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PARLIAMENT'S POSITION

Amendments adopted by the
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Draft amendment 110

==== CULT/6171 ====

Tabled by Committee on Culture and Education

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 16 01 02 03 — External personnel — Commission Representations

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
16 01 02 03	17 067 000	17 067 000	18 170 000	18 170 000	17 170 000	17 170 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	18 170 000	18 170 000
Reserve										
Total	17 067 000	17 067 000	18 170 000	18 170 000	17 170 000	17 170 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	18 170 000	18 170 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 112

==== CULT/6173 ====

Tabled by Committee on Culture and Education

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 16 01 04 02 — Support expenditure for communication actions

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
16 01 04 02	1 090 000	1 090 000	1 146 000	1 146 000	1 090 000	1 090 000	56 000	56 000	1 146 000	1 146 000
Reserve										
Total	1 090 000	1 090 000	1 146 000	1 146 000	1 090 000	1 090 000	56 000	56 000	1 146 000	1 146 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 113

==== CULT/6174 ====

Tabled by Committee on Culture and Education

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 16 03 01 02 — Information for the media and audiovisual productions

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
16 03 01 02	6 177 000	4 958 000	6 190 000	5 900 000	6 090 000	4 900 000	100 000	1 000 000	6 190 000	5 900 000
Reserve										
Total	6 177 000	4 958 000	6 190 000	5 900 000	6 090 000	4 900 000	100 000	1 000 000	6 190 000	5 900 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1785

=== BUDG/3532 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3532 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 16 03 01 03 — Information outlets

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
16 03 01 03	14 700 000	13 642 000	15 500 000	14 600 000	14 700 000	13 642 000	1 550 000	1 333 000	16 250 000	14 975 000
Reserve										
Total	14 700 000	13 642 000	15 500 000	14 600 000	14 700 000	13 642 000	1 550 000	1 333 000	16 250 000	14 975 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

This appropriation also covers evaluation and professionalisation expenditure.

Add following text:

This appropriation is also intended to complement the specific actions that the Europe Direct Information Centres (EDICs) should organise in connection with the 2019 European elections in accordance with their annual work plans and in a manner fully consistent with the European Parliament institutional communication strategy. Fully complementing the actions of the Information Offices, this could involve outreach activities, support for social media animation, strategic engagement and other types of offline and online actions.

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendments tabled by Mr Rübig.

With 500 information centres located across the EU, EDICs have the capacity to reach out to citizens and to inform them about their rights linked to European participatory democracy. EDICs can organise events in various formats to mobilise stakeholders, youth and media in close co-operation with the EP Information Offices. With a reinforcement of their budget in 2018, EDICs will increase their capacity to activate social groups and civil society networks regionally and locally. EDIC's Annual General Meeting in 2018 should focus on EE19 in order to prepare the EP information campaign.

Compromise amendment between BUDG/4619

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Draft amendment 549

=== AFCO/6739 ===

Tabled by Committee on Constitutional Affairs

AFCO/6739 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 16 03 01 04 — Communication of the Commission Representations, Citizens' Dialogues and 'Partnership' actions

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
16 03 01 04	17 036 000	14 600 000	18 357 000	17 800 000	17 496 500	16 200 000	860 500	1 600 000	18 357 000	17 800 000
Reserve										
Total	17 036 000	14 600 000	18 357 000	17 800 000	17 496 500	16 200 000	860 500	1 600 000	18 357 000	17 800 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

This appropriation is intended to fund general information citizens to make their voice heard to policymakers.

Add following text:

For budgetary years 2018 and 2019, this appropriation should cover awareness raising and information activities on electoral rights of citizens and the importance of European elections for the shaping of the future of Europe.

This appropriation should also promote dialogue with citizens on the future of Europe, based on the White Paper presented by the Commission in 2017.

After paragraph:

These activities are implemented in the Member States through:

Amend text as follows:

- communication operations linked to specific annual or multiannual communication priorities as per Joint Declaration (in the context of implementing the Interinstitutional Agreement Better Regulation),
- ad hoc communication operations on a national or international scale that fit in with the communication priorities,
- open door events for citizens from all walks of life,
- dialogues with citizens *and civil society organizations* online on the internet and in social media,
- seminars and conferences as well as workshops with more specific target groups, such as young people, and by applying participatory methods,
- organisation of or participation in European events, exhibitions and public-relations activities, organisation of individual visits, etc.,
- direct communication measures targeted at the general public (e.g. citizens' advice services),
- direct communication measures targeted at opinion multipliers, in particular stepped-up measures involving the regional daily press, which is a major information outlet for a large number of Union citizens,
- the management of information centres for the general public in the Commission Representations.

Justification:

AFCO/6725

2018 is a year of strategic importance in terms of communication activities. The importance of European elections and citizens' electoral rights should be emphasized in order to enhance electoral turnout at the elections in 2019. Furthermore, after the presentation of the Commission White Paper on the future of

Europe, dialogue with citizens on this topic should be encouraged.

AFCO/6726

2018 is a key year to rethink the communication strategy in view of the next European election; European citizens and European civil society organizations should be better involved and the dialogue with them should be encouraged accordingly with the Commission White paper on the future of Europe.

Compromise amendment between AFCO/6726, AFCO/6725

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Draft amendment 550

=== AFCO/6727 ===

Tabled by Committee on Constitutional Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 16 03 01 05 — European Public Spaces

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
16 03 01 05	1 246 000	1 246 000	1 246 000	1 246 000	1 046 000	1 046 000	200 000	200 000	1 246 000	1 246 000
Reserve										
Total	1 246 000	1 246 000	1 246 000	1 246 000	1 046 000	1 046 000	200 000	200 000	1 246 000	1 246 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

This appropriation is intended to fund general information be taken into account in the budgetary procedure.

Add following text:

European Public Spaces can serve as an important platform for communication with citizens. Activities of the European Public Spaces in 2018 should focus on informing citizens about their electoral rights and the importance of European elections for the shaping of the future of Europe. They should also encourage dialogue with citizens on the future of Europe, based on the White Paper presented by the Commission in 2017.

Justification:

2018 is a year of strategic importance in terms of communication activities. The importance of European elections and citizens' electoral rights should be emphasized in order to enhance electoral turnout at the elections in 2019. Furthermore, after the presentation of the Commission White Paper on the future of Europe, dialogue with citizens on this topic should be encouraged. EPS present a direct link between citizen and institutions and are therefore well placed to carry out these communication activities.

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Draft amendment 1786

=== BUDG/3007 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 16 03 02 01 — Visits to the Commission

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017	Draft budget 2018	Council's position 2018	Difference	New amount
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	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
16 03 02 01	3 900 000	3 670 000	4 000 000	3 978 000	3 900 000	3 824 000	100 000	154 000	4 000 000	3 978 000
Reserve										
Total	3 900 000	3 670 000	4 000 000	3 978 000	3 900 000	3 824 000	100 000	154 000	4 000 000	3 978 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 117 === CULT/6178 ===

Tabled by Committee on Culture and Education

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 16 03 02 02 — Operation of radio and television studios and audiovisual equipment

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
16 03 02 02	5 700 000	5 700 000	5 600 000	5 600 000	5 500 000	5 500 000	100 000	100 000	5 600 000	5 600 000
Reserve										
Total	5 700 000	5 700 000	5 600 000	5 600 000	5 500 000	5 500 000	100 000	100 000	5 600 000	5 600 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 118 === CULT/6179 ===

Tabled by Committee on Culture and Education

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 16 03 02 05 — Public opinion analysis

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
16 03 02 05	6 640 000	6 570 000	6 900 000	7 498 000	6 700 000	6 498 000	200 000	1 000 000	6 900 000	7 498 000
Reserve										
Total	6 640 000	6 570 000	6 900 000	7 498 000	6 700 000	6 498 000	200 000	1 000 000	6 900 000	7 498 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1787 === BUDG/3533 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3533 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 16 03 04 — House of European History

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
16 03 04	3 000 000	3 200 000	3 000 000	3 000 000	3 000 000	3 000 000	500 000	250 000	3 500 000	3 250 000
Reserve										
Total	3 000 000	3 200 000	3 000 000	3 000 000	3 000 000	3 000 000	500 000	250 000	3 500 000	3 250 000

Remarks:After paragraph:

As specified in the Service Level Agreement between means of a modern exhibition and documentation centre.

Add following text:

As the House of European History is in its first year of operation, communication is a priority in order to make the institution known to citizens. Furthermore, the House's cultural diplomacy role should be enhanced vis-à-vis interested citizens from outside the EU. Additionally, the EU should be based on historical, cultural and linguistic exchange between its diverse communities. This appropriation will enable this new institution to incorporate that diversity and promote EU heritage, especially for the 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage.

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by CULT.

The House of European History is in its first year, still in need of wide communication to citizens in Europe and outside. Alongside the Parliamentarium, the communication should also reflect 2018 as the European Year of Cultural Heritage. Some aspects of the European History, from a "cultural" view point, need further developments, like a better integration of history and cultural exchanges between the diverse communities of the EU, which form part of the present European Union.

Compromise amendment between CULT/6111

Draft amendment 275

=== ENVI/5469 ===

Tabled by Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 17 01 04 02 — Support expenditure for the 'Third programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020)'

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 01 04 02	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 400 000	1 400 000	100 000	100 000	1 500 000	1 500 000
Reserve										
Total	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 400 000	1 400 000	100 000	100 000	1 500 000	1 500 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 276

=== ENVI/5470 ===

Tabled by Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 17 01 04 03 — Support expenditure in the field of food and feed safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 01 04 03	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 400 000	1 400 000	100 000	100 000	1 500 000	1 500 000
Reserve										
Total	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	1 400 000	1 400 000	100 000	100 000	1 500 000	1 500 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 63

=== AGRI/6263 ===

Tabled by Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 17 01 06 02 — Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency — Contribution from the 'Third programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020)'

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 01 06 02	4 209 000	4 209 000	4 406 500	4 406 500	4 206 500	4 206 500	200 000	200 000	4 406 500	4 406 500
Reserve										
Total	4 209 000	4 209 000	4 406 500	4 406 500	4 206 500	4 206 500	200 000	200 000	4 406 500	4 406 500

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 278

=== ENVI/5472 ===

Tabled by Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 17 03 01 — Third programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 03 01	58 820 000	46 000 000	60 467 000	47 389 000	59 055 250	47 041 750	1 411 750	347 250	60 467 000	47 389 000
Reserve										
Total	58 820 000	46 000 000	60 467 000	47 389 000	59 055 250	47 041 750	1 411 750	347 250	60 467 000	47 389 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 280

=== ENVI/5474 ===

Tabled by Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 17 03 10 — European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 03 10	51 687 000	51 687 000	54 127 178	54 127 178	52 849 777	52 849 777	1 277 401	1 277 401	54 127 178	54 127 178
Reserve										
Total	51 687 000	51 687 000	54 127 178	54 127 178	52 849 777	52 849 777	1 277 401	1 277 401	54 127 178	54 127 178

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 279

=== ENVI/5473 ===

Tabled by Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 17 03 12 01 — Union contribution to the European Medicines Agency

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 03 12 01	2 438 000	2 438 000	8 779 541	8 779 541	5 979 311	5 979 311	2 800 230	2 800 230	8 779 541	8 779 541
Reserve										
Total	2 438 000	2 438 000	8 779 541	8 779 541	5 979 311	5 979 311	2 800 230	2 800 230	8 779 541	8 779 541

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1788

=== BUDG/3671 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3671 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 17 03 77 28 — Pilot project — Rare 2030 — A participatory foresight study for policy-making on rare diseases

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 03 77 28	500 000	250 000	p.m.	150 000	p.m.	150 000	800 000	400 000	800 000	550 000
Reserve										
Total	500 000	250 000	p.m.	150 000	p.m.	150 000	800 000	400 000	800 000	550 000

Remarks:

Amend text as follows:

Comments on implementation ~~This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.~~

Add following text:

- *The participatory methods could be more usefully termed "consensus building methods". It would be preferable not to list them (expert panels, gaming, Delphi methods) in order to leave the contractor more freedom to propose the most suitable methods on the basis of its experience and expertise.*
- *An extended consultation exercise involving patients should be added, in the form of a survey, to gather their opinions on scenarios once they have been identified.*
- *The "citizens" conference' refers to the French term "conférence de citoyens", which in English translates as "consensus conference"; it is therefore proposed that that term be used instead (see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Consensus_conferences and https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conf%C3%A9rence_de_citoyens).*
- *Translating the final report into various EU languages is very costly and would not add much value. In order to keep to the budget – reduced by comparison with the original proposal – it is suggested instead that the executive summary be translated.*
- *It is crucial that the work be carried out with the Commission and its expert group on rare diseases. It is proposed that the Joint Action for Rare Diseases be added; it is co-funded by the Commission and supports the expert group with technical and policy work on rare diseases.*

Delete following text:

~~'Foresight studies' look into the longer term impact of policies and technologies and anticipate emerging societal challenges. They identify and analyse societal challenges that have implications for policies and research over an extended period of time, following a defined methodological approach based on a combination of qualitative and quantitative methods and techniques (e.g. scenario analysis and trend analysis). They are highly participatory, engaging experts from different backgrounds and gathering widely distributed intelligence.~~

Amend text as follows:

The comments proposed above would translate into changes to section 2. Implementation, page 67 of the Commission interim report on the implementation of the PP-PA in the 2017 budget, which would read as set out below: ~~objective of a 'Rare 2030' foresight study is to propose sustainable policy scenarios in the field of rare diseases for the period 2020-2030 and to address challenges and opportunities up until 2030 in an innovative manner. The study will build on an existing knowledge base and on what has been done to date (e.g. Commission Communication of 11 November 2008 on rare diseases: Europe's challenges (COM(2008) 679 final), the Council Recommendation on an action in the field of rare diseases (2009/C 151/02), activities of Joint Actions on Rare Diseases supporting the implementation of policy priorities, rare disease research funded under Union research and innovation programmes, etc.).~~

2. Implementation ~~By generating insights on the dynamics of change, future challenges and options, along with new ideas, the study will transmit to the Union and local policymakers inputs for policy conceptualisation and design. This in turn will serve to sustain the momentum of scientific and technological advances, address the societal challenges that they bring, be a useful reference for the whole community and guide strategies tailored to patients' needs.~~

The pilot project will be carried out on the basis of a call for tenders. ~~Method:~~ *Rare 2030 is a two-year project, led by a research team, but using inclusive methods to promote a continuous bottom-up approach so as to put more emphasis on interaction and to encourage a broad take-up by patients, stakeholders and society at large.*

The methodological steps and timeline for Rare 2030 will *include different work packages:* ~~include:~~

- base research, including literature reviews and exploratory interviews to identify drivers of change and current and future *challenges;* ~~challenges;~~
- establishment of an *expert /expert,* multi-stakeholder *panel;* ~~panel;~~
- *consensus building methods will be used to define the main drivers (political, scientific, etc.) for scenario building and will be open to large groups of stakeholders on a European level;*
- an interdisciplinary and forward-looking workshop ~~to discuss the study's methodology, political and scientific drivers, and implications for~~ *scenario building scenarios will be used as a decision-making tool so as to reveal available choices and their potential consequences; R&D;*
- *extended patient consultation (survey) on the identified scenarios;* ~~scenario building, based on participatory methods (expert panels, Delphi methods, gaming, etc.), open to large groups of stakeholders on a European level. Scenarios will be used as a decision-making tool, to reveal available choices and their potential consequences;~~
- a European "**consensus**" **conference**' ("**conférence de citoyens**") ~~citizens' conference~~ to present, discuss and review decision-making results, engaging society to shape and take ownership of the *outcomes;* ~~outcomes;~~
- policy recommendations bringing together the results of the scenarios and *conference;* ~~conference;~~
- a final report, *in English,* ~~translated into various Union languages;~~ outlining the recommendations and outcomes of the project and measuring its *impact;* ~~the executive summary of the report will be translated into various EU languages;~~ ~~impact.~~
- *all project activities will be carried out in close collaboration with the relevant Commission department, the Commission expert group on rare diseases and relevant EU-funded activities in the area of rare diseases (e.g. the Joint Action on Rare Diseases).*

Delete following text:

~~Background — In Europe a disease or disorder is defined as rare when it affects less than one in 2 000 people. An estimated 6 000 to 8 000 rare diseases affect between 27 and 36 million people in the Union. They are often chronic, highly complex and debilitating: a burden on the patient, their families and society as a whole.~~

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by ENVI.

This PP was duly approved last year and should be renewed for 2018. A foresight study in the field of rare diseases engaging all key players will equip policymakers with evidence-based policy options to produce sustainable responses to scientific advances; to harvest tangible and measurable results in terms of economic growth/jobs; to address ethical and societal questions that these developments bring about; and to set an example of solidarity, a distinguishing feature of European systems. The EU will emerge as undisputable leader facing a challenge that is international by nature.

Compromise amendment between ENVI/5417

Draft amendment 281

=== ENVI/5475 ===

Tabled by Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 17 04 01 — Ensuring a higher animal health status and high level of protection of animals in the Union

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 04 01	165 000 000	151 300 000	161 500 000	135 200 000	160 000 000	134 866 667	1 500 000	333 333	161 500 000	135 200 000
Reserve										
Total	165 000 000	151 300 000	161 500 000	135 200 000	160 000 000	134 866 667	1 500 000	333 333	161 500 000	135 200 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1789

=== BUDG/3534 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3534 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 17 04 02 — Ensuring timely detection of harmful organisms for plants and their eradication

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 04 02	15 000 000	10 000 000	25 000 000	13 200 000	22 000 000	12 450 000	3 000 000	750 000	25 000 000	13 200 000
Reserve										
Total	15 000 000	10 000 000	25 000 000	13 200 000	22 000 000	12 450 000	3 000 000	750 000	25 000 000	13 200 000

Remarks:

Amend text as follows:

This appropriation is intended to cover preventive actions to combat ~~the~~ pests and diseases (*for example the pine wood nematode and the red palm weevil*) threatening agricultural and horticultural crops, *forest ecosystems, and landscapes*. ~~forests and landscape~~. It covers also Union contributions towards the specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union.

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendments tabled by ENVI and GUE.

The appropriation covers the control of hazards to a great many forest ecosystems, including the spread of invasive alien species and pests. It also covers the EU's contributions to specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union, in which the impact of these pests is in some ways more severe and extended. Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Compromise amendment between GUE//7054, ENVI/5476

Draft amendment 283

=== ENVI/5477 ===

Tabled by Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 17 04 03 — Ensuring effective, efficient and reliable controls

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 04 03	53 558 000	49 500 000	57 483 000	53 280 000	55 483 000	51 280 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	57 483 000	53 280 000
Reserve										
Total	53 558 000	49 500 000	57 483 000	53 280 000	55 483 000	51 280 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	57 483 000	53 280 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 226

=== ENVI/5405 ===

Tabled by Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 17 04 04 — Fund for emergency measures related to animal and plant health

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 04 04	20 000 000	16 000 000	40 000 000	40 000 000	35 000 000	38 500 000	5 000 000	1 500 000	40 000 000	40 000 000
Reserve										
Total	20 000 000	16 000 000	40 000 000	40 000 000	35 000 000	38 500 000	5 000 000	1 500 000	40 000 000	40 000 000

Remarks:

Amend text as follows:

Outbreaks ~~The outbreak of some animal diseases within the Union could significantly affect possibly have a major impact on the operation of the internal market and on the Union's trading commercial relations with non-member third countries. It Thus, it is therefore essential important for the Union to make a financial contribution to enable in order to allow the fastest eradication possible of any outbreak of a serious infectious diseases should any outbreak occur disease in Member States to be eradicated as quickly as possible by deploying Union resources for disease control. to fight these diseases.~~

This appropriation is intended to cover curative actions to combat ~~the~~ pests and diseases threatening agricultural and horticultural crops, ~~forests, forests~~ and landscape, ~~including among them~~ the spread of exotic invasive **alien** species and diseases ~~(for example the (such as pine wood nematode), nematode and others),~~ which are becoming more frequent and are **spreading, causing a severe and prolonged impact, especially on Member States most exposed to risk, and with less economic capacity, and on the EU's outermost regions.** ~~spreading.~~

Justification:

The proposed increase in appropriations seeks to improve the control of hazards to animals and numerous forest ecosystems. A further aim is to raise contributions to specific measures for agriculture in the EU's outermost regions and for Member States that are both more exposed to risk and have less economic capacity, where the impact of such pests on the local and regional economy takes more severe and protracted forms.

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 285

=== ENVI/5479 ===

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 17 04 07 — European Chemicals Agency — Activities in the field of biocides legislation

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 04 07	1 450 000	1 450 000	1 857 068	1 857 068	1 450 000	1 450 000	407 068	407 068	1 857 068	1 857 068
Reserve										
Total	1 450 000	1 450 000	1 857 068	1 857 068	1 450 000	1 450 000	407 068	407 068	1 857 068	1 857 068

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1790

=== BUDG/3657 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3657 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 17 04 77 06 — Pilot project — Environmental monitoring of pesticide use through honeybees

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
17 04 77 06	500 000	250 000	p.m.	150 000	p.m.	150 000	750 000	375 000	750 000	525 000
Reserve										
Total	500 000	250 000	p.m.	150 000	p.m.	150 000	750 000	375 000	750 000	525 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

Former item 07 02 77 38

Amend text as follows:

The objective of this *ongoing* pilot project is to put in place a tool for evaluation of pesticide exposure in the environment *at landscape level and understand the sources of contamination* with the help of bees and bee products. This approach combines environmental contaminant monitoring with animal health and food safety and security.

Honey bees come into contact with diverse environmental matrices due to their biological needs and behaviour. As a result of their foraging behaviour bees cover large areas (up to 15 km radius). Numerous plants are visited every day to collect nectar, secretions from sap-feeding insects, pollen and water, while plant gums are collected for propolis production. While flying they also come into contact with airborne particles, which stick to their body hairs, or substances diluted in the air. Scattered studies have been performed using bees and beekeeping products as biological *"monitoring instruments"* ~~'monitoring instruments'~~ to measure environmental quality. Various levels of environmental monitoring with honey bees have already been described, differing in their degree of complexity and sensitivity.

Concerned about honey bee colony losses, *beekeepers, beekeeper technicians* ~~beekeepers~~ and scientists in specific areas of Europe started analysing the pesticide content of bees and bee products. The results are often the same: bees are exposed to a wide variety of contaminants simultaneously and consecutively.

Surprisingly, on many occasions the pesticides detected were not authorised, while in others they were found in natural areas away from the sources of contamination.

This pilot project is a citizens' science project in which beekeepers from several ($n=5-6$) countries in Europe will collect ~~biweekly~~ weekly pollen samples during two beekeeping seasons. ***The countries will be chosen on the basis of the following criteria: existence of regional/national activities and scientists/technicians able to do pollen sampling in the country, at least one representative of each authorisation zone (Annex 1 to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009). A protocol agreed between scientists and*** Pollen and pesticide analyses will serve to establish the botanical origin and contamination of the samples, respectively. Analytical data will be put in a geospatial context, aiming to understand the possible sources of both bee food and contaminants. In specific cases, fresh honey samples may be collected in order to understand possible contamination of honeydew. In addition, in specific cases a field ***practitioners will be proposed that follows official methodological recommendations (i.e. Health-B recommendations, Epilobee). In this way, the outcome of the project can be integrated into multiple stressor models linked with bee health and risk assessment. Practitioners' work will be coordinated by scientists/technicians. Pollen and pesticide analyses will serve to establish the botanical origin and contamination of samples respectively. Analytical data will be put in a geospatial context with a view to gaining an insight into the possible sources and variability of both bee food and contaminants. In specific cases, fresh honey samples may be collected in order to understand possible contamination of honeydew.*** survey may be carried out among farmers operating in the area with a radius of 3 km around the sampled apiary in order to know in depth the agricultural practices performed. Analysis will screen for both authorised and non-authorised pesticide and veterinary products. Additionally, the fate of the colonies used in the sampling will be examined so as to explore potential correlations with the parameters measured. The project will ~~products, which will allow evaluation of the implementation of Union legislation in terms of pesticide application. The project would last about 30 months and~~ months, to include two years of sampling to cover data fluctuations.

Add following text:

This will allow evaluation of the implementation of European legislation in terms of pesticide application (Sustainable Use Directive), pesticide authorisation and efficiency of agro-environmental and greening measures under the common agricultural policy.

Amend text as follows:

The expected results are (1) the development of a non-invasive environmental monitoring system, easy to ~~use~~ carry out and reproducible across Europe; (2) an increase in knowledge on environmental pollution by using environmental ***samplers (honey bees);*** samplers; (3) the identification of ***areas at risk for bee health;*** problematic areas, both in geographical and chemical terms; (4) the verification of the efficacy of ~~EU~~ Union legislation in terms of prevention of environmental and food ***contamination from pesticides;*** contamination; (5) an indication of the plant biodiversity of the landscape throughout the year; (6) the verification of the quality of the CORINE database ***(or other more detailed land use dataset available in the participating countries)*** for landscape-level exposure modelling.

Add following text:

This ongoing pilot project, with a view to becoming a preparatory action, has been successfully reviewed, an increase in its total budget having been proposed: EUR 1 250 000 (2017-2018). The budget increase was requested by the Commission and stakeholders in order to ensure successful implementation. The increase comes in response to the budget cuts were made during the budget negotiations concerning pilot projects and preparatory actions in 2016.

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by AGRI.

This ongoing pilot project is citizens' science, as networks of beekeepers will be gathering environmental data using bees and bee products. Those data will help find out about field exposure of honeybees to key environmental stressors, help gauge how bee-friendly landscapes are and also help inform policy decisions

about implementation of EU legislation on the environment, public health and food safety. In order to carry out the project successfully, budget increase is requested.

Compromise amendment between AGRI/6201

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Draft amendment 119

==== CULT/6180 ====

Tabled by Committee on Culture and Education

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 18 01 04 03 — Support expenditure for the programme ‘Europe for citizens’

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
18 01 04 03	167 000	167 000	174 000	174 000	167 000	167 000	7 000	7 000	174 000	174 000
Reserve										
Total	167 000	167 000	174 000	174 000	167 000	167 000	7 000	7 000	174 000	174 000

Justification:
Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1791

==== BUDG/3009 ====

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 18 01 05 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
18 01 05 01	2 108 942	2 108 942	2 182 755	2 182 755	2 117 272	2 117 272	65 483	65 483	2 182 755	2 182 755
Reserve										
Total	2 108 942	2 108 942	2 182 755	2 182 755	2 117 272	2 117 272	65 483	65 483	2 182 755	2 182 755

Justification:
Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1792

==== BUDG/3010 ====

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 18 01 05 02 — External personnel implementing research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
18 01 05 02	728 000	728 000	559 647	559 647	542 858	542 858	16 789	16 789	559 647	559 647
Reserve										
Total	728 000	728 000	559 647	559 647	542 858	542 858	16 789	16 789	559 647	559 647

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1793

=== BUDG/3011 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 18 01 05 03 — Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
18 01 05 03	508 725	508 725	534 161	534 161	518 136	518 136	16 025	16 025	534 161	534 161
Reserve										
Total	508 725	508 725	534 161	534 161	518 136	518 136	16 025	16 025	534 161	534 161

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1794

=== BUDG/3535 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3535 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 18 02 01 02 — Prevention and fight against cross-border organised crime and better management of security- related risks and crisis

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
18 02 01 02	292 374 838	162 872 986	153 679 988	143 473 644	153 679 988	143 473 644	15 000 000	7 500 000	168 679 988	150 973 644
Reserve										
Total	292 374 838	162 872 986	153 679 988	143 473 644	153 679 988	143 473 644	15 000 000	7 500 000	168 679 988	150 973 644

Remarks:

After paragraph:

This appropriation is intended to cover actions in Member States, and in particular the following:

Amend text as follows:

- actions improving police cooperation and coordination between law enforcement authorities, including with and between relevant Union bodies, in particular Europol and Eurojust, joint investigation teams and any other form of cross-border joint operation, the access to and exchange of information and interoperable technologies,
- development of counter-terrorism initiatives with a view to ensuring appropriate responses to emerging threats, including threats related to home-grown radicalisation and foreign fighters who are either abroad or coming or returning to one or more Member States or candidate countries,
- projects promoting networking, public-private partnerships, mutual confidence, understanding and learning, the identification, exchange and dissemination of know-how, experience and good practices, information-sharing, shared situation awareness and foresight, contingency planning and interoperability,
- analytical, monitoring and evaluation activities, including studies and threat, risk and impact assessments, which are evidence-based and consistent with priorities and initiatives identified at Union level, in particular those that have been endorsed by the European Parliament and the Council,
- awareness-raising, dissemination and communication activities,
- acquisition, maintenance of Union and national IT systems contributing to the achievement of the objectives of Regulation (EU) No 513/2014, and/or further upgrading of IT systems and technical equipment, including testing compatibility of systems, secure facilities, infrastructures, related buildings and systems, especially information and communication technology (ICT) systems and their components, including for the purpose of European cooperation on cyber security and cybercrime, notably with the European Cybercrime Centre,
- exchange, training and education of staff and experts of relevant authorities, including language training and joint exercises or programmes,
- measures deploying, transferring, testing and validating new methodology or technology, including pilot projects and follow-up measures to Union-funded security research ~~projects, projects~~.
- *enhancing the capacity of EU cities to develop strategic frameworks to prevent the spread and growth of violent extremism, developing common toolkits and policies on security-related risks and crises, prevention and integration, involving in particular a European platform of cities against radicalisation.*

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendments tabled by LIBE and Ms Becerra Basterrechea.

In the rapporteur's view, the reductions compared to 2017 levels in CA and PA under this line have not been fully justified by the Commission. Sufficient resources must be available to deal with cross-border crime and security-related risks and crises. This is particularly important given the unpredictable nature of security-related crises in the EU in recent years.

The latest terror attacks during the summer of 2017 have shown the need to intensify preventive measures, in particular by increasing cooperation and coordination of European cities to face terrorism. The proposed measure is destined for the development of common toolkits and policies, notably through a European Platform of European Cities against radicalism.

Compromise amendment between BUDG/4205, LIBE/6013

Draft amendment 568

=== LIBE/6037 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 18 02 01 04

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
18 02 01 04									p.m.	p.m.
Reserve										
Total									p.m.	p.m.

Heading:

EU search-and-rescue fund

Remarks:

Add following text:

This appropriation is intended to support Member States in meeting their obligations under international maritime law to render assistance to persons in distress, notably in search-and-rescue situations (Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, Article 3 - Objectives).

The Commission should present a legislative proposal to set up an EU search-and-rescue fund. Given the current challenges faced in the Mediterranean and the difficulties caused by the many actors involved in search-and-rescue operations, the European Union must do more to show solidarity with those Member States obliged under international law to carry out search-and-rescue operations at sea, in particular in the Mediterranean. It is more appropriate to create such a fund than to increase, in an ad hoc and non-transparent manner, the appropriations made available to the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (EBCGA). The operations reimbursed through the fund could also cover a broader range of operations than those carried out by the EBCGA.

Justification:

The Commission should present a legislative proposal to set up an EU Search and Rescue Fund. The operations reimbursed through the fund could also cover a broader range of operations than those carried out by the EBCGA (refer to the remark section for additional justification)

Draft amendment 789

=== EPP//8006 ===

Tabled by Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 18 02 04 — European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
18 02 04	113 726 613	113 726 613	116 687 271	116 687 271	116 687 271	116 687 271	10 000 000	10 000 000	126 687 271	126 687 271
Reserve										
Total	113 726 613	113 726 613	116 687 271	116 687 271	116 687 271	116 687 271	10 000 000	10 000 000	126 687 271	126 687 271

Justification:

The lack of additional budget puts at risk ICT investments in key areas for the support of Member States and the Strategic Housing Project. Additionally, the Guest Officers costs - so far funded by EU grants - will not be able to be financed by the budget.

Draft amendment 1795

=== BUDG/4219 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 18 02 05 — European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
18 02 05	8 721 000	8 721 000	8 664 161	8 664 161	8 664 161	8 664 161	3 340 339	3 340 339	12 004 500	12 004 500
Reserve										
Total	8 721 000	8 721 000	8 664 161	8 664 161	8 664 161	8 664 161	3 340 339	3 340 339	12 004 500	12 004 500

Justification:

CEPOL's supports Member States in fighting crime, crime prevention, and the maintenance of law and order and public security, in particular the cross-border dimensions of those problems. Therefore, his agency should receive adequate financial resources in order to perform its tasks in an effective manner.

Draft amendment 1796

=== BUDG/3673 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3673 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 18 02 77 03

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
18 02 77 03							1 000 000	500 000	1 000 000	500 000
Reserve										
Total							1 000 000	500 000	1 000 000	500 000

Heading:

Pilot project —Terrorism victim response coordination centre

Remarks:

Add following text:

Recent terrorist attacks both in Europe and elsewhere in the world have had a devastating impact on the victims. Governments and support organisations alike are struggling to provide an effective response which ensures that the specific needs of victims of terrorism are met immediately after an attack and in the longer term. The situation is particularly severe for foreign victims returning to their home countries.

Difficulties in knowledge and skills development, co-ordination of responses and incorporation of victim-orientated approaches in emergency response infrastructures all contribute to weak support mechanisms.

This budget item aims to overcome those barriers by bringing together key operational experts, victim advocates and organisations from around Europe to identify key priorities and issues for victims of terrorism and deliver co-ordinated support for victims of terrorism across borders.

The centre will:

- bring together research, knowledge and skills from around the world to develop modern support

mechanisms and ensure that the EU's future policies have a sound evidence base taken from worldwide best practices (information, compensation and support),

- *develop training courses for support personnel and ensure coordination on repatriation issues,*
- *develop deployment and co-ordination strategies for support in the aftermath of a terrorist attack and bring together specialists to ensure that a victim-orientated approach is taken in emergency response settings throughout Europe,*
- *develop information and information provision mechanisms for victims of terrorism,*
- *support the use of technologies to assist victims and provide psychosocial help.*

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:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by LIBE.

The EP Resolution of 11/02/15 on anti-terrorism measures stresses that an essential dimension of the fight against terrorism must be the inclusion of policies to protect and support the victims and their families. EU Directive 2012/29 highlights the need for specialist support for victims of terrorism.

Further attacks in Europe are expected whilst national response mechanisms are insufficient. The Centre would increase Europe’s preparedness for and resilience to an attack, create a higher and more consistent standard of victim response and provide leadership around the world.

Compromise amendment between LIBE/6025

Draft amendment 1797 === BUDG/3536 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3536 = Compromise amendment

LIBE/6054 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 18 03 01 01 — Strengthening and developing the common European asylum system and enhancing solidarity and responsibility-sharing between the Member States

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
18 03 01 01	951 548 126	738 819 432	388 322 974	304 107 137	388 322 974	304 107 137	15 000 000	7 500 000	403 322 974	311 607 137
Reserve										
Total	951 548 126	738 819 432	388 322 974	304 107 137	388 322 974	304 107 137	15 000 000	7 500 000	403 322 974	311 607 137

Remarks:

After paragraph:

This appropriation is intended to contribute to strengthen asylum flows, including through practical

cooperation.

Amend text as follows:

In the case of the common European asylum system, this appropriation is intended to cover actions relating to reception and asylum systems and actions enhancing the capacity of Member States to develop, monitor and evaluate their asylum policies and procedures. Particular attention should be paid to the specific situation of vulnerable women, especially women with children, and unaccompanied ~~minors, young girls,~~ and to the imperative of preventing *religious-inspired, ethnic or* gender based violence in reception and asylum centres.

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendments tabled by LIBE and Mr Belder.

In the rapporteur's view, the reductions in CA compared to 2017 levels under this line have not been fully justified by the Commission. Sufficient resources must be available to deal with the continuing pressure on member states from the migratory flow, particularly in light of the increase of arrivals through the central Mediterranean route.

The situation of refugees belonging to religious and ethnic minorities is under continuing pressure which deserves greater attention.

Compromise amendment between BUDG/4523, LIBE/6054

Compromise amendment between LIBE/6000

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Draft amendment 1798

=== BUDG/3537 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3537 = Compromise amendment

LIBE/6057 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 18 03 01 02 — Supporting legal migration to the Union and promoting the effective integration of third-country nationals and enhancing fair and effective return strategies

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
18 03 01 02	666 210 994	285 783 460	328 331 648	287 777 393	328 331 648	287 777 393	15 000 000	7 500 000	343 331 648	295 277 393
Reserve										
Total	666 210 994	285 783 460	328 331 648	287 777 393	328 331 648	287 777 393	15 000 000	7 500 000	343 331 648	295 277 393

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by LIBE.

Partial reductions of AMIF compared to 2017 levels are justified since new Dublin Regulation has not yet been adopted. Nevertheless, as regards integration measures and return strategies, more funding is needed to properly take care of migrants already present in the EU.

Compromise amendment between LIBE/6057

Compromise amendment between LIBE/6053

Draft amendment 1332

=== S&D/7660 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 18 03 02 — European Asylum Support Office (EASO)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
18 03 02	69 206 000	69 206 000	85 837 067	85 837 067	85 837 067	85 837 067	26 081 435	26 081 435	111 918 502	111 918 502
Reserve										
Total	69 206 000	69 206 000	85 837 067	85 837 067	85 837 067	85 837 067	26 081 435	26 081 435	111 918 502	111 918 502

Justification:

The EU continues to face challenges in the area of migration with an increased request by Member States for support for their reception and asylum systems. A further increase of financial resources is needed to maintain at least its current level of operational activities and to meet the demands of the growth in its operations stemming from the needs of the Member States. The increase of appropriations shall be financed by the use of the special instruments under article 9ff. of the MFF 2014-2020 regulation.

Draft amendment 1799

=== BUDG/3676 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 18 03 77 12

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
18 03 77 12							1 200 000	600 000	1 200 000	600 000
Reserve										
Total							1 200 000	600 000	1 200 000	600 000

Heading:

Preparatory action — Care service to support unaccompanied refugee and migrant minors in Europe

Remarks:

Add following text:

The action will focus on increasing and strengthening the provision of foster families and assisted flats for unaccompanied refugee minors, with special attention being paid to 16-18-year-olds, whilst improving coordination of related supporting stakeholders so as to put an end to their highly vulnerable position in the EU. In view of the limited budget available, it will be implemented in a selection of Member States where the number of unaccompanied refugee minors is the most challenging, namely Germany, Italy, Sweden and Hungary.

The action will be based on three complementary focal points:

1. The action will implement a support programme to match unaccompanied refugee minors with foster families or place them in assisted flats with the support of a highly specialised diagnosis and monitoring team. It will be based on targeted dissemination campaigns, an efficient procedure for looking for and selecting families and well situated community flats, and continuous monitoring of all processes. Foster

families will make available one room in their homes or provide full second housing.

Foster families will be the legal representative of unaccompanied minors; they will become the go-to persons for newcomers, offering opportunities for integrating into the community, support in managing their legal context, support with looking for training and employment opportunities, emotional support and help with language and health issues. Families will receive funding and have access to a round-the-clock interpreter service, emotional and personalised support from the welfare organisations in charge of the action that have been selected on the basis of a call for tenders or proposals. For minors aged 16-18, the action will also provide care services in assisted flats to promote independent living; that will also be managed by a specialised support team.

2. In addition, the action will design and develop person-centred and comprehensive software assisting children, families and organisations involved in the above support programme. It will help to increase access for welfare organisations, foster families and refugee minors to available resources and opportunities to improve support such as key documentation, task monitoring, key contacts and round-the-clock personalised assistance that will be fully adaptable to each national context. Building on existing well functioning software, the action will in particular improve the process of personalising the software on the basis of an advanced and integrated diagnosis and assessment of the person concerned and his/her environment and develop a sectoral observatory that is based on integrated and updated big-data analysis. The software will be based on data collection, monitoring and evaluation of users' needs and circumstances and will promote the involvement of and coordination among relevant supporting public and private services and stakeholders, thus increasing the efficiency and quality of the care system.

3. Action will also focus on the development of complementary activities to support authorities and welfare organisations in implementing specific foster-family and assisted-flats programmes for accommodating unaccompanied refugee and migrant minors, whilst improving coordination of related supporting stakeholders, so as to put an end to their highly vulnerable position in Europe. Examples of such complementary activities include: an analysis of current context and legislation to implement foster-family programmes and/or develop assisted-flats programmes specifically intended for unaccompanied refugee and migrant minors; a review of good practices; proposals for improvements; the development of a specific dissemination strategy to look for and find candidate foster families that is more successful than current strategies; the development of a specific training programme to ensure that candidates willing to be foster families are well trained; and, for refugee minors aged 16-18, the development of a comprehensive programme promoting independent living in assisted flats, etc.

Expected outcomes of this ambitious and comprehensive preparatory action are: 1) a significant increase in high-quality foster care support services; 2) better quality of life, greater independence and increased integration for children; and 3) increased coordination of and more efficient support for all stakeholders. In this regard, the action will clearly demonstrate an increase in community-based care capacity and reduce the number of refugee children in institutions, thus demonstrating efficient resource allocation to quality services.

The preparatory action will be implemented on the basis of a call or calls for tenders and/or proposals on the basis of partnership arrangements between authorities, welfare organisations, NGOs supporting refugee and migrant children, and IT companies from various European regions, thus ensuring wide reach and impact at European level.

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:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by EMPL.

Europe is facing the largest refugee crisis since the Second World War. Families are forced to flee their homes & often split apart. Family reunification is often difficult, leaving children in a situation of extreme vulnerability. Often the only option for these children is resettlement in other countries as unaccompanied minors.

Foster families constitute an effective option to care for these children with proven positive impacts in terms of community integration, cost-efficiency and sustainability which is currently being under exploited & in need of improving its efficiency.

Draft amendment 1800

=== BUDG/3538 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3538 = Compromise amendment

AFCO/6741 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 18 04 01 01 — Europe for citizens — Strengthening remembrance and enhancing capacity for civic participation at the Union level

Amend figures, remarks and legal basis as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
18 04 01 01	23 231 000	22 760 000	24 426 000	25 205 000	23 759 333	24 705 000	4 740 667	2 537 000	28 500 000	27 242 000
Reserve										
Total	23 231 000	22 760 000	24 426 000	25 205 000	23 759 333	24 705 000	4 740 667	2 537 000	28 500 000	27 242 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

This appropriation is also intended to promote European and the impact of the Union on their daily lives.

Add following text:

For 2018, the priorities of the programme should focus on informing citizens about their electoral rights and the importance of European elections for shaping the future of Europe. Dialogue with citizens and with European civil society on the future of Europe, based on the white paper presented by the Commission in 2017, should also be encouraged.

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendments tabled by AFCO and VERT.

In line with the paragraph 40 of the EP report P8-(2016)0309 stating that "MFF mid-term revision should be implemented without delay and integrated already in the EU budget 2017", this modification aims at translating in budgetary terms in the budget 2018 the paragraph 49 of the report.

2018 is a year of strategic importance in terms of communication activities. The importance of European elections and citizens' electoral rights should be emphasized in order to enhance electoral turnout at the elections in 2019. Furthermore, after the presentation of the Commission White Paper on the future of Europe, dialogue with citizens on this topic should be encouraged.

Compromise amendment between VERT/8459, AFCO/6741

Compromise amendment between AFCO/6729, AFCO/6728

Draft amendment 1801

=== BUDG/3539 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3539 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 18 04 01 02 — European citizens' initiative

Amend remarks and legal basis as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
18 04 01 02	840 000	740 000	740 000	840 000	740 000	840 000			740 000	840 000
Reserve										
Total	840 000	740 000	740 000	840 000	740 000	840 000			740 000	840 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

The general aim of this budget item is to reinforce Union by way of a European citizens' initiative (ECI).

Add following text:

This appropriation is intended also to fund communication campaigns to raise public awareness of ECIs.

This appropriation is also intended to fund the practical and organisational arrangements at the preparation and collection stages for successful ECIs that have reached the one million signatures threshold, in particular costs relating to translation, registration, legal expertise, website development, and issuing regular newsletters. Funding will be provided to reimburse costs already incurred by ECI organisers and citizen committees previously entered in the ECI Register.

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendments tabled by AFÇO and Mr Wał sa.

AFÇO/6730

In view of the Commission's comments on the pilot project on Funding and supporting European Citizen's Initiative (ECI) campaigns, it is proposed to fund part of the activities originally envisaged under that pilot project from the specific budget line under the "Europe for Citizens" programme. These funds should not go at the detriment of other actions under this programme.

BUDG/4531

The aim of the European Citizens Initiative is to foster debate and citizens participation at the European level as well as bring the EU closer to its citizens. Currently, there is no funding provided to the organizers of the ECI during the preparation stage and the collection stage of the statements of support. Enabling the organizers of successful ECIs to have their costs reimbursed, would contribute to increasing the financial transparency of the sources of support and funding of an ECI as a tool of the participatory democracy.

Compromise amendment between AFÇO/6730, BUDG/4531

Draft amendment 1802

=== BUDG/3582 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets
BUDG/3582 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION
Item 18 05 03 01 — Fostering secure European societies

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
18 05 03 01	139 996 074	138 824 023	156 526 362	145 303 970	153 526 362	145 303 970	13 400 000	5 200 000	166 926 362	150 503 970
Reserve										
Total	139 996 074	138 824 023	156 526 362	145 303 970	153 526 362	145 303 970	13 400 000	5 200 000	166 926 362	150 503 970

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by ITRE.
The original 2018 annual profile of Horizon 2020 budget lines that are used for the provisioning of the EFSI Guarantee Fund should be restored. These amendments reflect the long-standing position of Parliament to minimise the impact of EFSI redeployments on this programme.
Compromise amendment between ITRE/5166

Draft amendment 448==== AFET/5315 ====

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION
Item 19 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
19 01 04 01	6 980 000	6 980 000	7 092 000	7 092 000	6 982 000	6 982 000	110 000	110 000	7 092 000	7 092 000
Reserve			673 000	673 000	673 000	673 000			673 000	673 000
Total	6 980 000	6 980 000	7 765 000	7 765 000	7 655 000	7 655 000	110 000	110 000	7 765 000	7 765 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 445==== AFET/5312 ====

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION
Item 19 01 04 04 — Support expenditure for the Partnership Instrument

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
19 01 04 04	5 020 000	5 020 000	5 298 000	5 298 000	5 023 000	5 023 000	275 000	275 000	5 298 000	5 298 000

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Reserve										
Total	5 020 000	5 020 000	5 298 000	5 298 000	5 023 000	5 023 000	275 000	275 000	5 298 000	5 298 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 449

=== AFET/5316 ===

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 19 02 01 — Response to crisis and emerging crisis

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
19 02 01	170 200 000	181 000 000	233 718 177	202 000 000	218 828 177	200 510 000	14 890 000	1 490 000	233 718 177	202 000 000
Reserve			20 400 000	8 000 000	20 400 000	8 000 000			20 400 000	8 000 000
Total	170 200 000	181 000 000	254 118 177	210 000 000	239 228 177	208 510 000	14 890 000	1 490 000	254 118 177	210 000 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1803

=== BUDG/3504 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3504 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 19 03 01 05 — Emergency measures

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
19 03 01 05	62 850 000	30 043 812	22 100 000	7 000 000	22 100 000	7 000 000	4 500 000	2 250 000	26 600 000	9 250 000
Reserve										
Total	62 850 000	30 043 812	22 100 000	7 000 000	22 100 000	7 000 000	4 500 000	2 250 000	26 600 000	9 250 000

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by VERT.

Emergency measures add to the flexibility of the CFSP budget, which are necessary to cover the financing of any unforeseen actions that have to be implemented urgently.

Compromise amendment between VERT/8483

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Draft amendment 434

=== AFET/5290 ===

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 19 03 01 07 — European Union Special Representatives

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
19 03 01 07	24 020 000	26 861 438	23 700 000	24 534 520	23 700 000	24 534 520	-23 700 000	-23 700 000	p.m.	834 520
Reserve										
Total	24 020 000	26 861 438	23 700 000	24 534 520	23 700 000	24 534 520	-23 700 000	-23 700 000	p.m.	834 520

Justification:

Transfer EU Special Representatives from the CFSP chapter to the EEAS budget to strengthen the coherence of the EU's external action. The line is not yet deleted to allow for payment of remaining commitments from earlier years.

Draft amendment 1804

=== BUDG/3505 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3505 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 19 04 01 — Improving the reliability of electoral processes, in particular by means of election observation missions

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
19 04 01	45 363 394	37 522 500	46 304 783	38 302 500	46 304 783	38 302 500	1 058 611	529 306	47 363 394	38 831 806
Reserve										
Total	45 363 394	37 522 500	46 304 783	38 302 500	46 304 783	38 302 500	1 058 611	529 306	47 363 394	38 831 806

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by S&D.

Since election observation missions contribute to strengthening democratic institutions and building public confidence towards electoral processes, which in return bring stability in the concerned third countries, EU support in this field shall be reinforced.

Compromise amendment between S&D//7560

Draft amendment 446

=== AFET/5313 ===

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 19 05 01 — Cooperation with third countries to advance and promote Union and mutual interests

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017	Draft budget 2018	Council's position 2018	Difference	New amount
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	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
19 05 01	112 899 000	84 191 000	126 263 000	70 610 000	116 363 000	70 610 000	9 900 000		126 263 000	70 610 000
Reserve										
Total	112 899 000	84 191 000	126 263 000	70 610 000	116 363 000	70 610 000	9 900 000		126 263 000	70 610 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1805

=== BUDG/3506 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3506 = Compromise amendment

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SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 19 05 20 — Erasmus+ — Contribution from the Partnership Instrument

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
19 05 20	15 600 000	14 628 006	11 520 000	14 646 383	11 520 000	14 646 383	2 000 000	1 000 000	13 520 000	15 646 383
Reserve										
Total	15 600 000	14 628 006	11 520 000	14 646 383	11 520 000	14 646 383	2 000 000	1 000 000	13 520 000	15 646 383

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by EPP.

The programme contributes to a further EU engagement in countries in Latin America and Asia by promoting the international dimension of higher education.

Compromise amendment between EPP//8012

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Draft amendment 1806

=== BUDG/3507 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3507 = Compromise amendment

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SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 19 06 01 — Information outreach on the Union's external relations

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
19 06 01	12 000 000	12 000 000	12 000 000	13 700 000	12 000 000	13 700 000	3 000 000	1 500 000	15 000 000	15 200 000
Reserve										
Total	12 000 000	12 000 000	12 000 000	13 700 000	12 000 000	13 700 000	3 000 000	1 500 000	15 000 000	15 200 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

Measures carried out from headquarters:

Amend text as follows:

- the European Union visitors programme (EUVP), carried out jointly by the European Parliament and the Commission, provides some 170 participants a year, chosen by the Union delegations, with the opportunity of experiencing contact with the Union by visiting the European Parliament and the Commission as part of a made-to-measure individual programme of visits based on a theme,
- the production and distribution of publications on priority themes as part of an annual programme,
- the production and dissemination of audiovisual material,
- the development of information delivered via electronic media (the internet and electronic message systems),
- the organisation of visits for groups of journalists,
- the support for the information activities of opinion leaders that are consistent with the Union's *~~priorities, priorities~~*.
- *strategic communications, in particular in the EU neighbourhood and the Western Balkans.*

After paragraph:

In accordance with the communication goals laid down budgetary allocation covering the following activities:

Amend text as follows:

- websites,
- relations with the media (press conferences, seminars, radio programmes, etc.),
- information products (other publications, graphic material, etc.),
- organisation of events, including cultural activities,
- newsletters,
- information *~~campaigns, campaigns~~*.
- *strategic communications, in particular in the EU neighbourhood and the Western Balkans.*

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by AFET.

Strategic communication has become a powerful tool in international relations. The EU and its neighbours face growing disinformation challenge from third states and non-state actors. The additional resources are to enable the EU to pursue, in particular in the immediate neighbourhood of the EU, pro-active strategic communication, to systematically uncover disinformation and also support language pluralism of strategic communication products.

Compromise amendment between AFET/5220

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Draft amendment 1807

=== BUDG/3677 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 19 06 77

Heading:

Pilot projects and preparatory actions

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 19 06 77 01

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
19 06 77 01							1 100 000	550 000	1 100 000	550 000
Reserve										
Total							1 100 000	550 000	1 100 000	550 000

Heading:

Preparatory action — StratCom Plus

Remarks:

Add following text:

The preparatory action will test how to counter disinformation more systematically, effectively and efficiently. An important objective is to build EU capacity on fact-checking disinformation by upgrading the skills base of staff through training and coaching by appointed strategic communication experts, who will then report on their monitoring activities to headquarters, including the East StratCom task force.

Therefore, the preparatory action will finance a) training to raise awareness of disinformation campaigns among EU staff; b) monitoring of disinformation campaigns both within and outside the EU; c) data-based analysis of the challenge and ways forward throughout Europe; d) better output for the product of that analysis, i.e. translation and dissemination in local languages. As disinformation campaigns target the EU and its partner countries alike, these activities can benefit staff, according to priorities to be set, in 1) Commission Permanent Representations in Member States, 2) EU Delegations in Eastern Partnership countries, and 3) EU Delegations in Western Balkans countries.

The preparatory action will be jointly implemented by the Commission (Service for Foreign Policy Instruments) and the European External Action Service.

This action will allow the EU to raise awareness, to increase capacity to anticipate, analyse and respond, to be more efficient, to better reach out to Member States and to promote its policy objectives vis-à-vis its citizens as well as the Eastern Neighbourhood and the Western Balkans, including in their languages.

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:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by Mr Mure an and others.

This action will allow the EU to be more efficient, better reach out to Member States and to promote its policy objectives towards its citizens as well as towards the Eastern Neighborhood and Western Balkans. Through the increase of interaction and the use of open data, public awareness towards disinformation will be increased and the EU’s capacity to anticipate and respond to this type of activities will be improved.

Draft amendment 1808

=== BUDG/3678 ===

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 20 02 77

Heading:

Pilot projects and preparatory actions

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 20 02 77 02

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
20 02 77 02							400 000	200 000	400 000	200 000
Reserve										
Total							400 000	200 000	400 000	200 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Women and trade: creating a model chapter on gender in free trade agreements based on data on women participating in trade and. women participating in the domestic economy

Remarks:

Add following text:

The project entails the following activities:

1. Reviewing existing gender chapters in free trade agreements (FTAs) and their effectiveness; 2. Designing a questionnaire to capture information on the impact of trade agreements and the barriers for women-owned/led firms to trade; 3. Training interviewers in the selected Member States and partner countries; 4. Conducting interviews and related data quality control; 5. Compiling a database; 5. Drafting a report summarising the main findings; 6. Drafting a model chapter on gender in FTAs.

-The survey will capture variables on women ownership, women in management and female employment in exporting firms. It will be representative at EU level by firm size and export sector, with interviews across all Member States and in selected third countries (to be defined in consultation with DG Trade).

- The survey will capture trade barriers with all current trading partners of firms with additional questions on specific trade agreements that have recently been concluded or are in the process of negotiation or renegotiation. The list of such agreements for which more detailed information will be captured will be defined in consultation with DG Trade.

- The survey will cover regulatory and procedural trade barriers, existing information gaps as well as the firms' recommendations for improvements. These will be captured by product and partner country and can as such be attributed to specific FTAs and, depending on the type of issue reported, to specific provisions therein.

- The data collected will be novel and unique. This pilot project reflects strong demand from trade negotiators (including at the World Trade Organisation), who would like to better include the gender dimension in trade policy-making but lack the data and evidence base to do so.

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:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by INTA.

This project supports the objective of ensuring that the benefits of trade openness involve everyone, as a main aim of EU trade policy. Despite the wide awareness that incorporating a gender perspective is key to maximising the benefits of trade, this is still not implemented in a consistent and effective way. A key obstacle is the lack of disaggregated data, essential to ensure that provisions in FTA's do not reinforce discrimination but, instead, help reducing gender inequalities.

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Draft amendment 496

=== DEVE/5855 ===

Tabled by Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

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

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 01 04 01	84 993 151	84 993 151	86 064 960	86 064 960	84 994 960	84 994 960	1 070 000	1 070 000	86 064 960	86 064 960
Reserve										
Total	84 993 151	84 993 151	86 064 960	86 064 960	84 994 960	84 994 960	1 070 000	1 070 000	86 064 960	86 064 960

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 447

=== AFET/5314 ===

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 01 04 03 — Support expenditure for the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 01 04 03	10 108 836	10 108 836	10 337 861	10 337 861	10 112 861	10 112 861	225 000	225 000	10 337 861	10 337 861
Reserve										
Total	10 108 836	10 108 836	10 337 861	10 337 861	10 112 861	10 112 861	225 000	225 000	10 337 861	10 337 861

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1809

=== BUDG/3018 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 01 04 04 — Support expenditure for the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 01 04 04	2 200 000	2 200 000	2 300 000	2 300 000	2 200 000	2 200 000	100 000	100 000	2 300 000	2 300 000
Reserve										
Total	2 200 000	2 200 000	2 300 000	2 300 000	2 200 000	2 200 000	100 000	100 000	2 300 000	2 300 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 450==== AFET/5318 ====

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 01 04 06 — Support expenditure for the European Union-Greenland partnership

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 01 04 06	254 000	254 000	285 000	285 000	255 000	255 000	30 000	30 000	285 000	285 000
Reserve										
Total	254 000	254 000	285 000	285 000	255 000	255 000	30 000	30 000	285 000	285 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1810==== BUDG/3508 ====

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3508 = Compromise amendment

DEVE/5912 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 02 02 — Cooperation with Asia

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 02	771 719 915	310 000 000	809 848 013	441 268 119	797 948 013	434 318 119	11 900 000	6 950 000	809 848 013	441 268 119
Reserve										
Total	771 719 915	310 000 000	809 848 013	441 268 119	797 948 013	434 318 119	11 900 000	6 950 000	809 848 013	441 268 119

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by DEVE.

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Compromise amendment between DEVE/5912

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Draft amendment 1647

=== VERT/8494 ===

Tabled by Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 02 04 — Cooperation with the Middle East

Amend remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 04	66 497 174	25 000 000	83 196 862	39 512 058	83 196 862	39 512 058			83 196 862	39 512 058
Reserve										
Total	66 497 174	25 000 000	83 196 862	39 512 058	83 196 862	39 512 058			83 196 862	39 512 058

Remarks:

After paragraph:

Appropriate consideration will be given to the areas Policy and the subsequent conclusions of the Council.

Amend text as follows:

Emphasis must be placed on operations influencing economic organisation and institutional 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*, 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.

Justification:

Polio is still endemic in the region: this year there have been 33 new cases of polio in Syria, due to an outbreak caused by a low vaccination rate. Therefore, enough EU-funds should be made available to conduct vaccination campaigns in the Middle East, to eradicate polio in the region and with a view to eradicate polio worldwide.

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Draft amendment 1811

=== BUDG/3509 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3509 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 07 03 — Human development

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 07 03	153 741 313	138 000 000	193 374 058	170 000 000	193 374 058	170 000 000	12 500 000	12 500 000	205 874 058	182 500 000
Reserve										
Total	153 741 313	138 000 000	193 374 058	170 000 000	193 374 058	170 000 000	12 500 000	12 500 000	205 874 058	182 500 000

Remarks:

Add following text:

Gender equality issues will be supported to back achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), including counteracting the negative impacts of the Trump Administration's "global gag rule". Sufficient assistance must be provided to governments and civil society organisations in order to oppose this attack on access to critical health services that women need to survive no matter where they live.

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendments tabled by FEMM and S&D.

This budget line is crucial for poverty eradication and therefore its financial capacity shall be reinforced to allow the EU to pursue its development objectives, including prevention in health care, social protection schemes and family planning. More specifically, 225 million women in developing countries lack access to family planning, while the US Global Gag Rule is cutting funding for the NGOs committed to this cause.

Sustainable Development Goal 5 emphasises women's rights and gender equality in the world. Access to quality health care, including SRHR services are paramount for women's and girls' empowerment. It is therefore important to counteract the negative impacts of the Trump administration's Global Gag Rule by providing sufficient funding and measures to governments and civil society organisations in order to oppose this attack on access to critical health services women need to survive no matter where they live.

Compromise amendment between FEMM/6404, S&D//7553

Draft amendment 1812

=== BUDG/3510 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3510 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

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

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 07 04	192 181 168	110 000 000	217 393 286	140 000 000	217 393 286	140 000 000	12 500 000	12 500 000	229 893 286	152 500 000
Reserve										
Total	192 181 168	110 000 000	217 393 286	140 000 000	217 393 286	140 000 000	12 500 000	12 500 000	229 893 286	152 500 000

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by S&D.

Delivering food supplies is not a long-term solution for fighting hunger. On the other hand, backing food production in developing countries is a critical element for properly supporting food security and therefore ensuring stability and peace in the concerned areas.

Compromise amendment between S&D//7590

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Draft amendment 1639

==== VERT/8480 ====

Tabled by Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 07 05 — Migration and asylum

Amend remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 07 05	404 973 912	115 722 000	51 531 564	130 000 000	51 531 564	130 000 000			51 531 564	130 000 000
Reserve										
Total	404 973 912	115 722 000	51 531 564	130 000 000	51 531 564	130 000 000			51 531 564	130 000 000

Remarks:

Before paragraph:

The programme will focus on initiatives at global Union’s external migration policy may also be launched.

Amend text as follows:

This appropriation is intended to cover implementation of initiatives under the ~~"migration and asylum"~~**"migration and asylum"** thematic area of the ~~"Global Public Goods and Challenges"~~**"Global Public Goods and Challenges"** programme with the aim of enhancing the governance and maximising the development impact of migration and mobility.

In particular, the ~~"Global Public Goods and Challenges"~~**"Global Public Goods and Challenges"** programme in the area of migration and asylum aims to enhance the governance of migration in and by developing countries, placing particular attention on maximising the positive impact and minimising the negative impact of migration and mobility on development in low- and middle-income countries of origin and destination. In this sense, the programme will support the implementation of the migration related Sustainable Development Goals, including in particular target 10.7 on facilitating orderly, safe regular and responsible migration and mobility. Initiatives launched will contribute to the implementation of the 2015 European Agenda on Migration, including notably the priorities as set out in the 2016 Partnership Framework with third countries. Protection and promotion of the human rights of migrants, including access to services such as health, and support for the Union commitments to ensure policy coherence for development on migration will be pursued as cross-cutting objectives. **Activities funded under this budget line must be in line with the primary objective of the Union’s development policy, which is poverty reduction.**

Justification:

This amendment aims at broadening the scope of the budget line in order to cover the poverty reduction objective.

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Draft amendment 1813

==== BUDG/3511 ====

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3511 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 08 01 — Civil society in development

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 08 01	191 932 988	130 000 000	205 954 810	150 800 000	199 354 810	150 800 000	6 600 000		205 954 810	150 800 000
Reserve										
Total	191 932 988	130 000 000	205 954 810	150 800 000	199 354 810	150 800 000	6 600 000		205 954 810	150 800 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

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

Add following text:

Activities that help small and medium-sized enterprises at local level to create additional jobs should be prioritised. Particular focus should be placed on establishing dual education institutions. Activities to achieve that aim should account for at least 20% of the funds against this budget item.

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendments tabled by the rapporteur and Mr Rübig.

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Job creation in developing countries is of utmost importance in order to create positive economic perspectives. Creating employment helps to mitigate the root causes of migration to Europe.

Compromise amendment between BUDG/3019, BUDG/4518

Draft amendment 1814

=== BUDG/3512 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3512 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 02 20 — Erasmus+ — Contribution from the development cooperation instrument (DCI)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 20	108 922 928	93 812 842	94 928 673	95 995 100	94 928 673	95 995 100	7 500 000	7 500 000	102 428 673	103 495 100
Reserve										
Total	108 922 928	93 812 842	94 928 673	95 995 100	94 928 673	95 995 100	7 500 000	7 500 000	102 428 673	103 495 100

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by S&D.

Considering the relevance of higher education for overall reforms in partner countries, student mobility and academic cooperation shall be provided with adequate and continuous support; the Development and

Cooperation Instrument shall continue to promote the international dimension of higher education for the implementation of the Erasmus+ programme.

Compromise amendment between S&D//7570

Draft amendment 502

==== DEVE/5867 ====

Tabled by Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 02 40 — Commodities agreements

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 40	2 500 000	2 500 000	5 583 000	2 500 000	5 583 000	2 500 000	-3 083 000		2 500 000	2 500 000
Reserve										
Total	2 500 000	2 500 000	5 583 000	2 500 000	5 583 000	2 500 000	-3 083 000		2 500 000	2 500 000

Justification:

Corrects error recognised by the Commission and demonstrates financial responsibility.

Draft amendment 1815

==== BUDG/3679 ====

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3679 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 21 02 77 31 — Pilot project — Santé pour tous — Health for All

Amend figures, heading and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 77 31	500 000	250 000	p.m.	250 000	p.m.	250 000	1 200 000	600 000	1 200 000	850 000
Reserve										
Total	500 000	250 000	p.m.	250 000	p.m.	250 000	1 200 000	600 000	1 200 000	850 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

Doctors will be on mission in all five regions of EU's work in provincial capitals across the country.

Add following text:

This involves sending physicians on assignment in rural regions of Togo, making it possible for people in communities that currently have no access to any qualified health care to be treated by specialists. Aimes-Afrique sets up teams comprising at least seven highly qualified Togolese physicians with different specialisms who, each year, carry out a 14-day assignment in each of Togo's five regions, examining and, as far as possible, immediately treating some 5 000 people free of charge during each mission and operating on about 500 patients. In total, accordingly, this benefits at least 25 000 people in each region. Action PiT-Togohilfe e.V. is doing everything it can to back the project with funding and donations in kind.

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by Ms Niebler and others.

The project is specifically targeted at people in rural communities who are unable to travel to urban areas for medical assistance and care. Doctors therefore go to them in their villages. It is designed to be a low-threshold project: alongside health care as such, there is an equally strong focus on health education so as to ensure that what modern medicine has to offer is accepted.

Compromise amendment between BUDG/4020

Draft amendment 1816

=== BUDG/3681 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3681 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 21 02 77 32

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 77 32							1 000 000	500 000	1 000 000	500 000
Reserve										
Total							1 000 000	500 000	1 000 000	500 000

Heading:

Preparatory action — Young European volunteers for development

Remarks:

Add following text:

The European Union, faced with mass migration, must commit to stopping such population movements at source in addition to strengthening control of its external borders.

This development is likely to be accentuated: demographers estimate that Africa could have 800 million more inhabitants within 30 years.

The recently approved programme for a European Sustainable Development Fund is one of the financial instruments for a pro-active development aid policy. It remains essential to make support manpower available to provide services in priority areas, in particular schooling, health care and technical assistance.

Accordingly, the European Union could encourage young Europeans to become volunteers for periods of six months to a year; they would be hosted by public-sector development aid bodies, NGOs and approved civic-service structures. The EU budget contribution would take the form of grants to cover travel and accommodation expenses. The EU Aid Volunteers scheme can serve as a model, the two differences being that assignments will focus on development and the target audience age range is 18 to 26.

To best cater for funding needs for this preparatory action, the focus is on heading 4, under which the Development Cooperation Instrument best matches objectives.

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:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by Mr Arthuis.

The Young European Development Volunteers scheme is intended to complement EU policy to stop economic migration to Europe at source. Assistance services will be provided in schools, health care and technical areas. Young people between 18 and 26, volunteering for periods of six months to a year, will be hosted by development bodies, NGOs and approved civic-service structures.

Compromise amendment between BUDG/4028

Draft amendment 1817

=== BUDG/3680 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 21 02 77 33

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 77 33							450 000	225 000	450 000	225 000
Reserve										
Total							450 000	225 000	450 000	225 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Fostering transparency and impact assessment for local authorities in Guatemala

Remarks:

Add following text:

— provide access for local authorities to the most suitable set of indicators and mechanisms for accessing data in order to measure the impact of the actions implemented in their territory;

This pilot project will foster cooperation between local authorities willing to work together towards the development of a methodology based on open data and big data. This will provide current data on the impact of initiatives at local level in Guatemala in line with national public strategies. Moreover, it will provide international donors, especially the Commission, with a reference framework on the efficiency of development cooperation policies at local level. Both indicators and mechanisms must take into account the specific characteristics of the country: multiculturalism, multiethnicity and multilingualism.

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:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by DEVE.

In Guatemala, there is a lack of confidence towards public authorities and administrative decentralization processes are inefficient. Besides, the harmonization of initiatives lacks adequate coordination mechanisms to different realities that local authorities deal with. The rationale behind this PP is based on two main premises: transparency and citizen participation processes increase public confidence; and professionalization of the design and management of public services provision at local level needs to compensate the challenges of the decentralisation processes.

Draft amendment 1818

=== BUDG/3682 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 21 02 77 34

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 02 77 34							600 000	300 000	600 000	300 000
Reserve										
Total							600 000	300 000	600 000	300 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Trees for Africa

Remarks:

Add following text:

This pilot project will make funding available for the network of partner NGOs in the EverGreen Agriculture Partnership that is implementing the action called "Reversing Land Degradation in Africa by Scaling-up EverGreen Agriculture" financed through the Global Public Goods and Challenges programme under the Development and Cooperation Instrument (DCI). Integrating this pilot project into the activities of the DCI action above will have the advantage of avoiding the creation of a separate ad-hoc project structure and other related costs. The aim is to provide technical training, planning and tree seedlings to local groups in one or more of the eight targeted African countries, particularly to those communities with severely degraded land, empowering inhabitants to improve their living conditions. There should be transparent evaluation of success and the results should be monetarily measurable.

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:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by Mr Kölmel and Ms Hohlmeier.

Many people in developing countries live on severely degraded land, which affects their living standards: it is difficult to grow food, collect firewood, or make a living off the land. This additional funding and new focus would help to improve livelihood, food security and would help to restore ecosystems. This would strengthen the local economy and empower people. This project is scalable, customizable and easy to provide. It will help poorer areas, reduce the level of carbon emissions, and could help reduce the level of migratory flows as living standards are improved.

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Draft amendment 1819

=== BUDG/3513 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3513 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 21 04 01 — Enhancing the respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms and supporting democratic reforms

Amend remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 04 01	132 804 486	100 000 000	135 400 860	110 000 000	135 400 860	110 000 000			135 400 860	110 000 000
Reserve										
Total	132 804 486	100 000 000	135 400 860	110 000 000	135 400 860	110 000 000			135 400 860	110 000 000

Remarks:

Before paragraph:

Key areas of activity will include:

Amend text as follows:

The general objective will be to contribute to the development and consolidation of democracy and respect for human rights, in accordance with Union policies and guidelines and in close cooperation with civil society. *Solely activities carried out by Civil Society Organisations which respect the EU's fundamental freedoms are to be considered.*

After paragraph:

Key areas of activity will include:

Amend text as follows:

- enhancing respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including women's rights, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international and regional human rights instruments, with a focus on freedom of expression, freedom of assembly and digital freedoms, and strengthening their protection, promotion and monitoring, mainly through support to relevant civil society organisations, human rights defenders, and victims of repression and abuse,
- supporting and consolidating democratic reforms in third countries except European Union Electoral Observation Missions, by enhancing participatory and representative democracy, empowerment of women, strengthening the overall democratic cycle, and improving the reliability of electoral ~~processes, processes:~~
- *allocating at least EUR 15 000 000 for actions in Turkey, in particular for support for civil society organisations and individuals who are engaged in activities to further democracy and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.*

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendments tabled by AFET and Mr. Belder.

In light of the recent developments in Turkey, EIDHR actions there should be stepped up to provide direct support to civil society struggling to return the country on the path of rule of law and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Organisations engaged in incitement, hatred and violence should not receive EU support.

Draft amendment 506

==== DEVE/5875 ====

Tabled by 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 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 08 01	26 044 796	25 521 281	30 676 000	25 665 000	26 526 000	25 665 000	4 150 000		30 676 000	25 665 000
Reserve										
Total	26 044 796	25 521 281	30 676 000	25 665 000	26 526 000	25 665 000	4 150 000		30 676 000	25 665 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB). The increase in the Draft Budget on this line, in relation to the 2017 budget, is motivated by the fact that in addition to the DCI, both the IcSP and the ENI are now covered by this line.

Draft amendment 507

==== DEVE/5876 ====

Tabled by Committee on Development

SECTION III — COMMISSION

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

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
21 08 02	10 330 000	13 608 960	13 036 000	10 250 013	10 486 000	10 250 013	2 550 000		13 036 000	10 250 013
Reserve										
Total	10 330 000	13 608 960	13 036 000	10 250 013	10 486 000	10 250 013	2 550 000		13 036 000	10 250 013

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB). The increase in the Draft Budget on this line, in relation to the 2017 budget, is motivated by the fact that in addition to the DCI, both the IcSP and the ENI are now covered by this line.

Draft amendment 443

==== AFET/5310 ====

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 22 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 01 04 01	42 161 419	42 161 419	43 251 419	43 251 419	42 161 419	42 161 419	1 090 000	1 090 000	43 251 419	43 251 419

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Reserve										
Total	42 161 419	42 161 419	43 251 419	43 251 419	42 161 419	42 161 419	1 090 000	1 090 000	43 251 419	43 251 419

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 444

=== AFET/5311 ===

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 22 01 04 02 — Support expenditure for the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 01 04 02	47 795 875	47 795 875	49 709 723	49 709 723	47 799 723	47 799 723	1 910 000	1 910 000	49 709 723	49 709 723
Reserve										
Total	47 795 875	47 795 875	49 709 723	49 709 723	47 799 723	47 799 723	1 910 000	1 910 000	49 709 723	49 709 723

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1820

=== BUDG/3514 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3514 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 22 02 01 01 — Support for political reforms and related progressive alignment with the Union *acquis*

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 02 01 01	276 700 000	131 933 508	189 267 000	219 000 000	189 267 000	219 000 000	25 000 000	12 500 000	214 267 000	231 500 000
Reserve										
Total	276 700 000	131 933 508	189 267 000	219 000 000	189 267 000	219 000 000	25 000 000	12 500 000	214 267 000	231 500 000

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by S&D.

The EU shall ensure sufficient funding for the Western Balkans, which are in urgent need of financial support for implementing political reforms in line with the Union *acquis*.

Compromise amendment between S&D//7564

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Draft amendment 1821

=== BUDG/3515 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3515 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 22 02 01 02 — Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union *acquis*

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 02 01 02	280 658 000	147 317 400	307 100 000	166 000 000	307 100 000	166 000 000	10 055 000	5 027 500	317 155 000	171 027 500
Reserve										
Total	280 658 000	147 317 400	307 100 000	166 000 000	307 100 000	166 000 000	10 055 000	5 027 500	317 155 000	171 027 500

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by AFET.
The amendment aims to provide sufficient funds for supporting the accession process.
Compromise amendment between AFET/5294

Draft amendment 1822 === BUDG/3516 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets
BUDG/3516 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 22 02 03 01 — Support for political reforms and related progressive alignment with the Union *acquis*

Amend figures, heading and conditions for releasing the reserve as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 02 03 01	137 200 000	38 547 500	217 400 000	86 000 000	199 250 000	86 000 000	-61 850 000	-40 000 000	137 400 000	46 000 000
Reserve							30 000 000	15 000 000	30 000 000	15 000 000
Total	137 200 000	38 547 500	217 400 000	86 000 000	199 250 000	86 000 000	-31 850 000	-25 000 000	167 400 000	61 000 000

Conditions for releasing the reserve:

Add following text:
Amount to be released when Turkey makes measurable improvements in the fields of rule of law, democracy, human rights and press freedom, with the aim of redirecting the funds to civil society actors for implementing measures in support of those objectives.

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by ALDE.
In view of backsliding by the Turkish government on fundamental freedoms, democracy and rule of law it is paramount funding is re-oriented to supporting advances in these areas by stepping up engagement with civil society actors in the country. The reserve can only be released when the conditions described above are met.
Compromise amendment between ALDE/7786

Draft amendment 1823

=== BUDG/3517 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3517 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 22 02 03 02 — Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment with the Union *acquis*

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 02 03 02	751 187 000	375 400 000	274 384 000	291 000 000	274 384 000	291 000 000			274 384 000	291 000 000
Reserve										
Total	751 187 000	375 400 000	274 384 000	291 000 000	274 384 000	291 000 000			274 384 000	291 000 000

Remarks:

After list ending with:

- strengthening the ability of the beneficiaries listed European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

Add following text:

Any appropriations used in the context of support to refugees need to directly benefit refugees and/or the activities of civil society organisations working in this field.

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by AFET.

The proposed changes aim to reflect the political developments in Turkey and the current challenges of the accession process, according to the principle "more for more - less for less". In view of the backsliding by Turkish authorities on democracy, fundamental freedoms and rule of law it is key to ensure that appropriations used in the context of support to refugees directly benefit refugees and/or the activities of civil society organisations working in this field.

(Compromise 3 adopted in Committee)

Compromise amendment between AFET/5351

Draft amendment 422

=== AFET/5216 ===

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 22 02 04 01 — Multi-country programmes, regional integration and territorial cooperation

Amend remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 02 04 01	320 292 285	224 547 358	411 426 000	283 000 000	411 426 000	283 000 000			411 426 000	283 000 000
Reserve										
Total	320 292 285	224 547 358	411 426 000	283 000 000	411 426 000	283 000 000			411 426 000	283 000 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

In accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EU) No communication of the political priorities of the Union.

Add following text:

Part of this allocation should be used for cultural projects aiming at reconciliation between the countries and the peoples of Western Balkans, based on the values upon which the European Union is founded.

Justification:

The countries of the Western Balkans still need additional support on reconciliation and understanding of the recent, troubled and violent past. This budget line should also support cultural projects with that objective.

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Draft amendment 1824

=== BUDG/3518 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3518 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 22 02 04 02 — Erasmus+ — Contribution from the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 02 04 02	33 061 715	33 087 700	30 271 000	34 352 588	30 271 000	34 352 588	2 000 000	1 000 000	32 271 000	35 352 588
Reserve										
Total	33 061 715	33 087 700	30 271 000	34 352 588	30 271 000	34 352 588	2 000 000	1 000 000	32 271 000	35 352 588

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by AFET.

The European Parliament has in numerous resolutions insisted on the high value of youth exchange programs as a form of cultural diplomacy. The budget should increase not decrease.

Compromise amendment between AFET/5255

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Draft amendment 1825

=== BUDG/3684 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 22 02 77 03

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		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:

Preparatory action — Enhancing regional cooperation on the issue of missing persons following the conflicts in the former Yugoslavia

Remarks:

Add following text:

This preparatory action will support the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) Western Balkans Programme for 2018 and 2019 in assisting governments in the search for and identification of missing persons from the conflicts in the former Yugoslavia through enhanced regional cooperation.

Despite the progress achieved so far and the significant efforts and active commitment of the EU, resolving the fate of the missing from the conflicts in the former Yugoslavia remains a burning issue. Cooperation at regional level between the countries concerned has not been sufficiently explored.

This action will help authorities address the large number of NN (unidentified bodies) cases in countries in the region and the interrelated issue of misidentification, which occurred prior to the ICMP's introduction of DNA identification in 2001.

Following the signing of cooperation agreements between the ICMP and Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Montenegro respectively in 2016, and the expected conclusion of an agreement with Serbia in 2017, the action will establish a database of active missing persons cases from the conflicts in the former Yugoslavia and facilitate regular meetings with regional authorities to discuss them. This will enable the transparent management of data on missing persons and a cooperative approach at regional level in order to reduce the number of unresolved missing person cases. Collection of additional genetic references from families of missing persons in the region, supported by outreach and campaigning efforts, will help the authorities to identify NN cases and take corrective action where misidentifications are demonstrated to have occurred. The action will also strengthen regional cooperation among associations of families of the missing so they can be involved in the process and jointly ensure government accountability on this matter.

The main activities to be undertaken under this regional action are:

- 1. Establishing a database of active missing persons cases from conflicts in the former Yugoslavia, and facilitating regular meetings with regional authorities to discuss cases;*
- 2. Providing and managing a small grant to the body responsible for regional coordination of associations of families of missing persons from the former Yugoslavia for the purposes of lobbying to encourage regional governments and authorities to search for and identify the missing;*
- 3. Providing assistance to national authorities in affected countries in the Western Balkans to excavate and examine mortal remains from clandestine graves;*
- 4. Providing continued access to the ICMP's DNA laboratory standing capacity (sampling and extraction of DNA profiles from excavated cases, and DNA matching of genetic reference profiles and post-mortem profiles);*
- 5. Engaging the national authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo and Serbia that are responsible for searching for missing persons (government commissions on missing persons) in a regional policy dialogue that will develop sustainable and effective initiatives for resolving the related issues of NN cases and misidentifications resulting from the use of traditional visual recognition methods.*

The added value of this action will be in ensuring that the issue of missing persons remains a rule-of-law priority in the Western Balkan region. It is indeed important to remember the regional dimension of the wars in the former Yugoslavia, with tens of thousands of missing persons now living in neighbouring countries and with many of those who died during the conflicts having been buried in neighbouring countries.

ICMP activities financed at national level, at this point in time mainly in Bosnia and Herzegovina, include: technical support for locating and excavating clandestine graves; access to DNA testing and

matching; support for local stakeholders to complete the review of unidentified remains in mortuaries through a systematic process involving additional blood collection from relatives of the missing in order to identify NN cases in mortuary facilities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, increase the identification rate and significantly reduce the number of unidentified remains in storage.

Activities carried out under this regional action are separate from and complementary to the activities that are currently taking place at national level. It is essential to note that, while separate from each other, there are important synergies between the regional and national projects that will help ensure that goals are achieved under both actions.

In this process it will also be important that investigations are done in a manner that respects the needs of families and the long-term societal need to provide a historically accurate accounting of atrocities that can counterbalance unsubstantiated and politically motivated narratives. To this end, the regional dimension will be very important in strengthening cooperation among associations of families in the countries concerned.

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:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by AFET.

Addressing the issue of missing persons at regional level is not only a requirement for truth, justice and rule of law in the Western Balkans. It also responds to the need to address current political impediments to peace and stability of the region, which can in turn influence Europe's security.

The proposal has been reviewed following the evaluation carried out by the Commission. More information has been provided on the scope of the proposed regional activities and the fact that there will be no duplication with activities financed at national level.

Draft amendment 1826

=== BUDG/3519 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3519 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 22 04 01 01 — Mediterranean countries — Human rights, good governance and mobility

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 04 01 01	173 000 000	68 000 000	119 435 744	65 000 000	119 435 744	65 000 000	32 000 000	16 000 000	151 435 744	81 000 000
Reserve										
Total	173 000 000	68 000 000	119 435 744	65 000 000	119 435 744	65 000 000	32 000 000	16 000 000	151 435 744	81 000 000

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by AFET.

Countries in the Southern neighbourhood are facing enormous pressure as a result of tumultuous developments in the region, including conflicts in Syria and Libya, rise of extremism and related refugee and

migrant waves. The EU needs to step up efforts to support the stability of these countries with a particular focus on strengthening civil society which is facing increasing curtailment in a number of countries in the region and investing in management of migration in line with EU fundamental values.

Compromise amendment between AFET/5352

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Draft amendment 1827

=== BUDG/3520 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets
BUDG/3520 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 22 04 01 02 — Mediterranean countries — Poverty reduction and sustainable development

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 04 01 02	613 835 212	333 300 000	596 250 682	460 000 000	596 250 682	460 000 000	42 000 000	21 000 000	638 250 682	481 000 000
Reserve										
Total	613 835 212	333 300 000	596 250 682	460 000 000	596 250 682	460 000 000	42 000 000	21 000 000	638 250 682	481 000 000

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by AFET.

The amounts proposed for this budget line are insufficient to meet the multiple and varied challenges in relation to poverty reduction and sustainable development in the Mediterranean region. Enhancing sustainability of the social security sector will be key in supporting the Tunisian Government's reform agenda in particular.

Compromise amendment between AFET/5353

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Draft amendment 1828

=== BUDG/3521 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets
BUDG/3521 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 22 04 01 03 — Mediterranean countries — Confidence building, security and the prevention and settlement of conflicts

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 04 01 03	332 480 439	134 805 000	262 072 675	125 000 000	262 072 675	125 000 000	45 000 000	22 500 000	307 072 675	147 500 000
Reserve										
Total	332 480 439	134 805 000	262 072 675	125 000 000	262 072 675	125 000 000	45 000 000	22 500 000	307 072 675	147 500 000

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by AFET.

Countries in the Southern neighbourhood are facing enormous pressure as a result of tumultuous developments in the region, including conflicts in Syria and Libya, rise of extremism and related refugee and migrant waves. The EU needs to step up its support to the stability of these countries, including through increasing its assistance to confidence building and the prevention and settlement of conflicts.

Compromise amendment between AFET/5354

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Draft amendment 1829

=== BUDG/3522 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3522 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 22 04 01 04 — Support to the peace process and financial assistance to Palestine and to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 04 01 04	310 100 000	307 661 000	293 379 163	260 000 000	293 379 163	260 000 000	16 620 837	16 620 837	310 000 000	276 620 837
Reserve										
Total	310 100 000	307 661 000	293 379 163	260 000 000	293 379 163	260 000 000	16 620 837	16 620 837	310 000 000	276 620 837

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by Mr Geier.

This amendment restores the level of appropriation from last years. UNRWA is doing an important job in supporting Palestine refugees in the region and European Union funding is a very important source of income to the organization.

Compromise amendment between BUDG/4230

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Draft amendment 1830

=== BUDG/3523 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3523 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 22 04 02 01 — Eastern Partnership — Human rights, good governance and mobility

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 04 02 01	214 000 000	97 000 000	229 520 067	110 000 000	229 520 067	110 000 000	10 076 003	5 038 002	239 596 070	115 038 002
Reserve										
Total	214 000 000	97 000 000	229 520 067	110 000 000	229 520 067	110 000 000	10 076 003	5 038 002	239 596 070	115 038 002

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by AFET.

Provide sufficient funds to support our neighbours’ reform efforts and contribute to creating stability and fostering peace.

Compromise amendment between AFET/5302

Draft amendment 1831 === BUDG/3524 ===
Tabled by Committee on Budgets
BUDG/3524 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 22 04 02 02 — Eastern Partnership — Poverty reduction and sustainable development

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 04 02 02	322 125 583	172 135 000	351 556 726	320 000 000	351 556 726	320 000 000	15 077 836	7 538 918	366 634 562	327 538 918
Reserve										
Total	322 125 583	172 135 000	351 556 726	320 000 000	351 556 726	320 000 000	15 077 836	7 538 918	366 634 562	327 538 918

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by AFET.

Provide sufficient funds to support our neighbours’ reform efforts and contribute to creating stability and fostering peace.

Compromise amendment between AFET/5303

Draft amendment 1832 === BUDG/3525 ===
Tabled by Committee on Budgets
BUDG/3525 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 22 04 02 03 — Eastern Partnership — Confidence building, security and the prevention and settlement of conflicts

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 04 02 03	8 000 000	5 000 000	11 603 569	2 500 000	11 603 569	2 500 000	2 000 000	1 000 000	13 603 569	3 500 000
Reserve										
Total	8 000 000	5 000 000	11 603 569	2 500 000	11 603 569	2 500 000	2 000 000	1 000 000	13 603 569	3 500 000

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by AFET.

Provide sufficient funds to support our neighbours’ reform efforts and contribute to creating stability and fostering peace.

Draft amendment 1833

==== BUDG/3526 ====

Tabled by Committee on Budgets
BUDG/3526 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 22 04 20 — Erasmus+ — Contribution from the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 04 20	102 415 000	96 647 388	79 733 000	99 263 450	79 733 000	99 263 450	15 000 000	7 500 000	94 733 000	106 763 450
Reserve										
Total	102 415 000	96 647 388	79 733 000	99 263 450	79 733 000	99 263 450	15 000 000	7 500 000	94 733 000	106 763 450

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by AFET.
The European Parliament has insisted in numerous resolutions on the high value of youth exchange programs as a form of cultural diplomacy.
Compromise amendment between AFET/5357

Draft amendment 1834

==== BUDG/3685 ====

Tabled by Committee on Budgets
BUDG/3685 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 22 04 77 07

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
22 04 77 07							650 000	325 000	650 000	325 000
Reserve										
Total							650 000	325 000	650 000	325 000

Heading:

Preparatory action — Support for EU neighbours to implement asset recovery

Remarks:

Add following text:
This preparatory action will build on successful practices under the EU-funded preparatory Action to support Arab Spring countries to implement asset recovery. That action focused on supporting Egypt, Libya and Tunisia in furthering asset recovery cases resulting from the 2011 revolutions that toppled their former leaders, in particular with respect to bilateral judicial cooperation with EU Member States and other countries. This has resulted in, among other achievements, strengthened coordination between Arab

Spring countries and EU Member States on asset recovery, and in facilitating the recovery and return of over USD 300 million. In the light of the above, officials from EU Member States and high-level officials of the original beneficiary states (including the Prime Minister of Libya, the Prosecutor-General of Egypt and the Minister for State Property for Tunisia) have indicated a strong interest in seeing a broader, more permanent EU programme to implement asset recovery which includes the activities referred to above.

- 1. Strengthening regional platforms for dialogue, exchange of best practices and operational cooperation (particularly with EU counterparts) on asset recovery;*
- 2. Strengthening legislation on seizure and confiscation of assets linked to corruption;*
- 3. Specialised case mentoring for asset recovery practitioners so as to produce better operational practices in tracing and recovering stolen assets;*
- 4. Technical advice to ensure that recovered stolen assets are directed to high-priority development needs in national health and education sectors so as to help further stabilise EU neighbours;*
- 5. Technical advice to ensure greater operational harmonisation with both EU and Financial Action Task Force standards;*
- 6. Dissemination of evidence-based research to enhance widespread knowledge of how assets are corruptly diverted and stolen, and to educate policymakers on how development is impeded by delays in the recovery of assets; and*
- 7. Strengthening civil society's role in prioritising the final destination of recovered assets.*

It should be noted that the planned DG DEVCO Global Project to Combat Money Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism (CRIS number: 038875) focuses principally on anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism, whereas this action focuses principally on asset recovery and on continuing the work of assisting beneficiary countries in actual high-level cases linked to acts of corruption and other forms of organised criminal activity. Accordingly, this project is distinct in nature, but will serve as a useful complement to the DG DEVCO project and strengthen its impact.

Given the value of asset recovery work in contributing to stabilization among EU neighbours, the ownership taken up by national counterparts and the results achieved thus far through the expertise provided through the preliminary preparatory action, this action will be highly relevant to Tunisia and Libya, as well as to other ENP South Partner countries (Jordan and Lebanon). Egypt will be involved in region-wide activities. The action, while distinct in scope from other pending or planned projects, will also serve to reinforce and complement such efforts to assist these countries in combating corruption, money laundering, the financing of terrorism and other forms of organised crime. This action will also directly support existing EU and UN sanctions regimes affecting countries in the Middle East and North Africa region.

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:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by S&D.

The PA broadens the successful work done through the EU-funded project for Arab Spring countries on Asset Recovery (which facilitated the recovery of over 300 million US dollars in stolen assets). This Action expands the work to Jordan, Lebanon, Libya and Tunisia, with Egypt also being involved on regional activities; The Action also will strengthen coordination with EU Member States, and will help these countries to direct recovered stolen assets, to high-priority development needs (e.g., in the health in

education sectors), thus further stabilizing these EU neighbours.

Compromise amendment between S&D//8731

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Draft amendment 511

=== DEVE/5880 ===

Tabled by 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 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 01 06 01	1 039 000	1 039 000	1 093 000	1 093 000	1 043 000	1 043 000	50 000	50 000	1 093 000	1 093 000
Reserve										
Total	1 039 000	1 039 000	1 093 000	1 093 000	1 043 000	1 043 000	50 000	50 000	1 093 000	1 093 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1835

=== BUDG/3527 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3527 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

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

Amend figures, remarks and conditions for releasing the reserve as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 02 01	893 100 000	1 089 706 885	1 026 028 642	1 040 825 501	1 026 028 642	1 040 825 501	28 107 302	28 107 302	1 054 135 944	1 068 932 803
Reserve							10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000
Total	893 100 000	1 089 706 885	1 026 028 642	1 040 825 501	1 026 028 642	1 040 825 501	38 107 302	38 107 302	1 064 135 944	1 078 932 803

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 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. *Funds will be spent in proportion to the needs of the different geographic areas and sectors as well as according to the principles of humanity, independence and impartiality.*

Conditions for releasing the reserve:

Add following text:

EUR 10 000 000 in commitment appropriations and EUR 10 000 000 in payment appropriations can exclusively be spent on improving access to education in humanitarian emergency areas, in line with the EDUCA initiative aiming at doubling the share of education in global humanitarian aid from 2% to 4% by the end of 2018.

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by S&D.

EUR 10 million in reserve can exclusively be spent for educational initiatives in line with the EDUCA pledge to double financial support in this field by the end of 2018.

Compromise amendment between S&D//7556

Draft amendment 1836

=== BUDG/3674 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 23 02 77

Heading:

Pilot projects and preparatory actions

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 23 02 77 01

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 02 77 01							500 000	250 000	500 000	250 000
Reserve										
Total							500 000	250 000	500 000	250 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Ensuring effective delivery of aid to victims of sexual and gender-based violence in humanitarian settings

Remarks:

Add following text:

Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) threatens lives in humanitarian contexts: in conflict, where rape is routinely used as a weapon of war; and in situations of natural disaster, which studies suggest increased risks of SGBV.

The EU and its Member States together are the world's leading humanitarian aid donor. In 2014, the Commission's Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations developed and implemented a Gender-Age Marker, showing that in 2015 89 % of EU-funded humanitarian action integrated gender and age strongly or to some extent. Yet the efficient delivery of EU aid and capacity-building for the EU's humanitarian partners face growing challenges, such as restrictions on reproductive care funding by third-party donors and an increase in vulnerable populations

due to ongoing and new conflicts. Significant information gaps remain on what constitutes good evidence-based practices and compliance with applicable legal frameworks.

This pilot project will study how sexual violence in humanitarian settings affects women, girls, boys and men; how many persons are affected; what forms of medical and psychosocial assistance are offered to victims/survivors in five conflict areas and two situations of natural disaster; the compliance of this assistance with international law; and what best practices exists and should be reproduced.

It will (a) determine the forms of sexual violence most prevalent in humanitarian settings, including armed conflict and natural disasters, affecting women, girls, boys and men; (b) estimate its extent in terms of occurrences and/or numbers of victims/survivors; (c) assess the specific medical and psychosocial services offered to victims/survivors, and any gaps in protection, in particular with regard to gender; (d) investigate whether WHO protocols are adhered to; (e) study whether international humanitarian law (in armed conflict settings) and international human rights law are adhered to; and (f) identify and disseminate best practice in delivering effective aid to women, girls, boys and men who are victims/survivors of sexual violence in humanitarian settings.

This pilot project will be carried out by a consortium of relevant institutions, humanitarian actors and relevant civil society organisations. It will produce recommendations and contribute to increasing the capacity of humanitarian actors to adequately respond to sexual violence in humanitarian settings, and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of EU aid.

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:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by DEVE.

The UN has documented sexual violence in 13 ongoing conflicts worldwide. The EU and its Member States are the world’s leading humanitarian aid donor, but little is known about how effective our aid is for victims of sexual violence in conflict. This pilot project will study what medical aid victims receive in five conflict areas, adherence to WHO protocols, and identify and disseminate best practice in delivering effective aid to women, girls, boys and men victims of sexual violence in conflict.

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Draft amendment 790

=== EPP/8007 ===

Tabled by Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 23 03 01 01 — Disaster prevention and preparedness within the Union

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 03 01 01	29 525 000	29 525 000	29 746 000	31 370 000	29 579 333	30 870 000	2 166 667	2 000 000	31 746 000	32 870 000
Reserve										
Total	29 525 000	29 525 000	29 746 000	31 370 000	29 579 333	30 870 000	2 166 667	2 000 000	31 746 000	32 870 000

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SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 23 03 01 03 — European Solidarity Corps – Contribution from Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 03 01 03			p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.			p.m.	p.m.
Reserve			2 000 000	1 500 000	2 000 000	1 500 000	-2 000 000	-1 500 000	p.m.	p.m.
Total			2 000 000	1 500 000	2 000 000	1 500 000	-2 000 000	-1 500 000	p.m.	p.m.

Justification:

Pending a decision on the financing of the European Solidarity Corps and the adoption of the relevant Regulation under the ordinary legislative procedure, no financial provision should be entered for this purpose in the Budget 2018. A decision on the Budget 2018 should not prejudice in any way the outcome of the legislative negotiations. All relevant appropriations and redeployments, entered by the Commission in DB 2018, should be for the moment reversed. Parliament is fully committed to integrate immediately via an amending budget the decision on ESC financing in next year's budget.

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Draft amendment 1837

=== BUDG/3683 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 23 03 77 04

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
23 03 77 04							1 500 000	750 000	1 500 000	750 000
Reserve										
Total							1 500 000	750 000	1 500 000	750 000

Heading:

Preparatory action — Network of European hubs for civil protection and crisis management

Remarks:

Add following text:

The creation of a network of European hubs, with existing infrastructures specialised in different components of civil protection and crisis management interventions, could help to prepare the EU, its Member States and various stakeholders (including DG ECHO) for tackling new challenges in the field of civil protection and crisis management.

Emerging new risks can lead to global crises (for instance, population displacement or new types of terrorist attacks). Hence there is a need for:

- 1. Identifying existing gaps for which new scenarios should be designed to react to global crisis situations more quickly, more effectively and with deeper coordination between European actors. Experience sharing and promotion of best practices at European level will also make risk prevention more effective.*
- 2. Existing infrastructure and projects to be used for enhanced capacity building and pooling for interventions in and outside Europe. This could involve geographical and technical specialisation of the hubs, depending on the type of risk, e.g. forest fires, health assistance, shelters and containers for humanitarian aid.*
- 3. Designing new European standards for capacities (i.e. new types of crisis equipment) in order to strengthen European knowledge and make actions in the field more visible.*

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:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by DEVE.

European knowledge in the field of civil protection and crisis management must be used to establish strategies to fight against new types of crises. On 10 March 2017, Commissioner Stylianides affirmed during the inauguration of the Nîmes Garons Aerial base for civil security: "it is my hope that this will develop into a true European hub".

The political commitment is clear for the creation of European network of interconnected platforms making civil protection and crisis management mechanisms and tools more efficient and more visible for citizens.

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Draft amendment 1838

=== BUDG/3602 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3602 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 24 01 07 — European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)

Amend figures and conditions for releasing the reserve as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
24 01 07	59 945 500	59 945 500	59 204 000	59 204 000	58 640 146	58 640 146	563 854	563 854	59 204 000	59 204 000
Reserve							5 920 400	5 920 400	5 920 400	5 920 400
Total	59 945 500	59 945 500	59 204 000	59 204 000	58 640 146	58 640 146	6 484 254	6 484 254	65 124 400	65 124 400

Conditions for releasing the reserve:

Add following text:

The reserve will be released when OLAF grants the Supervisory Committee access to OLAF case files in line with the conclusions of the "Joint Opinion of the Legal Services of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on three aspects of the relationship between OLAF and its Supervisory Committee" of 12 September 2016.

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendments tabled by EPP and Mr. Muresan.

Restore Draft Budget (DB) / 10% of appropriations in reserve until OLAF complies with the opinion of the three legal services as regards the Supervisory Committee’s access to case files.

Compromise amendment between EPP//8024

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Draft amendment 807

=== EPP//8025 ===

Tabled by Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 24 01 08 — Expenditure resulting from the mandate of the OLAF Supervisory Committee

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
24 01 08	200 000	200 000	200 000	200 000	200 000	200 000	30 000	30 000	230 000	230 000
Reserve										
Total	200 000	200 000	200 000	200 000	200 000	200 000	30 000	30 000	230 000	230 000

Justification:

The budget of the Members of the OLAF Supervisory Committee, which has remained constant for over ten years, is finally reaching its limit and needs to be adapted to inflation, as well as to the Supervisory Committee's increased responsibilities arising from Regulation 883/2013.

Draft amendment 1839

=== BUDG/3691 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3691 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 25 01 02 03 — Special advisers

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
25 01 02 03	960 000	960 000	980 000	980 000	880 000	880 000	100 000	100 000	980 000	980 000
Reserve										
Total	960 000	960 000	980 000	980 000	880 000	880 000	100 000	100 000	980 000	980 000

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by Ms Grä le.

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Compromise amendment between BUDG/4200

Draft amendment 1840

=== BUDG/3034 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 25 01 02 13 — Other management expenditure of Members of the institution

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
25 01 02 13	4 050 000	4 050 000	4 050 000	4 050 000	3 690 000	3 690 000	360 000	360 000	4 050 000	4 050 000

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Reserve										
Total	4 050 000	4 050 000	4 050 000	4 050 000	3 690 000	3 690 000	360 000	360 000	4 050 000	4 050 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1841

=== BUDG/3035 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 25 01 08 — Legal advice, litigation and infringements — Legal expenses

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
25 01 08	3 700 000	3 700 000	3 700 000	3 700 000	2 700 000	2 700 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	3 700 000	3 700 000
Reserve										
Total	3 700 000	3 700 000	3 700 000	3 700 000	2 700 000	2 700 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	3 700 000	3 700 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1842

=== BUDG/3686 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3686 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 25 01 77 04 — Pilot project — New technologies and information and communication technology (ICT) tools for the implementation and simplification of European Citizens' Initiatives (ECI)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
25 01 77 04	500 000	250 000	p.m.	250 000	p.m.	250 000	500 000	250 000	500 000	500 000
Reserve										
Total	500 000	250 000	p.m.	250 000	p.m.	250 000	500 000	250 000	500 000	500 000

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by AFCE.

Second year of the pilot project. Further budget support is needed in order to fully achieve the societal and democratic benefits of the pilot project. This is particularly important bearing in mind the importance of such a tool and the fact that the implementation phase has not yet started in 2017.

Compromise amendment between AFCE/6734

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Draft amendment 1843

=== BUDG/3636 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 25 01 77 05

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
25 01 77 05							1 100 000	550 000	1 100 000	550 000
Reserve										
Total							1 100 000	550 000	1 100 000	550 000

Heading:

Preparatory action — Linked open data in European public administration

Remarks:

Linked open data is a method of publishing structured open data so that it can be interlinked and become more useful through semantic queries. It builds upon standard web technologies, but, rather than using them to serve web pages for human readers, it extends them to share information in a way that can be read automatically by computers. This enables data from different sources and different policy areas to be connected and queried.

The preparatory action will boost linked open data in European public administrations by developing the implementation of linked open data techniques and infrastructure. The aim is to identify, assess and support the exploitation of the potential of linked open data for European public administrations and, consequently, facilitate the generation of new data, information and knowledge.

The action will target open data produced and released by European public administrations (notably the European data portal) and focus on:

- enabling a core set of open data to be identified for linking according to ISA semantic guidelines. e.g. migration data;*
- providing the technical solutions to generate targeted queries to be used by European public administrations, e.g. a search engine for linked open data on migration;*
- providing the capability to define indicators and contextualise them, e.g. performance indicators for migration policies vs. statistics on migration;*
- promoting the culture and potential of linked open data.*

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:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by ITRE.

Data is an essential asset in the modern society. The ability of interlinking structured open data produced by European public administrations in order to facilitate its use through semantic queries and to share information in a machine readable format will boost the data, information and knowledge management

capability of European administrations. In addition, this capability will ensure and secure the competitive presence of European public administrations in the open data presence, with clear effects on European digital initiatives.

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Draft amendment 1844

==== BUDG/3012 ====

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 26 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for interoperability solutions for European public administrations, businesses and citizens (ISA²)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
26 01 04 01	400 000	400 000	400 000	400 000	388 000	388 000	12 000	12 000	400 000	400 000
Reserve										
Total	400 000	400 000	400 000	400 000	388 000	388 000	12 000	12 000	400 000	400 000

Justification:
Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1845

==== BUDG/3036 ====

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 26 01 09 — Publications Office

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
26 01 09	82 761 200	82 761 200	95 959 000	95 959 000	95 412 770	95 412 770	546 230	546 230	95 959 000	95 959 000
Reserve										
Total	82 761 200	82 761 200	95 959 000	95 959 000	95 412 770	95 412 770	546 230	546 230	95 959 000	95 959 000

Justification:
Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1846

==== BUDG/3037 ====

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 26 01 20 — European Personnel Selection Office

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
26 01 20	26 667 000	26 667 000	26 207 000	26 207 000	26 123 326	26 123 326	83 674	83 674	26 207 000	26 207 000
Reserve										

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Total	26 667 000	26 667 000	26 207 000	26 207 000	26 123 326	26 123 326	83 674	83 674	26 207 000	26 207 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1847

=== BUDG/3038 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 26 01 21 — Office for the Administration and Payment of Individual Entitlements

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
26 01 21	38 698 500	38 698 500	38 746 000	38 746 000	38 369 872	38 369 872	376 128	376 128	38 746 000	38 746 000
Reserve										
Total	38 698 500	38 698 500	38 746 000	38 746 000	38 369 872	38 369 872	376 128	376 128	38 746 000	38 746 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1848

=== BUDG/3039 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 26 01 22 01 — Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Brussels

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
26 01 22 01	68 153 000	68 153 000	78 456 000	78 456 000	76 743 558	76 743 558	1 712 442	1 712 442	78 456 000	78 456 000
Reserve										
Total	68 153 000	68 153 000	78 456 000	78 456 000	76 743 558	76 743 558	1 712 442	1 712 442	78 456 000	78 456 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1849

=== BUDG/3040 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 26 01 22 03 — Expenditure related to buildings in Brussels

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
26 01 22 03	78 488 000	78 488 000	76 715 000	76 715 000	76 465 000	76 465 000	250 000	250 000	76 715 000	76 715 000
Reserve										
Total	78 488 000	78 488 000	76 715 000	76 715 000	76 465 000	76 465 000	250 000	250 000	76 715 000	76 715 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1850 === BUDG/3041 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 26 01 22 06 — Guarding of buildings in Brussels

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
26 01 22 06	33 391 000	33 391 000	33 397 000	33 397 000	32 897 000	32 897 000	500 000	500 000	33 397 000	33 397 000
Reserve										
Total	33 391 000	33 391 000	33 397 000	33 397 000	32 897 000	32 897 000	500 000	500 000	33 397 000	33 397 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1851 === BUDG/3042 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 26 01 23 01 — Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Luxembourg

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
26 01 23 01	24 369 000	24 369 000	24 799 000	24 799 000	24 585 538	24 585 538	213 462	213 462	24 799 000	24 799 000
Reserve										
Total	24 369 000	24 369 000	24 799 000	24 799 000	24 585 538	24 585 538	213 462	213 462	24 799 000	24 799 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1852 === BUDG/3043 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 26 01 23 05 — Services, supplies and other operating expenditure in Luxembourg

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
26 01 23 05	927 000	927 000	909 000	909 000	709 000	709 000	200 000	200 000	909 000	909 000
Reserve										
Total	927 000	927 000	909 000	909 000	709 000	709 000	200 000	200 000	909 000	909 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1853=== BUDG/3044 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 26 01 60 06 — Institution officials temporarily assigned to national civil services, to international organisations or to public or private institutions or undertakings

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
26 01 60 06	250 000	250 000	230 000	230 000	200 000	200 000	30 000	30 000	230 000	230 000
Reserve										
Total	250 000	250 000	230 000	230 000	200 000	200 000	30 000	30 000	230 000	230 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1854=== BUDG/3013 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 26 02 01 — Procedures for awarding and advertising public supply, works and service contracts

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
26 02 01	9 200 000	9 000 000	8 500 000	8 200 000	6 937 500	7 175 000	1 562 500	1 025 000	8 500 000	8 200 000
Reserve										
Total	9 200 000	9 000 000	8 500 000	8 200 000	6 937 500	7 175 000	1 562 500	1 025 000	8 500 000	8 200 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1855=== BUDG/3014 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 26 03 01 — Interoperability solutions and common frameworks for European public administrations, businesses and citizens (ISA³)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
26 03 01	25 115 000	18 000 000	25 800 000	24 468 000	25 155 000	23 856 300	645 000	611 700	25 800 000	24 468 000
Reserve										
Total	25 115 000	18 000 000	25 800 000	24 468 000	25 155 000	23 856 300	645 000	611 700	25 800 000	24 468 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1856

=== BUDG/3687 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3687 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 26 03 77 08 — Preparatory action — Encrypted electronic communications of Union institutions

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
26 03 77 08	1 000 000	500 000	p.m.	500 000	p.m.	500 000	600 000	300 000	600 000	800 000
Reserve										
Total	1 000 000	500 000	p.m.	500 000	p.m.	500 000	600 000	300 000	600 000	800 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

The current project has reached the recommendations at working group level and to DG DIGIT management.

Add following text:

With reference to existing remarks in the 2017 budget, the current project has reached the recommendations stage.

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by LIBE.

The continuation of this Preparatory Action is necessary to consolidate and further the progress made regarding secure communications within and among the institutions.

Compromise amendment between LIBE/6020

Draft amendment 1857

=== BUDG/3637 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 26 03 77 09

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
26 03 77 09							1 300 000	650 000	1 300 000	650 000
Reserve										
Total							1 300 000	650 000	1 300 000	650 000

Heading:

Preparatory action — Data analytics solutions for policy-making

Remarks:

Add following text:

This preparatory action will identify, develop, implement and promote the use of data analytics techniques in the European and national policy-making process.

The use of data analytics (big data, data and text mining, business intelligence, data analytics) is becoming more and more instrumental in the European decision-making process. Initiatives launched in recent years by the Commission, such as its Regulatory Fitness and Performance (REFIT) programme - which ensures that EU legislation delivers results for citizens and businesses effectively, efficiently and at minimum cost - and the better regulation agenda - on designing and evaluating EU policies and laws transparently, with evidence, and backed up by the views of citizens and stakeholders - openly promote interaction with citizens and call for the use of evidence in policy-making.

This action will cover the development, implementation and promotion of data analytics solutions for evidence-based policy-making, with potential application at national and European level. In particular:

- developing and implementing selected text mining solutions for analysing feedback from citizens on policies and initiatives (e.g. the Doris tool developed by the Commission);*
- developing and implementing selected data mining solutions for assessing data in specific policy areas and adding intelligence;*
- integrating those solutions in consultation processes (e.g. Doris for analysing the Better Regulation feedback; text mining solutions for EU Survey, the open-source survey solution developed by the Commission);*
- developing and implementing data analytics tools for monitoring the performance of specific policies and contextualising them (e.g. key performance indicators for EU-funded programmes contextualised against the key social/economic indicators in that specific area).*

The development of such data analytics (in the broad sense) solutions is in its early stage and requires dedicated actions to be embedded in the regular European decision-making process. The potential benefits at European level and the re-usability for Member States are expected to be relevant.

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:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by ITRE.

Evidence based policy making is a must in the current European democratic decision processes. The availability of adequate data analytics solutions to support the decision making process is paramount to provide a comprehensive picture to the European Commission (and Member States) when taking policy decisions. In addition, data analytics solutions are instrumental to allow the European legislator to manage the complexity and richness of the interactions with an increasing number of active-participating citizens and stakeholders.

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Draft amendment 1858 === BUDG/3015 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 29 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for the European statistical programme

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
29 01 04 01	3 148 000	3 148 000	3 230 000	3 230 000	3 133 100	3 133 100	96 900	96 900	3 230 000	3 230 000
Reserve										
Total	3 148 000	3 148 000	3 230 000	3 230 000	3 133 100	3 133 100	96 900	96 900	3 230 000	3 230 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 123 === ECON/6603 ===

Tabled by Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 29 02 01 — Providing quality statistical information, implementing new methods of production of European statistics and strengthening the partnership within the European Statistical System

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
29 02 01	57 960 000	42 000 000	59 475 000	45 000 000	57 988 125	43 875 000	1 486 875	1 125 000	59 475 000	45 000 000
Reserve										
Total	57 960 000	42 000 000	59 475 000	45 000 000	57 988 125	43 875 000	1 486 875	1 125 000	59 475 000	45 000 000

Justification:

Sound statistical data are a prerequisite of good economic policymaking. Therefore, the Commission figures should be restored.

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Draft amendment 1859 === BUDG/3045 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 30 01 14 01 — Allowances for staff assigned non-active status, retired in the interests of the service or dismissed

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
30 01 14 01	3 900 000	3 900 000	6 186 000	6 186 000	4 043 000	4 043 000	2 143 000	2 143 000	6 186 000	6 186 000
Reserve										
Total	3 900 000	3 900 000	6 186 000	6 186 000	4 043 000	4 043 000	2 143 000	2 143 000	6 186 000	6 186 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1860

==== BUDG/3046 ====

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 31 01 08 01 — Translation expenditure**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
31 01 08 01	14 530 000	14 530 000	15 000 000	15 000 000	14 000 000	14 000 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	15 000 000	15 000 000
Reserve										
Total	14 530 000	14 530 000	15 000 000	15 000 000	14 000 000	14 000 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	15 000 000	15 000 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 396

==== ITRE/5169 ====

Tabled by Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 32 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for Connecting Europe Facility — Energy**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
32 01 04 01	1 978 000	1 978 000	1 978 000	1 978 000	1 918 660	1 918 660	59 340	59 340	1 978 000	1 978 000
Reserve										
Total	1 978 000	1 978 000	1 978 000	1 978 000	1 918 660	1 918 660	59 340	59 340	1 978 000	1 978 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 397

==== ITRE/5170 ====

Tabled by Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 32 01 05 01 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing research and

innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
32 01 05 01	1 982 934	1 982 934	2 022 348	2 022 348	1 961 678	1 961 678	60 670	60 670	2 022 348	2 022 348
Reserve										
Total	1 982 934	1 982 934	2 022 348	2 022 348	1 961 678	1 961 678	60 670	60 670	2 022 348	2 022 348

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 398

=== ITRE/5171 ===

Tabled by Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

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SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 32 01 05 02 — External personnel implementing research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
32 01 05 02	728 000	728 000	745 660	745 660	723 290	723 290	22 370	22 370	745 660	745 660
Reserve										
Total	728 000	728 000	745 660	745 660	723 290	723 290	22 370	22 370	745 660	745 660

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 399

=== ITRE/5172 ===

Tabled by Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

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SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 32 01 05 03 — Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes — Horizon 2020

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
32 01 05 03	1 132 000	1 132 000	1 132 000	1 132 000	1 098 040	1 098 040	33 960	33 960	1 132 000	1 132 000
Reserve										
Total	1 132 000	1 132 000	1 132 000	1 132 000	1 098 040	1 098 040	33 960	33 960	1 132 000	1 132 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 400

=== ITRE/5173 ===

Tabled by Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

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SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 32 01 05 21 — Expenditure related to officials and temporary staff implementing research and innovation programmes — ITER

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
32 01 05 21	7 109 563	7 109 563	5 888 000	5 888 000	5 711 360	5 711 360	176 640	176 640	5 888 000	5 888 000
Reserve										
Total	7 109 563	7 109 563	5 888 000	5 888 000	5 711 360	5 711 360	176 640	176 640	5 888 000	5 888 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 402

=== ITRE/5175 ===

Tabled by Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 32 01 05 23 — Other management expenditure for research and innovation programmes — ITER

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
32 01 05 23	1 310 000	1 310 000	1 110 000	1 110 000	1 076 700	1 076 700	33 300	33 300	1 110 000	1 110 000
Reserve										
Total	1 310 000	1 310 000	1 110 000	1 110 000	1 076 700	1 076 700	33 300	33 300	1 110 000	1 110 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1861

=== BUDG/3585 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3585 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 32 02 01 01 — Further integration of the internal energy market and the interoperability of electricity and gas networks across borders

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
32 02 01 01	206 508 927	33 023 600	226 402 267	50 951 000	208 382 154	48 403 450	74 720 113	30 897 550	283 102 267	79 301 000
Reserve										
Total	206 508 927	33 023 600	226 402 267	50 951 000	208 382 154	48 403 450	74 720 113	30 897 550	283 102 267	79 301 000

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendments tabled by ITRE.

The original 2018 annual profile of CEF budget lines that are used for the provisioning of the EFSI Guarantee Fund should be restored. These amendments reflect the long-standing position of Parliament to

minimise the impact of EFSI redeployments on this programme.
Compromise amendment between ITRE/5177

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Draft amendment 1862 === BUDG/3586 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3586 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 32 02 01 02 — Enhancing Union security of energy supply

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
32 02 01 02	207 441 809	24 839 000	226 040 000	50 217 000	204 738 000	47 706 150	77 902 000	30 810 850	282 640 000	78 517 000
Reserve										
Total	207 441 809	24 839 000	226 040 000	50 217 000	204 738 000	47 706 150	77 902 000	30 810 850	282 640 000	78 517 000

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendments tabled by ITRE.

The original 2018 annual profile of CEF budget lines that are used for the provisioning of the EFSI Guarantee Fund should be restored. These amendments reflect the long-standing position of Parliament to minimise the impact of EFSI redeployments on this programme.

Compromise amendment between ITRE/5179

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Draft amendment 1863 === BUDG/3587 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3587 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 32 02 01 03 — Contributing to sustainable development and protection of the environment

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
32 02 01 03	206 509 070	25 201 000	226 039 068	50 067 000	209 339 068	50 067 000	73 400 000	28 350 000	282 739 068	78 417 000
Reserve										
Total	206 509 070	25 201 000	226 039 068	50 067 000	209 339 068	50 067 000	73 400 000	28 350 000	282 739 068	78 417 000

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by ITRE.

The original 2018 annual profile of CEF budget lines that are used for the provisioning of the EFSI Guarantee Fund should be restored. These amendments reflect the long-standing position of Parliament to minimise the impact of EFSI redeployments on this programme.

Draft amendment 774

=== EPP//7983 ===

Tabled by Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 32 02 01 04 — Creating an environment more conducive to private investment for energy projects

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
32 02 01 04	77 291 975	28 295 000	19 773 000	60 000 000	17 284 350	57 000 000	33 765 650	18 638 500	51 050 000	75 638 500
Reserve										
Total	77 291 975	28 295 000	19 773 000	60 000 000	17 284 350	57 000 000	33 765 650	18 638 500	51 050 000	75 638 500

Justification:

In line with Parliament's position on the on-going EFSI II legislative negotiations, namely that the EFSI prolongation should not be financed through further cuts to the CEF programme, the amendment restores the cuts on this CEF budget line that were integrated for this purpose in the Draft Budget 2018.

Draft amendment 1864

=== BUDG/3588 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3588 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 32 02 10 — Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
32 02 10	12 520 160	12 520 160	13 033 117	13 033 117	12 707 289	12 707 289	5 906 681	5 906 681	18 613 970	18 613 970
Reserve										
Total	12 520 160	12 520 160	13 033 117	13 033 117	12 707 289	12 707 289	5 906 681	5 906 681	18 613 970	18 613 970

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by ITRE.

The increase in the number of authorised posts for ACER is required to equip the Agency with the staff needed effectively to implement Regulations (EU) No 1227/2011 (REMIT) and (EU) No 347/2013 (TEN-E Regulation), as well as to fulfil its expanded mission related to the implementation of the electricity and gas network codes and guidelines and its monitoring. The increase in the subsidy for ACER is required to cover the costs of the additional posts, as well as the level of REMIT-related IT expenditure which is essential to maintain the secure operation of the ACER REMIT Information System.

Compromise amendment between ITRE/5187

Draft amendment 1865

=== BUDG/3632 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3632 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 32 02 77 11

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
32 02 77 11							400 000	200 000	400 000	200 000
Reserve										
Total							400 000	200 000	400 000	200 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Feasibility study for distributed ledger technology applied to the European energy market

Remarks:

Add following text:

The pilot project will set up a platform of best practices and technical advice, based on the experience and needs of the new actors in the energy market, thus helping the Commission to stimulate the development of technical standards for distributed ledgers.

To do this, the following activities will be carried out during the project:

analysis of the existing distributed ledger based on blockchain technology, the aim being to understand the problems and the solutions found during setup and use of a distributed ledger in real cases;

analysis of the needs of all energy market stakeholders (institutionalised energy suppliers, prosumer organisations, energy community organisations, etc.); a survey in 2016 by the German Energy Agency (Dena) found that 52% of German energy actors were already implementing or planning blockchain activities; the analysis will focus on those activities so as to understand the needs of the actors concerned; a focus group involving prosumer associations will also be set up;

organising information events on distributed ledgers based on blockchain technology;

setting up a network for stakeholders involved in the new energy market; it will be a tool for disseminating and sharing best practices and technical advice.

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:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by ITRE.

The electrical grid will be increasingly decentralised. One of the keys will be investments in ICT and smarter technologies to modernize the grid and to increase possibilities for exchanges of micro-generated energy. Distributed ledgers, in combination with smart meters and storage facilities, have the potential to open new ways of sharing energy between prosumers. Technical standards in the field are needed to allow the interoperability of systems among energy communities.

Draft amendment 1866

=== BUDG/3630 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 32 02 77 12

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
32 02 77 12							1 700 000	850 000	1 700 000	850 000
Reserve										
Total							1 700 000	850 000	1 700 000	850 000

Heading:**Preparatory action — Establishing comprehensive support for coal and carbon-intensive regions in transition****Remarks:**Add following text:

The recovery of the EU from the economic crisis and the effective implementation of its key goals of strong growth and global competitiveness, including through sustainable reindustrialisation and n of the EU economy, must be founded on long-term environmental, economic and social sustainability. In the context of the ambitious climate commitments of the EU and its transition to a low-emission economy based on the circular model, its coal and carbon-intensive regions with a high proportion of workers in carbon-dependent sectors need targeted support to effectively contribute to this strategic transformation.

According to Eurostat figures, coal and lignite mining alone currently accounts for over 300 000 direct jobs in the EU. These are concentrated in a limited number of regions, where their impact on the local economy and social cohesion is the principal driver. In the face of the challenges of technological progress, global competition and demanding environmental and climate policies, the ability of these particular regions to contribute to and benefit from the EU's transition to a low-emission circular economy has a crucial bearing on the overall success of the EU. This has been acknowledged by the Commission, which in its communication on "Clean Energy for All Europeans" committed to "examine how to better support the transition in coal and carbon-intensive regions".

This preparatory action will ensure the effectiveness of these support efforts, their long-term sustainability, and ultimately the success of the transformation of the EU as a whole and its global leadership, by establishing a platform which should enable the Commission to:

- *identify the EU's coal and carbon-intensive regions in transition and their smart specialisations;*
- *build a dedicated practical toolkit with (a) best practices, (b) existing support instruments identifying best synergies, and (c) information exchange with and between regions;*
- *establish stakeholder fora and provide tools for intra-regional exchanges, including on comprehensive roadmaps for low-emission reindustrialisation and reskilling needs;*
- *identify on-the-ground bottlenecks and streamline support to new technologies and clean-coal innovation development and uptake, including CCS, CCU and coal gasification;*
- *establish a compendium of best practices and operational guidelines, and eventually a practical toolkit for non-EU coal and carbon-intensive regions in transition, as part of the capacity-building measures*

under the Paris Agreement;

- *set up a cross-DG team to (a) identify areas of possible EU policy/programme synergies with a view to ensuring the most effective financial and policy support post-2020; (b) assist regions (central/local authorities) in developing sustainable transition strategies.*

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:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by ITRE.

EU is undergoing a strategic transition to low-emission, circular economy. This is about EU's climate ambitions, economic growth, global leadership in innovation, as well as social model. To deliver in the long-term and across all related policy areas, EU's coal and carbon-intensive regions require targeted, comprehensive support as they bear the highest socio-economic risks that might directly affect the overall success of the EU, both in making this transition and with regard to its overarching public perception.

Draft amendment 1867

=== BUDG/3631 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 32 02 77 13

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
32 02 77 13							1 300 000	650 000	1 300 000	650 000
Reserve										
Total							1 300 000	650 000	1 300 000	650 000

Heading:

Preparatory action — Toolkits for coal platform dialogue participants to develop and support local transition strategies

Remarks:

Add following text:

With its 2011 Low Carbon Economy Roadmap, the Commission developed a vision to largely decarbonise the European economy and set out specific steps to achieve that goal. The EU has confirmed this commitment, most prominently with the adoption of the Paris Agreement. While recognising that EU Member States have the sole prerogative to determine their national energy mix, this inevitably puts the focus on coal-mining regions, which have to deal with multiple challenges in connection with this transition, brought about by political decisions, economic realities and public aspirations. The Commission is therefore launching a dedicated dialogue in the form of a coal platform for regions facing this transition

Activities: Produce a series of toolkits to integrate the results of coal platform meetings in order to support participants in developing local transition strategies in the following fields:

- a) Establishing a governance process at local level: How to start an inclusive dialogue with a view to*

developing a common transition vision with local and social partners, civil society, industrial and economic actors and academia, including information on best practices and lessons learnt;

b) Access to funding: Guidance on existing EU funds and their possible combination and technical assistance for project aggregation to support the local transition strategies developed; c) Employment and growth perspectives: How to support the labour market transition process (including reskilling and retraining as well as targeted support for vulnerable groups) with a regional concept for economic development to attract future-proof, local jobs; d) Environmental rehabilitation: Guidance on cobverting former sites, including best practices on decommissioning, recultivation, remediation and re-establishment of ground water levels.

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:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by ITRE.

Decarbonisation of European regions will not happen without important socio-economic impacts. In its "Clean energy for all Europeans" communication published in November 2016, the Commission has acknowledged that more tailor-made support is needed for the transition in the coal and carbon-intensive industrial regions. Concerning the coal platform dialogue envisaged, participants shall receive a detailed toolkit, a manual with guidance, contacts and examples to help them develop and accompany the transition in their local/regional environment.

Draft amendment 410 === ITRE/5191 ===
Tabled by Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 32 03 01 — Nuclear safeguards

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
32 03 01	23 750 000	21 900 000	20 000 000	18 000 000	17 000 000	15 300 000	3 000 000	2 700 000	20 000 000	18 000 000
Reserve										
Total	23 750 000	21 900 000	20 000 000	18 000 000	17 000 000	15 300 000	3 000 000	2 700 000	20 000 000	18 000 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1868 === BUDG/3589 ===
Tabled by Committee on Budgets
BUDG/3589 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 32 04 03 01 — Making the transition to a reliable, sustainable and competitive energy system**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
32 04 03 01	335 329 919	279 814 488	300 984 111	321 356 054	300 984 111	321 356 054	65 000 000	32 500 000	365 984 111	353 856 054
Reserve										
Total	335 329 919	279 814 488	300 984 111	321 356 054	300 984 111	321 356 054	65 000 000	32 500 000	365 984 111	353 856 054

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendments tabled by ENVI and ITRE.

There is a risk of falling short of meeting the objective of devoting at least 20 % of EU expenditure in the 2014-2020 MFF to climate-related actions unless more efforts are made. This is a budget line on which the Commission and the Council are proposing cuts to commitment appropriations compared to the Budget 2017. The original 2018 annual profile of Horizon 2020 budget lines that are used for the provisioning of the EFSI Guarantee Fund should be restored. These amendments reflect the long-standing position of Parliament to minimise the impact of EFSI redeployments on this programme.

Compromise amendment between ITRE/5197, ENVI/5420

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Draft amendment 412

=== ITRE/5199 ===

Tabled by Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

SECTION III — COMMISSION**Item 32 05 01 01 — Construction, operation and exploitation of the ITER facilities — European Joint Undertaking for ITER — Fusion for Energy (F4E) — Support expenditure****Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
32 05 01 01	47 547 440	47 547 440	48 016 981	48 016 981	46 576 472	46 576 472	1 440 509	1 440 509	48 016 981	48 016 981
Reserve										
Total	47 547 440	47 547 440	48 016 981	48 016 981	46 576 472	46 576 472	1 440 509	1 440 509	48 016 981	48 016 981

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 413

=== ITRE/5201 ===

Tabled by Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

SECTION III — COMMISSION**Item 32 05 01 02 — Construction, operation and exploitation of the ITER facilities – European Joint Undertaking for ITER — Fusion for Energy (F4E)****Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
32 05 01 02	266 512 997	188 140 000	321 108 018	247 301 679	290 052 617	234 936 595	31 055 401	12 365 084	321 108 018	247 301 679
Reserve										

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Total	266 512 997	188 140 000	321 108 018	247 301 679	290 052 617	234 936 595	31 055 401	12 365 084	321 108 018	247 301 679

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 579

=== LIBE/6004 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 33 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for the ‘Rights, equality and citizenship’ programme

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
33 01 04 01	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	100 000	100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000
Reserve										
Total	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	100 000	100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 580

=== LIBE/6005 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 33 01 04 02 — Support expenditure for the Justice programme

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
33 01 04 02	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	100 000	100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000
Reserve										
Total	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	100 000	100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 23

=== IMCO/6674 ===

Tabled by Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 33 01 04 03 — Support expenditure for the Consumer programme

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
33 01 04 03	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 049 600	1 049 600	1 044 600	1 044 600	5 000	5 000	1 049 600	1 049 600
Reserve										
Total	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 049 600	1 049 600	1 044 600	1 044 600	5 000	5 000	1 049 600	1 049 600

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 169

=== FEMM/6406 ===

Tabled by Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 33 02 01 — Ensuring the protection of rights and empowering citizens

Split as follows: 33 02 01 01, 33 02 01 02

Amend figures, remarks and legal basis as follows:

Add: 33 02 01 01

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
33 02 01 01							8 451 000	6 700 000	8 451 000	6 700 000
Reserve										
Total							8 451 000	6 700 000	8 451 000	6 700 000

Heading:

Ensuring the protection of rights and empowering citizens

Remarks:

Add following text:

This appropriation is intended to: promote and protect the rights of the child; promote and ensure the social and labour rights of workers; ensure the highest level of protection of privacy and personal data; promote and enhance the exercise of the rights that the Union confers on its citizens; and allow individuals, as consumers or entrepreneurs in the internal market, to exercise the rights that the Union gives them, taking into account the projects financed by the Consumer programme.

The objective of the 'Rights, equality and citizenship' programme is to contribute to the further development of an area in which the rights of persons are promoted and protected by enhancing the exercise of rights deriving from Union citizenship, promoting the principle of non-discrimination, contributing to the protection of personal data, enhancing protection of the rights of the child and rights deriving from Union consumer legislation and promoting fundamental rights and citizenship in the digital environment. Funding will be allocated to analytical and training activities and for dissemination, mutual learning, cooperation and awareness raising activities.

In particular, this appropriation is intended to cover the following types of action:

- *analytical activities, such as the collection of data and statistics, where appropriate disaggregated by gender; the development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; studies, research, analyses and surveys; evaluations; the elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material; workshops, seminars, experts' meetings and conferences,*
- *training activities such as staff exchanges, workshops, seminars, train-the-trainer events and the*

development of online training tools or other training modules,

- *mutual learning, cooperation, awareness-raising and dissemination activities, such as the identification of, and exchanges concerning, good practices, innovative approaches and experiences; the organisation of peer reviews and mutual learning; the organisation of conferences, seminars, media campaigns, including in the online media, information campaigns, including institutional communication on the political priorities of the Union insofar as they relate to the objectives of the ‘Rights, equality and citizenship’ programme (the ‘Programme’); the compilation and publication of materials to disseminate information about the Programme and its results; the development, operation and maintenance of systems and tools using information and communication technologies,*
- *support for main actors whose activities contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme, such as support for NGOs in the implementation of actions with European added value, support for key Union actors, Union-level networks and harmonised services of social value; support for Member States in the implementation of Union law and policies; and support for networking activities at Union level among specialised bodies and entities as well as national, regional and local authorities and NGOs, including support by way of action grants or operating grants.*

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, those amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with points (e), (f) and (g) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with points (e), (f) and (g) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a ‘Rights, equality and citizenship’ programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 62), and in particular points (f) to (i) of Article 4(1) and Article 5(1) thereof.

Add: 33 02 01 02

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
33 02 01 02							18 000 000	12 000 000	18 000 000	12 000 000
Reserve										
Total							18 000 000	12 000 000	18 000 000	12 000 000

Heading:

Daphne

Remarks:

Add following text:

This appropriation is intended to help prevent and combat all forms of violence against children, young people and women, and violence against other groups at risk of domestic violence and protect victims of such acts (being the Daphne specific objective of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme).

By respecting Article 9, paragraph 4 of the Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament

and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 ‘Appropriate and fair distribution of financial support between different areas covered by the specific objectives referred to in Article 4(1) shall be ensured, while taking into account the level of funding already allocated under the previous 2007-2013 programmes established by the Decisions referred to in Article 15’.

In particular, this appropriation is intended to cover the following types of action:

- analytical activities, such as the collection of data and statistics, where appropriate disaggregated by gender; the development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; studies, research, analyses and surveys; evaluations; the elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material; workshops, seminars, experts’ meetings and conferences,*
- training activities such as staff exchanges, workshops, seminars, train-the-trainer events and the development of online training tools or other training modules,*
- mutual learning, cooperation, awareness-raising and dissemination activities, such as the identification of, and exchanges concerning, good practices, innovative approaches and experiences; the organisation of peer reviews and mutual learning; the organisation of conferences, seminars, media campaigns, including in the online media, information campaigns, including institutional communication on the political priorities of the Union insofar as they relate to this objective of the ‘Rights, equality and citizenship’ programme (the ‘Programme’); the compilation and publication of materials to disseminate information about the specific objective and its results; the development, operation and maintenance of systems and tools using information and communication technologies,*
- support for main actors whose activities contribute to the implementation of this objective of the Programme, such as support for NGOs in the implementation of actions with European added value, support for key Union actors, Union-level networks and harmonised services of social value; support for Member States in the implementation of Union law and policies; and support for networking activities at Union level among specialised bodies and entities as well as national, regional and local authorities and NGOs, including support by way of action grants or operating grants.*

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, those amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with points (e), (f) and (g) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the ‘European Economic Area’ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Any revenue from the contributions from acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates for participating in Union programmes entered in Item 6 0 3 1 of the statement of revenue may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations in accordance with points (e), (f) and (g) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a ‘Rights, equality and citizenship’ programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 62), and in particular point (e) of Article 4(1) and Article 5(1) thereof.

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

FEMM Committee called repeatedly for the creation of specific budget line for the Daphne specific objective of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme, in order to achieve more transparency in the

use of the allocations for the specific objective. A split of the budget line 33 03 01 into two items is therefore proposed.

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Draft amendment 1869

=== BUDG/3541 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3541 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 33 02 02 — Promoting non-discrimination and equality

Amend figures, remarks and legal basis as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
33 02 02	35 064 000	24 000 000	35 831 000	25 100 000	35 331 000	24 850 000	850 000	425 000	36 181 000	25 275 000
Reserve										
Total	35 064 000	24 000 000	35 831 000	25 100 000	35 331 000	24 850 000	850 000	425 000	36 181 000	25 275 000

Remarks:

Before paragraph:

In particular, this appropriation is intended to cover the following types of actions:

Amend text as follows:

This appropriation is intended to contribute to promoting the effective implementation of the principle of non-discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and to respecting the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds provided for in Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union; to preventing and combating racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance; ***to fighting anti-Semitism, in particular by establishing a European research centre on anti-Semitism***; to promoting and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities; and to promoting equality between women and men and to advancing gender mainstreaming.

After paragraph:

In particular, this appropriation is intended to cover the following types of actions:

Amend text as follows:

- analytical activities, such as the collection of data and statistics; the development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; studies, research, analyses and surveys; evaluations; the elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material; workshops, seminars, experts' meetings and conferences,
- training activities such as staff exchanges, workshops, seminars, train-the-trainer events and the development of online training tools or other training modules,
- ***measures encouraging girls to actively consider a STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) career, and to combat stereotyping, foster new profiles and breach traditional roles and models,***
- mutual learning, cooperation, awareness-raising and dissemination activities, such as the identification of, and exchanges concerning, good practices, innovative approaches and experiences; the organisation of peer reviews and mutual learning; the organisation of conferences, seminars, media campaigns, including in the online media, information campaigns, including institutional communication on the political priorities of the Union insofar as they relate to the objectives of the ***"Rights, equality and citizenship"*** ~~"Rights, equality and citizenship"~~ programme (the ***"Programme"***); ~~'Programme'~~; the compilation and publication of materials to disseminate information about the Programme and its results;

the development, operation and maintenance of systems and tools using information and communication technologies,

- support for main actors whose activities contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme, such as support for NGOs in the implementation of actions with European added value, support for key Union actors, Union-level networks and harmonised services of social value; support for Member States in the implementation of Union law and policies; and support for networking activities at Union level among specialised bodies and entities as well as national, regional and local authorities and NGOs, including support by way of action grants or operating *grants*, ~~grants~~.
- *support for ICT companies, companies with technical departments and technical training facilities, universities and research centres to organise open days for girls, encouraging them to choose a STEM career,*
- *designing and applying a gender budgeting methodology for the EU budget to do the following: i) identifying the implicit and explicit gender issues, ii) identifying, where possible, the allied resource allocations, iii) assessing whether the policy will continue or change existing inequalities between men and women (and groups of men and women), including boys' and girls' patterns of gender relations.*

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, those amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with points (e), (f) and (g) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the *"European Economic Area"* ~~'European Economic Area'~~ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendments tabled by FEMM and ALDE.

Restore DB and increase the commitment appropriations to support a European Research centre for research on anti-Semitism, which would provide a tool for victims to easily report cases of anti-Semitism. The police does not record all crimes as many victims do not report all crimes. The aim is to build up a network around Europe aimed at collecting and publishing data, but also providing personal and psychological help to victims. It would significantly contribute to improving data collection, analysis and monitoring of anti-Semitism in the EU.

Increase the appropriations to include the aim of promoting activities to allow girls to follow the passions that suit them, not just those that fit with gender stereotypes.

Gender mainstreaming is a legal obligation stemming directly from the Treaties, which should take place at all levels and in all policies; therefore the analysis of the gender dimension in the budgetary process ought to take place starting from the planning phase to the subsequent adoption of the budget.

Compromise amendment between ALDE/7785, FEMM/6408

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Draft amendment 1870

=== BUDG/3590 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3590 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 33 02 03 01 — Company law

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
33 02 03 01	895 000	1 700 000	1 700 000	700 000	1 700 000	700 000	500 000	250 000	2 200 000	950 000
Reserve										
Total	895 000	1 700 000	1 700 000	700 000	1 700 000	700 000	500 000	250 000	2 200 000	950 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure and its operation and development, in particular:

Amend text as follows:

- improve the legal environment for citizens, companies and businesses, for which promotion activities, awareness-raising and training actions could be envisaged; fostering cooperation, development and coordination of legislation in the field of company law and assistance with the creation of European limited companies and European economic interest groupings,
- interactive policymaking, in so far as it concerns the completion, development and operation of the internal market, makes up part of the Commission's governance and of the regulatory policy initiatives to better respond to the demands of citizens, consumers and businesses. The appropriations entered under this article are also intended to cover training, awareness-raising and network actions to the benefit of such participants with a view to making Union policymaking on the internal market more comprehensive and effective, and as part of the process of assessing the actual impact of internal market policies (or the lack of them) on the ground,
- a comprehensive review of regulations with a view to making necessary changes and producing an overall analysis of the effectiveness of the measures taken with a view to the sound operation of the internal market and the evaluation of the overall impact of the internal market on businesses and the economy, including the purchase of data and access by Commission departments to external databases, as well as targeted actions aimed at improving understanding of the functioning of the internal market and rewarding active participation in fostering the functioning of the internal market,
- broadening the strategy regarding the development of statistics on service sectors and statistical development projects in cooperation with Eurostat and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD),
- developing and strengthening the external aspects of the directives applicable in respect of financial institutions, the mutual recognition of financial instruments vis-à-vis third countries, international negotiations and assistance for third countries in establishing a market economy,
- implementing the many measures put forward in the action plan on company law and corporate governance which could lead to studies on a number of targeted subjects, with a view to drawing up the necessary legislative proposals,
- implementing the law of the Union and international provisions in the field of money laundering, including participation in intergovernmental or ad hoc measures in this field; contributions relating to Commission participation as a member of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) on money laundering created under the OECD,
- development of evaluations and impact studies on the various aspects of the policies covered by this chapter for the purpose of devising new measures or revising existing measures relating to ~~them, them~~.
- ***conducting a comprehensive and unbiased assessment of the risk posed by third countries in terms of their strategic deficiencies in the area of anti-money laundering and countering terrorist financing on the basis of the criteria laid down in Article 9 of Directive (EU) 2015/849, and establish a list of high-risk jurisdictions.***

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto, must be added to the appropriations entered in this article. By way of information, those amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with points (e), (f) and (g) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation under the *"European Economic Area"* ~~European Economic Area~~ Annex to this part of the statement of expenditure in this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by VERT.

The part of the comprehensive assessment to be conducted in 2018 consistency with Directive (EU) 2015/849 is supposed to cover more than 75 country specific analyses, which will require a substantial increase in the originally foreseen appropriations.

Compromise amendment between VERT/8490

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Draft amendment 584 === LIBE/6008 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 33 02 03 02 — Other activities in the area of fundamental rights

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
33 02 03 02	1 000 000	500 000	1 300 000	700 000	1 000 000	500 000	300 000	200 000	1 300 000	700 000
Reserve										
Total	1 000 000	500 000	1 300 000	700 000	1 000 000	500 000	300 000	200 000	1 300 000	700 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1871 === BUDG/3542 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3542 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 33 02 07 — European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
33 02 07	7 458 000	7 458 000	7 613 673	7 613 673	7 613 673	7 613 673	110 000	110 000	7 723 673	7 723 673
Reserve										
Total	7 458 000	7 458 000	7 613 673	7 613 673	7 613 673	7 613 673	110 000	110 000	7 723 673	7 723 673

Remarks:

Before paragraph:

This appropriation is intended to cover the EIGE's (Titles 1 and 2) and operational expenditure (Title 3).

Add following text:

EIGE serves also as a European observatory on femicide and violence against women.

After paragraph:

In accordance with Decision 2006/996/EC taken by common 30.12.2006, p. 61), the Institute has its seat in Vilnius.

Amend text as follows:

The Union contribution for ~~2018~~2018 amounts to a total of EUR ~~7 891 000.7 781 000~~. An amount of EUR ~~167 327 167 327~~ coming from the recovery of surplus is added to the amount of EUR ~~7 723 673 613 673~~ entered in the budget.

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by FEMM.

The European Parliament in its resolution of 10 March 2015 on progress on equality between women and men in the European Union in 2013 called on the Commission to set up a European monitoring centre on gender based violence along the lines of EIGE. EIGE already gathered a lot of expertise on the topic. To this end, its workforce is proposed to be increased by one AD 9 post. The amount 110.000 EUR would cover 10 months in 2018 (due to selection procedure prior his/her start of duties).

Compromise amendment between FEMM/6410

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Draft amendment 586

=== LIBE/6009 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 33 03 01 — Supporting and promoting judicial training and facilitating effective access to justice for all

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
33 03 01	33 710 000	24 600 000	31 200 000	22 000 000	30 866 667	21 666 667	333 333	333 333	31 200 000	22 000 000
Reserve										
Total	33 710 000	24 600 000	31 200 000	22 000 000	30 866 667	21 666 667	333 333	333 333	31 200 000	22 000 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 587

=== LIBE/6010 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 33 03 02 — Facilitating and supporting judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
33 03 02	15 789 000	10 500 000	12 000 000	8 300 000	12 000 000	7 550 000		750 000	12 000 000	8 300 000
Reserve										
Total	15 789 000	10 500 000	12 000 000	8 300 000	12 000 000	7 550 000		750 000	12 000 000	8 300 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1872 === BUDG/3690 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3690 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 33 03 04 — The European Union’s Judicial Cooperation Unit (Eurojust)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
33 03 04	47 782 237	47 282 237	36 506 468	36 506 468	36 506 468	36 506 468	3 119 039	3 119 039	39 625 507	39 625 507
Reserve										
Total	47 782 237	47 282 237	36 506 468	36 506 468	36 506 468	36 506 468	3 119 039	3 119 039	39 625 507	39 625 507

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by Mr Geier.

Given the increasing number of terrorist attacks in the EU Member States, Eurojust’s role in fighting terrorism and organised crime at international level is becoming prominent. Therefore, this agency should receive adequate financial and human resources in order to perform its tasks in an effective manner.

Compromise amendment between BUDG/4220

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Draft amendment 1873 === BUDG/3675 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 33 03 77 06

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
33 03 77 06							600 000	300 000	600 000	300 000
Reserve										
Total							600 000	300 000	600 000	300 000

Heading:

Preparatory action — EU fund for financial support for litigating cases relating to violations of democracy, rule of law and fundamental rights

Remarks:

Add following text:

Empowering civil society organisations, movements and individuals is key to a truly democratic EU and its values as enshrined in the EU Treaties and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. This preparatory action will create an EU fund for awareness raising and legal assistance to individuals and civil society organisations litigating democracy, rule of law and fundamental rights violations based on the outcome of a requested feasibility study. This feasibility study should include an overview of the current obstacles facing individuals and NGOs wishing to exercise their rights regarding democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights through litigation. The fund will work closely with and build upon the work of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights.

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:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by LIBE.

Litigation procedures are often time-consuming whereas going to court is very costly, rendering it prohibitive for most people and organisations. This preparatory action would offer support, if needed, to improve individuals' and civil society organisations' access to justice in cases of Democracy, Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights violations.

Draft amendment 1874

=== BUDG/3543 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3543 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 33 04 01 — Safeguarding consumers' interest and improving their safety and information

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
33 04 01	24 132 000	17 300 000	25 175 000	20 200 000	24 925 000	19 866 667	250 000	333 333	25 175 000	20 200 000
Reserve										
Total	24 132 000	17 300 000	25 175 000	20 200 000	24 925 000	19 866 667	250 000	333 333	25 175 000	20 200 000

Remarks:

Before paragraph:

This general objective shall be pursued through the following four specific objectives:

Amend text as follows:

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditure for achieving the objectives established through the multiannual consumer programme for the years 2014-2020. The aim of the programme is to ensure a high level of consumer protection and to empower consumers in the heart of the internal market within the framework of an overall strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, by contributing to the

protection of the health, safety, legal and economic interests of consumers, as well as to the promotion of their right to information, education and to organise themselves in order to safeguard their interests, supporting the integration of such consumer interests into other policy *areas, as well as to increase customers' knowledge of their fundamental rights and their trust in the market and public authorities and to facilitate the complaints and dispute resolution mechanisms*.areas. The programme complements, supports and monitors the policies of Member States.

After paragraph:

This general objective shall be pursued through the following four specific objectives:

— **Information and education and support to consumer organisations:** *To improve consumers' education, information and awareness of their rights and empowerment regarding consumer policy, to develop the evidence base for consumer policy and to provide support for consumer organisations, also taking into account the specific needs of vulnerable consumers. With approximately one third of the budget allocated to European Consumer Centres (ECCs), the number of customer contacts with ECCs and visits to ECCs' websites continues to increase each year, with 111 563 contacts and over 4.6 million website visits in 2016. Consumer Champion and Consumer Classroom initiatives - this is an interactive collaborative website for teachers to promote consumer education in secondary schools - are gaining in popularity, too, with over one million unique visits and over 32 000 registered users, 18 652 of whom are teachers.*

— **Rights and redress:** *To develop and reinforce consumer rights, in particular through smart regulatory action, and to improve access to simple, efficient, expedient and low-cost redress, including alternative dispute resolution.*

Delete following text:

- ~~safety: to consolidate and enhance product safety through effective market surveillance throughout the Union,~~
- ~~information and education and support to consumer organisations: to improve consumers' education, information and awareness of their rights, to develop the evidence base for consumer policy and to provide support to consumer organisations, also taking into account the specific needs of vulnerable consumers,~~
- ~~rights and redress: to develop and reinforce consumer rights, in particular through smart regulatory action, and to improve access to simple, efficient, expedient and low-cost redress including alternative dispute resolution,~~
- ~~enforcement: to support enforcement of consumer rights by strengthening cooperation between national enforcement bodies and by supporting consumers with advice.~~

Amend text as follows:

The programme also takes into account new societal challenges which have grown in importance in recent years. They include: the increased complexity of consumer decision-making, the need to move towards more sustainable patterns of consumption, the opportunities and threats that digitalisation brings, an increase in social exclusion and the number of vulnerable consumers, and an ageing population.

Add following text:

The outcome of implementation of the consumer programme could be indirectly traced in the Consumer Conditions Index, which shows significant improvements, at EU level, in consumer perceptions in 2016 compared to 2014. The largest increases are in knowledge and trust (about 4%), compliance and enforcement of customer protection (about 3%), as well as complaints and dispute resolutions (about 2%).

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendments tabled by IMCO and Mr Novakov.

Implementation of the programme is on track. The payment rates for 2014 and 2015 are 98% and 99%. As of

May 2017, the 2016 budget has a 94% payment rate and the 2017 budget shows a commitment rate of 51%. The programme supports awareness rising campaigns, information centres, dispute resolution platforms, rapid alert systems and compliance checks that have led to increases in consumers' rights knowledge of their rights, their confidence and trust in product safety, EU and national authorities and the Single market. Stressing the importance of safety especially on the Digital Single Market is important to consumers.

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Compromise amendment between IMCO/6653, BUDG/4532

Draft amendment 294

=== ENVI/5488 ===

Tabled by Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 34 01 04 01 — Support expenditure for the programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE)
— Sub-programme for climate action

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
34 01 04 01	3 282 000	3 282 000	3 282 000	3 282 000	3 183 540	3 183 540	98 460	98 460	3 282 000	3 282 000
Reserve										
Total	3 282 000	3 282 000	3 282 000	3 282 000	3 183 540	3 183 540	98 460	98 460	3 282 000	3 282 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1875

=== BUDG/3598 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3598 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 34 02 01 — Reducing Union greenhouse gas emissions

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
34 02 01	53 310 000	45 000 000	73 100 000	37 300 000	73 100 000	37 300 000	750 000	375 000	73 850 000	37 675 000
Reserve										
Total	53 310 000	45 000 000	73 100 000	37 300 000	73 100 000	37 300 000	750 000	375 000	73 850 000	37 675 000

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by VERT.

In line with the paragraph 62 of the EP report P8-(2016)0309 stating that "the revision of the MFF creates an excellent opportunity to ensure that the 20 % target of spending on climate-related actions is reached and to provide for a possible increase of this threshold in line with the EU's international commitments taken during the COP 21", this modification aims at translating in budgetary terms the paragraph 26 of the report.

Compromise amendment between VERT/8474

Draft amendment 1876

=== BUDG/3599 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3599 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 34 02 02 — Increasing the resilience of the Union to climate change

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
34 02 02	51 730 000	19 500 000	38 000 000	19 200 000	38 000 000	19 200 000	13 730 000	6 865 000	51 730 000	26 065 000
Reserve										
Total	51 730 000	19 500 000	38 000 000	19 200 000	38 000 000	19 200 000	13 730 000	6 865 000	51 730 000	26 065 000

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by ENVI.

There is a risk of falling short of meeting the objective of devoting at least 20 % of EU expenditure in the 2014-2020 MFF to climate-related actions unless more efforts are made. This is a budget line on which the Commission and the Council are proposing cuts to commitment appropriations compared to the Budget 2017. Therefore, with this amendment it is intended to restore the Budget 2017 figures.

Compromise amendment between ENVI/5423

Draft amendment 1877

=== BUDG/3600 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3600 = Compromise amendment

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 34 02 03 — Better climate governance and information at all levels

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
34 02 03	14 162 795	9 500 000	15 395 750	11 205 000	15 395 750	11 205 000	750 000	500 000	16 145 750	11 705 000
Reserve										
Total	14 162 795	9 500 000	15 395 750	11 205 000	15 395 750	11 205 000	750 000	500 000	16 145 750	11 705 000

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendments tabled by EPP and VERT.

Pending a decision on the financing of the European Solidarity Corps and the adoption of the relevant Regulation under the ordinary legislative procedure, no financial provision should be entered for this purpose in the Budget 2018. A decision on the Budget 2018 should not prejudice in any way the outcome of the legislative negotiations. All relevant appropriations and redeployments, entered by the Commission in DB 2018, should be for the moment reversed. Parliament is fully committed to integrate immediately via an amending budget the decision on ESC financing in next year's budget.

In line with the paragraph 62 of the EP report P8-(2016)0309 stating that "the revision of the MFF creates an excellent opportunity to ensure that the 20 % target of spending on climate-related actions is reached and to provide for a possible increase of this threshold in line with the EU's international commitments taken during the COP 21", this modification aims at translating in budgetary terms the paragraph 26 of the report.

Compromise amendment between EPP//7995, VERT/8474

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Draft amendment 1878

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3601 = Compromise amendment

=== BUDG/3601 ===

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 34 02 05 — European Solidarity Corps – Contribution from the LIFE sub-programme for Climate Action

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
34 02 05			p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.			p.m.	p.m.
Reserve			500 000	375 000	500 000	375 000	-500 000	-375 000	p.m.	p.m.
Total			500 000	375 000	500 000	375 000	-500 000	-375 000	p.m.	p.m.

Justification:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendments tabled by EPP.

Pending a decision on the financing of the European Solidarity Corps and the adoption of the relevant Regulation under the ordinary legislative procedure, no financial provision should be entered for this purpose in the Budget 2018. A decision on the Budget 2018 should not prejudice in any way the outcome of the legislative negotiations. All relevant appropriations and redeployments, entered by the Commission in DB 2018, should be for the moment reversed. Parliament is fully committed to integrate immediately via an amending budget the decision on ESC financing in next year's budget.

Compromise amendment between EPP//7995

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Draft amendment 1879

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

BUDG/3659 = Compromise amendment

=== BUDG/3659 ===

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 34 02 77 04

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
34 02 77 04							700 000	350 000	700 000	350 000
Reserve										
Total							700 000	350 000	700 000	350 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Nature-based solutions for climate and water pollution mitigation in agricultural regions

Remarks:

Add following text:

The pilot project will demonstrate nature-based solutions (constructed wetlands/retention ponds) for mitigating the impact of climate change and human land use on water quantity (droughts and floods) and quality (nutrients, pesticides) in agricultural regions. The water cycle is under pressure in agricultural regions, while agricultural practices depend on the availability of water. Therefore the focus of this project will be on solutions that mitigate problems of water availability for rural and agricultural users, while also minimising the impact of agricultural practices on the downstream catchments. Research questions are the following:

How can nature-based solutions help mitigate hydrological events such as floods and droughts at the farm scale?

How can these nature-based solutions help mitigate hydrological events at the catchment scale?

How do these solutions contribute to decreasing water pollution from agricultural areas, such as nutrients, pesticides, sediments and heavy metals?

What are the total economic costs and benefits of the proposed solutions? What are the other ecosystem services related to these nature-based solutions and which policy/governmental measures have to be taken to exploit them?

The project will select three pilot study regions. In each region, collaboration arrangements will be set up with local agriculture research agencies that will implement the nature-based solutions in existing monitored agricultural areas (discharge and pollution of first/second order streams). Modelling will be based on the combined data from the piloting sites.

- Demonstrating pilot types: For each region, four prototypes (12 in total) of retention ponds/constructed wetlands will be constructed, with variations in size and outflow mechanisms and in position/catchment size. Water quantity and quality will be monitored at the outlet and at the existing monitoring stations on first or second order streams. In order to take into account seasonal effects, monitoring should at least cover one year, with potential for follow up monitoring beyond the project's lifetime.

- Modelling study: Results from pilot prototypes will be extrapolated to an entire catchment through hydrological modelling. Influence on quantity (floods, base flow) and quality (nutrients, pesticides, pollutants, sediment) of water will be assessed at the watershed scale. Modelling will be based on existing models, although additional calibration and validation will be required. Modelling results should focus on the required densities to achieve a good status at the catchment scale.

- Economic viability: On the basis of a combination of the demonstration and modelling result, the economic viability of the different prototypes will be assessed. Costs and benefits will be quantified, and mechanisms to compensate for the additional ecosystem services will be evaluated.

The development plans will be based on regional cost-benefit analyses and economic tools, including the cost of water resilience plans. The solutions will prevent water cycle pollution and avoid pollution through water discharge. The benefits will be compared to alternative or complementary options. The selection of pilots and regions will take into account relevant Interreg and other EU projects.

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:

BUDG has taken over and modified the amendment tabled by ENVI.

This project can contribute to demonstrating nature-based solutions for mitigating the impact of climate change and human land use on water quantity and quality in agricultural regions. The water cycle is under pressure in agricultural regions, while agricultural practices depend on the availability of water. The project is complementary to the existing Horizon 2020 actions and other EU Framework programmes.

Compromise amendment between ENVI/5439

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Draft amendment 1880

=== BUDG/3020 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 40 02 44 — Reserve for the European Union Solidarity Fund

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
40 02 44	p.m.	p.m.	524 000 000	200 000 000	p.m.	p.m.	230 028 920	200 000 000	230 028 920	200 000 000
Reserve										
Total	p.m.	p.m.	524 000 000	200 000 000	p.m.	p.m.	230 028 920	200 000 000	230 028 920	200 000 000

Justification:

An amount of EUR 293 971 080 in commitment appropriations has been frontloaded from 2018 to 2017 as part of the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund for Italy (Draft Amending Budget 4/2017). While the Commission's proposal to set up a reserve for the EUSF has been rejected by the Council, this amendment aims at partially reinstating the remaining 2018 amount in the reserve, after deducting the frontloaded amount.

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Draft amendment 240

=== ENVI/5425 ===

Tabled by Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

SECTION III — COMMISSION

S 03 01 02 01 — European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

Amend remarks as follows:

Amend text as follows:

Function group and grade	European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)					
	2018		2017			
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2016		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15				1		1
AD 14		8		4		5
AD 13		16		7		15
AD 12		21		13		20

AD 11		34		17		34
AD 10		43		24		39
AD 9		56		43		54
AD 8		65		54		62
		63				
AD 7		66		69		64
		64				
AD 6		29		74		35
		27				
AD 5		5		25		8
<i>AD Subtotal</i>		343		331		337
		337				
AST 11						
AST 10		1				
AST 9		5		3		5
AST 8		8		2		7
AST 7		15		5		14
AST 6		18		11		15
AST 5		34		23		34
AST 4		22		29		22
AST 3		17		38		18
AST 2		1		11		5
AST 1				2		3
<i>AST Subtotal</i>		121		124		123
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>						
Total		464		455		460
		458				
Grand total		464		455		460
		458				

Justification:

Restore the REACH establishment at the level of the posts authorised in 2017 (410 posts), in line with the European Parliament resolution on the trilogue on the 2018 draft budget (2017/2043(BUD)). ECHA has already implemented a 10% staff reduction for REACH since 2012. The third REACH registration deadline in 2018 affects a large number of companies in Europe and the highest number of SMEs to date. The deadline has significant impact on the workload. The budgetary authority should refrain from the planned further reduction of six temporary agent posts during this peak workload time

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Draft amendment 414

=== ITRE/5203 ===

Tabled by Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

SECTION III — COMMISSION

S 03 01 02 02 — European GNSS Agency (GSA)

Amend remarks as follows:

Amend text as follows:

Function group and grade	European GNSS Agency (GSA)					
	2018		2017			
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2016		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts

AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13		3		1		2
AD 12		6		5		5
AD 11		7		5		6
AD 10		14		12		13
AD 9		13		12		12
AD 8		32		30		30
AD 7		34		34		34
AD 6		7		8		8
AD 5		17				
		4				
AD Subtotal		134 118		108		111
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7						
AST 6		2		1		2
AST 5		1		2		1
AST 4		1		1		1
AST 3		1				
AST 2				1		1
AST 1						
AST Subtotal		5		5		5
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
AST/SC Subtotal						
Total		139 123		113		116
Grand total		139 123		113		116

Justification:

GSA is responsible for >€4B for Galileo and EGNOS services. Galileo Initial Services are provided by GSA from 1 Jul 2017. The GSA has a resourcing gap for cyber security and Public Regulated Service. The approach of mitigation through consultancy and contract agents is not sustainable due to the risk of conflicts of interest and time delays could be induced (1 day = ~ €1M). The EC proposal for 5 TAs in 2018, against a request for 23 TAs endorsed by GSA Admin Board, needs to be reassessed.

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Draft amendment 415

=== ITRE/5204 ===

Tabled by Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

SECTION III — COMMISSION

S 03 01 09 01 — European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA)

Amend remarks as follows:

Amend text as follows:

Function group and grade	European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA)	
	2018	2017

	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2016		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15		1		1		1
AD 14						
AD 13						
AD 12		3		2		3
AD 11				1		
AD 10		5		2		5
AD 9		10		2		10
AD 8		15		5		15
AD 7				2		
AD 6				13		
AD 5		6		1		
<i>AD Subtotal</i>		40 34		29		34
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7		2		1		2
AST 6		5		1		5
AST 5		5		2		5
AST 4		1		5		2
AST 3				6		
AST 2						
AST 1						
<i>AST Subtotal</i>		13		15		14
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>						
Total		53 47		44		48
Grand total		53 47		44		48

Justification:

This increase would cover the new tasks arising from the Network and Information Security Directive (NISD), as well as activities related to the development of the cyber security blueprint to handle large-scale cyber incidents on the EU level and to support Connecting Europe Facility (CEF SMART 2015-1089) project on Establishment of a core service platform between participating Member States and the operation of cooperation mechanisms for computer emergency response teams. ENISA stresses the need for investment in cyber security to protect the EU citizens.

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Draft amendment 1646

=== VERT/8493 ===

Tabled by Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

SECTION III — COMMISSION

S 03 01 17 02 — European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

Amend remarks as follows:

Amend text as follows:

Function group and grade	European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)					
	2018		2017			
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2016		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15		1				1
AD 14		2		1		2
AD 13		2		1		2
AD 12	1	16		6	1	16
AD 11		11		6		11
AD 10	1	18		11	1	17
AD 9	1	43		27	1	42
AD 8		55		54		54
		54				
AD 7	1	55	4	46	1	56
AD 6	1	14	1	43	1	15
AD 5		5		12		6
<i>AD Subtotal</i>	5	222 224	5	207	5	222
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8		3				3
AST 7		4		2		4
AST 6		9		2		9
AST 5		30		15		30
AST 4		23		40		23
AST 3		23		17		25
AST 2		1		29		2
AST 1				3		
<i>AST Subtotal</i>		93		108		96
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>						
Total	5	315 314	5	315	5	318
Grand total	320 319		320		323	

Justification:

EFSA, current Chair of the EU Agencies Network (EUAN) makes a request for one additional TA (AD 8) to reinforce the EUAN Permanent Secretariat. This request does not entail any financial cost: the budget appropriations related to salary and allowances for this post will be mutualised amongst the EU Agencies, hence this operation will have no direct impact for the EU budget.

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Draft amendment 590

=== LIBE/6044 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

S 03 01 18 02 — European Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)

Amend remarks as follows:

Amend text as follows:

Function group and grade	European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)					
	2018		2017			
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2016		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15		1		1		1
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13		5		2		5
AD 12		11		7		11
AD 11		17		10		17
AD 10		28		9		30
AD 9		61		45		61
AD 8		102 100		77		97
AD 7		133 126		113		126
AD 6		182 156		198		139
AD 5		30		13		29
<i>AD Subtotal</i>		571 536		476		517
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8		3				2
AST 7		5		3		5
AST 6		6		4		6
AST 5		7		7		8
AST 4		5		10		8
AST 3		3		2		3
AST 2		1		3		1
AST 1						
<i>AST Subtotal</i>		30		29		33
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>						
Total		601 566		505		550
Grand total		601 566		505		550

Justification:

The discussion of Europol's role in the Security union calls for a comprehensive review of the agency's overall needs in human resources. In order to be able to perform the tasks assigned to it, Europol needs to be reinforced with an appropriate level of staff.

SECTION III — COMMISSION

S 03 01 18 03 — European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL)

Amend remarks as follows:

Amend text as follows:

Function group and grade	European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL)					
	2018		2017			
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2016		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1				
AD 13				1		1
AD 12						
AD 11		2				2
AD 10		2		2		2
AD 9		1		3		1
AD 8						
AD 7		3		1		2
		2				
AD 6		7		1		6
AD 5		8		9		6
		6				
AD Subtotal		24		17		20
		24				
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7						
AST 6		1				1
AST 5		3		2		3
AST 4		6		2		6
AST 3		1		4		1
AST 2						
AST 1						
AST Subtotal		11		8		11
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
AST/SC Subtotal						
Total		35		25		31
		32				
Grand total	35		25		31	
	32					

Justification:

It is proposed to add 3 more AD positions in light of the increasing needs for training.

Draft amendment 592

=== LIBE/6017 ===

SECTION III — COMMISSION

S 03 01 18 05 — European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (eu-LISA)

Amend remarks as follows:

Amend text as follows:

Function group and grade	European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (eu-LISA)					
	2018		2017			
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2016		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15		1				1
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13		2		2		2
AD 12		3		3		3
AD 11		5		3		4
AD 10		8		5		6
AD 9		13		9		10
AD 8		17		12		17
AD 7		37		13		17
		24				
AD 6		12		14		13
AD 5		17		10		14
		44				
<i>AD Subtotal</i>		116		72		88
		94				
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9		1		1		1
AST 8		2		1		2
AST 7		4		2		3
AST 6		9		6		8
AST 5		14		12		12
AST 4		11		12		14
AST 3		1		9		3
AST 2						
AST 1						
<i>AST Subtotal</i>		42		43		43
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>						
Total		158		115		131
		136				
Grand total		158		115		131
		136				

Justification:

EU-LISA should have 22 extra staff posts.

This additional staff is necessary due to:

- increase in workload linked to new legal and strategic initiatives (Dublin reform, SIS II Recast, ETIAS, ECRIS, e-CODEX, Interoperability, etc.).
- need for contract agents instead of external contractors for specialisation + security reasons (access to

information and corporate resources and infrastructures are limited) and because the externalization of services is more expensive than hiring contract agents for equivalent functions.

This modification will be budget neutral.

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Draft amendment 593

=== LIBE/6050 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

S 03 01 18 06 — European Asylum Support Office (EASO)

Amend remarks as follows:

Amend text as follows:

Function group and grade	European Asylum Support Office (EASO)					
	2018		2017			
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2016		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15		1		1		1
AD 14						
AD 13		1				
AD 12		4		4		4
AD 11		1		1		1
AD 10		12				
		11		6		9
AD 9		8		5		5
AD 8		36		9		11
		30				
AD 7		47		28		41
		44				
AD 6		18		5		11
		16				
AD 5		19		10		24
<i>AD Subtotal</i>		146		69		107
		135				
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7						
AST 6						
AST 5		5		2		3
AST 4		30		6		10
AST 3		35		5		26
AST 2		5		2		5
AST 1		4		2		4
<i>AST Subtotal</i>		79		17		48
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>						
Total		225		86		155
		214				

Grand total	225 214	86	155
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Justification:

It is proposed to turn 11 SNE positions into AD ones in order to 1) proceed with the implementation of the provisions related to the adoption of the final EUAA Regulation; 2) secure a further increase in the staff and management and at senior level, in the line with the requirements foreseen under the new EUAA regulation; 3) strengthen the overall number of personnel in order for Agency to be able to progressively meet the growing needs of Member States and the CEAS as a whole. Also, an AD10 post should be added to fill the management positions required under the new EUAA Regulation.

Draft amendment 416

=== ITRE/5205 ===

Tabled by Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

SECTION III — COMMISSION

S 03 01 32 01 — Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

Amend remarks as follows:

Amend text as follows:

Function group and grade	Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)					
	2018		2017			
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2016		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15		1		1		1
AD 14						
AD 13						
AD 12		4		3		4
AD 11		5		2		5
AD 10				2		
AD 9		5		3		4
AD 8		11		10		11
AD 7		8		6		10
AD 6		10		10		7
AD 5		33		11		11
		44				
<i>AD Subtotal</i>		77		48		53
		55				
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7						
AST 6		1				1
AST 5		2		1		4
AST 4		4		4		4
AST 3		5		7		6
AST 2						
AST 1		8				
<i>AST Subtotal</i>		20		12		15
		42				
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						

AST/SC 1					
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>					
Total		97		60	68
		67			
Grand total		97		60	68
		67			

Justification:

The increase in the number of authorised posts for ACER is required to equip the Agency with the staff needed effectively to implement Regulations (EU) No 1227/2011 (REMIT) and (EU) No 347/2013 (TEN-E Regulation), as well as to fulfil its expanded mission related to the implementation of the electricity and gas network codes and guidelines and its monitoring. The increase in the subsidy for ACER is required to cover the costs of the additional posts, as well as the level of REMIT-related IT expenditure which is essential to maintain the secure operation of the ACER REMIT Information System.

Draft amendment 172

=== FEMM/6411 ===

Tabled by Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

SECTION III — COMMISSION

S 03 01 33 02 — European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

Amend remarks as follows:

Amend text as follows:

Function group and grade	European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)					
	2018		2017			
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2016		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14						
AD 13		1		1		1
AD 12		1				1
AD 11				1		
AD 10		2		1		1
AD 9		4				
		3		2		3
AD 8		3		2		3
AD 7		6		3		5
AD 6		5		7		5
AD 5				4		2
<i>AD Subtotal</i>		22		21		21
		24				
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8		1				
AST 7		1		1		2
AST 6		3		1		
AST 5		1		4		4
AST 4						
AST 3						
AST 2						
AST 1						
<i>AST Subtotal</i>		6		6		6
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						

AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>						
Total		28		27		27
		27				
Grand total		28		27		27
		27				

Justification:

The European Parliament in its resolution of 10 March 2015 on progress on equality between women and men in the European Union in 2013 called on the Commission to set up a European monitoring centre on gender based violence along the lines of EIGE. EIGE already gathered a lot of expertise on the topic. To this end, its workforce is proposed to be increased by one AD 9 post. The amount 110.000 EUR would cover 10 months in 2018 (due to selection procedure prior his/her start of duties).

Draft amendment 594

=== LIBE/6049 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

S 03 01 33 03 — The European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit (Eurojust)

Amend remarks as follows:

Amend text as follows:

Function group and grade	The European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit (Eurojust)					
	2018		2017			
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2016		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1				1
AD 13		1		1		1
AD 12						
AD 11		3				
AD 10		8		6		9
AD 9		14		8		10
		13				
AD 8		32		18		26
		30				
AD 7		31		9		30
AD 6		5		25		12
		4				
AD 5		2		3		4
<i>AD Subtotal</i>		97		70		93
		94				
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9		1		1		1
AST 8						
AST 7				1		
AST 6		4		9		3
AST 5		34		42		24
AST 4		51		38		54
AST 3		17		33		22

AST 2		16		2		11
AST 1		6				
AST Subtotal		123		126		115
		43				
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
AST/SC Subtotal						
Total		220		196		208
		204				
Grand total	220		196		208	
	204					

Justification:

The continuous and significant increase in Eurojust's annual caseload demonstrates the need to strengthen support to MS; this makes the proposed reduction in posts for Eurojust unacceptable. On the contrary, the increasing level of operational work including joint actions with JHA partners, especially Europol, requires further reinforcement in these specialist crime areas and in support of the national desks. Eurojust will not be able to execute the tasks if it is not provided adequate human resources and corresponding budget.

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Draft amendment 1881

=== BUDG/3021 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Subitem XX 01 01 01 01 — Remuneration and allowances

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
XX 01 01 01 01	2 011 496 000	2 011 496 000	2 063 236 000	2 063 236 000	2 046 651 826	2 046 651 826	16 584 174	16 584 174	2 063 236 000	2 063 236 000
Reserve										
Total	2 011 496 000	2 011 496 000	2 063 236 000	2 063 236 000	2 046 651 826	2 046 651 826	16 584 174	16 584 174	2 063 236 000	2 063 236 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1882

=== BUDG/3022 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Subitem XX 01 01 01 02 — Expenses and allowances related to recruitment, transfers and termination of service

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
XX 01 01 01 02	12 072 000	12 072 000	11 239 000	11 239 000	10 239 000	10 239 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	11 239 000	11 239 000
Reserve										
Total	12 072 000	12 072 000	11 239 000	11 239 000	10 239 000	10 239 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	11 239 000	11 239 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1883 === BUDG/3023 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Subitem XX 01 02 01 01 — Contract staff

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
XX 01 02 01 01	68 270 000	68 270 000	69 741 000	69 741 000	69 241 000	69 241 000	500 000	500 000	69 741 000	69 741 000
Reserve										
Total	68 270 000	68 270 000	69 741 000	69 741 000	69 241 000	69 241 000	500 000	500 000	69 741 000	69 741 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1884 === BUDG/3024 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Subitem XX 01 02 01 02 — Agency staff and technical and administrative assistance in support of different activities

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
XX 01 02 01 02	22 460 000	22 460 000	21 022 000	21 022 000	20 022 000	20 022 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	21 022 000	21 022 000
Reserve										
Total	22 460 000	22 460 000	21 022 000	21 022 000	20 022 000	20 022 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	21 022 000	21 022 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1885 === BUDG/3025 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Subitem XX 01 02 01 03 — National civil servants temporarily assigned to the institution

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
XX 01 02 01 03	38 533 000	38 533 000	39 496 000	39 496 000	37 496 000	37 496 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	39 496 000	39 496 000
Reserve										
Total	38 533 000	38 533 000	39 496 000	39 496 000	37 496 000	37 496 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	39 496 000	39 496 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1886

=== BUDG/3026 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Subitem XX 01 02 02 01 — Remuneration of other staff

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
XX 01 02 02 01	9 131 000	9 131 000	9 642 000	9 642 000	9 392 000	9 392 000	250 000	250 000	9 642 000	9 642 000
Reserve										
Total	9 131 000	9 131 000	9 642 000	9 642 000	9 392 000	9 392 000	250 000	250 000	9 642 000	9 642 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1887

=== BUDG/3027 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Subitem XX 01 02 02 02 — Training of junior experts and seconded national experts

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
XX 01 02 02 02	1 868 000	1 868 000	1 971 000	1 971 000	1 771 000	1 771 000	200 000	200 000	1 971 000	1 971 000
Reserve										
Total	1 868 000	1 868 000	1 971 000	1 971 000	1 771 000	1 771 000	200 000	200 000	1 971 000	1 971 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1888

=== BUDG/3028 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Subitem XX 01 02 11 01 — Mission and representation expenses

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
XX 01 02 11 01	57 319 000	57 319 000	56 969 000	56 969 000	56 469 000	56 469 000	500 000	500 000	56 969 000	56 969 000
Reserve										
Total	57 319 000	57 319 000	56 969 000	56 969 000	56 469 000	56 469 000	500 000	500 000	56 969 000	56 969 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1889

=== BUDG/3029 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Subitem XX 01 02 11 02 — Conferences, meetings and expert groups' expenses

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
XX 01 02 11 02	25 490 000	25 490 000	23 490 000	23 490 000	21 990 000	21 990 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	23 490 000	23 490 000
Reserve										
Total	25 490 000	25 490 000	23 490 000	23 490 000	21 990 000	21 990 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	23 490 000	23 490 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1890

=== BUDG/3030 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Subitem XX 01 02 11 03 — Meetings of committees

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
XX 01 02 11 03	12 015 000	12 015 000	10 515 000	10 515 000	10 265 000	10 265 000	250 000	250 000	10 515 000	10 515 000
Reserve										
Total	12 015 000	12 015 000	10 515 000	10 515 000	10 265 000	10 265 000	250 000	250 000	10 515 000	10 515 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1891

=== BUDG/3031 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Subitem XX 01 02 11 04 — Studies and consultations

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
XX 01 02 11 04	6 090 000	6 090 000	4 590 000	4 590 000	4 090 000	4 090 000	500 000	500 000	4 590 000	4 590 000
Reserve										
Total	6 090 000	6 090 000	4 590 000	4 590 000	4 090 000	4 090 000	500 000	500 000	4 590 000	4 590 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1892

=== BUDG/3032 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Subitem XX 01 03 02 02 — Equipment, furniture, supplies and services

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
XX 01 03 02 02	827 000	827 000	667 000	667 000	567 000	567 000	100 000	100 000	667 000	667 000
Reserve										
Total	827 000	827 000	667 000	667 000	567 000	567 000	100 000	100 000	667 000	667 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1654

=== BUDG/2000 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION I — EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Chapter 1 2 — OFFICIALS AND TEMPORARY STAFF

Amend remarks as follows:

Remarks:

Add following text:

Establishment Plan: upgrading for the political groups

AD 10	+5
AD 9	+8
AD 8	-2
AD 7	+3
AD 6	+4
AD 5	-18
AST 7	+2

AST 6	+1
AST 5	+11
AST 4	-5
AST 3	+2
AST 2	+3
AST 1	-14
Total	114

Justification:

The exact grades were not available at the time when the Secretary-General presented its report to the Bureau on the preliminary draft estimates.

Draft amendment 1655 === BUDG/2001 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION I — EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
Chapter 1 2 — OFFICIALS AND TEMPORARY STAFF

Amend remarks as follows:

Remarks:

Add following text:

Establishment Plan: reduction of 60 posts as follows:

Permanent posts

AD 14	-1
AD 13	+21
AD 12	-2
AD 11	-2
AD 9	-1
AD 7	-1
AD 5	-3
AST 11	+7
AST 10	-2
AST 9	+9
AST 8	-4
AST 7	-7
AST 6	-4
AST 5	-1
AST 4	-1
AST 3	-4
AST 2	-2
AST 1	-2
Total	-60

Justification:

The 60 posts corresponding to the 2018 part of the reduction have already been deleted during the adoption of the estimates. Given that the exact categories and grades that can be reduced were not available in good time when the Secretary-General presented its report to the Bureau, a simple estimation to take away 30 AD13, 10 AST11 and 20 AST9 posts were used. These need to be corrected now to reflect properly the reality of the staff situation.

Draft amendment 1656 === BUDG/2002 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION I — EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Chapter 1 2 — OFFICIALS AND TEMPORARY STAFF

Amend remarks as follows:

Remarks:

Add following text:

Establishment Plan: upgrading for temporary posts - Cabinet

Temporary posts

AST 8	+4
AST 7	+1
AST 6	- 1
AST 5	-3
AST 3	-1
Total	0

Justification:

These five additional upgrading concern the Cabinet of the President and the exact grades were not available in good time, as mentioned above.

Draft amendment 1657

=== BUDG/2003 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION I — EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Chapter 1 2 — OFFICIALS AND TEMPORARY STAFF

Amend remarks as follows:

Remarks:

Add following text:

Conversion of an AD9 post from permanent to temporary

Justification:

This budgetary neutral transformation would facilitate for DG FINS to recruit an SAP expert with very high level of expertise required for the Financial Management System project.

Draft amendment 1658

=== BUDG/2004 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION I — EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Chapter 1 2 — OFFICIALS AND TEMPORARY STAFF

Amend remarks as follows:

Remarks:

Add following text:

Conversion of 20 AST9 posts into SC2 posts

Justification:

The SC staff category was created in 2014 with the reform of the Staff Regulation. Transforming existing vacant AST posts allows the recruitment of SC staff without having to increase the total number of authorised posts. While the transformation has no immediate budgetary impacts, it will generate savings on the long-term given that salary levels for SC grades are lower.

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Draft amendment 1648

=== GUE//7313 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats), Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance, Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left

SECTION I — EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Item 1 2 0 0 — Remuneration and allowances

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 2 0 0	645 973 700	645 973 700	666 300 000	666 300 000	666 300 000	666 300 000	-1 500 000	-1 500 000	664 800 000	664 800 000
Reserve										
Total	645 973 700	645 973 700	666 300 000	666 300 000	666 300 000	666 300 000	-1 500 000	-1 500 000	664 800 000	664 800 000

Justification:

Decrease in the appropriations due to a foreseen lower number of temporary agents than initially planned in early 2017, in particular because of a) preparation of the European election year, including prudent approach concerning open-ended contracts for political groups and b) unexpected leaves of temporary agents within political group secretariats related to Brexit negotiations. The decrease is offset by an increase in the appropriations related to remuneration of the contract agents (it is a transfer from line 1200 to line 1400).

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Draft amendment 1649

=== GUE//7314 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats), Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance, Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left

SECTION I — EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Item 1 4 0 0 — Other staff — Secretariat and political groups

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 4 0 0	44 392 000	44 392 000	47 579 000	47 579 000	47 579 000	47 579 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	49 079 000	49 079 000
Reserve										
Total	44 392 000	44 392 000	47 579 000	47 579 000	47 579 000	47 579 000	1 500 000	1 500 000	49 079 000	49 079 000

Justification:

Increase due to a higher number of foreseen contractual agents in political groups than planned in early 2017 (necessary budget for all political groups in 2018: 10.380.000 Euros) and motivated by a) preparation of the

European election year including prudent approach concerning open-ended contracts for political groups, b) unexpected leaves of temporary agents within political group secretariats related to Brexit negotiations. The increase is offset by a decrease in the appropriations related to remuneration of the temporary agents (it is a transfer from line 1200 to line 1400).

Draft amendment 1893

=== BUDG/2005 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION I — EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Item 1 4 0 5 — Expenditure on interpretation

Amend remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 4 0 5	46 244 000	46 244 000	50 858 533	50 858 533	50 858 533	50 858 533			50 858 533	50 858 533
Reserve										
Total	46 244 000	46 244 000	50 858 533	50 858 533	50 858 533	50 858 533			50 858 533	50 858 533

Remarks:

After paragraph:

This appropriation is intended to cover the following expenditure:

Amend text as follows:

- the fees and related allowances, social security contributions, travel expenses and other expenses of contract conference interpreters recruited by the European Parliament to service meetings organised by the European Parliament to meet its own needs or those of other institutions when the necessary services cannot be provided by European Parliament interpreters (officials and temporary staff),
- expenditure on conference agencies, technicians and administrators used to service the above meetings where they cannot be serviced by officials, temporary staff or other European Parliament staff,
- expenses in connection with services provided to the European Parliament by interpreters who are staff members of regional, national or international institutions,
- expenses in connection with interpretation-related activities, in particular preparations for meetings and interpreter training and *selection*,~~selection~~.
- *expenses paid to the Commission for administering payments to conference interpreters.*

Justification:

Change to the current arrangements for cooperation between Parliament and the Commission's DG Interpretation.

Draft amendment 1659

=== BUDG/4627 ===

Tabled by Committee on Budgets

SECTION I — EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Article 3 2 6 — European Science Media Hub

Amend heading and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017	Draft budget 2018	Council's position 2018	Difference	New amount
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	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
3 2 6	p.m.	p.m.	800 000	800 000	800 000	800 000			800 000	800 000
Reserve										
Total	p.m.	p.m.	800 000	800 000	800 000	800 000			800 000	800 000

Remarks:

Before paragraph:

The amount of assigned revenue in accordance with the Financial Regulation is estimated at EUR 100.

Amend text as follows:

To foster an effective dialogue between MEPs, the scientific community and journalists - especially in relation to new scientific and technological developments or issues - Parliament can benefit from a dedicated and authoritative process for discussion, training and information in this field. A "European Science-Media Hub" will cover the Members' needs and in order to communicate properly the work of the European Parliament, it needs a well-equipped media centre, which could also be established for this purpose, overseen by Parliament's STOA Panel. used for different purposes outside the plenary sessions. The appropriations allocated under this item are therefore intended to support the upgrading of technical equipment and media facilities in the light of the growing media interest in Parliament, the growing importance of social media and Members' additional needs, as well as to develop closer cooperation between Parliament, ARTE, universities and local schools in order to establish a European media centre, for example to train young journalists, outside ordinary part sessions.

Add following text:

- Appropriations under this item - intended to enhance activities at the interface between Parliament, the scientific community and the media - will cover the costs of the new European Science-Media Hub, in order specifically to promote networking, training and knowledge dissemination, by for example:*
- setting up and maintaining networks at the interface between Parliament, the scientific community and the media;*
 - organising seminars, conferences and training courses on current scientific and technological developments and issues and on the nature and effectiveness of science journalism;*
 - harnessing expert information and analysis from academia, the media and other sources in the field of science and technology for the benefit of policy-makers and citizens;*
 - making Parliament research and other relevant material in the field of science and technology more widely available by written, audiovisual and other means;*
 - developing techniques and methods for increasing the ability to identify and disseminate trustworthy sources in the field of science and technology;*
 - supporting the installation, upgrading and/or use of state-of-the-art technical equipment and media facilities in support of such dialogue;*
 - developing closer cooperation and linkages more generally between Parliament, relevant media outlets and universities and research centres in this field, including through media promotion of the role, work and accessibility of the Hub for citizens.*

Justification:

The amendment aims to give further details and explanations on the structure of the Science Media Hub.

SECTION IV — COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Item 1 2 0 0 — Remunerations and allowances

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 2 0 0	246 665 000	246 665 000	252 357 000	252 357 000	249 817 000	249 817 000	2 540 000	2 540 000	252 357 000	252 357 000
Reserve										
Total	246 665 000	246 665 000	252 357 000	252 357 000	249 817 000	249 817 000	2 540 000	2 540 000	252 357 000	252 357 000

Justification:

Considering the very high rates of occupancy of posts and budgetary implementation of the Court, the cut imposed by the Council (by raising the standard abatement from 2.5 to 3.5 %) needs to be cancelled in order to avoid any shortfall in credits that would endanger the full use of the establishment plan and therefore weaken the ability of the Court to accomplish its mission taking into account the continuous increase of the cases brought before it (+27.3 % in the 2007-2016 period).

Draft amendment 857

=== ALDE/7751 ===

Tabled by Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

SECTION IV — COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Item 1 4 0 0 — Other staff

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 4 0 0	7 323 500	7 323 500	8 011 000	8 011 000	7 705 000	7 705 000	306 000	306 000	8 011 000	8 011 000
Reserve										
Total	7 323 500	7 323 500	8 011 000	8 011 000	7 705 000	7 705 000	306 000	306 000	8 011 000	8 011 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 187

=== JURI/6702 ===

Tabled by Committee on Legal Affairs

SECTION IV — COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Item 1 4 0 4 — In-service training and staff exchanges

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 4 0 4	808 000	808 000	896 500	896 500	808 000	808 000	88 500	88 500	896 500	896 500
Reserve										
Total	808 000	808 000	896 500	896 500	808 000	808 000	88 500	88 500	896 500	896 500

Justification:

This amendment proposes to reinstate the appropriations cut by the Council on this item, required mainly for the recruitment in 2018 of one seconded national expert who would create a catalogue of the historical

archives of the Court as well as the organisation of the transfer of these archives to Florence, following the signature of the agreement with the European University Institute in Florence. Taking into account that this expertise currently does not exist at the Court, the necessary expertise will be assured by this seconded national expert.

Draft amendment 188

=== JURI/6703 ===

Tabled by Committee on Legal Affairs

SECTION IV — COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Item 1 4 0 6 — External services in the linguistic field

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 4 0 6	14 611 500	14 611 500	14 611 500	14 611 500	14 611 500	14 611 500	1 256 000	1 256 000	15 867 500	15 867 500
Reserve										
Total	14 611 500	14 611 500	14 611 500	14 611 500	14 611 500	14 611 500	1 256 000	1 256 000	15 867 500	15 867 500

Justification:

This amendment proposes to reinstate the appropriations cut by the Commission on this item (- 8 %) in respect of the Court’s initial estimates, mostly concerning one of the priorities of the 2018 budget, namely the project designed to maximise the contribution of freelance translation. If these appropriations are not fully restored, bottlenecks risk would arise in the context of a continuous growth of the translation workload.

Draft amendment 189

=== JURI/6704 ===

Tabled by Committee on Legal Affairs

SECTION IV — COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Article 1 6 2 — Missions

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 6 2	391 500	391 500	498 500	498 500	445 000	445 000	53 500	53 500	498 500	498 500
Reserve										
Total	391 500	391 500	498 500	498 500	445 000	445 000	53 500	53 500	498 500	498 500

Justification:

This amendment proposes to restore the appropriations related to missions linked to the project designed to maximise the contribution of freelance translation. The reinstated appropriations will finance travel expenses of staff charged with the organisation of presentations at universities, bar associations and law societies and other bodies in the Member States to extend the base of freelance translators and to improve the quality of their services in order to guarantee that language coverage of the official languages of the EU is as high as possible.

Draft amendment 190

=== JURI/6705 ===

Tabled by Committee on Legal Affairs

SECTION IV — COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Item 1 6 3 2 — Social contacts between members of staff and other welfare expenditure

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 6 3 2	264 500	264 500	350 000	350 000	307 250	307 250	42 750	42 750	350 000	350 000
Reserve										
Total	264 500	264 500	350 000	350 000	307 250	307 250	42 750	42 750	350 000	350 000

Justification:

This amendment proposes to restore the appropriations related to the share to be paid by the Court in 2018 concerning the "Foyer européen" at Luxembourg (annual repayment, renovation work, maintenance costs, equipment, furnishing and staff costs). These expenses are shared amongst the EU institutions at Luxembourg. The figures for these expenditures are directly provided by the Commission.

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Draft amendment 191

=== JURI/6706 ===

Tabled by Committee on Legal Affairs

SECTION IV — COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Item 1 6 5 5 — PMO expenditure for the administration of matters concerning the Court's staff

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 6 5 5	86 500	86 500	118 000	118 000	106 500	106 500	11 500	11 500	118 000	118 000
Reserve										
Total	86 500	86 500	118 000	118 000	106 500	106 500	11 500	11 500	118 000	118 000

Justification:

This amendment proposes to restore the necessary appropriations to cover the expected increased expenditure to be produced in 2018, within this line, by the rotation of staff upon the partial renewal of terms of office of Members of the Court of justice during this year. In fact, management of transfer of pension rights, severance grants and unemployment allowances will be done by PMO. The Court will pay directly the Commission for providing these services by using this budget line.

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Draft amendment 192

=== JURI/6707 ===

Tabled by Committee on Legal Affairs

SECTION IV — COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Item 2 0 0 7 — Fitting-out of premises

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 0 0 7	895 000	895 000	1 112 000	1 112 000	962 000	962 000	150 000	150 000	1 112 000	1 112 000
Reserve										
Total	895 000	895 000	1 112 000	1 112 000	962 000	962 000	150 000	150 000	1 112 000	1 112 000

Justification:

This amendment proposes to restore the appropriations cut by the Council related to the investment linked to the ongoing project for the 5th extension of the Court’s main site, already approved by the budgetary authority in 2015. Work is necessary in 2018 for the integration of a third tower into the Court’s building complex.

Draft amendment 864

=== ALDE/7758 ===

Tabled by Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

SECTION IV — COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Item 2 0 0 8 — Studies and technical assistance in connection with building projects

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 0 0 8	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 496 000	1 496 000	1 396 000	1 396 000	100 000	100 000	1 496 000	1 496 000
Reserve										
Total	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 496 000	1 496 000	1 396 000	1 396 000	100 000	100 000	1 496 000	1 496 000

Justification:
Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 194

=== JURI/6709 ===

Tabled by Committee on Legal Affairs

SECTION IV — COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Item 2 0 2 2 — Cleaning and maintenance

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 0 2 2	7 423 000	7 423 000	7 896 000	7 896 000	7 596 000	7 596 000	300 000	300 000	7 896 000	7 896 000
Reserve										
Total	7 423 000	7 423 000	7 896 000	7 896 000	7 596 000	7 596 000	300 000	300 000	7 896 000	7 896 000

Justification:
This amendment proposes to restore, on the one hand, the additional appropriations linked to the ongoing project for the 5th extension of the Court’s main site already approved by the budgetary authority and, on the other hand, the additional appropriations necessary to cover the indexing of prices applicable under the existing contracts in 2018 as well as to fund the expected more intensive use of framework contracts on architectural maintenance during the same year.

Draft amendment 195

=== JURI/6710 ===

Tabled by Committee on Legal Affairs

SECTION IV — COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Item 2 1 0 0 — Purchase, servicing and maintenance of equipment and software

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 1 0 0	6 604 000	6 604 000	7 125 500	7 125 500	7 075 500	7 075 500	709 500	709 500	7 785 000	7 785 000
Reserve										
Total	6 604 000	6 604 000	7 125 500	7 125 500	7 075 500	7 075 500	709 500	709 500	7 785 000	7 785 000

Justification:

The amendment proposes to restore the appropriations cut by the Commission and the Council, on the one hand, within the context of the project designed to maximise the contribution of freelance translation, to establish an IT environment allowing secure correspondence with freelance translators and allowing them access to certain applications of the Court and, on the other hand, to restore the amount needed for the acquisition of network equipment for the 5th extension of the Court's main site.

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Draft amendment 196

=== JURI/6711 ===

Tabled by Committee on Legal Affairs

SECTION IV — COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**Item 2 1 0 2 — External services for the operation, creation and maintenance of software and systems****Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 1 0 2	11 185 000	11 185 000	11 680 000	11 680 000	11 420 000	11 420 000	260 000	260 000	11 680 000	11 680 000
Reserve										
Total	11 185 000	11 185 000	11 680 000	11 680 000	11 420 000	11 420 000	260 000	260 000	11 680 000	11 680 000

Justification:

This amendment proposes to restore the appropriations cut by the Council, on the one hand, under the project designed to maximise the contribution of freelance translation, required for the necessary developments in 2018 to establish an IT environment allowing secure correspondence with freelance translators and allowing them access to certain applications of the Court. It also proposes to restore the necessary appropriations concerning the studies and design work to introduce the new network equipment in the 5th extension of the Court's buildings scheduled in 2018.

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Draft amendment 197

=== JURI/6712 ===

Tabled by Committee on Legal Affairs

SECTION IV — COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**Article 2 3 2 — Legal expenses and damages****Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 3 2	70 000	70 000	130 000	130 000	100 000	100 000	30 000	30 000	130 000	130 000
Reserve										
Total	70 000	70 000	130 000	130 000	100 000	100 000	30 000	30 000	130 000	130 000

Justification:

This amendment proposes to restore the necessary appropriations to finance in 2018 the damages which the

Court must bear in implementation of a court order. Following the judgements in early 2017, ordering the Court to compensate several companies for the damage sustained by them on account of the failure by the General Court to adjudicate in a reasonable time, it seems proportionate to provide for a significant increase of appropriations in this line for 2018.

Draft amendment 198

=== JURI/6713 ===

Tabled by Committee on Legal Affairs

SECTION IV — COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Article 2 7 2 — Documentation, library and archiving expenditure

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 7 2	1 615 000	1 615 000	1 971 000	1 971 000	1 641 000	1 641 000	330 000	330 000	1 971 000	1 971 000
Reserve										
Total	1 615 000	1 615 000	1 971 000	1 971 000	1 641 000	1 641 000	330 000	330 000	1 971 000	1 971 000

Justification:

This amendment proposes to restore the appropriations cut by the Council within this item to be able to finance, pending the automation of some activities at the Research and documentation Directorate, the outsourcing of part of the analysis of decisions of the courts with a view to supplying data to databases used for exhaustive and targeted searches of case-law.

Draft amendment 1363

=== S&D//7691 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION V — COURT OF AUDITORS

Article 1 0 4 — Missions

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 0 4	336 000	336 000	336 000	336 000	226 000	226 000	110 000	110 000	336 000	336 000
Reserve										
Total	336 000	336 000	336 000	336 000	226 000	226 000	110 000	110 000	336 000	336 000

Justification:

Restore DB.

Draft amendment 1364

=== S&D//7692 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION V — COURT OF AUDITORS

Article 1 0 6 — Training

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 0 6	80 000	80 000	80 000	80 000	30 000	30 000	50 000	50 000	80 000	80 000
Reserve										
Total	80 000	80 000	80 000	80 000	30 000	30 000	50 000	50 000	80 000	80 000

Justification:

Restore DB.

Draft amendment 1365=== S&D//7693 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION V — COURT OF AUDITORS

Item 1 2 0 0 — Remuneration and allowances

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 2 0 0	102 261 000	102 261 000	105 514 000	105 514 000	104 887 000	104 887 000	627 000	627 000	105 514 000	105 514 000
Reserve										
Total	102 261 000	102 261 000	105 514 000	105 514 000	104 887 000	104 887 000	627 000	627 000	105 514 000	105 514 000

Justification:

Restore DB.

Draft amendment 1366=== S&D//7694 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION V — COURT OF AUDITORS

Item 1 4 0 0 — Other staff

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 4 0 0	3 216 000	3 216 000	3 830 000	3 830 000	3 664 000	3 664 000	166 000	166 000	3 830 000	3 830 000
Reserve										
Total	3 216 000	3 216 000	3 830 000	3 830 000	3 664 000	3 664 000	166 000	166 000	3 830 000	3 830 000

Justification:

Restore DB.

Draft amendment 1367=== S&D//7695 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION V — COURT OF AUDITORS

Item 1 4 0 4 — In-service training and staff exchanges

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 4 0 4	1 323 000	1 323 000	1 349 000	1 349 000	1 323 000	1 323 000	26 000	26 000	1 349 000	1 349 000
Reserve										
Total	1 323 000	1 323 000	1 349 000	1 349 000	1 323 000	1 323 000	26 000	26 000	1 349 000	1 349 000

Justification:

Restore DB.

Draft amendment 1368=== S&D//7696 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION V — COURT OF AUDITORS

Item 1 4 0 5 — Other external services

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 4 0 5	104 000	104 000	110 000	110 000	100 000	100 000	10 000	10 000	110 000	110 000
Reserve										
Total	104 000	104 000	110 000	110 000	100 000	100 000	10 000	10 000	110 000	110 000

Justification:

Restore DB.

Draft amendment 1369=== S&D//7697 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION V — COURT OF AUDITORS

Item 1 6 1 2 — Further training for staff

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 6 1 2	750 000	750 000	750 000	750 000	700 000	700 000	50 000	50 000	750 000	750 000
Reserve										
Total	750 000	750 000	750 000	750 000	700 000	700 000	50 000	50 000	750 000	750 000

Justification:

Restore DB.

Draft amendment 877=== ALDE//7772 ===

Tabled by Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

SECTION V — COURT OF AUDITORS

Article 1 6 2 — Missions

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 6 2	3 450 000	3 450 000	3 450 000	3 450 000	3 150 000	3 150 000	300 000	300 000	3 450 000	3 450 000
Reserve										
Total	3 450 000	3 450 000	3 450 000	3 450 000	3 150 000	3 150 000	300 000	300 000	3 450 000	3 450 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 878=== ALDE/7773 ===

Tabled by Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

SECTION V — COURT OF AUDITORS

Item 1 6 5 5 — PMO expenditure on the management of matters concerning Court of Auditors staff

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 6 5 5	180 000	180 000	325 000	325 000	195 000	195 000	130 000	130 000	325 000	325 000
Reserve										
Total	180 000	180 000	325 000	325 000	195 000	195 000	130 000	130 000	325 000	325 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 879=== ALDE/7774 ===

Tabled by Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

SECTION V — COURT OF AUDITORS

Item 2 0 0 7 — Fitting-out of premises

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 0 0 7	220 000	220 000	240 000	240 000	220 000	220 000	20 000	20 000	240 000	240 000
Reserve										
Total	220 000	220 000	240 000	240 000	220 000	220 000	20 000	20 000	240 000	240 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 880=== ALDE/7775 ===

Tabled by Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

SECTION V — COURT OF AUDITORS

Item 2 1 0 2 — External services for the operation, implementation and maintenance of software and systems

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 1 0 2	4 694 000	4 694 000	4 792 000	4 792 000	4 702 000	4 702 000	90 000	90 000	4 792 000	4 792 000
Reserve										
Total	4 694 000	4 694 000	4 792 000	4 792 000	4 702 000	4 702 000	90 000	90 000	4 792 000	4 792 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1388 === S&D//7717 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION V — COURT OF AUDITORS

Article 2 1 2 — Furniture

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 1 2	74 000	74 000	250 000	250 000	74 000	74 000	176 000	176 000	250 000	250 000
Reserve										
Total	74 000	74 000	250 000	250 000	74 000	74 000	176 000	176 000	250 000	250 000

Justification:

Restore DB.

Draft amendment 882 === ALDE/7777 ===

Tabled by Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

SECTION V — COURT OF AUDITORS

Article 2 1 4 — Technical equipment and installations

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 1 4	215 000	215 000	300 000	300 000	220 000	220 000	80 000	80 000	300 000	300 000
Reserve										
Total	215 000	215 000	300 000	300 000	220 000	220 000	80 000	80 000	300 000	300 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 883 === ALDE/7778 ===

Tabled by Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

SECTION V — COURT OF AUDITORS

Article 2 3 2 — Legal expenses and damages

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 3 2	100 000	100 000	200 000	200 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	200 000	200 000
Reserve										
Total	100 000	100 000	200 000	200 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	200 000	200 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 884

=== ALDE/7779 ===

Tabled by Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

SECTION V — COURT OF AUDITORS

Article 2 3 8 — Other administrative expenditure

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 3 8	188 000	188 000	218 000	218 000	188 000	188 000	30 000	30 000	218 000	218 000
Reserve										
Total	188 000	188 000	218 000	218 000	188 000	188 000	30 000	30 000	218 000	218 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 885

=== ALDE/7780 ===

Tabled by Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

SECTION V — COURT OF AUDITORS

Article 2 5 4 — Meetings, congresses and conferences

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 5 4	101 000	101 000	131 000	131 000	101 000	101 000	30 000	30 000	131 000	131 000
Reserve										
Total	101 000	101 000	131 000	131 000	101 000	101 000	30 000	30 000	131 000	131 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 810

=== EPP/8028 ===

Tabled by Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

SECTION V — COURT OF AUDITORS

Article 2 7 0 — Limited consultations, studies and surveys

Amend figures and conditions for releasing the reserve as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 7 0	576 000	576 000	296 000	296 000	296 000	296 000			296 000	296 000
Reserve							3 000 000	3 000 000	3 000 000	3 000 000
Total	576 000	576 000	296 000	296 000	296 000	296 000	3 000 000	3 000 000	3 296 000	3 296 000

Conditions for releasing the reserve:

Add following text:

The reserve will be released when

1. It has been decided in the ongoing trilogues on the revision of the Financial Regulation that the fees for the external auditors of the agencies will be borne by the Court of Auditors.

2. The revised Financial Regulation enters into force in 2018.

Justification:

Follow-up of EP amendments to the Financial Regulation.

Draft amendment 1393

=== S&D//7722 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION V — COURT OF AUDITORS

Item 2 7 4 1 — Publications of a general nature

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 7 4 1	975 000	975 000	1 025 000	1 025 000	925 000	925 000	100 000	100 000	1 025 000	1 025 000
Reserve										
Total	975 000	975 000	1 025 000	1 025 000	925 000	925 000	100 000	100 000	1 025 000	1 025 000

Justification:

Restore DB.

Draft amendment 183

=== INTA/6756 ===

Tabled by Committee on International Trade

SECTION VI — EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Item 1 0 0 4 — Travel and subsistence allowances, attendance at meetings and associated expenditure

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 0 0 4	19 889 612	19 889 612	20 247 625	20 247 625	20 247 625	20 247 625	130 000	130 000	20 377 625	20 377 625
Reserve										

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Total	19 889 612	19 889 612	20 247 625	20 247 625	20 247 625	20 247 625	130 000	130 000	20 377 625	20 377 625

Justification:

Domestic Advisory Groups are the main vehicles towards achieving civil society's effective participation in the enforcement of trade and sustainable development chapters in trade agreements. Those bodies are supported mainly by the members and staff of the European Economic and Social Committee. In view of upcoming new mandates to the EESC (Canada, Mexico, Mercosur, Japan, Vietnam, Singapore, Indonesia) an increase in the budget line for EESC members' activities as part of those DAGs is requested.

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Draft amendment 182

=== INTA/6755 ===

Tabled by Committee on International Trade

SECTION VI — EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Item 1 2 0 0 — Remuneration and allowances

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 2 0 0	67 296 213	67 296 213	69 169 962	69 169 962	69 169 962	69 169 962	194 000	194 000	69 363 962	69 363 962
Reserve										
Total	67 296 213	67 296 213	69 169 962	69 169 962	69 169 962	69 169 962	194 000	194 000	69 363 962	69 363 962

Justification:

Domestic Advisory Groups are the main vehicles towards achieving civil society's effective participation in the enforcement of trade and sustainable development chapters in trade agreements. Those bodies are supported mainly by the members and staff of the European Economic and Social Committee. In view of upcoming new mandates to the EESC (Canada, Mexico, Mercosur, Japan, Vietnam, Singapore and Indonesia) an increase in the budget line for EESC staff dealing with DAG's is requested. The amount is expected to cover two AD posts, one for Asia and the other for America and 1 AST for both.

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Draft amendment 811

=== EPP//8029 ===

Tabled by Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

SECTION VI — EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Item 1 6 1 2 — Further training

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 6 1 2	580 000	580 000	578 200	578 200	554 400	554 400	23 800	23 800	578 200	578 200
Reserve										
Total	580 000	580 000	578 200	578 200	554 400	554 400	23 800	23 800	578 200	578 200

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1356

=== S&D//7684 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION VI — EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Item 2 1 0 0 — Purchase, servicing and maintenance of equipment and software, and related work

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 1 0 0	1 549 824	1 549 824	1 590 905	1 590 905	1 558 601	1 558 601	32 304	32 304	1 590 905	1 590 905
Reserve										
Total	1 549 824	1 549 824	1 590 905	1 590 905	1 558 601	1 558 601	32 304	32 304	1 590 905	1 590 905

Justification:

This amendment restores the appropriations proposed by the Commission in its draft budget, which set out an overall nominal freeze for the EESC at 2017 level for all non-salary related expenditure. Line 2100 is used to finance the multiannual IT programme of the EESC/CoR Joint Services.

Draft amendment 813

=== EPP//8031 ===

Tabled by Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

SECTION VI — EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Article 2 1 2 — Furniture

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 1 2	144 819	144 819	145 073	145 073	112 769	112 769	32 304	32 304	145 073	145 073
Reserve										
Total	144 819	144 819	145 073	145 073	112 769	112 769	32 304	32 304	145 073	145 073

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1358

=== S&D//7686 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION VI — EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Item 2 5 4 0 — Miscellaneous expenditure on internal meetings

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 5 4 0	255 000	255 000	238 800	238 800	218 800	218 800	20 000	20 000	238 800	238 800
Reserve										
Total	255 000	255 000	238 800	238 800	218 800	218 800	20 000	20 000	238 800	238 800

Justification:

This amendment restores the appropriations proposed by the Commission in its draft budget, which set out an overall nominal freeze for the EESC at 2017 level for all non-salary related expenditure. This budget line

underpins formal contacts with the EU institutions, which are crucial for the EESC in carrying out its task.

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Draft amendment 815

==== EPP//8033 ====

Tabled by Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

SECTION VI — EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Item 2 5 4 2 — Expenditure on the organisation of and participation in hearings and other events

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 5 4 2	617 132	617 132	604 789	604 789	444 162	444 162	160 627	160 627	604 789	604 789
Reserve										
Total	617 132	617 132	604 789	604 789	444 162	444 162	160 627	160 627	604 789	604 789

Justification:
Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 1335

==== S&D//7663 ====

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION VI — EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Item 2 5 4 6 — Representation expenses

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 5 4 6	99 000	99 000	90 000	90 000	70 000	70 000	20 000	20 000	90 000	90 000
Reserve										
Total	99 000	99 000	90 000	90 000	70 000	70 000	20 000	20 000	90 000	90 000

Justification:
This amendment restores the appropriations proposed by the Commission in its draft budget, which set out an overall nominal freeze for the EESC at 2017 level for all non-salary related expenditure.

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Draft amendment 817

==== EPP//8035 ====

Tabled by Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

SECTION VI — EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Item 2 5 4 8 — Interpreting

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 5 4 8	7 885 000	7 885 000	7 398 750	7 398 750	7 057 064	7 057 064	341 686	341 686	7 398 750	7 398 750
Reserve										
Total	7 885 000	7 885 000	7 398 750	7 398 750	7 057 064	7 057 064	341 686	341 686	7 398 750	7 398 750

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1337

=== S&D//7665 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION VI — EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Item 2 6 0 0 — Communication

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 6 0 0	831 000	831 000	789 880	789 880	630 244	630 244	159 636	159 636	789 880	789 880
Reserve										
Total	831 000	831 000	789 880	789 880	630 244	630 244	159 636	159 636	789 880	789 880

Justification:

This amendment restores the appropriations proposed by the Commission in its draft budget, which set out an overall nominal freeze for the EESC at 2017 level for all non-salary related expenditure. The draft budget already implied a significant cut on this budget line compared to 2017.

Draft amendment 819

=== EPP//8037 ===

Tabled by Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

SECTION VI — EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Item 2 6 2 0 — Studies, research and hearings

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 6 2 0	205 000	205 000	250 000	250 000	205 000	205 000	45 000	45 000	250 000	250 000
Reserve										
Total	205 000	205 000	250 000	250 000	205 000	205 000	45 000	45 000	250 000	250 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1339

=== S&D//7667 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION VI — EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Item 2 6 2 2 — Documentation and library expenditure

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 6 2 2	158 700	158 700	157 700	157 700	128 652	128 652	29 048	29 048	157 700	157 700

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Reserve										
Total	158 700	158 700	157 700	157 700	128 652	128 652	29 048	29 048	157 700	157 700

Justification:

This amendment restores the appropriations proposed by the Commission in its draft budget, which set out an overall nominal freeze for the EESC at 2017 level for all non-salary related expenditure. This budget line provides for EESC members' and staff's access to specialised information sources, notably in the framework of inter-institutional cooperation.

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Draft amendment 821

=== EPP//8039 ===

Tabled by Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

SECTION VII — EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Article 105 — Courses for Members of the institution

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
105	15 000	15 000	15 000	15 000	15 000	15 000	10 000	10 000	25 000	25 000
Reserve										
Total	15 000	15 000	15 000	15 000	15 000	15 000	10 000	10 000	25 000	25 000

Justification:

This amendment reinstates the appropriations related to the language courses of the CoR members. Commission has cut these appropriations in its consolidation of the EU draft budget. This amendment reinstates fully the Commission cut. Reinstatement is needed in order to ensure the sufficient financing for the language courses of the CoR members.

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Draft amendment 1340

=== S&D//7668 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION VII — EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Item 1200 — Remuneration and allowances

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1200	49 549 423	49 549 423	52 300 000	52 300 000	50 893 130	50 893 130	1 406 870	1 406 870	52 300 000	52 300 000
Reserve										
Total	49 549 423	49 549 423	52 300 000	52 300 000	50 893 130	50 893 130	1 406 870	1 406 870	52 300 000	52 300 000

Justification:

Restore DB

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Draft amendment 823

=== EPP//8041 ===

Tabled by Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

SECTION VII — EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Item 1 4 0 0 — Other staff

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 4 0 0	2 518 975	2 518 975	2 759 231	2 759 231	2 630 312	2 630 312	128 919	128 919	2 759 231	2 759 231
Reserve										
Total	2 518 975	2 518 975	2 759 231	2 759 231	2 630 312	2 630 312	128 919	128 919	2 759 231	2 759 231

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1342

=== S&D//7670 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION VII — EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Item 1 4 0 2 — Interpreting services

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 4 0 2	4 021 000	4 021 000	4 113 347	4 113 347	4 016 044	4 016 044	97 303	97 303	4 113 347	4 113 347
Reserve										
Total	4 021 000	4 021 000	4 113 347	4 113 347	4 016 044	4 016 044	97 303	97 303	4 113 347	4 113 347

Justification:

Restore DB

Draft amendment 825

=== EPP//8043 ===

Tabled by Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

SECTION VII — EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Item 1 4 2 0 — Supplementary services for the translation service

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 4 2 0	1 118 200	1 118 200	935 587	935 587	935 587	935 587	200 000	200 000	1 135 587	1 135 587
Reserve										
Total	1 118 200	1 118 200	935 587	935 587	935 587	935 587	200 000	200 000	1 135 587	1 135 587

Justification:

This amendment reinstates the appropriations related to expenditure on work carried out by external translation contractors. Commission has cut these appropriations in its consolidation of the EU draft budget well below the available 2017 budget. This amendment reinstates fully the Commission cut. Reinstatement is needed in order to ensure the gradual increase in share of the outsourcing of translation, which is the consequence of full implementation of the cooperation agreement with the EP.

Draft amendment 1359

=== S&D//7687 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION VII — EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Article 1 6 2 — Missions

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 6 2	395 000	395 000	395 000	395 000	395 000	395 000	30 000	30 000	425 000	425 000
Reserve										
Total	395 000	395 000	395 000	395 000	395 000	395 000	30 000	30 000	425 000	425 000

Justification:

This amendment intends to avoid transfers throughout the year and reinstates the appropriations related to missions to the amount originally requested by the CoR in its estimates. Even the new amount of EUR 455 000 would still be well below the final amount on this budget line in 2017 (EUR 495.000) The reinstatement is needed in order to ensure that the CoR can proceed with its political aim of "going local" and supporting Members in CoR activities in cities and regions.

Draft amendment 827

=== EPP//8045 ===

Tabled by Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

SECTION VII — EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Item 2 0 0 7 — Fitting-out of premises

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 0 0 7	198 469	198 469	198 469	198 469	198 469	198 469	94 356	94 356	292 825	292 825
Reserve										
Total	198 469	198 469	198 469	198 469	198 469	198 469	94 356	94 356	292 825	292 825

Justification:

This amendment reinstates the appropriations related to the renovation of 5 joint CoR-EESC buildings. Commission has cut these appropriations in its consolidation of the EU draft budget. This amendment reinstates fully the Commission cut. Reinstatement is needed to start addressing the structural underfinancing of this domain in order to keep the buildings in good shape and in compliance with legal obligations, to avoid wear and tear and to continue improving their energy efficiency.

Draft amendment 1384

=== S&D//7713 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION VII — EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Item 2 0 2 2 — Cleaning and maintenance

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 0 2 2	1 971 327	1 971 327	2 350 907	2 350 907	2 200 907	2 200 907	150 000	150 000	2 350 907	2 350 907
Reserve										
Total	1 971 327	1 971 327	2 350 907	2 350 907	2 200 907	2 200 907	150 000	150 000	2 350 907	2 350 907

Justification:

This amendment reinstates the appropriations related to the cleaning and maintenance. The addition needs are the result of (i) the increase in the annual fee payable for maintenance of plant and equipment in the buildings of the Committees following entry into force of the new framework contract and (ii) the need to comply with the legal provisions on environmental performance of buildings. This amendment reinstates fully the Council cut.

Draft amendment 830

=== EPP//8048 ===

Tabled by Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

SECTION VII — EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Item 2 1 0 0 — Purchase, servicing and maintenance of equipment and software, and related work

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 1 0 0	1 220 505	1 220 505	1 220 505	1 220 505	1 220 505	1 220 505	100 722	100 722	1 321 227	1 321 227
Reserve										
Total	1 220 505	1 220 505	1 220 505	1 220 505	1 220 505	1 220 505	100 722	100 722	1 321 227	1 321 227

Justification:

This amendment reinstates the appropriations related to the IT expenditure for HR and finances software used by the CoR (ABAC, Sysper, etc). Commission has cut the requested funding in its consolidation of the EU draft budget. This amendment reinstates fully the Commission cut. Reinstatement is needed in order to allow the CoR to pay the substantially increased prices (by the same Commission) for the HR and finances software it rents from the different services of the Commission.

Draft amendment 1362

=== S&D//7690 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION VII — EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Article 2 1 4 — Technical equipment and installations

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 1 4	836 091	836 091	1 020 845	1 020 845	1 020 845	1 020 845	200 000	200 000	1 220 845	1 220 845
Reserve										
Total	836 091	836 091	1 020 845	1 020 845	1 020 845	1 020 845	200 000	200 000	1 220 845	1 220 845

Justification:

This amendment reinstates the appropriations related to the technical equipment (interpretation booths) as requested in the CoR estimates. As foreseen in the relevant CoR regulations the reinstatement is needed in order to ensure the sufficient financing for the rent and equipment of interpretation booths for CoR external events in regions and cities with participation of its Members.

Draft amendment 831 === EPP//8049 ===

Tabled by Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

SECTION VII — EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Item 2 6 2 0 — External expertise and studies

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 6 2 0	449 410	449 410	500 000	500 000	443 700	443 700	56 300	56 300	500 000	500 000
Reserve										
Total	449 410	449 410	500 000	500 000	443 700	443 700	56 300	56 300	500 000	500 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 1385 === S&D//7714 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION VII — EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Item 2 6 2 2 — Documentation and library expenditure

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 6 2 2	81 647	81 647	90 730	90 730	90 730	90 730	86 417	86 417	177 147	177 147
Reserve										
Total	81 647	81 647	90 730	90 730	90 730	90 730	86 417	86 417	177 147	177 147

Justification:

This amendment reinstates the CoR estimates revised down by the Commission in the 2018 draft budget.

Reinstatement is needed in order to ensure sufficient financing for the digitalization of the documentation, information and library services of the CoR.

Draft amendment 832 === EPP//8050 ===

Tabled by Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)

SECTION VII — EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Article 2 6 4 — Expenditure on publications, information and on participation in public events: information and communication activities

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 6 4	318 944	318 944	318 944	318 944	318 944	318 944	159 640	159 640	478 584	478 584
Reserve										
Total	318 944	318 944	318 944	318 944	318 944	318 944	159 640	159 640	478 584	478 584

Justification:

This amendment reinstates the appropriations related to the communication activities of the CoR Political groups. Commission has cut these appropriations well below the 2017 level in its consolidation of the EU draft budget. This amendment reinstates fully the Commission cut. Reinstatement is needed in order to ensure the sufficient financing for the communication activities of the CoR Political groups.

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Draft amendment 1394

=== S&D//7723 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION IX — EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR**Item 1 1 0 0 — Remuneration and allowances****Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 1 0 0	5 185 664	5 185 664	5 436 980	5 436 980	5 382 610	5 382 610	54 370	54 370	5 436 980	5 436 980
Reserve										
Total	5 185 664	5 185 664	5 436 980	5 436 980	5 382 610	5 382 610	54 370	54 370	5 436 980	5 436 980

Justification:

Restore DB.

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Draft amendment 1395

=== S&D//7724 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION IX — EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR**Item 1 1 1 1 — Cost of traineeships and staff exchanges****Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 1 1 1	237 000	237 000	250 000	250 000	224 000	224 000	26 000	26 000	250 000	250 000
Reserve										
Total	237 000	237 000	250 000	250 000	224 000	224 000	26 000	26 000	250 000	250 000

Justification:

Restore DB.

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Draft amendment 1396

=== S&D//7725 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION IX — EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR

Article 2 0 0 — Rents, charges and buildings expenditure

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 0 0	926 000	926 000	1 413 273	1 413 273	1 213 273	1 213 273	200 000	200 000	1 413 273	1 413 273
Reserve										
Total	926 000	926 000	1 413 273	1 413 273	1 213 273	1 213 273	200 000	200 000	1 413 273	1 413 273

Justification:

Restore DB.

Draft amendment 1397=== S&D//7726 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION IX — EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR

Item 2 0 1 2 — Other operating expenditure

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 0 1 2	130 000	130 000	215 000	215 000	130 000	130 000	85 000	85 000	215 000	215 000
Reserve										
Total	130 000	130 000	215 000	215 000	130 000	130 000	85 000	85 000	215 000	215 000

Justification:

Restore DB.

Draft amendment 1398=== S&D//7727 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION IX — EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR

Item 2 0 1 4 — Expenditure on publishing and information

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 0 1 4	127 000	127 000	158 000	158 000	112 000	112 000	46 000	46 000	158 000	158 000
Reserve										
Total	127 000	127 000	158 000	158 000	112 000	112 000	46 000	46 000	158 000	158 000

Justification:

Restore DB.

Draft amendment 1399=== S&D//7728 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION IX — EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR

Item 2 0 1 6 — Other activities related to external stakeholders

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 0 1 6	193 000	193 000	250 000	250 000	150 000	150 000	100 000	100 000	250 000	250 000
Reserve										
Total	193 000	193 000	250 000	250 000	150 000	150 000	100 000	100 000	250 000	250 000

Justification:

Restore DB.

Draft amendment 1400=== S&D//7729 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION IX — EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR

Item 3 0 1 0 — Remuneration and allowances

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
3 0 1 0	562 375	562 375	1 198 523	1 198 523	1 186 537	1 186 537	11 986	11 986	1 198 523	1 198 523
Reserve										
Total	562 375	562 375	1 198 523	1 198 523	1 186 537	1 186 537	11 986	11 986	1 198 523	1 198 523

Justification:

Restore DB.

Draft amendment 1401=== S&D//7730 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION IX — EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR

Item 3 0 4 0 — Meetings of the Board

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
3 0 4 0	p.m.	p.m.	560 000	560 000	440 000	440 000	120 000	120 000	560 000	560 000
Reserve										
Total	p.m.	p.m.	560 000	560 000	440 000	440 000	120 000	120 000	560 000	560 000

Justification:

Restore DB.

Draft amendment 1402=== S&D//7731 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION IX — EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR

Item 3 0 4 1 — Translation and interpretation costs

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
3 0 4 1	p.m.	p.m.	580 000	580 000	420 000	420 000	160 000	160 000	580 000	580 000
Reserve										
Total	p.m.	p.m.	580 000	580 000	420 000	420 000	160 000	160 000	580 000	580 000

Justification:

Restore DB.

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Draft amendment 1403 === S&D//7732 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION IX — EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR

Item 3 0 4 3 — Information technology equipment and services

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
3 0 4 3	385 000	385 000	650 000	650 000	550 000	550 000	100 000	100 000	650 000	650 000
Reserve										
Total	385 000	385 000	650 000	650 000	550 000	550 000	100 000	100 000	650 000	650 000

Justification:

Restore DB.

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Draft amendment 1404 === S&D//7733 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION IX — EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR

Item 3 0 4 5 — External consultancy and studies

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
3 0 4 5	p.m.	p.m.	150 000	150 000	50 000	50 000	100 000	100 000	150 000	150 000
Reserve										
Total	p.m.	p.m.	150 000	150 000	50 000	50 000	100 000	100 000	150 000	150 000

Justification:

Restore DB.

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Draft amendment 1405 === S&D//7734 ===

Tabled by Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

SECTION IX — EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR

Item 3 0 4 6 — Expenditure in connection with the activities of the European Data Protection Board

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
3 0 4 6	3 000	3 000	70 000	70 000	30 000	30 000	40 000	40 000	70 000	70 000
Reserve										
Total	3 000	3 000	70 000	70 000	30 000	30 000	40 000	40 000	70 000	70 000

Justification:

Restore DB.

Draft amendment 461

==== AFET/5329 ====

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 1 1 0 0 — Basic salaries

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 1 0 0	100 591 000	100 591 000	105 014 000	105 014 000	103 950 248	103 950 248	1 063 752	1 063 752	105 014 000	105 014 000
Reserve										
Total	100 591 000	100 591 000	105 014 000	105 014 000	103 950 248	103 950 248	1 063 752	1 063 752	105 014 000	105 014 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 462

==== AFET/5330 ====

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 1 1 0 2 — Entitlements under the Staff Regulations related to the personal circumstances of the staff member

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 1 0 2	26 684 000	26 684 000	27 115 000	27 115 000	26 843 742	26 843 742	271 258	271 258	27 115 000	27 115 000
Reserve										
Total	26 684 000	26 684 000	27 115 000	27 115 000	26 843 742	26 843 742	271 258	271 258	27 115 000	27 115 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 463

==== AFET/5331 ====

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 1 1 0 3 — Social security cover

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 1 0 3	4 025 000	4 025 000	3 992 000	3 992 000	3 951 578	3 951 578	40 422	40 422	3 992 000	3 992 000
Reserve										
Total	4 025 000	4 025 000	3 992 000	3 992 000	3 951 578	3 951 578	40 422	40 422	3 992 000	3 992 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 440

==== AFET/5306 ====

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 1 2 0 0 — Contract staff

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 2 0 0	8 430 250	8 430 250	13 023 000	13 023 000	11 746 684	11 746 684	1 489 316	1 489 316	13 236 000	13 236 000
Reserve										
Total	8 430 250	8 430 250	13 023 000	13 023 000	11 746 684	11 746 684	1 489 316	1 489 316	13 236 000	13 236 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

This appropriation is intended to cover the remuneration weightings applicable to the remuneration of these staff.

Amend text as follows:

This appropriation also covers the cost of ~~2016~~ contract agents involved in strategic communication activities.

Justification:

A further reinforcement of strategic communication capacity is needed, in particular to cover security and defence. The additional amount already takes into account a correction of EUR 71,000 included in DB by error.

Draft amendment 464

==== AFET/5332 ====

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 1 2 0 5 — Military seconded national experts

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017	Draft budget 2018	Council's position 2018	Difference	New amount
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	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 2 0 5	8 169 000	8 169 000	9 230 000	9 230 000	8 937 132	8 937 132	292 868	292 868	9 230 000	9 230 000
Reserve										
Total	8 169 000	8 169 000	9 230 000	9 230 000	8 937 132	8 937 132	292 868	292 868	9 230 000	9 230 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 465 === AFET/5333 ===

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 1 3 0 0 — Recruitment

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 3 0 0	35 000	35 000	100 000	100 000	50 000	50 000	50 000	50 000	100 000	100 000
Reserve										
Total	35 000	35 000	100 000	100 000	50 000	50 000	50 000	50 000	100 000	100 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 466 === AFET/5334 ===

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 1 3 0 2 — Entitlements on entering the service, transfers and leaving the service

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 3 0 2	841 000	841 000	1 335 000	1 335 000	1 175 000	1 175 000	160 000	160 000	1 335 000	1 335 000
Reserve										
Total	841 000	841 000	1 335 000	1 335 000	1 175 000	1 175 000	160 000	160 000	1 335 000	1 335 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 467 === AFET/5335 ===

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 1 5 0 1 — Medical service

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017	Draft budget 2018	Council's position 2018	Difference	New amount
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	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
1 5 0 1	520 000	520 000	715 000	715 000	565 000	565 000	150 000	150 000	715 000	715 000
Reserve										
Total	520 000	520 000	715 000	715 000	565 000	565 000	150 000	150 000	715 000	715 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 468 === AFET/5336 ===

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 2 1 0 0 — Information and communication technology

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 1 0 0	13 030 000	13 030 000	14 291 000	14 291 000	13 291 000	13 291 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	14 291 000	14 291 000
Reserve										
Total	13 030 000	13 030 000	14 291 000	14 291 000	13 291 000	13 291 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	14 291 000	14 291 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 469 === AFET/5337 ===

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 2 1 0 1 — Cryptography and highly classified information and communications technology

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 1 0 1	15 760 000	15 760 000	15 190 000	15 190 000	14 190 000	14 190 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	15 190 000	15 190 000
Reserve										
Total	15 760 000	15 760 000	15 190 000	15 190 000	14 190 000	14 190 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	15 190 000	15 190 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 470 === AFET/5338 ===

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 2 1 0 2 — Security of information and communication technology up to the level ‘EU restricted’

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017	Draft budget 2018	Council's position 2018	Difference	New amount
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	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 1 0 2	2 588 000	2 588 000	3 786 000	3 786 000	3 286 000	3 286 000	500 000	500 000	3 786 000	3 786 000
Reserve										
Total	2 588 000	2 588 000	3 786 000	3 786 000	3 286 000	3 286 000	500 000	500 000	3 786 000	3 786 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 471 === AFET/5339 ===

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 2 1 0 3 — Technical security countermeasures

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 1 0 3	1 250 000	1 250 000	1 250 000	1 250 000	1 040 000	1 040 000	210 000	210 000	1 250 000	1 250 000
Reserve										
Total	1 250 000	1 250 000	1 250 000	1 250 000	1 040 000	1 040 000	210 000	210 000	1 250 000	1 250 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 472 === AFET/5340 ===

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 2 1 1 1 — Technical equipment and installations

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 1 1 1	150 000	150 000	105 000	105 000	55 000	55 000	50 000	50 000	105 000	105 000
Reserve										
Total	150 000	150 000	105 000	105 000	55 000	55 000	50 000	50 000	105 000	105 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 473 === AFET/5341 ===

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 2 2 1 0 — Documentation and library expenditure

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017	Draft budget 2018	Council's position 2018	Difference	New amount
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	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 2 1 0	765 000	765 000	955 000	955 000	805 000	805 000	150 000	150 000	955 000	955 000
Reserve										
Total	765 000	765 000	955 000	955 000	805 000	805 000	150 000	150 000	955 000	955 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 474

=== AFET/5342 ===

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 2 2 1 3 — Public information and public events

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 2 1 3	295 000	295 000	495 000	495 000	345 000	345 000	150 000	150 000	495 000	495 000
Reserve										
Total	295 000	295 000	495 000	495 000	345 000	345 000	150 000	150 000	495 000	495 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 424

=== AFET/5221 ===

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Add: 2 2 1 4

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 2 1 4							800 000	800 000	800 000	800 000
Reserve										
Total							800 000	800 000	800 000	800 000

Heading:

Strategic Communication Capacity

Remarks:

Add following text:

This appropriation is intended to cover:

- *strategic communication tools, including access to online and graphic tools,*
- *contracting strategic communication expertise, including opinion surveys,*
- *supporting language plurality of strategic communication products,*
- *engaging and maintaining a network of counter-disinformation specialists in Member States and neighbourhood countries, and the exchange of best practices,*
- *training and internal capacity building in terms of strategic communication abilities, and knowledge*

management for EU staff.

Justification:

Strategic communication has become a powerful tool in international relations. The EU and its neighbours face growing disinformation challenge from third states and non-state actors. The Strategic Communication Capacity is to equip the EEAS with the tools (online, graphic, sociological, linguistic etc.) it has been lacking so far.

Draft amendment 475==== AFET/5343 ====

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 2 2 3 6 — Legal expenses and costs, damages and compensation

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 2 3 6	80 000	80 000	293 000	293 000	243 000	243 000	50 000	50 000	293 000	293 000
Reserve										
Total	80 000	80 000	293 000	293 000	243 000	243 000	50 000	50 000	293 000	293 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 476==== AFET/5344 ====

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 2 2 3 7 — Other operating expenditure

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 2 3 7	10 000	10 000	150 000	150 000	100 000	100 000	50 000	50 000	150 000	150 000
Reserve										
Total	10 000	10 000	150 000	150 000	100 000	100 000	50 000	50 000	150 000	150 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

Draft amendment 477==== AFET/5345 ====

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 2 2 4 0 — Conflict Prevention and Mediation Support Services (continuation)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
2 2 4 0	450 000	450 000	450 000	450 000	400 000	400 000	50 000	50 000	450 000	450 000
Reserve										
Total	450 000	450 000	450 000	450 000	400 000	400 000	50 000	50 000	450 000	450 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 478

==== AFET/5346 ====

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 3 0 0 0 — Remuneration and entitlements of statutory staff

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
3 0 0 0	116 124 000	116 124 000	118 684 000	118 684 000	117 978 520	117 978 520	705 480	705 480	118 684 000	118 684 000
Reserve										
Total	116 124 000	116 124 000	118 684 000	118 684 000	117 978 520	117 978 520	705 480	705 480	118 684 000	118 684 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 432

==== AFET/5260 ====

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 3 0 0 2 — Other expenditure related to staff

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
3 0 0 2	27 961 000	27 961 000	27 433 000	27 433 000	27 433 000	27 433 000	100 000	100 000	27 533 000	27 533 000
Reserve										
Total	27 961 000	27 961 000	27 433 000	27 433 000	27 433 000	27 433 000	100 000	100 000	27 533 000	27 533 000

Remarks:

After paragraph:

This appropriation is intended to cover the following international organisations situated inside the Union:

Amend text as follows:

– expenditure related to the posting of Junior Experts (university graduates) *and trainees* to the delegations

of the European Union,

- the cost of seminars organised for young diplomats from the Member States and third countries,
- expenditure relating to the secondment or temporary assignment of officials from the Member States to delegations,
- installation and resettlement allowances due to staff obliged to change their place of residence on taking up duty, on transfer to a new place of employment and on finally leaving the institution and resettling elsewhere,
- travel expenses due to staff (including members of their family) on taking up duty, on transfer to another place of employment, or on leaving the institution,
- removal expenses due to staff obliged to change their place of residence on taking up duty, on transfer to another place of employment and on finally leaving the institution and resettling elsewhere,
- in the event of the death of a member of the EEAS staff or a dependent person, the costs incurred pursuant to Article 75 of the Staff Regulations for transporting the body,
- miscellaneous costs and allowances concerning staff, including legal consultations,
- expenditure arising from recruitment procedures of officials, temporary agents, contract staff and local staff, including publication costs, travel and subsistence costs and accident insurance for candidates called for examinations and interviews, costs connected with the organisation of group recruitment tests and pre-recruitment medical examinations,
- the acquisition, replacement, conversion and maintenance of equipment of a medical nature installed in delegations,
- expenses related to the cost of annual medical examinations of officials, contract staff and local staff, including analyses and tests carried out as part of such examinations, the cost of medical and dental advisers and the costs concerning the policy regarding AIDS at the workplace,
- cultural activities and initiatives for encouraging social contacts between expatriate and local staff,
- the fixed allowance granted to officials who regularly incur representation expenses by reason of their duties, and the reimbursement of costs incurred by authorised officials to represent the Commission and/or the EEAS in the interests of the service and by reason of their duties (in the case of delegations within the territory of the Union, part of the accommodation expenses will be covered by the fixed representation allowance),
- expenditure on travel expenses, daily subsistence allowances for missions and incidental or exceptional expenses incurred in connection with missions by officials and other staff,
- expenditure on travel expenses and daily subsistence allowances for successful candidates called for training prior to taking up duty,
- expenditure on travel expenses and daily subsistence allowances for experts invited to meetings by the delegations,
- expenditure on travel expenses, daily subsistence allowances and insurance in connection with medical evacuations,
- expenditure arising from crisis situations, including travel, accommodation and daily subsistence allowances,
- expenditure on general and language training designed to improve the skills of the staff and the performance of the institution,
- fees for experts employed to identify training needs, design, develop and hold courses and to evaluate and monitor results,
- fees for consultants in various fields, in particular organisational methods, planning, management,

strategy, quality assurance and personnel management,

- expenditure incurred in designing, holding and evaluating training organised by the institution in the form of courses, seminars and conferences (course instructors/speakers and their travel and subsistence expenses and teaching materials),
- expenditure related to the practical and logistical aspects of organising courses including premises, transport and equipment hire for training and local and regional seminars as well as miscellaneous connected costs such as refreshments and food,
- the cost of participation in conferences and symposiums, and subscriptions to professional and scientific associations,
- training expenditure related to publications and information, associated internet sites and the purchase of teaching equipment, subscriptions and licenses for distance teaching, books, press and multimedia products,
- the costs associated with the diplomatic exchange programme, such as travel and installation costs in accordance with the Staff Regulations.

Justification:

The European Parliament's resolution of 6 July 2010 (2009/2221(INI)), called on the EU institutions to set a good example by paying a minimum allowance, based on standard-of-living costs of the place where the traineeship is undertaken, to all their trainees. On 15 February 2017, the EU Ombudsperson found that the EEAS's current practice of not paying trainees in its delegations amounts to maladministration and called on the EEAS to pay all its trainees an appropriate allowance.

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Draft amendment 479

=== AFET/5347 ===

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Item 3 0 0 3 — Buildings and associated costs

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
3 0 0 3	165 623 750	165 623 750	164 387 000	164 387 000	162 617 000	162 617 000	1 770 000	1 770 000	164 387 000	164 387 000
Reserve										
Total	165 623 750	165 623 750	164 387 000	164 387 000	162 617 000	162 617 000	1 770 000	1 770 000	164 387 000	164 387 000

Justification:

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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Draft amendment 441

=== AFET/5308 ===

Tabled by Committee on Foreign Affairs

SECTION X — European External Action Service

Add: 3 0 0 6

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
3 0 0 6							23 700 000	23 700 000	23 700 000	23 700 000

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Reserve										
Total							23 700 000	23 700 000	23 700 000	23 700 000

Heading:

European Union Special Representatives

Remarks:

Add following text:

This appropriation is intended to cover all expenditure connected with the appointment of European Union Special Representatives (EUSRs) in accordance with Article 33 of the Treaty on European Union.

EUSRs should be appointed with due regard for gender equality and gender mainstreaming policies, and the appointment of female EUSRs should therefore be promoted.

This appropriation covers expenditure on the salaries of EUSRs and on setting up their teams and/or support structures, including staff costs other than those relating to staff seconded by Member States or EU institutions. It also covers the costs of any projects implemented under the direct responsibility of an EUSR.

Any income from financial contributions from Member States and third countries, including in both cases their public agencies, entities or natural persons to certain external aid projects or programmes financed by the EU and managed by the Commission on their behalf, may give rise to the provision of additional appropriations. Such contributions under Article 6 3 3 of the statement of revenue constitute assigned revenue under point (b) of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation. The amounts entered on the line for administrative support expenditure will be determined, without prejudice to Article 187(7) of the Financial Regulation, by the contribution agreement for each operational programme with an average not exceeding 4 % of the contributions for the corresponding programme for each chapter.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/2005 of 10 November 2015 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative in Afghanistan (OJ L 294, 11.11.2015, p. 53).

Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/2006 of 10 November 2015 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Horn of Africa (OJ L 294, 11.11.2015, p. 58).

Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/2007 of 10 November 2015 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina (OJ L 294, 11.11.2015, p. 64).

Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/2118 of 23 November 2015 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia (OJ L 306, 24.11.2015, p. 26).

Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/2274 of 7 December 2015 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Sahel (OJ L 322, 8.12.2015, p. 44).

Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/208 of 15 February 2016 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/260 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for Human Rights (OJ L 39, 16.2.2016, p. 47).

Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/596 of 18 April 2016 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for central Asia (OJ L 103, 19.4.2016, p. 24).

Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/597 of 18 April 2016 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process (MEPP) (OJ L 103, 19.4.2016, p. 29).

Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/1338 of 4 August 2016 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/2052 extending

the mandate of the European Union Special Representative in Kosovo (This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.) (OJ L 212, 5.8.2016, p. 109).

Justification:

Transfer EU Special Representatives from the CFSP chapter to the EEAS budget to strengthen the coherence of the EU's external action.