.~~reconciliation.~~

It is also intended to cover support for the development of civil society and, in particular, support for the activities of non-governmental organisations promoting and defending the rights of vulnerable groups, such as women, children, LGBTI people, ethnic and religious minorities, atheists and people with disabilities. ***Also in the Middle East, FBOs are often the one institution that remains supplying services in remote areas marred by conflict either natural or man-made.***

After paragraph:

This appropriation may include actions related to:

Amend text as follows:

- democracy, human rights and the rule of law,
- gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls,
- public sector management,
- ***education particularly in areas inside or near conflict zones,***
- ***health services to the population inside or near conflict zones,***
- ***basic lodging and transport infrastructure to guarantee the re-development of the economy inside or near conflict zones,***
- tax policy and administration,
- corruption and transparency,
- civil society and local authorities,
- security and development nexus,
- support for microcredit schemes,
- capacity building to assist agricultural producers in developing countries to meet Union hygiene and phytosanitary standards necessary for access to the Union market,
- support for refugees and displaced populations,

- promoting social development, social cohesion and fair income distribution.

Justification:

Even when a reliable government is missing, EU should be able to use the most efficient channels for its cooperation programmes, including civil society and faith-based organisations (FBO) which are experienced and trusted locally. So far EU financial rules limit FBO to apply for funding if they register as an NGO, leaving thousands of people at their charge out of the EU reach. Although funding should not be given for religious activities, FBO's role mitigating poverty and promoting development is undeniable as they focus on the most vulnerable sectors of the population.

=====

Draft amendment 6035

=== DEVE/6035 ===

Tabled by Davor Ivo Stier, Joachim Zeller, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, György Hölvényi

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 02 06 — Cooperation with South Africa

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 06	60 000 000	12 678 745	59 770 001	16 446 000	51 870 001	11 246 000	7 900 000	5 200 000	59 770 001	16 446 000
Reserve										
Total	60 000 000	12 678 745	59 770 001	16 446 000	51 870 001	11 246 000	7 900 000	5 200 000	59 770 001	16 446 000

Remarks:

Before paragraph:

Employment creation has been identified as one of area of skills development and placement assistance.

Amend text as follows:

This appropriation is intended to cover assistance to the Government of South Africa in reducing unemployment from around 25 % (2013) to 14 % (2020), in transforming the education, training and innovation system so that it can contribute to improved economic performance of the country **and skilled entrepreneurship** (60 % of learners drop out before taking their end of school exam, and only 12 % of learners receive a qualification for entry to University) and assist South Africa in fulfilling its developmental and transformative role, including improving service delivery.

After paragraph:

Employment creation has been identified as one of area of skills development and placement assistance.

Amend text as follows:

The support is expected to contribute to improving teaching and learning at pre-school and primary school level; the access to and quality of Technical and Vocational Education and Training and Community **Colleges, including early training in business management;** ~~Colleges;~~ Higher Education Institutions' capacity, and graduate, post-graduate and research output; to strengthening the capacity for Teacher Education within Higher Education Institutions; and improving the functioning of a coherent and coordinated National System of Innovation. **Providers of these types of education include civil society and faith-based organizations.**

After paragraph:

The support is also expected to contribute to strengthening design, implementation, and monitoring

and evaluation.

Amend text as follows:

Also, the overall objective of this programme is to contribute to the implementation of South Africa's recently developed National Development Plan 2030 and the accompanying outcome-based approach, which aim to improve the conditions of life of South Africans including halving poverty and unemployment. The programme purpose is to contribute to the overall objective in the areas of decent employment creation through inclusive economic growth, the improvement of the quality of education and training *to encourage entrepreneurship* and the establishment of an efficient, effective and development oriented public service and an empowered, fair and inclusive citizenship.

Justification:

Education to fight unemployment needs the action of as many stakeholders as possible. Civil society and faith-based organisations are reputed, long time suppliers of education and training services also in remote areas of South Africa, making them ideal EU partners. FBOs are trusted locally. So far EU financial rules limit FBO to apply for funding if they register as an NGO, leaving thousands of people at their charge out of the EU reach. Although funding should not be given for religious activities, FBO's role in education for the most vulnerable sectors of the population is undeniable.

Draft amendment 5966

=== DEVE/5966 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 02 06 — Cooperation with South Africa

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 06	60 000 000	12 678 745	59 770 001	16 446 000	51 870 001	11 246 000	7 900 000	5 200 000	59 770 001	16 446 000
Reserve										
Total	60 000 000	12 678 745	59 770 001	16 446 000	51 870 001	11 246 000	7 900 000	5 200 000	59 770 001	16 446 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 6024

=== DEVE/6024 ===

Tabled by Nirj Deva, rapporteur, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 02 06 — Cooperation with South Africa

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 06	60 000 000	12 678 745	59 770 001	16 446 000	51 870 001	11 246 000	1 900 000	1 200 000	53 770 001	12 446 000
Reserve										
Total	60 000 000	12 678 745	59 770 001	16 446 000	51 870 001	11 246 000	1 900 000	1 200 000	53 770 001	12 446 000

Remarks:

Before paragraph:

Employment creation has been identified as one of area of skills development and placement assistance.

Amend text as follows:

This appropriation is intended to cover assistance to the Government of South Africa in reducing unemployment from around 25 % (2013) to 14 % (2020), in transforming the education, training and innovation system so that it can contribute to improved economic performance of the country (60 % of learners drop out before taking their end of school exam, and only 12 % of learners receive a qualification for entry to University) and assist South Africa in fulfilling its developmental and transformative role, including ***economic growth and*** improving service delivery.

After paragraph:

The support is also expected to contribute to strengthening design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation.

Add following text:

Employment is also to be fostered through public-private partnerships between all willing stakeholders, from local partners to civil society, the EU and financial institutions in sectors ranging from energy, infrastructure and telecommunications to sectors such as agriculture, green technologies, water and sanitation, education, research and innovation, healthcare and property rights. The support is expected to contribute substantially to private sector development and promote SMMEs through various support mechanisms and regulatory provisions favourable to the flourishing of small businesses.

Amend text as follows:

Also, the overall objective of this programme is to contribute to the implementation of South Africa's recently developed National Development Plan 2030 and the accompanying outcome-based approach, which aim to improve the conditions of life of South Africans including halving poverty and ***unemployment, while being aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals.*** ~~unemployment.~~ The programme purpose is to contribute to the overall objective in the areas of decent employment creation through inclusive economic growth, the improvement of the quality of education and training and the establishment of an efficient, effective and development oriented public service and an empowered, fair and inclusive citizenship.

Justification:

The EC Communication and the EP report on the role of the 'Private Sector in Development' clearly outline the new EU strategy on partnering with the private sector through public-private partnerships and blending and on supporting private sector development at national and regional levels. It also outlines the importance of financial institutions and investment partners for this new mechanism. These priorities in EU development must be streamlined accordingly throughout the DB 2017 DCI headings.

Draft amendment 5967

=== DEVE/5967 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 07 01 — Environment and climate change

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 07 01	174 564 526	70 500 000	178 927 294	95 000 000	172 897 294	94 400 000	6 030 000	600 000	178 927 294	95 000 000
Reserve										

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Total	174 564 526	70 500 000	178 927 294	95 000 000	172 897 294	94 400 000	6 030 000	600 000	178 927 294	95 000 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

=====

Draft amendment 6025

=== DEVE/6025 ===

Tabled by Nirj Deva, rapporteur, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 07 01 — Environment and climate change

Amend remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 07 01	174 564 526	70 500 000	178 927 294	95 000 000	172 897 294	94 400 000			172 897 294	94 400 000
Reserve										
Total	174 564 526	70 500 000	178 927 294	95 000 000	172 897 294	94 400 000			172 897 294	94 400 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

This appropriation is intended to provide financial the Global Public Goods and Challenges programme.

Amend text as follows:

It will be used in particular to finance initiatives in the following areas: climate change adaptation and mitigation and transition to climate resilient low-carbon societies; protection, enhancement and sustainable management of natural capital (e.g. biodiversity, ecosystem services, forests, land, water resources); transformation towards an inclusive green economy; integration of environment, climate change and disaster risk reduction in the Union's development cooperation programmes; international governance of environment and climate. Attention will be paid to relevant governance issues and support be given to the pursuit of relevant global targets, such as sustainability goals set within a post-2015 development framework. ***This appropriation also encourages public-private partnerships to fight climate change and support green energy projects in infrastructure, telecommunications and other sectors.***

Justification:

The EC Communication and the EP report on the role of the 'Private Sector in Development' clearly outline the new EU strategy on partnering with the private sector through public-private partnerships and blending and on supporting private sector development at national and regional levels. It also outlines the importance of financial institutions and investment partners in this new mechanism. These priorities in EU development must be streamlined accordingly in the DB 2017 DCI headings.

=====

Draft amendment 6027

=== DEVE/6027 ===

Tabled by Nirj Deva, rapporteur, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 07 02 — Sustainable energy

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 07 02	77 584 234	72 000 000	78 523 242	63 100 000	76 823 242	63 100 000	1 700 000		78 523 242	63 100 000
Reserve										
Total	77 584 234	72 000 000	78 523 242	63 100 000	76 823 242	63 100 000	1 700 000		78 523 242	63 100 000

Remarks:After paragraph:

This appropriation is intended to cover provision the Global Public Goods and Challenges programme.

Amend text as follows:

It will be used for promoting access to reliable, secure, affordable, climate-friendly and sustainable energy services as a key driver for poverty eradication and inclusive growth and development with a special emphasis on the use of local and regional renewable energy sources and on ensuring access for poor people in remote regions. Investments *and public-private partnerships* to improve energy efficiency in generation, transmission, distribution and smart use of energy including through supporting implementation of innovative projects in poor urban and semi-urban communities will be also supported. Likewise, actions for building strategic alliances to achieve sustainable energy goals through facilitating dialogue and coordination with key players and other donors are envisaged.

Justification:

Sustainable energy is crucial to development and the commitments should be restored to the Commission proposal. The EC Communication and the EP report on the role of the 'Private Sector in Development' clearly outline the new EU strategy on partnering with the private sector through public-private partnerships and blending. It also outlines the importance of financial institutions and investment partners for this new mechanism.

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

=====

Draft amendment 5968

=== DEVE/5968 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 07 02 — Sustainable energy**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 07 02	77 584 234	72 000 000	78 523 242	63 100 000	76 823 242	63 100 000	1 700 000		78 523 242	63 100 000
Reserve										
Total	77 584 234	72 000 000	78 523 242	63 100 000	76 823 242	63 100 000	1 700 000		78 523 242	63 100 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

=====

Draft amendment 5950

=== DEVE/5950 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 07 03 — Human development

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 07 03	163 633 821	120 346 000	153 741 313	138 000 000	153 741 313	137 600 000	10 000 000	4 400 000	163 741 313	142 000 000
Reserve										
Total	163 633 821	120 346 000	153 741 313	138 000 000	153 741 313	137 600 000	10 000 000	4 400 000	163 741 313	142 000 000

Justification:

Reinstate the Budget lines of 2016.

=====

Draft amendment 6015

==== DEVE/6015 ====

Tabled by Heidi Hautala, Maria Heubuch, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 07 03 — Human development

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 07 03	163 633 821	120 346 000	153 741 313	138 000 000	153 741 313	137 600 000	9 892 508	-17 254 000	163 633 821	120 346 000
Reserve										
Total	163 633 821	120 346 000	153 741 313	138 000 000	153 741 313	137 600 000	9 892 508	-17 254 000	163 633 821	120 346 000

Justification:

Abolish cuts made in comparison to the 2016 DCI human development budget. Keeping at least 2016 level is crucial to promote knowledge, education, youth and gender equality, notably through access to family planning, sexual and reproductive health and rights, as well as contributing to health systems strengthening and the fight against poverty related diseases.

=====

Draft amendment 6038

==== DEVE/6038 ====

Tabled by Davor Ivo Stier, Joachim Zeller, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, György Hölvényi

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 07 03 — Human development

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 07 03	163 633 821	120 346 000	153 741 313	138 000 000	153 741 313	137 600 000		400 000	153 741 313	138 000 000
Reserve										
Total	163 633 821	120 346 000	153 741 313	138 000 000	153 741 313	137 600 000		400 000	153 741 313	138 000 000

Remarks:

Before paragraph:

In relation to gender equality, programmes to promote selection practices will also be among the objectives.

Amend text as follows:

This appropriation is intended to provide financial support to actions in developing countries under the 'Human development subtheme', covering health, education, gender issues and other aspects of human development, of the 'Global Public Goods and Challenges' programme. It should primarily benefit the poorest ***and the most vulnerable*** sections of the populations in the countries it covers.

The health component will support universal access to good quality essential health services. Priority areas should include child and maternal health, sexual and reproductive health and rights, access to family planning, eradicating polio, protection against and treatment of HIV/AIDS, ***chronic diseases***, tuberculosis, malaria and other poverty-related and neglected diseases, and access to psychological support for victims of violence.

Equal access and quality of education will be supported, including for migrants, ***minorities***, women and girls, with an emphasis on countries furthest from achieving global ***targets, as well as in countries where it is particularly dangerous to pursue the education of girls.***~~targets.~~

After paragraph:

Any income from financial contributions from Member complemented by contributions for Union trust funds.

Amend text as follows:

Where assistance is delivered via budget support, the Commission will support efforts of partner countries to develop parliamentary oversight, audit capacities and transparency. ***Where and when it is deemed more efficient, assistance will be delivered via civil society, including faith-based organizations, with local expertise.***

Justification:

The EU should work with reliable and trusted local groups including the Churches and faith-based organizations (FBO). So far the EU financial rules only allow faith-based organizations to apply for funding if they register as an NGO. Although funding should not be given for religious activities, the role of Churches and FBO mitigating poverty and promoting development is undeniable among the most vulnerable sectors including the displaced, the poor, the sick, the handicapped, children, women and the elderly.

Draft amendment 6026

=== DEVE/6026 ===

Tabled by Nirj Deva, rapporteur, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 07 03 — Human development

Amend remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 07 03	163 633 821	120 346 000	153 741 313	138 000 000	153 741 313	137 600 000			153 741 313	137 600 000
Reserve										
Total	163 633 821	120 346 000	153 741 313	138 000 000	153 741 313	137 600 000			153 741 313	137 600 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

This appropriation is intended to provide financial sections of the populations in the countries it covers.

Amend text as follows:

The health component will support universal access to good quality essential health services. Priority areas should include child and maternal health, sexual and reproductive health and rights, access to family planning, eradicating polio, protection against and treatment of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other poverty-related and neglected diseases, and access to psychological support for victims of violence. ***It also encourages public-private partnerships in health matters, in order to become more cost-effective and gain access to quality services and a wider range of essential medicine.***

After paragraph:

In relation to gender equality, programmes to promote selection practices will also be among the objectives.

Amend text as follows:

The appropriation can also be used for activities in support of children and youth, especially those to ensure full enjoyment of rights and to empower youth more generally, focusing on young girls in particular; health and education; non-discrimination; employment, skills, social protection and social inclusion; ***culture; economic growth, jobs, local private sector development***~~jobs~~ and private sector engagement ***through public-private partnerships and blending opportunities.***~~culture.~~

Justification:

The EC Communication and the EP report on the role of the ‘Private Sector in Development’ clearly outline the new EU strategy on partnering with the private sector through public-private partnerships and blending and on supporting private sector development at national and regional levels. It also outlines the importance of financial institutions and investment partners for this new mechanism. These priorities in EU development must be streamlined accordingly in the DB 2017 DCI headings.

=====

Draft amendment 6021

==== DEVE/6021 ====

Tabled by Nirj Deva, rapporteur, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 07 04 — Food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 07 04	189 495 232	88 783 000	192 181 168	110 000 000	187 701 168	109 100 000	5 480 000	2 900 000	193 181 168	112 000 000
Reserve										
Total	189 495 232	88 783 000	192 181 168	110 000 000	187 701 168	109 100 000	5 480 000	2 900 000	193 181 168	112 000 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

The following three components are included in the theme:

Amend text as follows:

- *Component 1: Generating and exchanging knowledge and fostering innovation* that will generate and apply new knowledge to the challenges of food and nutrition security mainly at international and continental levels. This component will work with existing global and regional initiatives, but also envisages new partnerships that are needed to ensure that knowledge generated by research is used by beneficiaries to improve their income and ***livelihoods; it encourages new partnerships with the private sector, which is ideally placed to train local farmers into producing more and better, while at the same time sustainably including them in their local production and supply chains,***~~livelihoods,~~

- *Component 2: Strengthening and promoting governance and capacity at the global, continental, regional and national levels, for all relevant stakeholders.* This component will support international initiatives addressing food and nutrition security, including land, sustainable fisheries, and improve the effectiveness of dialogue on food and nutrition security issues. It will also foster a coordinated international effort to generate reliable, accessible and timely information and analytical capacity to support evidence-based policymaking and to strengthen and/or set up sustainable regional and national information systems for food security (ISFS) institutions. This component may also support capacity development initiatives of stakeholders such as civil society organisations, farmers' organisations and other inter-professional groups along the value **chain; it aims to strengthen land tenure security and promote property and land rights for all,, including vulnerable communities,**~~chain,~~
- *Component 3: Supporting the poor and nutrition-insecure to react to crises and strengthen resilience.* This component will provide support to countries where there will not be bilateral programmes under geographical programming, to countries which suffer from the consequences from a major unforeseen crisis and/or shock, including natural and man-made disasters, epidemics and major food and nutrition crises in fragile and food crisis prone countries, this component will also support innovative approaches to strengthen prevention and to build resilience. Where relevant, interventions will be also designed in order to enhance synergies and complementarities between humanitarian and development interventions. Joint analysis of the situation performed by humanitarian and development stakeholders will be encouraged.

Justification:

The commitment and payment appropriations should be increased in order to ensure land tenure security, property rights and to respond to challenges faced by the agriculture sector, provide training to small farmers, working together with the private sector to find solutions to support small, local farmers and encourage new technologies for increased productivity; as well as to respond to last-year's payments backlog.

=====

Draft amendment 6037

=== DEVE/6037 ===

Tabled by Davor Ivo Stier, Joachim Zeller, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, György Hölvényi

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 07 04 — Food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 07 04	189 495 232	88 783 000	192 181 168	110 000 000	187 701 168	109 100 000	4 480 000	900 000	192 181 168	110 000 000
Reserve										
Total	189 495 232	88 783 000	192 181 168	110 000 000	187 701 168	109 100 000	4 480 000	900 000	192 181 168	110 000 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

The following three components are included in the theme:

Amend text as follows:

- *Component 1: Generating and exchanging knowledge and fostering innovation* that will generate and apply new knowledge to the challenges of food and nutrition security mainly at international and continental levels. This component will work with existing global and regional initiatives, but also envisages new partnerships **with civil society and faith-based organizations** that are needed to ensure that knowledge generated by research is used by beneficiaries to improve their income and livelihoods,

- *Component 2: Strengthening and promoting governance and capacity at the global, continental, regional and national levels, for all relevant stakeholders.* This component will support international initiatives addressing food and nutrition security, including land, sustainable fisheries, and improve the effectiveness of dialogue on food and nutrition security issues. It will also foster a coordinated international effort to generate reliable, accessible and timely information and analytical capacity to support evidence-based policymaking and to strengthen and/or set up sustainable regional and national information systems for food security (ISFS) institutions. This component may also support capacity development initiatives of stakeholders such as civil society *and faith-based* organisations, farmers’ organisations and other inter-professional groups along the value chain,
- *Component 3: Supporting the poor and nutrition-insecure to react to crises and strengthen resilience.* This component will provide support to countries where there will not be bilateral programmes under geographical programming, to countries which suffer from the consequences from a major unforeseen crisis and/or shock, including natural and man-made disasters, epidemics and major food and nutrition crises in fragile and food crisis prone countries, this component will also support innovative approaches to strengthen prevention and to build resilience. Where relevant, interventions will be also designed in order to enhance synergies and complementarities between humanitarian and development interventions. Joint analysis of the situation performed by humanitarian and development *stakeholders, including faith-based organizations* stakeholders will be encouraged.

Justification:

Protracted conflict and climate change are affecting large human groups which must adapt their food supply chain or else. The EU should work with reliable local groups including civil society and faith-based organizations who know the land and the people and see a food crisis coming. So far the EU financial rules only allow faith-based organizations to apply for funding if they register as an NGO. Funding should not be given for religious activities but their role organizing and reassuring victims of food stress and conflict is undeniable among the most vulnerable sectors in remote areas.

=====

Draft amendment 5969=== DEVE/5969 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 07 04 — Food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 07 04	189 495 232	88 783 000	192 181 168	110 000 000	187 701 168	109 100 000	4 480 000	900 000	192 181 168	110 000 000
Reserve										
Total	189 495 232	88 783 000	192 181 168	110 000 000	187 701 168	109 100 000	4 480 000	900 000	192 181 168	110 000 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

=====

Draft amendment 5952=== DEVE/5952 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 07 05 — Migration and asylum

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 07 05	57 257 470	22 560 000	48 273 912	35 000 000	48 273 912	35 000 000	15 000 000	7 000 000	63 273 912	42 000 000
Reserve										
Total	57 257 470	22 560 000	48 273 912	35 000 000	48 273 912	35 000 000	15 000 000	7 000 000	63 273 912	42 000 000

Justification:

Consider the external aspect of the strategy on migration.

=====

Draft amendment 6039

==== DEVE/6039 ====

Tabled by Davor Ivo Stier, Joachim Zeller, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, György Hölvényi

SECTION III — COMMISSION**Item 21 02 08 01 — Civil society in development****Amend figures and remarks as follows:**

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 08 01	180 875 198	86 753 855	191 932 988	130 000 000	179 132 988	114 500 000	12 800 000	15 500 000	191 932 988	130 000 000
Reserve										
Total	180 875 198	86 753 855	191 932 988	130 000 000	179 132 988	114 500 000	12 800 000	15 500 000	191 932 988	130 000 000

Remarks:Before list beginning with:

- an inclusive and empowered society, including from through strengthened civil society organisations,

Amend text as follows:

This appropriation is intended to support initiatives to strengthen civil society organisations in partner countries and in the Union and beneficiaries eligible under Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 when referring to development education and awareness raising (DEAR) activities. The initiatives to be financed will be primarily carried out by civil society *including faith-based* organisations. Where appropriate, in order to ensure their effectiveness, initiatives may be carried out by other actors for the benefit of the civil society organisations, so as to contribute to:

After paragraph:

Possible activities to be supported by this programme:

Amend text as follows:

- interventions in partner countries which support vulnerable and marginalised groups by providing basic services delivered through civil *society, including faith-based* ~~society~~ organisations,
- capacity development of the targeted actors complementary to support granted in the framework of the national programme, actions aiming at:
 - creating enabling environment for citizen participation and civil society action and the capacity of civil society organisations to participate effectively in policy formulation and in the monitoring of policy implementation processes,
 - facilitating an improved dialogue and better interaction between civil society organisations, local authorities, the State and other development actors in the context of development,
- coordination, capacity development and institutional strengthening of civil society

networks, within their organisations and between different types of stakeholders active in the European public debate on development as well as coordination, capacity development and institutional strengthening of southern networks of civil society organisations and umbrella organisations,

- raising public awareness of development issues, empowering people to become active and responsible citizens and promoting formal and informal education for development in the Union and in candidate countries and potential candidates, to anchor development policy in European societies, to mobilise greater public support for action against poverty and for more equitable relations between developed and developing countries, to raise awareness of the issues and difficulties facing developing countries and their peoples, and to promote the right to a process of development in which all human rights and fundamental freedoms can be fully realised and the social dimension of globalisation.

Justification:

The EU should be able to work with any type of civil society organization sharing its objectives and with groups that are reliable and trusted locally, including the Churches and faith-based organizations. So far the EU financial rules only allow faith-based organizations to apply for funding if they register as an NGO. Although funding should not be given for religious activities, FBO's role mitigating poverty and promoting development is undeniable among the most vulnerable sectors including the displaced, the poor, the sick, the handicapped, children, women and the elderly.

=====

Draft amendment 5970

=== DEVE/5970 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 08 01 — Civil society in development

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 08 01	180 875 198	86 753 855	191 932 988	130 000 000	179 132 988	114 500 000	12 800 000	15 500 000	191 932 988	130 000 000
Reserve										
Total	180 875 198	86 753 855	191 932 988	130 000 000	179 132 988	114 500 000	12 800 000	15 500 000	191 932 988	130 000 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

=====

Draft amendment 5971

=== DEVE/5971 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 08 02 — Local authorities in development

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 08 02	60 291 733	18 116 751	63 310 996	25 000 000	59 700 996	23 500 000	3 610 000	1 500 000	63 310 996	25 000 000
Reserve										
Total	60 291 733	18 116 751	63 310 996	25 000 000	59 700 996	23 500 000	3 610 000	1 500 000	63 310 996	25 000 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 6031

==== DEVE/6031 ====

Tabled by Davor Ivo Stier, Joachim Zeller, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, György Hölvényi

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 02 09 — Pan-Africa programme to support the Joint Africa-European Union Strategy

Amend remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 09	93 468 616	53 691 844	109 203 732	124 670 461	109 203 732	124 670 461			109 203 732	124 670 461
Reserve										
Total	93 468 616	53 691 844	109 203 732	124 670 461	109 203 732	124 670 461			109 203 732	124 670 461

Remarks:

After list ending with:

- development of a knowledge-based and skilled-based improvement and availability of accurate statistical data.

Add following text:

Development cooperation will be delivered also via civil society and faith-based organisations, when they complement and support the work of the government and the EU towards the JAES.

Justification:

Besides a reliable government, EU should be able to use the most efficient channels for its cooperation programmes, including civil society and faith-based organisations (FBO) which are present from long date, are experienced and trusted locally. So far EU financial rules limit FBO to apply for funding if they register as an NGO, leaving thousands of people at their charge out of the EU reach. Although funding should not be given for religious activities, FBO's role mitigating poverty and promoting development is undeniable as they focus on the most vulnerable sectors of the population.

Draft amendment 6016

==== DEVE/6016 ====

Tabled by Maria Heubuch, Heidi Hautala, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 77 24 — Pilot project — Mapping the global threat posed by antimicrobial resistance

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 77 24	750 000	375 000	p.m.	300 000	p.m.	300 000	750 000	450 000	750 000	750 000
Reserve										
Total	750 000	375 000	p.m.	300 000	p.m.	300 000	750 000	450 000	750 000	750 000

Justification:

Extension of existing Pilot Project. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) has become a serious threat to global health in the last decade. In order to identify the scope of new interventions and support the development of new antimicrobial agents, it is fundamental to invest in better analysis namely from those countries that still

lack reliable data, such as Sub-Saharan Africa.

Draft amendment 5954

==== DEVE/5954 ====

Tabled by Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 77 25 — Pilot project — Enhance children’s rights, protection and access to education for children and adolescents displaced in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 77 25	700 000	350 000	p.m.	350 000	p.m.	350 000	1 500 000	1 150 000	1 500 000	1 500 000
Reserve										
Total	700 000	350 000	p.m.	350 000	p.m.	350 000	1 500 000	1 150 000	1 500 000	1 500 000

Justification:

It is important to ensure the implementation of the Pilot Project for the period of 2017-2018. The three countries of the Northern Triangle of Central America – El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras – have been increasingly affected by the action of Transnational Organized Crime and other illegal armed groups, which is posing a major challenge to their democratic governance. One of the visible consequences is the elevated rate of displacement of minors.

The pilot project will provide displaced minors protection and support, especially in education.

Draft amendment 5955

==== DEVE/5955 ====

Tabled by Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 77 26 — Pilot project — Education services for children formerly associated with armed forces and groups in the Greater Pibor Administrative Area (GPAA) in South Sudan

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 77 26	500 000	250 000	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	2 000 000	1 500 000	2 000 000	1 500 000
Reserve										
Total	500 000	250 000	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	2 000 000	1 500 000	2 000 000	1 500 000

Justification:

The objectives of the pilot project are to support the reintegration of child soldiers in the former Greater Pibor Administrative Area, now Boma State. For that we need to ensure means, since the EC has already reported that with the initial 500.000 in not implementable in the form and with the objectives originally put forward

Draft amendment 5972

==== DEVE/5972 ====

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Norbert Neuser, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 77 27 — Pilot project — Piloting the use of Participatory Rangeland Management (PRM) in Kenya and Tanzania

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 77 27	500 000	250 000	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	2 000 000	1 000 000	2 000 000	1 000 000
Reserve										
Total	500 000	250 000	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	2 000 000	1 000 000	2 000 000	1 000 000

Remarks:

Before paragraph:

Timeline for the pilot project: a period of 2 years.

Amend text as follows:

This appropriation is intended to ~~extend over commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the existing Pilot Project for a second budgetary year.~~ **pilot project.**

Justification:

This project which is about to start with appropriations under the 2016 budget and the extension of which was positively pre-assessed will establish monitoring systems to coordinate land use and support conservation. The second phase is expected to enhance cohesion between and amongst farmers and pastoralist who are the main users of resources in these areas. It aims to improve livelihoods through promoting sustainable use and management of rangelands that serve as village land and grazing area.

=====

Draft amendment 6028

=== DEVE/6028 ===

Tabled by Nirj Deva, rapporteur, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 21 02 77 28

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 77 28							2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000
Reserve										
Total							2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000

Heading:

Preparatory action — Support for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMMEs) in developing countries

Remarks:

Add following text:

Objectives:

This preparatory action aims to fund and work with organisations, both private and non-governmental, which develop sustainable programs to support micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMMEs) in developing countries in the following ways:

- *national and regional entrepreneurship competitions,*
- *access to capital and appropriate financial services through different ways, ranging from capacity*

strengthening of financial intermediaries to the provision of capital,

- *use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) as a tool for achieving financial inclusion of the poor,*
- *legal and financial support for businesses moving from informality into the formal private sector,*
- *programmes for supporting youth start-ups,*
- *promoting female entrepreneurship,*
- *access to equity loans, credits and micro-credits,*
- *business training for potential entrepreneurs,*
- *financing for social businesses.*

Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMMs), which form the backbone of all market economies, face much heavier regulatory burdens in developing countries than within the EU, and most of them resort to operating in the informal economy, which is wracked with volatility and where they are denied legal protection, labour rights and access to finance.

Concerted action in this area has the potential of creating hundreds of thousands of new jobs for the local communities in developing countries, creating a vibrant climate where private initiatives can further flourish, expand and generate wealth.

Implementation: It is envisaged that this initiative should be implemented by launching a call for proposals to finance such activities during the first quarter of 2017.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

Supporting SMMs is paramount to the success and implementation of SDG 8. Both the EP and the EC are fully committed to the support of SMMs in developing countries, as outlined in the EC Communication 'A stronger role of the private sector in development' and the EP report on 'Private Sector and Development'. This Preparatory Action aims to provide an avenue of action to contribute to the implementation of the EU's policy on developing the local private sector in developing countries.

=====

Draft amendment 6040

==== DEVE/6040 ====

Tabled by Maria Heubuch, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 21 02 77 29

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 77 29							300 000	300 000	300 000	300 000
Reserve										
Total							300 000	300 000	300 000	300 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Population, Health and Environment programmes: learning from

integrated approaches to achieving sustainable development

Remarks:

Add following text:

This project will support knowledge generation on the added-value of integrated solutions to tackle inter-linked development challenges at the community level. It will do so by supporting a study that identifies and compiles good practices of so-called Population, Health, and Environment (PHE) programmes. These programmes provide an integrated and human rights-based response to complex development challenges, such as those identified in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

According to recent data, approximately a fifth of world's population live in ecological hotspots, which are places rich in biodiversity but often lacking basic social services. By empowering communities to manage natural resources in a sustainable way that benefits their livelihoods, people are encouraged to move away from behaviours that threaten both their health and environment. PHE programmes aim to simultaneously improve access to healthcare services, particularly family planning and reproductive health services, while also helping communities conserve the critical ecosystems and community-based solutions that encourage design, input and support from entire communities, including women and girls. This inclusive process has often led to female leadership of programmes and to the development of needs-based integrated solutions, such as rights-based family planning interventions.

Realising the synergies and co-benefits between health and climate change adaptation, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change recognises access to reproductive health services as a possible climate adaptation strategy, as part of a broader carbon reduction strategy, with family planning projects bringing co-benefits in terms of climate, environment and health. As governments' attention at regional and national level turns to implementing the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, they must have the tools to do so effectively. Integrated solutions leveraging the population, health and environment nexus have the potential to be a cost-effective and high impact programming approach to contribute to achieving both the new development agenda and the Paris Agreement.

Recent studies, such as 'The Impact of Population, Health, and Environment Projects: A Synthesis of the Evidence' (USAID and Evidence report, 2015), have assessed PHE projects and concluded respective added-value in addressing health, population and natural resource challenges in communities. But measuring PHE has proven challenging given that evaluations tend to focus more on single-sector than integrated projects; this is also due to a continuous lack of both integrated programming and integrated funding streams. The above-mentioned study also shows that reporting data in some areas, namely those that are most commonly or easily measured, has been done consistently; however this is not the case for all sectors of the integrated programming. Projects that include PHE-type activities have been also subject to insufficient collection and archiving of data.

However, the integrated nature of the 2030 Agenda, in addition to the recent Paris Agreement, calls for equally integrated solutions, and PHE programmes are a prime example thereof. More data on the full spectrum of PHE projects would enable understanding respective potential and results achieved to date in addressing inter-linked development challenges. This has also been the final recommendation of the mentioned Synthesis report.

In order to better evaluate impact of PHE programmes and make data available for replicating and scaling up successful approaches that can help delivering both the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement, this pilot-project will contribute to bridging the evidence gap by:

Track evidence of good practices for PHE implementation:

A review of ongoing interventions in different regions will be done with the aim of informing how to adequately monitor PHE projects from the outset, including establishing a proper baseline assessment. Several PHE initiatives have taken place in remote and vulnerable areas of Eastern Africa as well as in Small Island Developing States (SIDS), particularly in the Pacific, so these regions could be prioritised.

This research would increase a robust evidence base of PHE programs and their impact on the

populations, health and environment sectors as well as the co-benefits in secondary development areas including, but not limited to, gender equality, food security and livelihoods.

Based on this data compilation, the study will also list recommendations for piloting new approaches to document the ‘added value’ of PHE projects and hence inform respective implementation.

The project will consequently build a knowledge base on the added-value of PHE programmes, in addition to identifying good practices regarding design, monitoring and evaluating integrated projects.

The outcomes of these initiatives would, on the one hand, inform existing EU and global development programmes about integrated programming and respective added-value while, on the other hand, reinforce and leverage existing practices that can further serve sustainable development.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

The need for holistic solutions to a myriad of development challenges is now bigger than ever, namely after the identification of the Sustainable Development Goals. Population, Health, and Environment (PHE) programmes have the potential of simultaneously addressing all these challenges.

Draft amendment 6041

=== DEVE/6041 ===

Tabled by Louis Michel, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 21 02 77 30

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 77 30							500 000	450 000	500 000	450 000
Reserve										
Total							500 000	450 000	500 000	450 000

Heading:

Pilot project — The sustainable electrification for rural communities in Myanmar

Remarks:

Add following text:

The project intends to provide recommendations to the Department of Rural Development (Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation) of Myanmar as part of the ongoing development of a regulatory policy framework for private investment in solar mini-grids. The German government-funded DIZ agency is advising the Ministry on individual solar mini-grid projects. Bright Foundation has successfully engaged with DRD and DIZ in Nay Pyi Taw.

BF would like to suggest the involvement of MRCS as implementing partner due to its excellent relations with communities and ability to set up a money collection scheme to prove the viability of solar mini-grids. The outcomes of the project would be shared with regulatory authorities (DRD, DIZ). BF could come up with a number of additional local partners. Part of the money collection could be invested back into the

communities.

BF would like to amend the initial proposal to focus exclusively on electricity mini-grid (no water).

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

The B150 solar technology is developed for mini-grid applications (similar to ADB and WB funded projects), cabling individual households and charging electricity usage. Cables will connect single units with the communities (150-300 households).

The budget is 50% lower than the ADB-funded project while serving the same scope and objectives.

=====

Draft amendment 6042

==== DEVE/6042 ====

Tabled by João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes, Miguel Viegas

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 21 02 77 31

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 77 31							1 000 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	1 000 000
Reserve										
Total							1 000 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	1 000 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Designing and testing user-friendly and youth-led Information and Communication Technologies for improved health in Africa

Remarks:

Add following text:

Youth-friendly health information and services have since long been recognised as a key strategy for improving young people's health. The transition period of adolescence brings about significant changes that can impact both physical and mental wellbeing and for which appropriate solutions are required. To raise awareness of youth on issues affecting them, like HIV/AIDS and sexual and reproductive health or poverty and employment, information and communication technologies (ICT) have been leveraged as an empowerment, information and knowledge exchange tool that allow overcoming distance barriers and socio- economic disadvantages.

But while there are some examples of successful ICT projects for youth-friendly services in Africa, these have suffered from either limited coverage, limited implementation, or both. This is mainly due to the projects' focus on access to different technologies; whereas enabling this access is of paramount importance, it is also key to take into account the nature and type of information and exchange youth needs to be receptive and encourage behaviour change. Existing ICT youth-friendly applications have tended to focus on one-way information sharing and do not allow for interaction nor anonymity, and have provided limited possibilities for feedback loops both between users and between users and providers of services. In addition, existing projects tend to underestimate differences in internet access and IT literacy

among youth in urban and rural areas, and in different countries, with tools and applications catering to only selected groups.

This project will support the development of an interactive youth friendly ICT application in selected countries from the African region that both improves access to youth-friendly health services and promotes the participation of young people in public life. This project should involve other key stakeholders such as local authorities and private sectors; this will be of particular relevance in order to ensure a multi-stakeholder approach, ownership and sustainability are guaranteed.

To do so, the project will consist of three phases:

1) Conduct a feasibility study assessing the needs among youth in a sample of urban and rural areas of strategically selected African countries. This study will define scope, format for an interactive application with adequate youth friendly content and features, and possible synergies to work with and leverage resources from local authorities and private sector, among others. Local government, donors, CSOs and other providers of youth-friendly services and information would notably provide feedback on how this application could support programming; e.g. by providing more information on existing needs and challenges;

2) Based on this feasibility study, develop a beta version of an interactive application that can be piloted with youth in both urban and rural areas of selected African countries; the pilot would aim at improving access to information and referral to services, while allowing for gathering evidence, mapping needs and holding decision-makers to account for commitments on service delivery;

3) Evaluate feedback from youth on user-friendliness and virtual interaction. Accordingly, produce an evaluation report with recommendations for developing a final version of an application that can be subject to longer-term and wider diffusion, adaptable to varying degrees of internet access and IT literacy.

By developing this interactive application that fully caters to comprehensive health needs for youth, this project would be contributing to improving national health systems, ultimately leading to better health-related living standards of young generations and encouraging youth participation in governance and decision-making in Africa. By providing opportunities for immediate feedback from youth, it will support programming of youth health programs, thereby complementing scoping studies, needs assessments and baseline studies currently conducted by a range of stakeholders. ICT would hence be used at a larger extent as part of poverty alleviation strategies, while serving key regional frameworks, such as the African Charter for Participation in Development and Transformation or the African Youth Charter.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

According to WHO, the African region has the highest rates of disability-adjusted life years among adolescents: African young people have a need for health information and services that is currently not being met. Moreover, the African region remains still with the lowest access to ICTs resources, namely for marginalized groups and despite some uptake of the ICT technologies. Such deprivations aggravate prevalent development challenges in the region.

=====

Draft amendment 6043

==== DEVE/6043 ====

Tabled by João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes, Miguel Viegas, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Takis Hadjigeorgiou

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 21 02 77 32

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 77 32							2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000
Reserve										
Total							2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Support the construction of sanitation and water supply facilities

Remarks:

Add following text:

According to UNICEF, 663 millions of people does not have access to safe drinking water, about 2.4 billion of people does not use improved sanitation facilities and almost one billion still practices open defecation. In addition, according to UNICEF, for every \$1 invested in water and sanitation, an average of at least \$4 is returned in increased productivity. Furthermore, hygiene promotion is the most cost-effective health intervention. In fact, water and sanitation investments can have substantial health, economic and development benefits.

The aim of this project is to support the construction of sanitation and water supply facilities in rural areas of sub-Saharan African and South Asia countries that experience a greater shortage of these facilities. This will contribute to guarantee a universal and equitable access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene, as well as to better sanitation practices.

The project should also promote awareness campaigns focused on the importance of practising good hygiene and should have as main target women, young people and children.

Finally, the project is highly desirable since constitutes a response to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted unanimously at the UN in September 2015, namely in what regards the compliance of the objective to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

According to UNICEF, 663 millions of people do not have access to safe drinking water, about 2.4 billion of people does not use improved sanitation facilities and almost one billion still practices open defecation. There is empiric evidence that water and sanitation investments can have substantial health, economic and development benefits.

Draft amendment 6044

==== DEVE/6044 ====

Tabled by João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes, Miguel Viegas

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 21 02 77 33

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 77 33							2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000
Reserve										
Total							2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Support the implementation of pre-school education systems

Remarks:

Add following text:

One of the great benefits of education is its impact on future generations. If at individual level this is expressed in the increased likelihood to break the cycle of poverty, at country's level education promotes more development and economic growth.

Pre-school and primary education are the levels with a higher attendance rate among the poorest children, being the most relevant education levels to ensure future learning.

According to UNICEF, education systems will need to enrol an additional 619 million children aged 3-15 years by 2030, if all children are to realize their right to basic education.

The project should be developed in close collaboration with UNICEF and will have aim to support the construction of pre-schools, particularly in rural areas and poor urban areas. The project will also support the training of kindergarten teachers and the development of pre-school programs, and coordinate efforts to improve access, quality and equity of these programmes. The programmes, to be developed under this project, should not only respect the socio-cultural idiosyncrasies of the country concerned, but should also incorporate the best practices in the world adapted to the concrete reality of the country concerned.

Finally, the project is highly desirable since constitutes a response to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted unanimously at the UN in September 2015, namely in what regards the compliance of the objective to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

Pre-school and primary education are the levels with a higher attendance rate among the poorest children, being the most relevant education levels to ensure future learning.

According to UNICEF, education systems will need to enrol an additional 619 million children aged 3-15 years by 2030, if all children are to realize their right to basic education.

=====

Draft amendment 5965

=== DEVE/5965 ===

Tabled by Maurice Ponga, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 21 02 77 34

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 77 34							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000
Reserve										
Total							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000

Heading:

Preparatory action — Promoting the EU's values through regional mobility for young Oceanian musicians – Euro-Pacific youth orchestra

Remarks:

Add following text:

The EU is a long-standing, important development partner in the South Pacific region. Its profile and influence are declining, however, in particular because of the emergence of new actors, with different values and interests, and the re-emergence of interests in connection with other traditional partners.

The Pacific region includes four Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) associated with the EU; more than half a million EU citizens live there. Those OCT still play an insufficient role in promoting the EU's values and in implementing EU cooperation measures, though they seek active involvement in the inclusive development of their region.

In the Pacific region, more than half the population is under 30. Mobility is a formative experience for young people, bolstering regional integration, and is a factor making for social and cultural inclusion. Music, for its part, is a significant lever for empowerment and expression and can also help to ensure that young people are integrated into society and the labour market.

The objective of the preparatory action, devised by and for young Oceanians as part of a collaborative arrangement between the four OCT and four countries in the South Pacific is to use music, and in particular the European anthem, 'Ode to Joy', to promote the EU and raise its profile in the South Pacific.

It will initially address the objectives of the EU strategy for international cultural relations, adopted on 8 June 2016, which puts culture at the heart of EU international relations, by encouraging cultural exchanges and intercultural cooperation through music. The preparatory action will subsequently facilitate a substantial degree of complementarity with the thematic components funded under the Development Cooperation Instrument's 'Global Public Goods and Challenges' programme.

It will also help to act on the priorities voiced by the OCT during the programming exercise for the 11th European Development Fund, in particular in connection with territorial envelopes, by fostering social development (youth, employment and social integration, education and vocational training).

The preparatory action should make it possible to:

- set up a Euro-Pacific youth orchestra, involving young people aged between 16 and 26, with priority going to those with the least opportunities from four OCT and four countries in the South Pacific;*
- arrange meetings in each OCT and country for rehearsals, and free concerts at cultural and social events open to the general public;*
- promote the EU's values of solidarity and sharing and the European ideal through music.*

A competition will be organised to select the 15 young people from each South Pacific OCT and country who will join the orchestra.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

The preparatory action has been devised by and for young Oceanians in order to promote the EU. Young people form a key audience whose awareness of European values should be heightened. This preparatory action fits in well with the new EU-OCT partnership, for which regional integration is a priority, and with the youth- and training-related priorities set by the OCT and the EU strategy for international cultural relations. It will enable young people in the OCT to be part of a greater regional integration process and to communicate the EU's values in the region.

Draft amendment 5973

=== DEVE/5973 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Norbert Neuser, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 21 02 77 35

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 77 35							1 500 000	500 000	1 500 000	500 000
Reserve										
Total							1 500 000	500 000	1 500 000	500 000

Heading:

Preparatory action — Integrated approach to developing and rolling out health solutions to tackle neglected tropical diseases in endemic areas

Remarks:

Add following text:

This appropriation is intended for new commitments for a Preparatory Action following-up on the 2015/2016 pilot project which only started in 2016 and which had no CA in the 2016 budget.

Existing research and development (R & D) funding mechanisms dedicated to neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) tend to take a siloed approach: gaps persist between the different phases of the R & D cycle and linkages with fringe issues such as WASH and education programmes are not addressed as part of a multi-sector approach. Likewise, the need for equally important incremental research, which can help to significantly improve the acceptability of treatments and diagnostics to populations affected by NTDs, tends to be overlooked.

With the objective of addressing some of the R & D gaps for NTDs, this pilot project will contribute to or co-fund an alternative model that relies on an innovative and coordinated approach to address persistent R&D gaps stemming from market failures. The model will identify a specific part of the gap in R & D for NTDs that disproportionately affect developing countries, and will provide crucial elements for the development of high-quality, accessible, affordable and suitable health solutions.

This project will build on the work carried out under previous preparatory actions and pilot projects on global health research and innovation and support efforts to address identified and recognised gaps in line with the WHO process in connection with the report available at http://www.who.int/phi/cewg_report/en/ and with the list of demonstration projects identified and

preselected by the Global Technical Consultative Meeting on Health R & D Demonstration Projects.

In doing so, while seeking to improve acceptability, the project will contribute to meeting at least one of the following objectives:

- recommending effective and efficient mechanisms for coordination with other current initiatives,*
- proposing innovative ways of decoupling the price of the final product from the cost of the R & D,*
- maximising public-public and public-private partnerships in knowledge sharing, including open knowledge innovation approaches, — strengthening research, development and production capacity, including through technology transfer, in developing countries.*

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

This positively pre-assessed action will contribute to the WHO Global Observatory on Health Research and Development (WHO 69th WHA A69/B/Conf./ 6 of 28 May 2016) to monitor and analyse information on health research and development, amongst others on antimicrobial resistance and emerging infectious diseases that could cause major epidemics. It will contribute to the identify gaps and opportunities for health research and development priorities and support coordinated actions.

=====

Draft amendment 5980

=== DEVE/5980 ===

Tabled by Ignazio Corrao, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 21 02 77 36

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 77 36							500 000	500 000	500 000	500 000
Reserve										
Total							500 000	500 000	500 000	500 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Strengthening surgical and trauma health response in Sierra Leone

Remarks:

Add following text:

According to the findings of the The Lancet Commission on Global Surgery (published in 2015) Governments and International Organizations should strengthen surgical services and the national health systems in low-income and middle-income countries (LMICs) to improve the health of individuals and the economic productivity of countries. The present project will be a catalyst of capacity building strategies thanks to the training of human resources and raising awareness among the population. EMERGENCYs experience in trauma and surgery appraises the need for an increased awareness among local population on the availability of free of charge trauma and surgical care and sensitizing about the importance of timely access to health facilities in case of surgical disease and trauma conditions. National health workers will receive theoretical lessons and on-the-job training by qualified international staff

working in EMERGENCY Surgical Centre in Goderich. Community health workers will receive specific trainings to implement the awareness sessions. The project will contribute to strengthening the capacity of human resources working in the health sector in Sierra Leone and consequently to improve the quality of service delivery of the health system as a whole.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

The healthcare system in Sierra Leone showed its weaknesses during the Ebola outbreak. Indeed, direct causes of uncontrollable spread of the epidemic were mainly due to malfunctioning of the health system, scarce access to healthcare services, lack of skilled medical staff and insufficient awareness on hygiene and health issues within local communities. The country needs to strengthen the capacity of human resources in the mid-term in order to set up sustainable strategies for the development of the health sector.

Draft amendment 6003 === DEVE/6003 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 08 01 — Evaluation of the results of Union aid and follow-up and audit measures

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 08 01	24 620 000	23 127 234	26 044 796	25 521 281	24 044 796	23 721 281	2 000 000	1 800 000	26 044 796	25 521 281
Reserve										
Total	24 620 000	23 127 234	26 044 796	25 521 281	24 044 796	23 721 281	2 000 000	1 800 000	26 044 796	25 521 281

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 6004 === DEVE/6004 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 08 02 — Coordination and promotion of awareness on development issues

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 08 02	10 142 000	10 128 746	10 330 000	13 608 960	10 230 000	11 608 960	100 000	2 000 000	10 330 000	13 608 960
Reserve										
Total	10 142 000	10 128 746	10 330 000	13 608 960	10 230 000	11 608 960	100 000	2 000 000	10 330 000	13 608 960

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 5975

==== DEVE/5975 ====

Tabled by Charles Goerens, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 22 02 77 03

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 02 77 03							1 500 000	750 000	1 500 000	750 000
Reserve										
Total							1 500 000	750 000	1 500 000	750 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Interdisciplinary scientific council for development cooperation policy

Remarks:

Add following text:

Research, whose role ranges from flagging up problems to facilitating solutions, has a key part to play in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) by providing a sound scientific basis for policy-making.

The importance of interlinkages between development issues has been highlighted in the 17 SDG. In this connection, it is essential that a scientific council for development cooperation policy be interdisciplinary in approach in order fully to factor in the global and universal nature of the SDG and make development policies more joined-up.

An interdisciplinary scientific council for development cooperation policy is not intended to be a rigid and permanent set-up; rather, it would network experts meeting regularly at workshops, conferences and panel discussions. It would also produce, upon demand, analyses and discussion papers on the most relevant areas of EU development policy.

It would bring together European research bodies and, as such, would act as the interface between research on the ground and EU policy-making.

The work of the council would be cross-cutting and interdisciplinary in nature; and, consequently, its area of expertise would extend to all domains of interest to the Commission, such as in Africa those identified by the EU-Africa HLPD, without being confined to particular issues or geographical regions. The main advantage of such a council over the various international cooperation projects launched by the EU or its Member States (INCO-Net, ERA-Net and intergovernmental initiatives) would be its more practice-orientated approach and the greater flexibility it would afford in making policy recommendations.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

An interdisciplinary scientific council for development cooperation policy would facilitate knowledge-based

policy-making in key areas such as health, climate change, food security and migration. In addition, the fact that it would be interdisciplinary would make development policies more joined-up and help achieve the SDG by factoring in their interlinkages.

=====

Draft amendment 6011

=== DEVE/6011 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 23 01 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff in the ‘Humanitarian aid and civil protection’ policy area

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 01 01	22 367 897	22 367 897	26 925 388	26 925 388	26 645 696	26 645 696	279 692	279 692	26 925 388	26 925 388
Reserve										
Total	22 367 897	22 367 897	26 925 388	26 925 388	26 645 696	26 645 696	279 692	279 692	26 925 388	26 925 388

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

=====

Draft amendment 6012

=== DEVE/6012 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 23 01 02 01 — External personnel

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 01 02 01	2 021 943	2 021 943	2 720 745	2 720 745	2 673 838	2 673 838	46 907	46 907	2 720 745	2 720 745
Reserve										
Total	2 021 943	2 021 943	2 720 745	2 720 745	2 673 838	2 673 838	46 907	46 907	2 720 745	2 720 745

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

=====

Draft amendment 6013

=== DEVE/6013 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 23 01 02 11 — Other management expenditure

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 01 02 11	1 714 817	1 714 817	1 783 373	1 783 373	1 748 222	1 748 222	35 151	35 151	1 783 373	1 783 373

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Reserve										
Total	1 714 817	1 714 817	1 783 373	1 783 373	1 748 222	1 748 222	35 151	35 151	1 783 373	1 783 373

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

=====

Draft amendment 6014

=== DEVE/6014 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 23 01 03 — Expenditure related to information and communication technology equipment and services of the ‘Humanitarian aid and civil protection’ policy area

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 01 03	1 427 543	1 427 543	1 700 002	1 700 002	1 646 070	1 646 070	53 932	53 932	1 700 002	1 700 002
Reserve										
Total	1 427 543	1 427 543	1 700 002	1 700 002	1 646 070	1 646 070	53 932	53 932	1 700 002	1 700 002

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

=====

Draft amendment 5957

=== DEVE/5957 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 23 01 06 01 — Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency — Contribution from EU Aid Volunteers initiative

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 01 06 01	989 000	989 000	1 039 000	1 039 000	989 000	989 000	50 000	50 000	1 039 000	1 039 000
Reserve										
Total	989 000	989 000	1 039 000	1 039 000	989 000	989 000	50 000	50 000	1 039 000	1 039 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

=====

Draft amendment 5974

=== DEVE/5974 ===

Tabled by Charles Goerens, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 23 02 01 — Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food aid

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 02 01	1 061 821 941	1 428 753 205	893 100 000	1 089 706 885	893 100 000	1 089 706 885	318 700 000	332 593 115	1 211 800 000	1 422 300 000
Reserve										
Total	1 061 821 941	1 428 753 205	893 100 000	1 089 706 885	893 100 000	1 089 706 885	318 700 000	332 593 115	1 211 800 000	1 422 300 000

Justification:

Given the current world situation and its unprecedented number of humanitarian crisis, the budget line n° 23.02.01 must be raised to the 2016 level (Implementation Figures as of 12.07.2016).

=====

Draft amendment 5951

==== DEVE/5951 ====

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 23 02 01 — Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food aid

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 02 01	1 061 821 941	1 428 753 205	893 100 000	1 089 706 885	893 100 000	1 089 706 885	300 000 000	300 000 000	1 193 100 000	1 389 706 885
Reserve										
Total	1 061 821 941	1 428 753 205	893 100 000	1 089 706 885	893 100 000	1 089 706 885	300 000 000	300 000 000	1 193 100 000	1 389 706 885

Justification:

This increase is needed to ensure sufficient financial assistance to respond to the humanitarian crisis. Out of this increase at least EUR 26 m shall be added to funds dedicated the area of education in crisis hit areas. Education can provide life-saving skills and help children to build a future and shield them from radicalization, The intention is to reach the target (4% until 2019) announced by Commissioner Stylianides at the Education for Development Summit in Oslo (July 2015).

=====

Draft amendment 6029

==== DEVE/6029 ====

Tabled by Nirj Deva, rapporteur, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 23 02 01 — Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food aid

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 02 01	1 061 821 941	1 428 753 205	893 100 000	1 089 706 885	893 100 000	1 089 706 885	170 000 000	100 000 000	1 063 100 000	1 189 706 885
Reserve										
Total	1 061 821 941	1 428 753 205	893 100 000	1 089 706 885	893 100 000	1 089 706 885	170 000 000	100 000 000	1 063 100 000	1 189 706 885

Remarks:After paragraph:

This appropriation may be used to finance the purchase implementation of the humanitarian and food aid operations.

Add following text:

This appropriation may also be used in conjunction and cooperation with private sector agents that could assist in humanitarian operations to reduce the costs and improve the delivery of traditional humanitarian assistance.

After paragraph:

It covers, inter alia:

Amend text as follows:

- measures to provide an enabling environment and access to quality education in humanitarian emergencies, including inter alia the basic rehabilitation and reconstruction of school buildings and facilities, psycho-social support, training of teachers and any product or equipment needed for the implementation of humanitarian aid operations related to access to education,
- ***engagement with the private sector for innovative cost-effective technologies capable to improve the speed and efficiency of the delivery of humanitarian and food aid,***
- feasibility studies on humanitarian operations, evaluations of humanitarian aid projects and plans, visibility operations and information campaigns linked to humanitarian operations,
- the monitoring of humanitarian aid projects and plans, the promotion and development of initiatives intended to increase coordination and cooperation so as to make aid more effective and improve the monitoring of projects and plans,
- the supervision and coordination of the implementation of aid operations forming part of the humanitarian and food aid concerned, in particular the terms for the supply, delivery, distribution and use of the products involved, including the use of counterpart funds,
- measures to strengthen Union coordination with the Member States, other donor countries, international organisations and institutions (in particular those forming part of the United Nations), non-governmental organisations and organisations representing the latter,
- the financing of technical assistance contracts to facilitate the exchange of technical know-how and expertise between Union humanitarian organisations and agencies or between such bodies and those of third countries,
- studies and training linked to the achievement of the objectives of the humanitarian and food aid policy area,
- action grants and running cost grants in favour of humanitarian networks,
- humanitarian mine-clearance operations including public awareness campaigns for local communities on anti-personnel mines,
- expenditure incurred by the network on humanitarian assistance (NOHA), pursuant to Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1257/96. This is a 1-year multidisciplinary postgraduate diploma in the humanitarian field designed to promote greater professionalism amongst humanitarian workers and involving several participating universities,
- the transport and distribution of aid, including any related operations such as insurance, loading, unloading, coordination, etc.,
- back-up measures that are essential for the programming, coordination and optimum implementation of the aid, the cost of which is not covered by other appropriations, e.g. exceptional transport and storage operations, processing or preparation of foodstuffs on the spot, disinfection, consultants' services, technical assistance and equipment directly involved in providing the aid (tools, utensils, fuel, etc.),
- pilot schemes concerning new forms of transport, packaging or storage, studies of food aid operations, visibility operations linked to the humanitarian operations, and information campaigns to increase public awareness,
- the storage of food (including administrative costs, futures operations, with or without options, training

of technicians, purchase of packaging and mobile storage units, cost of maintaining and repairing stores, etc.),

- the technical *assistance, digital technologies and innovative applications* assistance necessary for the preparation and implementation of humanitarian aid projects, *efficient delivery, accurate monitoring*, in particular expenditure incurred covering the cost of contracts of individual experts in the field and the infrastructure and logistics costs, covered by imprest accounts and expenditure authorisations, of the Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection units deployed throughout the world.

Justification:

Given the unprecedented and enduring levels of humanitarian crises, this line needs to be maintained at least at the level of the initial 2016 budget for CAs while to PA level needs to be at or above the level of CAs to absorb the existing backlog of payments. The EC Communication and the EP report on the role of the ‘Private Sector in Development’ clearly outline the new EU strategy on partnering with the private sector with regards to the EU’s humanitarian aid programmes as well.

Draft amendment 6030

=== DEVE/6030 ===

Tabled by Davor Ivo Stier, Joachim Zeller, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Committee on Development, György Hölvényi

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 23 02 01 — Delivery of rapid, effective and needs-based humanitarian aid and food aid

Amend remarks as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 02 01	1 061 821 941	1 428 753 205	893 100 000	1 089 706 885	893 100 000	1 089 706 885			893 100 000	1 089 706 885
Reserve										
Total	1 061 821 941	1 428 753 205	893 100 000	1 089 706 885	893 100 000	1 089 706 885			893 100 000	1 089 706 885

Remarks:

After paragraph:

This appropriation is intended to cover the financing humanitarian aid under Regulation (EC) No 1257/96.

Amend text as follows:

The aid is granted to victims without discrimination or adverse distinction on the grounds of race, ethnic origin, religion, disability, sex, age, nationality or political affiliation. That assistance is provided in accordance with international humanitarian *law, using the most efficient and reliable channels including civil society and faith-based organizations*,~~law~~ and should not be subject to restrictions imposed by other partner donors, as long as it is necessary to meet the humanitarian needs to which such situations give rise.

This appropriation is also intended to cover the *purchase, storage*~~purchase~~ and delivery of any product or equipment needed for the implementation of humanitarian aid operations, including the building of homes or shelters for affected groups of people, short-term rehabilitation and reconstruction work, particularly of infrastructure and facilities, the costs associated with external, expatriate or local staff, storage, international or national shipment, logistic support and distribution of relief and any other action aimed at facilitating freedom of access to the recipients of the aid.

This appropriation may be used to finance the *purchase, storage*~~purchase~~ and delivery of food, seeds, livestock or any product or equipment needed for the implementation of the humanitarian and food aid operations.

After paragraph:

It covers, inter alia:

Amend text as follows:

- measures to provide an enabling environment and access to quality education in humanitarian emergencies, including inter alia the basic rehabilitation and reconstruction of school buildings and facilities, psycho-social support, training of teachers and any product or equipment needed for the implementation of humanitarian aid operations related to access to education,
- feasibility studies on humanitarian operations, evaluations of humanitarian aid projects and plans, visibility operations and information campaigns linked to humanitarian operations,
- the monitoring of humanitarian aid projects and plans, the promotion and development of initiatives intended to increase coordination and cooperation so as to make aid more effective and improve the monitoring of projects and plans,
- the supervision and coordination of the implementation of aid operations forming part of the humanitarian and food aid concerned, in particular the terms for the supply, delivery, distribution and use of the products involved, including the use of counterpart funds,
- measures to strengthen Union coordination with the Member States, other donor countries, international organisations and institutions (in particular those forming part of the United Nations), non-governmental organisations and organisations representing the latter,
- the financing of technical assistance contracts to facilitate the exchange of technical know-how and expertise between Union humanitarian organisations and agencies or between such bodies and those of third countries,
- studies and training linked to the achievement of the objectives of the humanitarian and food aid policy area,
- action grants and running cost grants in favour of humanitarian networks,
- humanitarian mine-clearance operations including public awareness campaigns for local communities on anti-personnel mines,
- expenditure incurred by the network on humanitarian assistance (NOHA), pursuant to Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1257/96. This is a 1-year multidisciplinary postgraduate diploma in the humanitarian field designed to promote greater professionalism amongst humanitarian workers and involving several participating universities,
- the transport and distribution of aid, including any related operations such as insurance, loading, unloading, coordination, etc.,
- back-up measures that are essential for the programming, coordination and optimum implementation of the aid, the cost of which is not covered by other appropriations, e.g. exceptional transport and storage operations, processing or preparation of foodstuffs on the spot, disinfection, consultants' services, technical assistance and equipment directly involved in providing the aid (tools, utensils, fuel, etc.),
- pilot schemes concerning new forms of transport, packaging or storage, studies of food aid operations, visibility operations linked to the humanitarian operations, and information campaigns to increase public awareness,
- the storage of food (including administrative costs, futures operations, with or without options, training of technicians, **construction of cold storage units**, purchase of packaging and mobile storage units, cost of maintaining and repairing stores, etc.),
- the technical assistance necessary for the preparation and implementation of humanitarian aid projects, in particular expenditure incurred covering the cost of contracts of individual experts in the field and the infrastructure and logistics costs, covered by imprest accounts and expenditure authorisations, of the

Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection units deployed throughout the world.

Justification:

Humanitarian aid should not be channelled only by large organizations in areas struck by poverty, disaster and conflict. The EU should work with reliable and trusted local groups and faith-based organizations as they are present in remote areas where victims are out of reach. So far the EU financial rules only allow faith-based organizations to apply for funding if they register as an NGO. Although funding should not be given for religious activities, their role in increasing the resilience of a society in distress is undeniable.

=====

Draft amendment 5953

=== DEVE/5953 ===

Tabled by Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 23 02 77

Heading:

Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 23 02 77 01

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 02 77 01							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000
Reserve										
Total							1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Promoting teachers' training curricula for post-conflict and protracted crises areas

Remarks:

Add following text:

The PP will promote the development of teachers' training curricula, accredited by the relevant educational authorities, in order to establish a mechanisms for accreditation and certification for teachers working with refugees and displaced persons. It will aim also for:

- the development of a curriculum for assistant teachers as the main and direct collaborators of trained teachers in schools;*
- the development of uniform primary and secondary school curricula whose certification can be equated with the regular school curricula of the relevant countries;*
- the development of curricula to be used in enhancing teachers' competences in dealing with crisis situations such as psychosocial support, peace and reconciliation to enable them positively deal with non-schooling situations;*
- the development of a curriculum for training school leaders within the refugee countries on critical areas of educational leadership and management in emergencies and the development of a curriculum for school management committees / Board of governors and other persons involved in leading and managing schools with refugees and displaced persons.*

These curricula should aim to be rolled out at a pilot stage for possible scale up in other countries / places

working with refugees and displaced persons. Due to the complexity of the issue, for the best success of the project it is essential to involve local organisations already active in the field of education in emergency, post conflict and protracted crisis and in teachers’ training, so that all aspects shall be holistically addressed.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Justification:

Since some conflicts tend to last for about 15 years, there is need for curricula to prepare teachers, head teachers and management committees on how to deal with the situation; not limiting it to creating peaceful and child-friendly environments but also relevant certifications comparable to education received in their countries of origin and host countries.

=====

Draft amendment 5964 === DEVE/5964 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 23 03 01 02 — Disaster prevention and preparedness in third countries

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 03 01 02	5 551 000	3 861 429	5 621 000	5 567 707	5 551 000	5 567 707	70 000		5 621 000	5 567 707
Reserve										
Total	5 551 000	3 861 429	5 621 000	5 567 707	5 551 000	5 567 707	70 000		5 621 000	5 567 707

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

=====

Draft amendment 5956 === DEVE/5956 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 23 03 02 02 — Rapid and efficient emergency response interventions in the event of major disasters in third countries

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 03 02 02	12 000 000	15 000 000	15 090 000	14 010 000	12 000 000	14 010 000	3 090 000		15 090 000	14 010 000
Reserve										
Total	12 000 000	15 000 000	15 090 000	14 010 000	12 000 000	14 010 000	3 090 000		15 090 000	14 010 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

=====

Draft amendment 5958

=== DEVE/5958 ===

Tabled by Arne Lietz, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 23 04 01 — EU Aid Volunteers initiative — Strengthening the Union’s capacity to respond to humanitarian crises

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 04 01	16 885 000	13 200 000	20 972 000	22 678 550	16 472 000	18 178 550	4 500 000	4 500 000	20 972 000	22 678 550
Reserve										
Total	16 885 000	13 200 000	20 972 000	22 678 550	16 472 000	18 178 550	4 500 000	4 500 000	20 972 000	22 678 550

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

=====

Draft amendment 6006

=== DEVE/6006 ===

Tabled by Nirj Deva, rapporteur, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 23 04 01 — EU Aid Volunteers initiative — Strengthening the Union’s capacity to respond to humanitarian crises

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 04 01	16 885 000	13 200 000	20 972 000	22 678 550	16 472 000	18 178 550	3 000 000	1 000 000	19 472 000	19 178 550
Reserve										
Total	16 885 000	13 200 000	20 972 000	22 678 550	16 472 000	18 178 550	3 000 000	1 000 000	19 472 000	19 178 550

Justification:

An increase of 9.478.550 in the payments (in the DB) from 2016 to 2017 is too steep an increase and should be better managed. The understanding that it is a relatively new instrument should allow for a more gradual increase in commitments and payment appropriations.

=====

Draft amendment 6017

=== DEVE/6017 ===

Tabled by Nirj Deva, rapporteur, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 40 02 42 — Emergency aid reserve

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
40 02 42	309 000 000	309 000 000	315 000 000	315 000 000	315 000 000	315 000 000	20 000 000	20 000 000	335 000 000	335 000 000
Reserve										
Total	309 000 000	309 000 000	315 000 000	315 000 000	315 000 000	315 000 000	20 000 000	20 000 000	335 000 000	335 000 000

Justification:

Given the limitations of the margins under Heading IV and unprecedented needs and underfunding of the humanitarian aid lines, and taking into account to the unpredictability of additional crises and needs, an increase of the EAR is required.

=====

Draft amendment 5976

=== DEVE/5976 ===

Tabled by Charles Goerens, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 41

Heading:

EU Budget contribution to External Relations Trust Funds and Facilities

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 41 01

Heading:

EU Budget contribution to External Relations Trust Funds

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 41 01 01

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
41 01 01									p.m.	p.m.
Reserve										
Total									p.m.	p.m.

Heading:

EU Budget contribution to the Madad Trust Fund

Remarks:

Add following text:

To ensure full transparency on monitoring by the budgetary authority, the EU Budget contribution to the Madad Trust Fund is placed under this line.

Justification:

The European Parliament, as part of the budgetary authority, has already several times expressed its dissatisfaction concerning the bypassing of the budgetary authority and the undermining of the unity of the budget.

Full transparency as to the origin and destination of funds has to be ensured and therefor EP is asking to

place the ‘EU Budget contribution to External Relations Trust Funds and Facilities’ under a new Title 41.
By doing so, EP manifests its intention to safeguard the fundamental principles of the Union budget, notably budget unity and codecision.

=====

Draft amendment 5977 === DEVE/5977 ===

Tabled by Charles Goerens, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 41

Heading:
EU Budget contribution to External Relations Trust Funds and Facilities

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 41 01

Heading:
EU Budget contribution to External Relations Trust Funds

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 41 01 02

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
41 01 02									p.m.	p.m.
Reserve										
Total									p.m.	p.m.

Heading:
EU Budget contribution to the Emergency Trust Fund for Africa

Remarks:
Add following text:
To ensure full transparency on monitoring by the budgetary authority, the EU Budget contribution to the Emergency Trust Fund for Africa is placed under this line.

Justification:
The European Parliament, as part of the budgetary authority, has already several times expressed its dissatisfaction concerning the bypassing of the budgetary authority and the undermining of the unity of the budget.
Full transparency as to the origin and destination of funds has to be ensured and therefor EP is asking to place the ‘EU Budget contribution to External Relations Trust Funds and Facilities’ under a new Title 41.
By doing so, EP manifests its intention to safeguard the fundamental principles of the Union budget, notably budget unity and codecision.

=====

Draft amendment 5978 === DEVE/5978 ===

Tabled by Charles Goerens, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 41

Heading:

EU Budget contribution to External Relations Trust Funds and Facilities

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 41 01

Heading:

EU Budget contribution to External Relations Trust Funds

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 41 01 03

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
41 01 03									p.m.	p.m.
Reserve										
Total									p.m.	p.m.

Heading:

EU Budget contribution to the Bêkou Trust Fund

Remarks:

Add following text:

To ensure full transparency on monitoring by the budgetary authority, the EU Budget contribution to the Bêkou Trust Fund is placed under this line.

Justification:

The European Parliament, as part of the budgetary authority, has already several times expressed its dissatisfaction concerning the bypassing of the budgetary authority and the undermining of the unity of the budget.

Full transparency as to the origin and destination of funds has to be ensured and therefor EP is asking to place the ‘EU Budget contribution to External Relations Trust Funds and Facilities’ under a new Title 41.

By doing so, EP manifests its intention to safeguard the fundamental principles of the Union budget, notably budget unity and codecision.

Draft amendment 5979

=== DEVE/5979 ===

Tabled by Charles Goerens, Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 41

Heading:*EU Budget contribution to External Relations Trust Funds and Facilities*

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 41 02**Heading:***EU Budget contribution to External Relations Facilities*

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 41 02 01

	Budget 2016		Draft budget 2017		Council's position 2017		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
41 02 01									p.m.	p.m.
Reserve										
Total									p.m.	p.m.

Heading:*EU Budget contribution to the Turkey Facility***Remarks:**Add following text:*To ensure full transparency on monitoring by the budgetary authority, the EU Budget contribution to the Turkey Facility is placed under this line.***Justification:**

The European Parliament, as part of the budgetary authority, has already several times expressed its dissatisfaction concerning the bypassing of the budgetary authority and the undermining of the unity of the budget.

Full transparency as to the origin and destination of funds has to be ensured and therefor EP is asking to place the 'EU Budget contribution to External Relations Trust Funds and Facilities' under a new Title 41.

By doing so, EP manifests its intention to safeguard the fundamental principles of the Union budget, notably budget unity and codecision.