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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Amendment 1**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Proposal for a decision 1**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants***/postpones the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016;

*Amendment*

1. Postpones the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016;

Or. it

**Amendment 2**  
**Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group  
**Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes**

**Proposal for a decision 1**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants/postpones*** the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016;

*Amendment*

1. ***Postpones*** the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík**

**Proposal for a decision 1**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants/postpones*** the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation

*Amendment*

1. ***Postpones*** the Commission discharge in respect of the implementation

of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016;

of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 4**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

#### **Proposal for a decision 2**

##### **Paragraph 1**

###### *Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants***/postpones the Director of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

###### *Amendment*

1. Postpones the Director of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. it

#### **Amendment 5**

**Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík**

#### **Proposal for a decision 2**

##### **Paragraph 1**

###### *Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants/postpones*** the Director of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

###### *Amendment*

1. ***Postpones*** the Director of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 6**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

#### **Proposal for a decision 3**

##### **Paragraph 1**

*Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants/postpones*** the Director of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

*Amendment*

1. Postpones the Director of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. it

**Amendment 7**

**Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík**

**Proposal for a decision 3**

**Paragraph 1**

*Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants/postpones*** the Director of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

*Amendment*

1. ***Postpones*** the Director of the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

**Amendment 8**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Proposal for a decision 4**

**Paragraph 1**

*Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants/postpones*** the Director of the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

*Amendment*

1. Postpones the Director of the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

**Amendment 9**

**Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík**

**Proposal for a decision 4**

**Paragraph 1**

*Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants/postpones*** the Director of the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

*Amendment*

1. ***Postpones*** the Director of the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

**Amendment 10**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Proposal for a decision 5**

**Paragraph 1**

*Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants/postpones*** the Director of the European Research Council Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

*Amendment*

1. ***Postpones*** the Director of the European Research Council Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. it

**Amendment 11**

**Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík**

**Proposal for a decision 5**

**Paragraph 1**

*Proposal for a decision*

*Amendment*

1. ***Grants/postpones*** the Director of the European Research Council Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

1. ***Postpones*** the Director of the European Research Council Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Proposal for a decision 6**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants/postpones*** the Director of the Research Executive Agency discharge in relation to the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

*Amendment*

1. Postpones the Director of the Research Executive Agency discharge in relation to the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. it

**Amendment 13**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík**

**Proposal for a decision 6**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants/postpones*** the Director of the Research Executive Agency discharge in relation to the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

*Amendment*

1. ***Postpones*** the Director of the Research Executive Agency discharge in relation to the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Proposal for a decision 7**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants***/postpones the Director of the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

*Amendment*

1. Postpones the Director of the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. it

**Amendment 15**

**Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík**

**Proposal for a decision 7**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants/postpones*** the Director of the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

*Amendment*

1. ***Postpones*** the Director of the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency discharge in respect of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2016;

Or. en

**Amendment 16**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Proposal for a decision 8**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Approves***/postpones the closure of the accounts of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016;

*Amendment*

1. Postpones the closure of the accounts of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016;

Or. it



**Amendment 17**

**Indrek Tarand**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**Ba.** *Whereas in the context of the discharge procedure, the Parliament wishes to stress the special importance of further strengthening the democratic legitimacy of the Union institutions through improving on transparency and accountability, implementing the concepts of Performance-Based Budgeting (PBB) and good governance of human resources;*

Or. en

**Amendment 18**

**Martina Dlabajová, Andrey Novakov, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**Ba.** *Whereas budgetary principles of unity, budgetary accuracy, annuality, equilibrium, universality, specification, sound financial management and transparency shall be respected when the Union budget is implemented;*

Or. en

**Amendment 19**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ba. Whereas the spending of the Union budget aims on improving the living conditions and qualities of life of its citizens and therefore needs to close the gaps in its social policies;***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***B. Whereas the Union budget has to take into account the implementation of a social pillar;***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Bc. Whereas cohesion policy is a source for public investment in order to bring a clear added value and improve the quality of life of the Union citizens.***

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

**Political** priorities

*Amendment*

**Specific** priorities **for 2016**

Or. es

**Amendment 23**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to align policy objectives, financial cycles, the legislative period of the Parliament and the mandate of the Commission;

*Amendment*

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to align policy objectives, financial cycles, the legislative period of the Parliament and the mandate of the Commission; ***Acknowledges, however, that the timing of the next Parliament elections in spring 2019, given that the current MFF runs until December 2020, does not allow for solution to be implemented immediately; takes the view, therefore, that the next MFF should be set for a period of seven years (2021-2027);***

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

1. Calls on the Commission and ***the***

*Amendment*

1. ***Taking into account the multi-***

**Member States** to align *policy objectives, financial cycles*, the legislative period of the Parliament and the mandate of the Commission;

*annual nature of the EU budget and the difficulties inherent in the political mandate and budgetary implementation*, calls on the Commission and *the Council* to align *the budgetary cycle with* the legislative period of the Parliament and the mandate of the Commission, *with a view to achieving a better understanding of European citizenship*;

Or. es

#### **Amendment 25**

**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 1**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to align policy objectives, financial cycles, the legislative period of the Parliament and the mandate of the Commission;

###### *Amendment*

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to align *the Union's* policy objectives, financial cycles, the legislative period of the Parliament and the mandate of the Commission;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 26**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 2**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

2. *Calls on the Commission to provide the Parliament with a mid-term evaluation of the current and an evaluation of the past financial periods, including a spending review;*

###### *Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. es

## Amendment 27

Marco Valli, Laura Agea

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 2

##### *Motion for a resolution*

2. Calls on the Commission to provide the Parliament with a mid-term evaluation of the current financial period and an evaluation of the past financial periods, ***including*** a spending review;

##### *Amendment*

2. Calls on the Commission to provide the Parliament with a mid-term evaluation of the current financial period and an evaluation of the past financial periods, ***to identify which programmes have not shown any clear added value and then carry out*** a spending review;

Or. it

## Amendment 28

Inés Ayala Sender

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 3

##### *Motion for a resolution*

3. Reminds that the Commission should take into account in its proposals for a new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) that some policy areas, like cohesion or research, often rely on longer-term programming and need ***more time*** to achieve political objectives ***than other policy areas***;

##### *Amendment*

3. Reminds that the Commission should take into account in its proposals for a new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) that some policy areas, like cohesion or research, ***rural development, infrastructure, ITER, Galileo, migration, defence, etc.*** often rely on longer-term programming and need ***a longer budgetary cycle than that of the MFF*** to achieve political objectives;

Or. es

## Amendment 29

Marco Valli, Laura Agea

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Reminds that the Commission should take into account in its proposals for a new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) that some policy areas, like cohesion or research, often rely on longer-term programming and need more time to achieve political objectives than other policy areas;

*Amendment*

3. Reminds that the Commission should take into account in its proposals for a new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) that some policy areas, like cohesion or research, often rely on longer-term programming and need more time to achieve political objectives than other policy areas. ***Nevertheless, suitable flexibility should be given in emergency situations;***

Or. it

**Amendment 30**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Insists that the Union budget, as a consequence of the “budget focused on results initiative”, be presented according to the political objectives of the MFF;

*Amendment*

4. Insists that the Union budget, as a consequence of the “budget focused on results initiative”, ***should*** be presented according to the ***Union’s*** political objectives of the MFF; ***reminds, also in the light of the post-2020 MFF, that the Union budget should be a true European added value budget, aimed for common Union objectives promoting sustainable economic and social development of the whole Union, which cannot be achieved by singular Member States on their own and therefore should not be seen merely as a net balance or benefit of single Member States;***

Or. en

**Amendment 31**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Insists that the Union budget, as a consequence of the “budget focused on results initiative”, be presented according to the political objectives of the MFF;

*Amendment*

4. Insists that the Union budget, as a consequence of the “budget focused on results initiative”, be presented according to the political objectives of the MFF *or of other EU programme documents like the European Pillar of Social Rights, which was signed on 17 November 2017;*

Or. es

**Amendment 32**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Insists that the Union budget, as a consequence of the “budget focused on results initiative”, be presented according to the political objectives of the MFF;

*Amendment*

4. Insists that the Union budget, as a consequence of the “budget focused on results initiative”, be presented according to the political objectives of the *Treaties, the Europe 2020 Strategy and the* MFF;

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**4a. Expresses the need to establish an independent disclosure, advice and**

*referral body with sufficient budgetary resources, in order to help whistle-blowers use the right channels to disclose information on possible irregularities affecting the financial interests of the Union, while protecting their confidentiality and offering needed support and advice;*

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Calls on the Commission to commit itself to *fundamentally reviewing the young farmers' and greening schemes in light of the findings of the Court of Auditors* (the “Court”) before the next *financing period*;

*Amendment*

5. Calls on the Commission, *in its next revision of the CAP*, to commit itself to *taking into account the criticisms and recommendations made by the Court concerning young farmers and greening; welcomes the fact that, in its communication The Future of Food and Farming, the Commission makes an effort to incorporate the ECA's recommendations in its general reflection on the future of the CAP; also welcomes the fact that, by means of a delegated act, the Commission has already improved greening payments to guarantee more effective results, one year after implementation*;

Or. es

**Amendment 35**  
**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Norbert Lins, Mairead McGuinness**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**



*Motion for a resolution*

5. Calls on the Commission to commit itself to fundamentally reviewing the young farmers' and greening schemes in light of the findings of the Court of Auditors (the "Court") ***before*** the next financing period;

*Amendment*

5. Calls on the Commission to commit itself to fundamentally reviewing the young farmers' and greening schemes in light of the findings of the Court of Auditors (the "Court") ***with regard to*** the next financing period;

Or. en

**Amendment 36**

**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Calls on the Commission to commit itself to fundamentally ***reviewing*** the young farmers' and greening schemes in light of the findings of the Court of Auditors (the "Court") ***before*** the next ***financing period***;

*Amendment*

5. Calls on the Commission to commit itself to fundamentally ***review*** the young farmers' and greening schemes in light of the findings of the Court of Auditors (the "Court") ***for*** the next ***MFF***;

Or. en

**Amendment 37**

**Martina Dlabajová, Andrey Novakov, Wolf Klinz**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***5a. Calls on the Commission to include in its performance reports assessments on the quality of the data used and a declaration on the quality of the performance information;***

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**5b. Calls on the Commission to provide the Parliament and the Court with more balanced reporting, by including in its performance reports more transparent information on challenges, pitfalls and failures;**

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

6. Calls on the Commission to speed up the delivery of cohesion policy programmes and related payments with a view to reducing the length of the implementation period, initially, to year n+2;

6. Calls on the Commission to speed up the delivery of cohesion policy programmes and related payments with a view to reducing the length of the implementation period, initially, to year n+2, ***provided that it does not impair the degree of uptake and implementation of EU policies; in this regard, strongly urges the Commission and the Member States to speed up the adoption of the post-2020 MFF as much as possible and undertakes that the European Parliament will cooperate in order to achieve this goal;***

Or. es

**Amendment 40**

**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Calls on the Commission to speed up the delivery of cohesion policy programmes and related payments *with a view to reducing the length of the implementation period, initially, to year n+2*;

*Amendment*

6. Calls on the Commission to speed up the delivery of cohesion policy programmes and related payments;

Or. hu

**Amendment 41**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Andrey Novakov, Wolf Klinz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

**6a. Calls on the Commission to fulfil the original 20% spending target in integrating climate action into the various Union spending programmes;**

Or. en

**Amendment 42**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Insists that the Commission finally instruct all its directorates-general to publish their proposals for the country specific recommendations in their respective annual activity reports (AARs), as called for by Parliament;

*Amendment*

7. Insists that the Commission finally instruct all its directorates-general to publish their proposals for the country specific recommendations in their respective annual activity reports (AARs), as called for by Parliament, *provided that the corresponding European policy allows*

*it and that said recommendations are demonstrably useful for the Member States;*

Or. es

**Amendment 43**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Calls on the Commission to improve the transparency of migration policy financing as recommended by the Court in its annual report for 2016;

*Amendment*

8. Calls on the Commission to improve the transparency of migration policy financing as recommended by the Court in its annual report for 2016, *in order to make sure the needs and necessities of migrants and refugees as well as NGOs and public administration hosting them in Europe, are met adequately and that the financing of those needs is ensured.*

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Calls on the Commission to improve the transparency of migration policy financing as recommended by the Court in its annual report for 2016;

*Amendment*

8. Calls on the Commission to improve the transparency of migration policy financing as recommended by the Court in its annual report for 2016; *in this context, welcomes the Commission's commitment to, in 2018, provide the Parliament with specific reports regarding spending on this policy;*

**Amendment 45**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Calls on the Commission to improve the transparency of migration policy financing as recommended by the Court in its annual report for 2016;

*Amendment*

8. Calls on the Commission to improve the transparency of migration policy financing as recommended by the Court in its annual report for 2016 ***and to actively monitor public procurement procedures when they are held in emergency situations;***

Or. it

**Amendment 46**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***8a. Also calls on the Commission to improve transparency of research and rural development policies with the aim of identifying and correcting the causes of particularly high and persistent error rates, as indicated in the ECA's annual reports;***

Or. es

**Amendment 47**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Calls on the Commission to improve transparency for trust funds and for the external assistance management reports;

*Amendment*

9. Calls on the Commission to improve transparency for trust funds and for the external assistance management reports, ***regularly providing all data at its disposal***;

Or. it

**Amendment 48**

**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Calls on the Commission to arrange a reduction in the fees charged by the European Investment Bank for creating and administering financial instruments;

*Amendment*

10. Calls on the Commission to arrange a reduction in the fees charged by the European Investment Bank for creating and administering financial instruments ***and to regularly present information about the beneficiaries and the results achieved by means of these instruments***;

Or. en

**Amendment 49**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Calls on the Commission to arrange a reduction in the fees charged by the European Investment Bank for creating and administering financial instruments;

*Amendment*

10. Calls on the Commission to arrange a reduction in the fees charged by the European Investment Bank for creating and administering financial instruments ***and that these funds flow back into the EU budget***;

**Amendment 50**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Calls on the Commission to speed up the preparation of the Union accounts, to ensure that information from Member States on shared management spending is obtained in a more timely manner and to present the management's view on Union spending earlier and together with the accounts, with the view to adopting a discharge decision in year n+1;

*Amendment*

11. Calls on the Commission to speed up the preparation of the Union accounts, to ensure that information from Member States on shared management spending is obtained in a more timely manner and to present the management's view on Union spending earlier and together with the accounts, with the view to adopting a discharge decision in year n+1 ***without under any circumstances damaging the data quality and the guarantee of good management and verification;***

**Amendment 51**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Calls on the Commission to speed up the preparation of the Union accounts, to ensure that information from Member States on shared management spending is obtained in a more timely manner and to present the management's view on Union spending earlier and together with the accounts, with the view to adopting a discharge decision in year n+1;

*Amendment*

11. Calls on the Commission to speed up the preparation of the Union accounts, to ensure that ***reliable*** information from Member States on shared management spending is obtained in a more timely manner and to present the management's view on Union spending earlier and together with the accounts, with the view to adopting a discharge decision in year n+1; ***reminds, in this context, of the importance of data reliability;***

**Amendment 52**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11a. Calls on the Commission to ensure a balanced composition of expert groups; takes note of the Corporate Europe Observatory report of 14 February 2017 “Corporate interests continue to dominate key expert groups”<sup>1a</sup>; is concerned with its conclusion, specifically of the imbalance in the expert groups GEAR2030, Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information, Joint Transfer Pricing Forum, Platform for Good Tax Governance and the Working Group on Motor Vehicles subgroup Real Driving Emissions - Light Duty Vehicles; considers that the European Parliament has still not received a formal answer to its resolution on “Control of the Register and composition of the Commission’s expert groups” of 14 February 2017<sup>1b</sup>; calls upon the Commission to yield a thorough response without delay;***

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<sup>1a</sup> <https://corporateeurope.org/expert-groups/2017/02/corporate-interests-continue-dominate-key-expert-groups>

<sup>1b</sup> (2015/2319(INI))

**Amendment 53**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**



## Paragraph 11 a (new)

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11a. Welcomes the fact that, for the first time since 1994, the Court of Auditors has given a favourable opinion on the regularity of the EU accounts, in this case referring to 2016, which, in the Court's view, reflects a major improvement in EU finances;***

Or. es

## Amendment 54 Inés Ayala Sender

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Welcomes the fact that the Court has given a clean opinion on the reliability of the accounts for 2016, as it had done since 2007, and that ***the Court concluded that*** revenue was free from material error ***in 2016***; Notes with satisfaction that commitments underlying the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016 are legal and regular in all material respects;

*Amendment*

12. Welcomes the fact that the Court has given a clean opinion on the reliability of the accounts for 2016, as it had done since 2007, and that revenue was free from material error ***for the third year in a row since 2014***; Notes with satisfaction that commitments underlying the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016 are legal and regular in all material respects;

Or. es

## Amendment 55 Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

*Motion for a resolution*

***13. Notes with concern that as to the revenue for 2016, the director general of Directorate-General for Budget has***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

*issued a reservation for the traditional own resources revenue, in view of the OLAF's fraud case related to United Kingdom customs duties;*

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**14.** *Points out that the revenue affected by the quantified reservation is EUR 20.1 billion: i.e. 15 % of own resources for 2016; calls on the Commission to provide precise information on this fraud case, which indirectly affects the Value Added Tax basis of some Member States and thus Value Added Tax-related resources plus the Gross National Income-related balancing of the Commission<sup>75</sup> ;* **deleted**

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<sup>75</sup> See Commission's 2016 Annual Management and Performance Report for the EU Budget, p. 81.

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**14a.** *Calls on the Commission to develop an action plan to ensure the full*

*and on time implementation of the VAT regulations in all and every Member State in order to secure this source of Union own resources;*

Or. en

**Amendment 58**

**Martina Dlabajová, Andrey Novakov, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Welcomes the positive trend of the most likely error rate issued by the Court compared to that of recent years since the payments are affected in 2016 by a most likely error rate of 3.1%; recalls that the most likely error rate for payments was estimated in the financial years 2015 at 3.8%, 2014 at 4.4%, 2013 at 4.7%, 2012 at 4.8%, 2011 at 3.9%, 2010 at 3.7%, 2009 at 3.3%; 2008% at 5.2%, and 2007 at 6.9%;

*Amendment*

15. Welcomes the positive trend of the most likely error rate issued by the Court compared to that of recent years since the payments are affected in 2016 by a most likely error rate of 3.1%; recalls that the most likely error rate for payments was estimated in the financial years 2015 at 3.8%, 2014 at 4.4%, 2013 at 4.7%, 2012 at 4.8%, 2011 at 3.9%, 2010 at 3.7%, 2009 at 3.3%; 2008% at 5.2%, and 2007 at 6.9%; *as the Court's s estimated error rate is not final, considers it important that Commission's residual error rate is taken into account when assessing efficiency of Union's funding;*

Or. en

**Amendment 59**

**Martina Dlabajová, Andrey Novakov, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Stresses that the estimated level of error for cohesion does not include a quantification of 2016 disbursements to

*Amendment*

16. Stresses that the estimated level of error for cohesion does not include a quantification of 2016 disbursements to

financial instruments amounting to EUR 2.5 billion that the Court considers to be outside the eligibility period defined in Article 56(1) of Council Regulation EC 1083/2006; notes that those disbursements would represent an estimated level of error of 2.0% of overall expenditure; ***points out that if the Court had quantified this flagrant irregularity, the most likely error rate would have been estimated at 5.1% (nearly the same level as for 2008); calls on the Court to take on board all the irregularities having a financial impact when determining the most likely error rate and the Commission to table the necessary legislative proposal to put an end to this irregularity;***

financial instruments amounting to EUR 2.5 billion that the Court considers to be outside the eligibility period defined in Article 56(1) of Council Regulation EC 1083/2006; notes that those disbursements would represent an estimated level of error of 2.0% of overall expenditure; ***notes that the Court had quantified this separately (box 1.2 of the 2016 annual report) as a one-off, ring-fenced observation related to the absence of a timely Commission legislative proposal; notes the Commission's unilateral decision to accept expenditure up to 31 March 2017;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 60** **Inés Ayala Sender**

#### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 16**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

16. Stresses that the estimated level of error for cohesion does not include a quantification of 2016 disbursements to financial instruments amounting to EUR 2.5 billion that the Court considers to be outside the eligibility period defined in Article 56(1) of Council Regulation EC 1083/2006; notes that those disbursements would represent an estimated level of error of 2.0 % of overall expenditure; ***points out that if the Court had quantified this flagrant irregularity, the most likely error rate would have been estimated at 5.1 % (nearly the same level as for 2008); calls on the Court to take on board all the irregularities having a financial impact when determining the most likely error rate and the Commission to table the necessary***

##### *Amendment*

16. Stresses that, ***due to the different methodology required for its calculation,*** the estimated level of error for cohesion does not include a quantification of 2016 disbursements to financial instruments amounting to EUR 2.5 billion that the Court considers to be outside the eligibility period defined in Article 56(1) of Council Regulation EC 1083/2006; notes that those disbursements would represent an estimated level of error of 2.0 % of overall expenditure; ***recognising that the specific methodology for financial instruments prevents the simple addition of error rates,*** calls on the Court to take on board all the irregularities having a financial impact when determining the most likely error rate and the Commission to table the necessary

legislative proposal to put an end to this irregularity;

legislative proposal to put an end to this irregularity;

Or. es

**Amendment 61**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***16a. Regrets that the increased use of financial instruments, in order to decrease the amount of the Union budget, poses higher risks for accountability and the coordination of Union policies and operations;***

Or. en

**Amendment 62**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***16b. Points out that there is not enough information available for an appropriate evaluation of financial instruments and in particular with regard to their social and environmental impact; emphasises that financial instruments can supplement grants but should not replace them;***

Or. en

**Amendment 63**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Notes with satisfaction that for the first time in 23 years, the Court has issued a qualified (rather than an adverse) opinion on the legality and regularity of the payments underlying the accounts which means that in the Court's view, material error was confined mainly to reimbursement-based expenditure, representing around half of the audited population;

*Amendment*

17. Notes with satisfaction that for the first time in 23 years, the Court has issued a qualified (rather than an adverse) opinion on the legality and regularity of the payments underlying the accounts which means that in the Court's view, ***this reflects an important improvement in the management of EU finances, as well as that*** material error was confined mainly to reimbursement-based expenditure, representing around half of the audited population;

Or. en

**Amendment 64**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Regrets that for the 23st year in a row, payments are materially affected by error because of the fact that the management and control systems are only partially effective at ensuring timely payment;

*Amendment*

18. Regrets that for the 23st year in a row, payments are materially affected by error because of the fact that the management and control systems are only partially effective at ensuring ***sound financial management and*** timely payment;

Or. en

**Amendment 65**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. *Notes with concern that if* the corrective measures taken by the Member States and the Commission ***had not been applied to*** the payments audited by the Court, ***the*** overall estimated level of error ***would have*** been 4.3 % rather than 3.1 % ***(i.e. the same level as in 2015; see paragraph 1.34 of the 2016 ECA annual report)***;

*Amendment*

19. *Notes that* the payments audited by the Court, ***thanks to*** the corrective measures taken by the Member States and the Commission, ***resulted in an*** overall estimated level of error ***of*** 4.3 % rather than 3.1 %;

Or. es

**Amendment 66**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Notes that the type of management has a limited impact ***on level of error*** as the Court finds the same estimated level of error under shared management with the Member States and for all other forms of operational expenditure managed directly by the Commission, namely 3.3 %;

*Amendment*

20. Notes that, ***as opposed to the long-standing belief that shared management generates more errors than direct management,*** as the Court finds the same estimated level of error under shared management with the Member States and for all other forms of operational expenditure managed directly by the Commission, namely 3.3 %;

Or. es

**Amendment 67**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Andrey Novakov, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Motion for a resolution*

21. Points out that the Court found the highest estimated levels of error in

*Amendment*

21. Points out that the Court found the highest estimated levels of error in

spending for economic, social and territorial cohesion (4.8. % **or 6.8% with the quantified irregularity concerning the financial instruments**) and for competitiveness for growth and jobs (4.1 %), whilst administrative expenditure had the lowest estimated level of error (0.2 %);

spending for economic, social and territorial cohesion (4.8. %) and for competitiveness for growth and jobs (4.1 %), whilst administrative expenditure had the lowest estimated level of error (0.2 %);

Or. en

**Amendment 68**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Motion for a resolution*

21. Points out that the Court found the highest estimated levels of error in spending for economic, social and territorial cohesion (4.8. % **or 6.8 % with the quantified irregularity concerning the financial instruments**) and for competitiveness for growth and jobs (4.1 %), whilst administrative expenditure had the lowest estimated level of error (0.2 %);

*Amendment*

21. Points out that the Court found the highest estimated levels of error in spending for **rural development, environment, climate action and fisheries (4.9 %)**, for economic, social and territorial cohesion (4.8 %) and for competitiveness for growth and jobs (4.1 %), whilst administrative expenditure had the lowest estimated level of error (0.2 %);

Or. es

**Amendment 69**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Notes, in particular, that the Commission points out in its **2016AMPR**<sup>76</sup> that **the scope of** the reservations issued by the directors general in their AARs has increased and amounts at: EUR 35.3 billion, which corresponds to 26 % of the

*Amendment*

24. Notes, in particular, that the Commission points out in its **2016 AMPR**<sup>76</sup> that the reservations issued by the directors general in their AARs has increased and amounts at: EUR 35.3 billion, which corresponds to 26 % of the



payments (2015: EUR 29.8 Billion: 21% of payments);

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<sup>76</sup> COM(2017) 351 final, p. 81,

payments (2015: EUR 29.8 billion: 21% of payments);

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<sup>76</sup> COM(2017) 351 final, p. 81,

Or. en

## **Amendment 70**

**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Norbert Lins, Mairead McGuinness**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 26**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

26. Points out that the Commission notes in its AMPR a deterioration of the financial management indicators in terms of AARs reservations and explained it by the difficulties of putting in place new and more demanding schemes, notably greening<sup>77</sup>; whilst the Court points out a clear amelioration in *this very precise policy area*;

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<sup>77</sup> 2016 AMPR, p/ 82, DG AGRI, annual activity reports annex 10, p.140.

##### *Amendment*

26. Points out that the Commission notes in its AMPR a deterioration of the financial management indicators in terms of AARs reservations and explained it by the difficulties of putting in place new and more demanding schemes, notably greening<sup>77</sup>; whilst the Court points out a clear amelioration in *the determination of eligible agricultural areas*;

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<sup>77</sup> 2016 AMPR, p. 82, DG AGRI, annual activity reports annex 10, p.140.

Or. en

## **Amendment 71**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 27**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

27. *Notes* in particular that the Court states “that the EAGF is at 1.7 % “free from material error”, which is a real improvement by comparison with 2015, when it was 2.2 %, and estimates the level

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##### *Amendment*

27. *Welcomes* in particular that the Court states “that the EAGF is at 1.7 % “free from material error”, which is a real improvement by comparison with 2015, when it was 2.2 %, and estimates the level

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of error for entitlement-based expenditure at 1.3 %, while observing that the biggest part of first pillar CAP is included in this kind of expenditure;

of error for entitlement-based expenditure at 1.3 %, while observing that the biggest part of first pillar CAP is included in this kind of expenditure;

Or. es

**Amendment 72**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. *Is surprised by the divergent views expressed by the Court and the Commission as to financial management of the first pillar of the CAP; expresses doubts as to the assertion made by the Court that in expenditure the error is not “pervasive” (ECA annual report paragraph 1.8) since the director general of Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI), in his AAR, issued a reservation in direct payments concerning 18 paying agencies comprising 12 Member States;*

*Amendment*

28. *Takes note* of the *Court's* assertion that in expenditure the error is not “pervasive” (ECA annual report paragraph 1.8);

Or. en

**Amendment 73**  
**Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. Is surprised by the divergent views expressed by the Court and the Commission as to financial management of the first pillar of the CAP; expresses doubts

*Amendment*

28. Is surprised by the divergent views expressed by the Court and the Commission as to financial management of the first pillar of the CAP; expresses doubts

as to the assertion made by the Court that in expenditure the error is not “pervasive” (ECA annual report paragraph 1.8) since the director general of Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI), in his AAR, issued a reservation in direct payments concerning 18 paying agencies comprising 12 Member States;

as to the assertion made by the Court that in expenditure the error is not “pervasive” (ECA annual report paragraph 1.8) since the director general of Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI), in his AAR, issued a reservation in direct payments concerning 18 paying agencies comprising 12 Member States; ***calls on the Commission and the Court to align their methods of assertion by leaning on the international audit standards before issuing the next Annual Report or AAR;***

Or. en

**Amendment 74**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. ***Is surprised by the divergent views expressed by the Court and the Commission as to financial management of the first pillar of the CAP; expresses doubts as to the assertion made by the Court that in expenditure the error is not “pervasive” (ECA annual report paragraph 1.8) since the director general of Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI), in his AAR, issued a reservation in direct payments concerning 18 paying agencies comprising 12 Member States;***

*Amendment*

28. ***Notes that, while the first pillar of the CAP is included in entitlement payments which are not affected by a material level of error (ECA annual report paragraph 1.11), the director general of the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI), in his AAR, issued a reservation in direct payments concerning 18 paying agencies comprising 12 Member States;***

Or. en

**Amendment 75**  
**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Norbert Lins, Mairead McGuinness**

**Motion for a resolution**

## Paragraph 28

### *Motion for a resolution*

28. ***Is surprised by the divergent*** views expressed by the Court and the Commission as to financial management of the first pillar of the CAP; ***expresses doubts as to*** the assertion made by the Court that in expenditure the error is not “pervasive” (ECA annual report paragraph 1.8) ***since*** the director general of Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI), in his AAR, issued a reservation in direct payments concerning 18 paying agencies comprising 12 Member States;

### *Amendment*

28. ***Notes the*** views expressed by the Court and the Commission as to financial management of the first pillar of the CAP; ***in particular*** the assertion made by the Court that in expenditure the error is not “pervasive” (ECA annual report paragraph 1.8) ***and*** the director general of Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI), in his AAR, issued a reservation in direct payments concerning 18 paying agencies comprising 12 Member States ***while still having an error rate below materiality***;

Or. en

## Amendment 76 Inés Ayala Sender

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 29

### *Motion for a resolution*

29. ***Stresses*** that the Commission finds in its 2016 AMPR that spending ***is*** affected by a material level of error, given that the Commission's overall average error rate is estimated to be between 2.1 % and 2.6 % (having been in 2015 between 2.3 % and 3.1 %) of total relevant expenditure, and the related estimated overall amount at risk at payment is between EUR 2.9 and 3.6 billion (while in 2015 it was between EUR 3.3 and 4.5 billion);

### *Amendment*

29. ***Notes*** that the Commission finds in its 2016 AMPR that spending affected by a material level of error ***has decreased***, given that the Commission's overall average error rate is estimated to be between 2.1 % and 2.6 % (having been in 2015 between 2.3 % and 3.1 %) of total relevant expenditure, and the related estimated overall amount at risk at payment is between EUR 2.9 and 3.6 billion (while in 2015 it was between EUR 3.3 and 4.5 billion);

Or. es

## Amendment 77 Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 30**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

30. Notes that this decrease is, according to the Commission, mainly due to cohesion's lower inherent risk of error for programmes of the current MFF; is surprised by this explanation given the very low level of budget implementation in this area;

##### *Amendment*

30. Notes that this decrease is, according to the Commission, mainly due to cohesion's lower inherent risk of error for programmes of the current MFF; is surprised by this explanation given the very low level of budget implementation in this area; ***calls on the Commission to further explain the matter;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 78**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 31**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

31. ***Highlights that*** in annex 4 of its 2016 AMPR, the Commission points out that in cohesion, no expenditure was certified in the annual accounts submitted to the Commission in 2016, nor were any financial corrections imposed by the Commission following its audit activity”(AMPR 2016, annex 4 page 20);

##### *Amendment*

31. ***Points out that this low rate of implementation can be explained by the fact that,*** in annex 4 of its 2016 AMPR, the Commission points out that in cohesion, no expenditure was certified in the annual accounts submitted to the Commission in 2016, nor were any financial corrections imposed by the Commission following its audit activity”(AMPR 2016, annex 4 page 20);

Or. es

### **Amendment 79**

**Indrek Tarand**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Motion for a resolution**

### Paragraph 33

#### *Motion for a resolution*

33. Shares the view of the Court that the Commission's methodology for estimating its amount at risk error has improved over the years but that "individual DGs' estimations of the level of irregular spending are not based on a consistent methodology";

#### *Amendment*

33. Shares the view of the Court that the Commission's methodology for estimating its amount at risk error has improved over the years but that "individual DGs' estimations of the level of irregular spending are not based on a consistent methodology"; ***calls on the Commission to use the same methodology to estimate its amount at risk error for all DGs and inform the Discharge Authority on the progress;***

Or. en

### Amendment 80

**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Mairead McGuinness, Norbert Lins**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 35**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

35. Points out in particular that for more than three quarters of 2016 expenditure, Commission directorates-general base their estimates of amount at risk on data provided by national authorities, whilst it appears from the AARs of the concerned Commission directorates-general (in particular DG AGRI and DG REGIO) that the reliability of Member States' control reports remains a challenge;

#### *Amendment*

35. Points out in particular that for more than three quarters of 2016 expenditure, Commission directorates-general base their estimates of amount at risk on data provided by national authorities, whilst it appears from the AARs of the concerned Commission directorates-general (in particular DG AGRI and DG REGIO) that ***while*** the reliability of Member States' control reports ***reflect the error detected by the Member State, the reliability of some management and control systems*** remains a challenge;

Or. en

### Amendment 81

**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 35**

*Motion for a resolution*

35. ***Points out in particular*** that for more than three quarters of 2016 expenditure, Commission directorates-general base their estimates of amount at risk on data provided by national authorities, ***whilst it appears from the AARs of the concerned Commission directorates-general (in particular DG AGRI and DG REGIO) that the reliability of Member States' control reports remains a challenge;***

*Amendment*

35. ***Notes*** that for more than three quarters of 2016 expenditure, Commission directorates-general base their estimates of amount at risk on data provided by national authorities; ***stresses, in this regard, the importance of Member States' data reliability;***

Or. en

**Amendment 82**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 35**

*Motion for a resolution*

35. Points out in particular that for more than three quarters of 2016 expenditure, Commission directorates-general base their estimates of amount at risk on data provided by national authorities, whilst it appears from the AARs of the concerned Commission directorates-general (in particular DG AGRI and DG REGIO) that the reliability of Member States' control reports remains a challenge;

*Amendment*

35. Points out in particular that for more than three quarters of 2016 expenditure, Commission directorates-general base their estimates of amount at risk on data provided by national authorities, whilst it, ***regretfully***, appears from the AARs of the concerned Commission directorates-general (in particular DG AGRI and DG REGIO) that the reliability of Member States' control reports ***still*** remains a challenge;

Or. en

**Amendment 83**

**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 36**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**36.** *Points out that since errors can be corrected more than 10 years after they have occurred, it is artificial to base the estimated impact of future corrections upon recorded corrections over the last six years;* **deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 84**

**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Norbert Lins**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 36**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**36.** *Points out that since errors can be corrected more than 10 years after they have occurred, it is artificial to base the estimated impact of future corrections upon recorded corrections over the last six years;* **deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 85**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 36**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**36.** Points out that *since* errors can be corrected more than 10 years after they have occurred, it is *artificial* to base the estimated impact of future corrections upon

**36.** Points out that, *due to the specificity of multi-annual programming and the fact that* errors can be corrected more than 10 years after they have



recorded corrections over the last six years;

occurred, it is *insufficient* to base the estimated impact of future corrections upon recorded corrections over the last six years;

Or. es

**Amendment 86**  
**Ingeborg Gräble**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 36**

*Motion for a resolution*

36. Points out that *since* errors can be corrected more than 10 years after they have occurred, *it is artificial* to base the estimated impact of future corrections upon recorded corrections over the last six years;

*Amendment*

36. Points out that errors can be corrected more than 10 years after they have occurred; *rejects* to base the estimated impact of future corrections upon recorded corrections over the last six years;

Or. en

**Amendment 87**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 38**

*Motion for a resolution*

38. *Asks* the Commission and the Member States once again to put in place sound procedures to confirm the timing, the origin and the amount of corrective measures and to provide information reconciling, as far as possible, the year in which payments is made, the year in which the related error is detected and the year in which recoveries or financial corrections are disclosed in the notes to the accounts;

*Amendment*

38. *Strongly reiterates its call on* the Commission and the Member States once again to put in place sound procedures to confirm the timing, the origin and the amount of corrective measures and to provide information reconciling, as far as possible, the year in which payments is made, the year in which the related error is detected and the year in which recoveries or financial corrections are disclosed in the notes to the accounts;

Or. en

**Amendment 88**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 38 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**38a. Regrets the divergences in data on the error rate provided by the Court of Auditors and the Commission; calls on the Commission to focus on making reimbursements where there is a higher error rate; highlights that the reduction in the error rate cannot be seen as significant, since around half of the EU budget is still affected by a high error rate;**

Or. it

**Amendment 89**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 39**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

39. Recalls that the distinction ***made by the Commission*** between the ‘political responsibility of Commissioners’ and the operational responsibility of directors-general means that it has not always been made clear whether ‘political responsibility’ encompasses ***responsibility*** for the directorates-general, or is distinct from it;

39. Recalls ***the opinion expressed by the Court in its Special Report 27/2016*** that the distinction ***introduced by the Kinnock-Prodi reform*** between the ‘political responsibility of Commissioners’ and the operational responsibility of directors-general means that it has not always been made clear whether ‘political responsibility’ encompasses ***assuming responsibility for budget implementation*** for the directorates-general, or is distinct from it;

Or. es

**Amendment 90**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 40**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**40. Points out that the College of the Commissioners does not produce an annual statement on governance, in line with best practice and the common practice of Member States;**

**deleted**

Or. es

**Amendment 91**  
**Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 40**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

40. Points out that the College of the Commissioners does not produce an annual statement on governance, in line with best practice and the common practice of Member States;

40. Points out that the College of the Commissioners does not produce an annual statement on governance, in line with best practice and the common practice of Member States; ***calls on the Commission, in order to provide for a higher transparency and accountability of its College, to produce an annual statement on governance;***

Or. en

**Amendment 92**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 40**

*Motion for a resolution*

40. Points out that the College of the Commissioners does not produce an annual statement on governance, in line with best practice and the common practice of Member States;

*Amendment*

40. Points out that the College of the Commissioners does not produce an annual statement on governance, in line with best practice and the common practice of Member States; ***asks that this practice be made obligatory starting from the beginning of the next College of Commissioners' term;***

Or. it

**Amendment 93**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 41**

*Motion for a resolution*

***41. Asks the Commission to implement recommendation number 2 of the Court's Special Report 27/2016 and, in addition, accompany its financial statements with an annual statement on governance and on internal control covering in particular:***

***(a) a description of the internal governance tools of the Commission,***

***(b) an assessment of the operational and strategic risk activities during the year; and a mid- and long-term fiscal sustainability statement;***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

Or. es

**Amendment 94**  
**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Norbert Lins, Mairead McGuinness**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 42**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

42. Endorses the reservations issued by the directors general of DG REGIO, MARE, HOME, DEVCO and AGRI, in their annual activity report; is of the opinion that those reservations ***demonstrate that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States cannot give the necessary guarantees*** concerning the legality and regularity of ***all*** the underlying transactions in the corresponding policy areas;

42. Endorses the reservations issued by the directors general of DG REGIO, MARE, HOME, DEVCO and AGRI, in their annual activity report; is of the opinion that those reservations ***allow for a reasonable assurance*** concerning the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions in the corresponding policy areas;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 95**

**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 42**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

42. Endorses the reservations issued by the directors general of DG REGIO, MARE, HOME, DEVCO and AGRI, in their annual activity report; is of the opinion that those reservations demonstrate that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States ***cannot*** give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all the underlying transactions in the corresponding policy areas;

###### *Amendment*

42. Endorses the reservations issued by the directors general of DG REGIO, MARE, HOME, DEVCO and AGRI, in their annual activity report; is of the opinion that those reservations demonstrate that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States ***can*** give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all the underlying transactions in the corresponding policy areas ***if necessary correction procedures are implemented successfully***;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 96**

**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 42**

*Motion for a resolution*

42. Endorses the reservations issued by the directors general of DG REGIO, MARE, HOME, DEVCO and AGRI, in their annual activity report; is of the opinion that those reservations demonstrate that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States cannot give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all the underlying transactions in the corresponding policy areas;

*Amendment*

42. Endorses the reservations issued by the directors general of DG REGIO, **EMPL**, MARE, HOME, DEVCO and AGRI, in their annual activity report; is of the opinion that those reservations demonstrate that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States cannot ***in all cases*** give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all the underlying transactions in the corresponding policy areas;

Or. en

**Amendment 97**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 42**

*Motion for a resolution*

42. ***Endorses*** the reservations issued by the directors general of DG REGIO, MARE, HOME, DEVCO and AGRI, in their annual activity report; is of the opinion that those reservations demonstrate that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States cannot give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all the underlying transactions in the corresponding policy areas;

*Amendment*

42. ***Takes note of*** the reservations issued by the directors general of DG REGIO, MARE, HOME, DEVCO and AGRI, in their annual activity report; is of the opinion that those reservations demonstrate that the control procedures put in place in the Commission and the Member States cannot ***yet*** give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of all the underlying transactions in the corresponding policy areas;

Or. es

**Amendment 98**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**

## Paragraph 42

### *Motion for a resolution*

42. Endorses the reservations issued by the directors general of DG REGIO, MARE, HOME, DEVCO and AGRI, in their annual activity report; is of the opinion that those reservations demonstrate that the control procedures put in place in the ***Commission and the*** Member States ***cannot*** give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of ***all the*** underlying transactions in the corresponding policy areas;

### *Amendment*

42. Endorses the reservations issued by the directors general of DG REGIO, MARE, HOME, DEVCO and AGRI, in their annual activity report; is of the opinion that those reservations demonstrate that the control procedures put in place in the Member States ***do not*** give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of ***certain*** underlying transactions in the corresponding policy areas;

Or. en

## Amendment 99 Inés Ayala Sender

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 43

#### *Motion for a resolution*

***43. Calls on the director general of DG R&I to provide a more risk-based assurance in its AAR and to develop a system which will allow the directorate-general to do away with its undifferentiated horizontal reservations;***

#### *Amendment*

***deleted***

Or. es

## Amendment 100 Tamás Deutsch

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 44

#### *Motion for a resolution*

44. Points out that the delays in the implementation of programmes in the first

#### *Amendment*

44. Points out that the delays in the implementation of programmes in the first

three years of the current MFF led to the transfer of commitment appropriations from 2014, mainly to 2015 and 2016, and to low payments in 2016;

three years of the current MFF led to the transfer of commitment appropriations from 2014, mainly to 2015 and 2016, and to low payments in 2016; *however points out that 2017 was the first year when the implementation of ESIF programmes accelerated, expects that this trend will continue in 2018 and 2019; believes that sufficient levels of payment and appropriations for commitments should be provided in order for implementation to proceed smoothly;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 101**

**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 44**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

44. Points out that the delays in the implementation of programmes in the first three years of the current MFF led to the transfer of commitment appropriations from 2014, mainly to 2015 and 2016, and to low payments in 2016;

##### *Amendment*

44. Points out that the delays in the implementation of programmes in the first three years of the current MFF, *due to the late adoption of the 2014-2020 MFF and considerable novelties introduced for the 2014-2020 period causing administrative difficulties despite efforts for simplification*, led to the transfer of commitment appropriations from 2014, mainly to 2015 and 2016, and to low payments in 2016;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 102**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 44**



*Motion for a resolution*

44. Points out that the delays in the implementation of programmes in the first three years of the current MFF led to the transfer of commitment appropriations from 2014, mainly to 2015 and 2016, and to low payments in 2016;

*Amendment*

44. Points out that the delays in the implementation of programmes in the first three years of the current MFF led to the transfer of commitment appropriations from 2014, mainly to 2015 and 2016, and to low payments in 2016; ***emphasises, nevertheless, that this abnormal backlog significantly decreased in 2015 and was completely eliminated in 2016;***

Or. es

**Amendment 103**

**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 44**

*Motion for a resolution*

44. Points out that the delays in the implementation of programmes in the first three years of the current MFF led to the transfer of commitment appropriations from 2014, mainly to 2015 and 2016, and to low payments in 2016;

*Amendment*

44. Points out that the delays in the implementation of programmes in the first three years of the current MFF led to the transfer of commitment appropriations from 2014, mainly to 2015 and 2016, and to low payments in 2016 (***implementing the Union budget at 7 % in 2014-2016 period of the current MFF***);

Or. en

**Amendment 104**

**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 44 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***44a. Notes with concern the complicated web of arrangements in the galaxy within and around the EU budget***

*as this hampers accountability, transparency, public scrutiny and democratic oversight of the EU budget and financial arrangements linked to it; regrets, in this regard, the lack of the unity of the EU budget, and fully shares the Court's concern as regards the complexity of the EU budget;*

Or. en

**Amendment 105**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 46**

*Motion for a resolution*

46. Notes with concern that a record level of outstanding commitments has been created, reaching by the end of 2016 an all-time high of EUR 238 billion, 72 % higher than in 2007 and equivalent to 2.9 years of payments compared to 2.2 years in 2007; considers that this has increased the amounts owed by the EU and thus the financial exposure of the Union budget;

*Amendment*

46. Notes with concern that a record level of outstanding commitments has been created, reaching by the end of 2016 an all-time high of EUR 238 billion, 72 % higher than in 2007 and equivalent to 2.9 years of payments compared to 2.2 years in 2007; considers that this has increased the amounts owed by the EU and thus the financial exposure of the Union budget; *acknowledges the efforts made in giving the European Parliament access to data on the subject, but calls on the Commission to also provide an overview of solutions for resolving the situation;*

Or. it

**Amendment 106**

**Indrek Tarand**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 46**

*Motion for a resolution*

46. Notes with concern that a record level of outstanding commitments has been created, reaching by the end of 2016 an all-time high of EUR 238 billion, 72 % higher than in 2007 and equivalent to 2.9 years of payments compared to 2.2 years in 2007; considers that this has increased the amounts owed by the EU and thus the financial exposure of the Union budget;

*Amendment*

46. Notes with concern that a record level of outstanding commitments has been created, reaching by the end of 2016 an all-time high of EUR 238 billion, 72 % higher than in 2007 and equivalent to 2.9 years of payments compared to 2.2 years in 2007; considers that this has increased the amounts owed by the EU and thus the financial exposure of the Union budget; ***stresses that the EU Budget is not allowed to run a deficit while its long-term liabilities in fact represent the budget debt;***

Or. en

**Amendment 107**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 46**

*Motion for a resolution*

46. Notes with concern that a record level of outstanding commitments has been created, reaching by the end of 2016 an all-time high of EUR 238 billion, 72 % higher than in 2007 and equivalent to 2.9 years of payments compared to 2.2 years in 2007; considers that this has increased the amounts owed by the EU and thus the financial exposure of the Union budget;

*Amendment*

46. Notes with concern that a record level of outstanding commitments has been created, reaching by the end of 2016 an all-time high of EUR 238 billion, 72 % higher than in 2007 and equivalent to 2.9 years of payments compared to 2.2 years in 2007; considers that this has increased the amounts owed by the EU and thus the financial exposure of the Union budget, ***clearly demonstrating just how insufficient the current EU budget is;***

Or. es

**Amendment 108**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**

## Paragraph 48

### *Motion for a resolution*

48. Recalls that the Union is making increasing use of financial instruments and that the establishment of EFSI creates new governance arrangements with limited public scrutiny;

### *Amendment*

48. Recalls that the Union is making increasing use of financial instruments and that the establishment of EFSI creates new governance arrangements with limited public scrutiny; ***highlights that any legislative proposal should improve significantly the geographical coverage of the EFSI; recalls that the EFSI should remain an additional tool for boosting investments as cohesion policy should remain the investment policy of the Union;***

Or. en

## Amendment 109

Petri Sarvamaa

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 48**

### *Motion for a resolution*

48. Recalls that the Union is making increasing use of financial instruments and that the establishment of EFSI creates new governance arrangements with limited public scrutiny;

### *Amendment*

48. Recalls that the Union is making increasing use of financial instruments and that the establishment of EFSI creates new governance arrangements with limited public scrutiny; ***notes, however, the successful implementation and the high amount of private capita leveraged by the Fund, and acknowledges the further enhancements agreed on its transparency upon the negotiations for the extension of the duration of EFSI, referred to as EFSI 2.0;***

Or. en

## Amendment 110

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 48**

*Motion for a resolution*

48. Recalls that the Union is making increasing use of financial instruments and that the establishment of EFSI creates new governance arrangements with limited public scrutiny;

*Amendment*

48. Recalls that the Union is making increasing use of financial instruments and that the establishment of EFSI creates new governance arrangements with limited public scrutiny; ***calls on the Court to strengthen its overview over the planning and the spending phase of the ESI funds;***

Or. en

**Amendment 111**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 48**

*Motion for a resolution*

48. Recalls that the Union is making increasing use of financial instruments and that the establishment of EFSI creates new governance arrangements with limited public scrutiny;

*Amendment*

48. Recalls that the Union is making increasing use of financial instruments and that the establishment of EFSI creates new governance arrangements with limited public scrutiny, ***thus requiring more careful surveillance by Parliament;***

Or. en

**Amendment 112**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 48**

*Motion for a resolution*

48. Recalls that the Union is making increasing use of financial instruments and that the establishment of EFSI creates new

*Amendment*

48. Recalls that the Union is making increasing use of financial instruments and that the establishment of EFSI creates new

governance arrangements with *limited* public scrutiny;

governance arrangements with *a level of* public scrutiny *that remains unsatisfactory*;

Or. es

#### **Amendment 113**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 48**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

48. Recalls that the Union is making increasing use of financial instruments and that the establishment of EFSI creates new governance arrangements with limited public scrutiny;

##### *Amendment*

48. Recalls that the Union is making increasing use of financial instruments and *regrets* that the establishment of EFSI creates new governance arrangements with limited public scrutiny;

Or. it

#### **Amendment 114**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 48 a (new)**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

##### *Amendment*

**48a. Recalls that the revision of the Financial Regulation represents a big step forward in this regard, as it proposes a more efficient presentation of financial instruments and, for the first time, provides budgetary guarantees and financial assistance within that framework;**

Or. es

#### **Amendment 115**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 49**

*Motion for a resolution*

49. Points out that EU funds form a significant share of some Member States' expenditure, and in particular that in nine Member States (Lithuania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Croatia, Estonia, Slovakia,) outstanding commitments on ESI funds represent more than 15 % of general government spending;

*Amendment*

49. ***Emphasises that the EFSI funds are a good example of how the EU budget can be used efficiently: with limited budgetary resources, the EFSI has mobilised EUR 164 million of investment in Europe's economy for SMEs and infrastructure;*** Points out that EU funds form a significant share of some Member States' expenditure, and in particular that in nine Member States (Lithuania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Croatia, Estonia, Slovakia,) outstanding commitments on ESI funds represent more than 15 % of general government spending;

Or. es

**Amendment 116**

**Indrek Tarand**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 49**

*Motion for a resolution*

49. Points out that EU funds form a significant share of some Member States' expenditure, and in particular that in nine Member States (Lithuania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Croatia, Estonia, Slovakia,) outstanding commitments on ESI funds represent more than 15 % of general government spending;

*Amendment*

49. Points out that EU funds form a significant share of some Member States' expenditure, and in particular that in nine Member States (Lithuania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Croatia, Estonia, Slovakia,) outstanding commitments on ESI funds represent more than 15 % of general government spending; ***calls on the Commission to also prepare a positive advertising campaign with a view to informing the citizens of these countries in more detail about the***

*direct benefits of their membership;*

Or. en

**Amendment 117**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 49**

*Motion for a resolution*

49. Points out that EU funds form a significant share of some Member States' expenditure, and in particular that in nine Member States (Lithuania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Croatia, Estonia, Slovakia,) outstanding commitments on ESI funds represent more than 15 % of general government spending;

*Amendment*

49. Points out that, *in line with the principles of cohesion policy*, EU funds form a significant share of some Member States' expenditure, and in particular that in nine Member States (Lithuania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Croatia, Estonia, Slovakia,) outstanding commitments on ESI funds represent *financial support of* more than 15 % of general government spending;

Or. es

**Amendment 118**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 49**

*Motion for a resolution*

49. Points out that EU funds form a significant share of some Member States' expenditure, and in particular that in nine Member States (*Lithuania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Croatia, Estonia, Slovakia,*) outstanding commitments on ESI funds represent more than 15 % of general government spending;

*Amendment*

49. Points out that EU funds form a significant share of some Member States' expenditure, and in particular that in nine Member States outstanding commitments on ESI funds represent more than 15 % of general government spending;

Or. en



**Amendment 119**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 50**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**50.     *Fears that Member States where European Structural Investment (ESI) funds represent a significant percentage of general government expenditure may find it challenging to identify sufficiently high quality projects on which to spend the available Union funds or to provide co-financing;*** ***deleted***

Or. es

**Amendment 120**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 50**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**50.     *Fears that Member States where European Structural Investment (ESI) funds represent a significant percentage of general government expenditure may find it challenging to identify sufficiently high quality projects on which to spend the available Union funds or to provide co-financing;*** ***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 121**  
**Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 50**

*Motion for a resolution*

50. Fears that Member States where European Structural Investment (ESI) funds represent a significant percentage of general government expenditure may find it challenging to identify sufficiently high quality projects on which to spend the available Union funds or to provide co-financing;

*Amendment*

50. Fears that Member States where European Structural Investment (ESI) funds represent a significant percentage of general government expenditure may find it challenging to identify sufficiently high quality projects on which to spend the available Union funds or to provide co-financing; ***calls on the Commission and the Court to pay greater attention to the sustainability aspect of the proposed investment projects and critically assess their adequacy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 122**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 50**

*Motion for a resolution*

50. ***Fears*** that Member States where European Structural Investment (ESI) funds represent a significant percentage of general government expenditure may find it challenging to identify sufficiently high quality projects on which to spend the available Union funds or to provide co-financing;

*Amendment*

50. ***Is concerned*** that Member States where European Structural Investment (ESI) funds represent a significant percentage of general government expenditure may find it challenging to identify sufficiently high quality projects on which to spend the available Union funds or to provide co-financing;

Or. es

**Amendment 123**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 51**

*Motion for a resolution*

51. Is disappointed that three years after the start of the 2014-2020 period, the Member States have designated only 77 % of the programme authorities responsible for implementing the ESI funds;

*Amendment*

51. Is disappointed that three years after the start of the 2014-2020 period, the Member States have designated only 77 % of the programme authorities responsible for implementing the ESI funds; ***calls on the Commission to carry out a careful analysis of why some regions still have a low fund absorption rate and to evaluate specific actions aimed at resolving the structural problems at the root of these low rates; asks the Commission to take on-the-spot action to improve absorption capacity in Member States experiencing difficulties in this regard;***

Or. it

**Amendment 124**

**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 51**

*Motion for a resolution*

51. Is disappointed that three years after the start of the 2014-2020 period, the Member States have designated only 77 % of the programme authorities responsible for implementing the ESI funds;

*Amendment*

51. Is disappointed that three years after the start of the 2014-2020 period, the Member States have designated only 77 % of the programme authorities responsible for implementing the ESI funds, ***therefore, questioning the need of modifying procedures at the beginning of each programming period;***

Or. en

**Amendment 125**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 51**

*Motion for a resolution*

51. *Is disappointed that* three years after the start of the 2014-2020 period, the Member States *have* designated only 77 % of the programme authorities responsible for implementing the ESI funds;

*Amendment*

51. *Is concerned about the reasons why*, three years after the start of the 2014-2020 period, the Member States *had* designated only 77 % of the programme authorities responsible for implementing the ESI funds; *is satisfied with the fact that, at present, this figure stands at 99 %*;

Or. es

**Amendment 126**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 52 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*52a. Stresses that public investment is necessary in order to close the investment gap and to boost jobs and growth and to ensure social standards within the Union;*

Or. en

**Amendment 127**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 53**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

53. Notes that the Commission mobilised various resources to deal with the refugee and migration crisis, but regrets that it did not establish a reporting structure to enable it to report comprehensively on the use of the funds involved;

53. Notes that the Commission mobilised various resources to deal with the refugee and migration crisis, but regrets that it did not establish a reporting structure to enable it to report comprehensively on the use of the funds involved; *deplores the fact that it is currently impossible to know how much is spent on each*

*migrant/refugee;*

Or. it

**Amendment 128**

**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 57 – point c a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(c a) to provide the Parliament in the context of discharge with a comprehensive report about the indirect managed and implemented EU budget resources by the EIB Group (EIB and EIF) apart from its external mandate starting with 2017 financial year;*

Or. en

**Amendment 129**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 57 – point d**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

(d) in the context of the debate on the future of Europe, to consider how the Union budgetary system could be reformed to provide a better balance between predictability and responsiveness as well as how best to ensure overall funding arrangements are no more complex than necessary to meet Union policy objectives and guarantee accountability;

(d) in the context of the debate on the future of Europe, to consider how the Union budgetary system could be reformed to provide ***an adequate budget to guarantee funding for the planned policies***, a better balance between predictability and responsiveness as well as how best to ensure overall funding arrangements are no more complex than necessary to meet Union policy objectives and guarantee accountability;

Or. es

**Amendment 130**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 57 – point d a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(d a) to consider as well the possibility to enable authorities designated or accredited to fulfil management, certification and audit functions during the period 2014-2020, which have proven their capacity, to continue implementing such functions in the next programming period without interruption or delay;*

Or. en

**Amendment 131**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 57 – point e a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(e a) to proactively assist Member States which encounter difficulties with timely and smooth absorption of available Union funding by using the available resources for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission;*

Or. en

**Amendment 132**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 58**

*Motion for a resolution*

58. Notes that the Commission uses two sets of objectives and indicators to measure the performance of its services and of spending programmes;

*Amendment*

58. Notes that the Commission uses two sets of objectives and indicators to measure the performance of its services and of spending programmes; ***regrets the almost-non-existence of usable and efficient impact and outcome indicators to measure, and to distribute information about, the performance of Union expenditure;***

Or. en

**Amendment 133**

**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 58**

*Motion for a resolution*

58. Notes that the Commission uses two sets of objectives and indicators to measure the performance of its services and of spending programmes;

*Amendment*

58. Notes ***with concern*** that the Commission uses two sets of objectives and indicators to measure the performance of its services and of spending programmes ***with hardly any cross-references, which hampers comparability between different types of performance documents;***

Or. en

**Amendment 134**

**Indrek Tarand**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 59**

*Motion for a resolution*

59. Points out that the AARs of the directors general report on the annual payments of directorates-general by type of

*Amendment*

59. Points out that the AARs of the directors general report on the annual payments of directorates-general by type of

activity or spending programme, whilst on performance they report on the achievement of general and specific objectives with no indication of the corresponding expenditure; *regrets* that it is not possible to assess how much was spent on pursuing the set objectives;

activity or spending programme, whilst on performance they report on the achievement of general and specific objectives with no indication of the corresponding expenditure; *disagrees with Commission's explanation* that it is not possible to assess how much was spent on pursuing the set objectives; *calls on the Commission to fully implement the PBB principle of budget planning, implementation and reporting phase which will allow the ex-post reporting on the funds spent in pursuing the set objectives;*

Or. en

**Amendment 135**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 59**

*Motion for a resolution*

59. Points out that the AARs of the directors general report on the annual payments of directorates-general by type of activity or spending programme, whilst on performance they report on the achievement of general and specific objectives with no indication of the corresponding expenditure; regrets that it is not possible to assess how much was spent on pursuing the set objectives;

*Amendment*

*(Does not affect English version.)*

Or. es

**Amendment 136**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 60**



*Motion for a resolution*

60. Recalls that, in 2016, the OECD carried out a performance budgeting survey in OECD countries and at the Commission; that the OECD considered the Commission's performance framework to be the most extensive, which may partly be explained by the number of legal requirements in the EU;

*Amendment*

60. Recalls that, in 2016, the OECD carried out a performance budgeting survey in OECD countries and at the Commission; **in this regard, welcomes the OECD's acknowledgement of the quality of the data and of the implementation of the EU's budget; recalls** that the OECD considered the Commission's performance framework to be the most extensive, which may partly be explained by the number of legal requirements in the EU;

Or. es

**Amendment 137**

**Martina Dlabajová, Andrey Novakov, Wolf Klinz**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 62**

*Motion for a resolution*

62. Notes that the programme statements for the EU's 2017 draft general budget contain 294 objectives and 709 indicators, which are particularly highly concentrated under MFF headings 1a, 3, 4, and that through the 'budget focused on results' (BFOR) initiative, the Commission is currently undertaking a review of its indicators to provide input for the next generation of spending programmes;

*Amendment*

62. Notes that the programme statements for the EU's 2017 draft general budget contain 294 objectives and 709 indicators, which are particularly highly concentrated under MFF headings 1a, 3, 4, and that through the 'budget focused on results' (BFOR) initiative, the Commission is currently undertaking a review of its indicators to provide input for the next generation of spending programmes; ***stresses that the Commission should use mainly results indicators that have performance relevant value;***

Or. en

**Amendment 138**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 62 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**62a.** *Stresses the need for a transparent and democratic process of establishing performance indicators involving all the EU institutions, partners and stakeholders concerned in order to make the indicators adequate for measuring the implementation of the EU budget, as well as to meet the expectations of EU citizens;*

Or. es

**Amendment 139**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 62 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**62a.** *Calls on the Commission to consult academic expertise in order to define the proper performance indicators needed for the BFOR measurements and to be able to prioritize investment in public goods to reply to citizens' concerns;*

Or. en

**Amendment 140**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 64 – introductory part**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

64. Regrets that the AMPRs for 2015 and 2016 did not provide comprehensive coverage of performance **and were overly**

64. Regrets that the AMPRs for 2015 and 2016 did not provide comprehensive coverage of performance, the only

*positive*, the only shortfalls to which they refer being implementation delays; regrets that the reports also:

shortfalls to which they refer being implementation delays; regrets that the reports also

Or. es

**Amendment 141**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 66**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**66.** *Deplores the fact that the Commission has not carried out a study on its use of evaluation results, or had one made, since 2005;*

*deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 142**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 66 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**66a.** *as explained in the annual report of the Court in chapter 3, conclusion 4, takes note that follow up evaluations is an intrinsic part of the better regulation system inn the Commission whereby evaluations results feed into impact assessments, which are publicly available documents, as well as into the process of annual programming and planning of Commission activities; the Commission systematically reviews evaluation results which are set-out in the REFIT scoreboard which is updated annually and in the Court's reports to the legislator;*

**Amendment 143**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 67**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**67. Points out that the Commission has no documented institutional system for the regular follow-up of evaluations;** *deleted*

**Amendment 144**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 68**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**68. Points out, in particular, that in practice the 2016 management plans of the directorates-general established no basis for monitoring the follow-up on evaluation;** *deleted*

**Amendment 145**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 69**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**69. Furthermore, regrets that as the Commission does not have an overview of the conclusions, recommendations or** *deleted*

*action plans resulting from its evaluations, or track their implementation at institutional or DG level, it cannot inform stakeholders about the positive impact of evaluations;*

Or. es

#### **Amendment 146**

**Petri Sarvamaa**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 70**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

70. ***Stresses*** that AARs do not include a declaration on the quality of the reported performance data, and that consequently in adopting the AMPR, the College of Commissioners takes overall political responsibility for the management of the EU budget but not for the information on performance and results;

###### *Amendment*

70. ***Regrets*** that AARs do not include a declaration on the quality of the reported performance data, and that consequently in adopting the AMPR, the College of Commissioners takes overall political responsibility for the management of the EU budget but not for the information on performance and results;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 147**

**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 70**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

70. ***Stresses*** that AARs do not include a declaration on the quality of the reported performance data, and that consequently in adopting the AMPR, the College of Commissioners takes overall political responsibility for the management of the EU budget but not for the information on performance and results;

###### *Amendment*

70. ***Regrets*** that AARs do not include a declaration on the quality of the reported performance data, and that consequently in adopting the AMPR, the College of Commissioners takes overall political responsibility for the management of the EU budget but not for the information on performance and results;

**Amendment 148**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 70**

*Motion for a resolution*

70. Stresses that AARs do not include a declaration on the quality of the reported performance data, *and that consequently in adopting the AMPR, the College of Commissioners takes overall political responsibility for the management of the EU budget but not for the* information on performance *and results*;

*Amendment*

70. Stresses that AARs do not include a declaration on the quality of the reported performance data; *welcomes the Commission's commitment to integrate information on the sources and quality of the data, where possible, including an in-depth analysis of the performance data provided by the Member States*;

**Amendment 149**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 70 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*70a. Reiterates its call for thematic concentration, as expressed in its discharge report on budget year 2015; calls on the Commission to inquire to what extent thematic concentration could contribute to simplification and a decrease of the regulatory burden and control burden;*

*Amendment*

**Amendment 150**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 70 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**70a. Welcomes and takes a careful note of the Court's observations on performance frameworks and reporting by entities within and outside the EU, especially as regards performance data quality and declaration on the quality of performance data;**

Or. en

**Amendment 151**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 71 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**71a. Shares the opinion of the Court that the performance reporting framework applied by the Commission could benefit from adopting international good practices;**

Or. en

**Amendment 152**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 72 – point a – indent 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- further reducing the number of objectives and indicators it uses for its various performance reports and focusing on those which best measure the performance of the Union budget; in preparing the next MFF, the Commission

- further reducing the number of objectives and indicators it uses for its various performance reports and focusing on those which best measure the performance of the Union budget; in preparing the next MFF, the Commission

should propose less numerous and more appropriate indicators for the legal framework of the next generation of programmes; in this context, it should also consider the relevance of indicators for which information cannot be obtained until several years have elapsed;

should propose less numerous and more appropriate ***outcome and impact*** indicators for the legal framework of the next generation of programmes; in this context, it should also consider the relevance of indicators for which information cannot be obtained until several years have elapsed;

Or. en

**Amendment 153**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 72 – point d**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(d) take overall political responsibility in the AMPR for the information on performance and results and indicate, to the best of its knowledge, whether the performance information provided is of sufficient quality;*

*deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 154**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 75**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*75. Asks the Commission to present the Union budget according to the political objectives of the MFF;*

*deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 155**



**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 77 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**77a. Notes with concern that as to the revenue for 2016, the director general of Directorate-General for Budget has issued a reservation for the traditional own resources revenue, in view of the OLAF's fraud case related to United Kingdom customs duties;**

Or. en

**Amendment 156**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 77 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**77a. Calls on the Commission to develop an action plan to ensure the full and on time implementation of the VAT regulations in all and every Member State in order to secure this source of Union own resources;**

Or. en

**Amendment 157**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 77 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**77b. Points out that for 2016 the revenue affected by the quantified reservation is approximately EUR 517**

*million against total amount of EUR 20.1 billion of Traditional Own Resources: i.e. 2,5 % of Traditional Own Resources or 0,38% of all resources; calls on the Commission to provide precise information on this fraud case, which may also indirectly affect the Value Added Tax basis of some Member States and thus Value Added Tax-related resources plus the Gross National Income-related balancing of the Commission<sup>1a</sup>;*

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*<sup>1a</sup> See Commission's 2016 Annual Management and Performance Report for the EU Budget, p. 81.*

Or. en

**Amendment 158**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 78**

*Motion for a resolution*

78. Stresses that the Commission inspections found that by October 2017, the UK authorities had not introduced remedial measures to prevent continued traditional own resource losses;

*Amendment*

78. Stresses that the Commission inspections found that by October 2017, the UK authorities had not introduced remedial measures to prevent continued traditional own resource losses; *notes that from 12 October 2017 the UK authorities started to apply temporarily value thresholds at clearance to certain traders (so called Customs Operation Swift Arrow) with immediate result that the Traditional Own Resources losses incurred in the UK decreased dramatically;*

Or. en

**Amendment 159**

**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 78**

*Motion for a resolution*

78. ***Stresses that the Commission inspections found*** that by October 2017, the UK authorities had not introduced remedial measures to prevent continued traditional own resource losses;

*Amendment*

78. ***Regrets the Commission's findings*** that by October 2017, the UK authorities had not introduced remedial measures to prevent continued traditional own resource losses;

Or. en

**Amendment 160  
Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 78 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***78a. Regrets the discrepancies in the level of customs checks between the various Member States; highlights the importance of harmonising checks at all points of entry into the Customs Union and calls on the Member States to ensure a coordinated, uniform and efficient implementation of the border system, discouraging diverging practices between Member States to reduce the number of existing loopholes in customs check systems; calls on the Commission, in this respect, to examine different customs check practices in the EU and their impact on the deviation of trade, focusing in particular on EU customs practices at external borders, and to develop reference analyses and information on customs operations and the procedures used in the Member States;***

Or. it

**Amendment 161**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 79**

*Motion for a resolution*

79. Recalls that the new decision on the Union's own resources system (2014 ORD), which entered into force on 1 October 2016, with retroactive effect from 1 January 2014, stipulated that when **compiling** GNI for own resources purposes, the European system of national and regional accounts (ESA 2010) accounting framework should be used, and that this foresees that research and developments spending be considered as an investment (instead as of current expenditure under the preceding ESA 95 scheme);

*Amendment*

79. Recalls that the new decision on the Union's own resources system (2014 ORD), which entered into force on 1 October 2016, with retroactive effect from 1 January 2014, stipulated that when **considering** GNI for own resources purposes, the European system of national and regional accounts (ESA 2010) accounting framework should be used, and that this foresees that research and developments spending be considered as an investment (instead as of current expenditure under the preceding ESA 95 scheme); **notes that in the case of other programmes with high added value for the EU such as the CEF, this same consideration should be applied;**

Or. es

**Amendment 162**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 80**

*Motion for a resolution*

80. Notes that Ireland's reported GNI **increased very significantly in 2015 because of multinational companies relocating R&D assets to the country;**

*Amendment*

**deleted**

Or. it

**Amendment 163**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 81**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**81. *Points out that the Commission has to carry out additional work to ascertain the potential implications of multinational activities for national accounts, in terms both of methodology and of the verification process and that it could trigger adjustments for the Member States' GNI contributions;***

*deleted*

Or. it

**Amendment 164**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 84**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**84. *Points out*** that the Commission noted that six Member states - Belgium, Estonia, Italy, Portugal, Romania, and Slovenia - either did not carry out any post-clearance audits or did not provide any information on these audits;

**84. *Regrets*** that the Commission noted that six Member states - Belgium, Estonia, Italy, Portugal, Romania, and Slovenia - either did not carry out any post-clearance audits or did not provide any information on these audits;

Or. en

**Amendment 165**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 85 – point c**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

(c) *analyse, in cooperation with Member States, all the potential implications of multinational activities on the estimation of GNI, and provide guidance to them on how to deal with these activities when compiling national accounts*

*deleted*

Or. it

**Amendment 166**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 85 – point d**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

(d) confirm, during the GNI verification cycle, that R&D assets have been correctly captured in Member States' national accounts, paying particular attention to the valuation of R&D assets and to residency criteria in cases where multinational activities have relocated;

*(Does not affect English version.)*

Or. es

**Amendment 167**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 85 – point d a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***(d a) shall bring forward proposals for new own resources in order to ensure stability of the EU budget***

Or. en

**Amendment 168**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 89**

*Motion for a resolution*

89. Observes that if the Commission or independent auditors had made proper use of all the information at their disposal, the estimated level of error for this chapter would have been **1,2** % lower;

*Amendment*

89. Observes that if the Commission or independent auditors had made proper use of all the information at their disposal, the estimated level of error for this chapter would have been **2.9** % lower;

Or. es

**Amendment 169**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 90**

*Motion for a resolution*

90. Appreciates that the Commission has invested considerable efforts in reducing administrative complexity, by introducing a new definition of additional remuneration for researchers, streamlining the Horizon 2020 work programme for 2018-2020, providing targeted support for start-ups and innovators and making wider use of lump-sum funding for projects;

*Amendment*

90. Appreciates that the Commission has invested considerable efforts in reducing administrative complexity, by introducing a new definition of additional remuneration for researchers, streamlining the Horizon 2020 work programme for 2018-2020, providing targeted support for start-ups and innovators and making wider use of lump-sum funding for projects;  
***notes, however, that the Court sees both opportunities and risks in further simplifying the legal framework;***

Or. es

**Amendment 170**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 90**

*Motion for a resolution*

90. Appreciates that the Commission has invested considerable efforts in ***reducing*** administrative complexity, by introducing a new definition of additional remuneration for researchers, streamlining the Horizon 2020 work programme for 2018-2020, providing targeted support for start-ups and innovators and making wider use of ***lump-sum funding for projects***;

*Amendment*

90. Appreciates that the Commission has invested considerable efforts in ***simplification leading to reduction of*** administrative complexity, by introducing a new definition of additional remuneration for researchers, streamlining the Horizon 2020 work programme for 2018-2020, providing targeted support for start-ups and innovators and making wider use of ***Simplified Cost Options***;

Or. en

**Amendment 171**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 92**

*Motion for a resolution*

**92. Notes that, in line with the EU 2020 strategy, according to the “Strategic Plan for 2016-2020”, DG R&I pursued four objectives:**

- (a) a new boost for jobs, growth and investment;***
- (b) a connected digital single market;***
- (c) a resilient energy union with a forward looking climate-change policy; and***
- (d) becoming stronger global actor;***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

Or. es

**Amendment 172**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 92 – point a**



*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

(a) *a new boost for jobs, growth and investment;* *deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 173**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 92 – point b**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

(b) *a connected digital single market;* *deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 174**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 92 – point c**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

(c) *a resilient energy union with a forward looking climate-change policy; and* *deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 175**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 92 – point d**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

(d) *becoming stronger global actor;* *deleted*

**Amendment 176**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 93**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

93. Welcomes the fact that in pursuing these objectives, Commissioner Moedas has established three priorities, namely “open innovation”, “open science” and “open to the world”; *deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 177**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 94 – introductory part**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

94. Notes that in order to measure progress towards *these* objectives the DG R&I used five key performance indicators (KPI):

94. Notes that in order to measure progress towards *the fixed* objectives the DG R&I used five key performance indicators (KPI):

Or. es

**Amendment 178**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 96**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

96. Recalls that the evaluation of FP 7 was dealt with in the previous discharge

96. Recalls that *given the low implementation rate of H2020 in 2015*, the

report<sup>78</sup>;

evaluation of FP 7 was dealt with in the previous discharge report<sup>78</sup>;

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<sup>78</sup> P8\_TA(2017)0143, points 120 and 121.

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<sup>78</sup> P8\_TA(2017)0143, points 120 and 121.

Or. es

**Amendment 179**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 98**

*Motion for a resolution*

98. ***Pinpoints*** that 73% (almost EUR 12 billion) of Horizon 2020 funding goes to Germany (EUR 3 464 million), the United Kingdom (EUR 3 083), France (EUR 1 813), Spain (EUR 1 813) and Italy (EUR 1 664);

*Amendment*

98. ***Notes with concern that the territorial distribution of H2020 is conspicuously limited given*** that 73% (almost EUR 12 billion) of Horizon 2020 funding goes to Germany (EUR 3 464 million), the United Kingdom (EUR 3 083), France (EUR 1 813), Spain (EUR 1 813) and Italy (EUR 1 664);

Or. es

**Amendment 180**  
**Ingeborg Gräble**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 98 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***98a. Notes that 183 grant agreements for Horizon 2020 were signed with participants from Third Countries in 2016; points out that EUR 299,5 million have been committed to participants from Switzerland in grant agreements signed in 2016 while the contribution of Switzerland to Horizon 2020 amounted to EUR 180,9 million; refuses to grant a***

*"net recipient status" to one of the wealthiest countries in the world; calls on the Commission to put forward regulation to compensate such an imbalance;*

Or. en

**Amendment 181**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 99**

*Motion for a resolution*

99. *Acknowledges the success of* the common support centre *and* its contribution to delivering simplification and legal and technical advice; asks DG R&I *which* simplification measures *it intends to propose* for the period post-2020;

*Amendment*

99. *In this regard, reminds* the common support centre *of the need to expand* its contribution to delivering simplification and legal and technical advice; asks DG R&I *to increase the* simplification measures *and the measures to restore territorial balance* for the period post-2020;

Or. es

**Amendment 182**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 103**

*Motion for a resolution*

103. *Was interested to learn that* DG R&I *has established* a supervision strategy for financial instruments *and would therefore like to know how DG R&I establishes whether* financial and research-related objectives *have been achieved*;

*Amendment*

103. *Asks* DG R&I *for* a supervision strategy for financial instruments *that involves evaluating the fulfilment of the* financial and research-related objectives;

Or. es

**Amendment 183**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 104**

*Motion for a resolution*

104. *Notes that DG R&I estimated* the overall *detected* error rate at 4,42 %, with a residual error rate of 3,03 %;

*Amendment*

104. *Is concerned that* the overall error rate *detected by DG R&I was estimated* at 4.42 %, with a residual error rate of 3.03 %;

Or. es

**Amendment 184**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 106**

*Motion for a resolution*

106. *Welcomes* DG R&I's examination of the cost-effectiveness of direct and indirect grant management;

*Amendment*

106. *Notes* DG R&I's examination of the cost-effectiveness of direct and indirect grant management;

Or. es

**Amendment 185**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 113 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*113a. Considers that in research and innovation projects as well as Coordination and Support Actions (CSAs), standards and standardization support the impact of research results on different Technology readiness levels (TRLs) as they enhance the marketability and transferability of innovative products*

*and solutions; notes furthermore that standards and related activities support the dissemination of Horizon 2020 project results by spreading knowledge even after projects are finished by making it publicly available; calls on the Commission to enhance the involvement of standardization in upcoming calls and develop KPIs which take standardization activities into account;*

Or. en

**Amendment 186**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 114**

*Motion for a resolution*

114. Learnt from the “Seventh Report on Economic and Social Cohesion”<sup>79</sup> that, on the one hand, convergence is a *fragile* process which can *easily* be halted and reversed by economic crises, but that, *on the other hand*, public investments may reduce the impact of *the* crises;

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<sup>79</sup> The report can be found here:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/en/information/cohesion-report/](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/information/cohesion-report/).

*Amendment*

114. Learnt from the “Seventh Report on Economic and Social Cohesion”<sup>79</sup> that, on the one hand, convergence is a process *which, depending on how it is created and consolidated, entails weaknesses* which can be halted and reversed by *poorly handled* economic crises *like that of 2008*, but that *stable and adequate* public investments may *be essential to* reduce the impact of *these* crises;

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<sup>79</sup> The report can be found here:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/en/information/cohesion-report/](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/information/cohesion-report/).

Or. es

**Amendment 187**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 115**

*Motion for a resolution*

115. Is pleased that the employment **level** in 2016 reached again the 2008 pre-crisis level of 71%, notes **however that the employment level developed very unevenly and** still **remains** too high, in particular among young people;

*Amendment*

115. Is pleased that the employment **rate** in 2016 reached again the 2008 pre-crisis level of 71%, **but the situation varies markedly across the Union and this rate is well below the Europe 2020 target of 75%**; notes **with concern that unemployment rates** still **remain** too high, in particular among young people **and long-term unemployed**;

Or. en

**Amendment 188**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 115**

*Motion for a resolution*

115. **Is pleased** that the employment level in 2016 reached again the 2008 pre-crisis level of 71 %, notes **however** that the employment level developed very unevenly and still remains too high, in particular among young people;

*Amendment*

115. **Notes** that the employment level in 2016 reached again the 2008 pre-crisis level of 71 %, notes **with concern** that the employment level developed very unevenly and **unemployment** still remains too high, in particular among young people **, and inequalities have increased considerably**;

Or. es

**Amendment 189**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 116**

*Motion for a resolution*

116. Remains convinced that better and more numerous links are needed between economic governance mechanisms and

*Amendment*

116. Remains convinced that better and more numerous links are needed between economic governance mechanisms and

cohesion policy;

cohesion policy *provided that they lead to its improvement and progress*;

Or. es

#### **Amendment 190**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 116**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

116. Remains convinced *that better and more numerous links are needed between economic governance mechanisms and cohesion policy*;

###### *Amendment*

116. Remains convinced *of the need to incentivise internal demand to stimulate sustainable growth through investments with real added value and actions to recover land and protect the environment*;

Or. it

#### **Amendment 191**

**José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 116**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

116. Remains convinced that better and more numerous links are needed between economic governance mechanisms and cohesion policy;

###### *Amendment*

116. Remains convinced that better and more numerous links are needed between economic governance mechanisms and cohesion policy; *positive incentives could be foreseen for that purpose*;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 192**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 117**



*Motion for a resolution*

117. Welcomes that DG REGIO, in reply to Parliament's questions, detailed its country specific recommendations;

*Amendment*

117. Welcomes that DG REGIO, in reply to Parliament's questions, detailed its country specific recommendations; ***notes with interest, however, that the annual activity reports are not intended to provide detailed reports on the implementation of the country-specific recommendations according to Commissioner Oettinger's response to the rapporteur's letter;***

Or. es

**Amendment 193**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 118**

*Motion for a resolution*

118. Is aware that some provisions of the revised Financial Regulation concerning cohesion policy are supposed to enter into force retroactively;

*Amendment*

118. Is aware that some provisions of the revised Financial Regulation concerning cohesion policy are supposed to enter into force retroactively; ***welcomes the agreement reached in December 2017 through which this retroactive application guarantees the legal certainty of all stakeholders and is closely monitored by Parliament, the Commission and the Council;***

Or. es

**Amendment 194**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 119**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**119.** *Is concerned that such modifications may become a source of additional errors, as programmes and projects were selected on the basis of regulations which entered into force on 1 January 2014;*

*deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 195**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 119 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**119a.** *Welcomes the fact, that the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), is the best fund in terms of implementation;*

Or. en

**Amendment 196**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 120**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

120. Notes that the Court issued, for the first time, a qualified opinion on the legality and regularity of payments underlying the accounts; stresses that reimbursement schemes remain more error prone than entitlement schemes; ***points out, however,*** that the data recorded, under the heading “Economic, social and territorial cohesion” ***did not fundamentally change*** compared to previous year;

120. Notes ***with satisfaction*** that the Court issued, for the first time, a qualified, ***and not an adverse,*** opinion on the legality and regularity of payments underlying the accounts; stresses that reimbursement schemes remain more error prone than entitlement schemes; ***welcomes*** that the data recorded, under the heading “Economic, social and territorial cohesion” ***improved*** compared to ***the*** previous year ***(from 5.2% in 2015 to 4.8% in 2016);***

Or. es

**Amendment 197**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 122**

*Motion for a resolution*

122. Notes that the Court estimated the level of error in this policy area at 4,8 %; furthermore that the Court observed that the estimated level of error for cohesion did not include a quantification of 2016 disbursements to financial instruments, amounting to EUR 2,5 billion, that the Court considered to be outside the eligibility period defined in Article 56(1) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 25) (paragraphs 6.20 to 6.21); observes that these disbursements would represent an estimated level of error of 2,0 % to overall Union expenditure<sup>80</sup>;

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<sup>80</sup> OJ C 322, 28.9.2017, p. 19. Box 1.2, footnote 1.

*Amendment*

122. Notes that the Court estimated the level of error in this policy area at 4,8 %; furthermore that the Court observed that the estimated level of error for cohesion did not include a quantification of 2016 disbursements to financial instruments, amounting to EUR 2,5 billion, that the Court considered to be outside the eligibility period defined in Article 56(1) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 25) (paragraphs 6.20 to 6.21); observes that these disbursements would represent an estimated level of error of 2,0 % to overall Union expenditure<sup>80</sup>; ***the Court, however, notes that if the available information had been used correctly, the overall error level would have been 1.1 %;***

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<sup>80</sup> OJ C 322, 28.9.2017, p. 19. Box 1.2, footnote 1.

Or. es

**Amendment 198**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Andrey Novakov, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 123**

*Motion for a resolution*

123. Points out that the errors in cohesion contributed to 43% of the overall estimated level of error of 3,1%;

*Amendment*

123. Points out that the errors in cohesion contributed to 43% of the overall estimated level of error of 3,1%; ***notes that one of the reasons for the high error rate***

*is the complexity of Union' and Member States' regulation;*

Or. en

**Amendment 199**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Rosa D'Amato**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 124 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*124a. Calls on the Commission to duly take into account the remarks of the Court of Auditors, which found inaccuracies in the analysis of the performance of at least four of the 12 ERDF and ESF financial instruments examined in the 2016 European Court of Auditors report; shares the concern of the Court of Auditors, which highlights that these errors have the effect of overstating performance and, if not corrected, could artificially increase the declared amount of eligible expenditure at closure, especially in the case of guarantee funds;*

Or. it

**Amendment 200**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 125**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

125. Notes also that 42% of the errors were caused by ineligible casts included in expenditure declarations, 30% relate to serious failure to respect public procurement rules, and 28% relate to ineligible projects, activities or

125. Notes also that 42% of the errors were caused by ineligible casts included in expenditure declarations, 30% relate to serious failure to respect public procurement rules, and 28% relate to ineligible projects, activities or

beneficiaries;

beneficiaries; *regrets that up until now the public procurement directive has not demonstrated any real effectiveness in combating the enduring weaknesses found;*

Or. it

#### **Amendment 201**

**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 125**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

125. Notes also that 42% of the errors were caused by ineligible *casts* included in expenditure declarations, 30% relate to serious failure to respect public procurement rules, and 28% relate to ineligible projects, activities or beneficiaries;

###### *Amendment*

125. Notes also that 42% of the errors were caused by ineligible *costs* included in expenditure declarations, 30% relate to serious failure to respect public procurement rules, and 28% relate to ineligible projects, activities or beneficiaries;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 202**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 125 a (new)**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

###### *Amendment*

*125a. Notes with regret that one of the main sources of expenditure-related errors under the heading ‘Economic, social and territorial cohesion’ continues to be breaches of the rules on public procurement; points out that serious breaches of the rules on public procurement include the direct award of additional contracts or additional works or services for which no justification is*

*given, the illegal exclusion of bidders, conflicts of interest and discriminatory selection criteria; regards as essential a policy of complete transparency in respect of information concerning contractors and subcontractors, with a view to addressing errors and abuses of the rules;*

Or. it

**Amendment 203**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 126**

*Motion for a resolution*

126. Welcomes that the Court emphasised that projects using the simplified cost options are less error-prone than reimbursements of actual costs;

*Amendment*

126. Welcomes that the Court emphasised that projects using the simplified cost options are less error-prone than reimbursements of actual costs; ***calls on the Commission to simplify performance measurement by reducing the number of objectives and indicators;***

Or. it

**Amendment 204**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 127**

*Motion for a resolution*

127. Is concerned that the sample comprised also three “major projects”, which required the approval of the Commission, and for which Member State authorities had not submitted the necessary application by the 31 March 2017 closure deadline; notes that the Commission should therefore recover the expenditures;

*Amendment*

127. Is concerned that the sample comprised also three “major projects”, which required the approval of the Commission, and for which Member State authorities had not submitted the necessary application by the 31 March 2017 closure deadline; notes that the Commission should therefore recover the expenditures;

*nevertheless recalls that the ECA is not questioning the 2016 expenditure which is considered eligible in accordance with the rules, and if the Commission confirms further problems, it will launch a final revision procedure;*

Or. es

**Amendment 205**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 129**

*Motion for a resolution*

129. Is worried *that years after the start of the 2014-2020 period*, Member States *have designated only 77 % of* the programme authorities responsible for cohesion policy funds; as of 1 March 2017 the Commission received final accounts with expenditure covering just 0,7 % of the budget allocated for the entire programming period; as of mid-2017, the delays in budget implementation were greater than they were at the same point in the 2007-2013 period; notes that consequently, the outstanding commitments at the end of the current financing period could be even higher than in the previous one;

*Amendment*

129. Is worried *by how long it is taking* Member States *to designate* the programme authorities responsible for cohesion policy funds; as of 1 March 2017 the Commission received final accounts with expenditure covering just 0,7 % of the budget allocated for the entire programming period; *due to the delay in adopting the MFF, notes that* as of mid-2017, the delays in budget implementation were greater than they were at the same point in the 2007-2013 period; notes that consequently, the outstanding commitments at the end of the current financing period could be even higher than in the previous one;

Or. es

**Amendment 206**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 131**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

131. Recalls that the summary of data on the progress made in financing and implementing financial engineering instruments in **2016** was only published on **20 September 2018**, and that therefore the Court could not comment on the document;

131. Recalls that the summary of data on the progress made in financing and implementing financial engineering instruments in **March 2017** was only published on **1 October 2017**, and that therefore the Court could not comment on the document;

Or. en

**Amendment 207**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 131**

*Motion for a resolution*

131. Recalls that the summary of data on the progress made in financing and implementing financial engineering instruments in 2016 was only published on 20 September **2018**, and that therefore the Court could not comment on the document;

*Amendment*

131. Recalls that the summary of data on the progress made in financing and implementing financial engineering instruments in 2016 was only published on 20 September **2017**, and that therefore the Court could not comment on the document;

Or. es

**Amendment 208**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 132 – introductory part**

*Motion for a resolution*

132. Notes that the key figures for **2016** are the following:

*Amendment*

132. Notes that the key figures for **2007-2013 programming period on 31 March 2017** are the following:

Or. en

**Amendment 209**



**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 134**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**134.** *Is concerned, in this context, that  
the national audit authorities did not  
sufficiently cover implementation of  
financial engineering instruments;* *deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 210  
Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 138**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**138.** *Notes that the DG REGIO  
highlights its contribution to the EU 2020  
objectives:* *deleted*

*(a) creating jobs, growth and investments,*  
*(b) developing the digital single market,*  
*(c) further energy efficiency and the  
digital Single Market,*  
*(d) enhancing the effectiveness of the  
Single Market, and*  
*(e) assisting the effective integration of  
migrants;*

Or. es

**Amendment 211  
Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 138 – point a**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(a) creating jobs, growth and investments,**

***deleted***

Or. es

**Amendment 212  
Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 138 – point b**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(b) developing the digital single market,**

***deleted***

Or. es

**Amendment 213  
Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 138 – point c**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(c) further energy efficiency and the digital Single Market,**

***deleted***

Or. es

**Amendment 214  
Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 138 – point d**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(d) enhancing the effectiveness of the**

***deleted***

*Single Market, and*

Or. es

**Amendment 215**

**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 138 – point e**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(e) assisting the effective integration of migrants;* *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 216**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 138 – point e**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(e) assisting the effective integration of migrants;* *deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 217**

**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 138 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***138a. Takes note also that the ERDF-CF ex-post evaluation indicates that although regional convergence over the 2007-2013 programming period was insufficient,***

*without Cohesion Policy there would have been divergence, because the financial crisis of 2007-2008 created a poor climate for investment and convergence;*

Or. en

**Amendment 218**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 144**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*144. Attaches great importance to the ex-ante conditionalities, which set out sector-specific and horizontal conditions to ensure effective spending; believes that once the ex-ante conditionalities are fulfilled, together with the 10% retention from payments foreseen by the revised regulation, implementation of projects will be easier and less error-prone;*

*deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 219**  
**José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 144**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

144. Attaches great importance to the ex-ante conditionalities, which set out sector-specific and horizontal conditions to ensure effective spending; believes that once the ex-ante conditionalities are fulfilled, together with the 10% retention from payments foreseen by the revised regulation, implementation of projects will be easier and less error-prone;

144. Attaches great importance to the ex-ante conditionalities, which set out sector-specific and horizontal conditions to ensure effective spending; believes that once the ex-ante conditionalities are fulfilled, together with the 10% retention from payments foreseen by the revised regulation, implementation of projects will be easier and less error-prone, *although*

*stresses that they have been a source of complexity and the cause of delays in the implementation of certain programmes, calls on the Commission to continue with its simplification trend also in this regard;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 220**

**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 144**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

144. *Attaches* great importance to the ex-ante conditionalities, ***which set*** out sector-specific and horizontal conditions to ensure effective spending; ***believes that once the ex-ante conditionalities are fulfilled, together with the 10% retention from payments foreseen by the revised regulation, implementation of projects will be easier and less error-prone;***

###### *Amendment*

144. ***Recalls the*** great importance ***attributed*** to the ex-ante conditionalities ***for setting*** out sector-specific and horizontal conditions to ensure effective spending ***of ESIF, however, stresses the Court's opinion in its Special Report 15/2017 questioning to what extent this has effectively led to changes on the ground;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 221**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Rosa D'Amato**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 147**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

147. Regrets furthermore that in general only 26,1% of projects were selected, and only 3,7% of the available structural funds absorbed at the end of 2016 and whereas the selection process accelerated in 2017, the slow start may lead to a high number of outstanding commitments at the end of the current financing period;

###### *Amendment*

147. Regrets furthermore that in general only 26,1% of projects were selected, and only 3,7% of the available structural funds absorbed at the end of 2016 and whereas the selection process accelerated in 2017, the slow start may lead to a high number of outstanding commitments at the end of the current financing period; ***calls on the Commission to guarantee further efforts to strengthen the administrative capacity***

*of national, regional and local  
authorities;*

Or. it

**Amendment 222**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 148**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**148. Emphasises that project selection was particularly slow in Spain, Cyprus, Romania, Austria, in the Czech Republic, in Croatia and Slovakia;**

**deleted**

Or. es

**Amendment 223**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 149**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

149. Notes that, **consequently**, for most of the operational programmes (247 out of 295) no amounts were certified in the accounts ("zero accounts") since no expenditure was declared until 31/07/2016;

149. Notes that for most of the operational programmes (247 out of 295) no amounts were certified in the accounts ("zero accounts") since no expenditure was declared until 31/07/2016;

Or. es



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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **224 - 450**

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**Amendment 224**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 151**

*Motion for a resolution*

151. Is concerned however that 7 of 9 Commission audits into high risk operational programmes or areas revealed significant deficiencies (*in Hungary, the transport, electronic administration and implementation operational programmes; in Italy, the Reti e mobilità, istruzione priority 3 and technical assistance operational programmes; in Romania, the competitiveness and environment operational programmes*);

*Amendment*

151. Is concerned however that 7 of 9 Commission audits into high risk operational programmes or areas revealed significant deficiencies;

Or. es

**Amendment 225**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Rosa D'Amato**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 154**

*Motion for a resolution*

154. Notes that the Commission estimated the overall average error rate on 2016 payments for the 2007-2013 ERDF/CF programmes to be in the range of 2.2% to 4.2%, and the residual error rate at closure to be approximately 0.4%;

*Amendment*

154. Notes that the Commission estimated the overall average error rate on 2016 payments for the 2007-2013 ERDF/CF programmes to be in the range of 2.2% to 4.2%, and the residual error rate at closure to be approximately 0.4%; *stresses that once again, 'Cohesion' was the biggest contributor to the estimated level of error for 2016, followed by 'Natural resources', 'Competitiveness' and 'Global Europe'; calls on the Commission to keep working with Member States to improve their management and control systems and to continue to use available legal supervisory*

*tools to ensure that all material errors are corrected;*

Or. it

**Amendment 226**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 22**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Specific issues*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 227**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 156**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Greece*

*deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 228**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 156**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Greece*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 229**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 156**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Greece*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 230**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 156**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**156. Welcomes DG REGIO's efforts to make progress with the priority project list in Greece;**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 231**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 157**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**157. In this context, welcomes:**

*deleted*

**(a) the establishment of four highway concessions (Athens-Thessaloniki, Korinthos-Tripoli-Kalamata, Korinthos-Patras and Patras-Ioannina; covering between them more than 1,000 km of road), which are now operational and very much appreciated by users,**

**(b) the programme "energy savings in households" (combination of FEI with**

*grants), which improved energy efficiency in 46,000 households and created 6,000 jobs; demand was so high that a successor programme for 2014-2020 was immediately created,*

*(c) financial instruments, notably JEREMIE, allowing the creation or safeguarding of more than 20,000 jobs,*

*(d) the e-prescription for medicines project, which manages monthly more than 5.5 million electronic prescriptions and 2.4 million diagnostic referrals, with the involvement of 13,000 pharmacies and 50,000 doctors, and has led to considerable cost savings for the Greek public health budget;*

Or. en

**Amendment 232**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 157 – point a**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(a) the establishment of four highway concessions (Athens-Thessaloniki, Korinthos-Tripoli-Kalamata, Korinthos-Patras and Patras-Ioannina; covering between them more than 1,000 km of road), which are now operational and very much appreciated by users,* *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 233**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 157 – point b**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(b) *the programme "energy savings in households" (combination of FEI with grants), which improved energy efficiency in 46,000 households and created 6,000 jobs; demand was so high that a successor programme for 2014-2020 was immediately created,*** ***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 234**

**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 157 – point c**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(c) *financial instruments, notably JEREMIE, allowing the creation or safeguarding of more than 20,000 jobs,*** ***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 235**

**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 157 – point d**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(d) *the e-prescription for medicines project, which manages monthly more than 5.5 million electronic prescriptions and 2.4 million diagnostic referrals, with the involvement of 13,000 pharmacies and 50,000 doctors, and has led to considerable cost savings for the Greek public health budget;*** ***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 236**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 158**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**158. Regrets on the other hand that:** ***deleted***

***(a) the metro projects in Athens (line 3 extension to Piraeus) and Thessaloniki (base line) have incurred serious delays which necessitated their phasing into the 2014-2020 programming period;***

***(b) some key projects in the railway, digital and energy sectors were cancelled or are delayed, and that as a consequence they have been phased or transferred in their entirety to the 2014-2020 programming period;***

***(c) a large part of the waste water and solid waste management infrastructures remain to be completed;***

Or. en

**Amendment 237**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 158 – introductory part**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**158. Regrets on the other hand that:**

**158. Regrets on the other hand that**  
***owing to a large extent to the brutal impact of the economic crisis:***

Or. es

**Amendment 238**

**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 158 – point a**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(a)     *the metro projects in Athens (line 3 extension to Piraeus) and Thessaloniki (base line) have incurred serious delays which necessitated their phasing into the 2014-2020 programming period;***     *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 239  
Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 158 – point b**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(b)     *some key projects in the railway, digital and energy sectors were cancelled or are delayed, and that as a consequence they have been phased or transferred in their entirety to the 2014-2020 programming period;***     *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 240  
Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 158 – point c**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(c)     *a large part of the waste water and solid waste management infrastructures remain to be completed;***     *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 241**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 160**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Czech Republic*

*deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 242**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 160**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Czech Republic*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 243**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 160**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Czech Republic*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 244**  
**Tamás Deutsch**



**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 159**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**159. Calls on DG REGIO to keep the European parliament informed about future progress;**

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 245**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Andrey Novakov, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 159**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**159. Calls on DG REGIO to keep the European parliament informed about future progress;**

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 246**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 159**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**159. Calls on DG REGIO to keep the European parliament informed about future progress;**

**159. Calls on DG REGIO *and OLAF* to keep the European parliament informed about future progress *and outcome of the ongoing investigations in the Czech Republic and on the necessary measures taken in light of these inquiries*;**

Or. en

**Amendment 247**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 159**

*Motion for a resolution*

159. Calls on DG REGIO to keep the European parliament informed about future progress;

*Amendment*

159. Calls on DG REGIO to keep the European parliament informed about future progress *in the Czech Republic*;

Or. es

**Amendment 248**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Andrey Novakov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 160**

*Motion for a resolution*

**160. Welcomes the fact that the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) has completed its administrative investigation into the Czech “stork nest” project; takes note that the OLAF case file has been publicised by the Czech media; regrets that OLAF found serious irregularities;**

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 249**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 160**

*Motion for a resolution*

**160. Welcomes the fact that the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) has completed its administrative investigation into the Czech “stork nest” project; takes note that the OLAF case file has been**

*Amendment*

*deleted*

*publicised by the Czech media; regrets that OLAF found serious irregularities;*

Or. en

**Amendment 250**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 160**

*Motion for a resolution*

160. Welcomes the fact that the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) has completed its administrative investigation into the Czech “stork nest” project; takes note that the OLAF case file has been publicised by the Czech media; regrets that OLAF found serious irregularities;

*Amendment*

160. Welcomes the fact that the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) has completed its administrative investigation into the Czech “stork nest” project; takes note that the OLAF case file has been **widely** publicised by the Czech **and international** media; regrets that OLAF found serious irregularities **and notes with deep concern that its investigation involved actors on the highest political level, including the PM;**

Or. en

**Amendment 251**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 161**

*Motion for a resolution*

**161. Calls on DG REGIO to recover the Union co-financing involved, i.e. EUR 1,67 million;**

*Amendment*

**deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 252**

**Martina Dlabajová, Andrey Novakov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 161**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**161. Calls on DG REGIO to recover the Union co-financing involved, i.e. EUR 1,67 million;**

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 253**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 161**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**161. Calls on DG REGIO to recover the Union co-financing involved, i.e. EUR 1,67 million;**

**161. Calls on DG REGIO to recover the Union co-financing involved, i.e. EUR 1,67 million, *and to apply necessary sanctions*;**

Or. en

**Amendment 254**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 161 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***161a. Deplores that the case of the "stork nest" project is not a unique subsidy malpractice in the Czech Republic but that there are more than four dozens similar cases under national or OLAF investigation; calls on the Czech authorities to create a transparent subsidy environment; calls on the Commission to continue to thoroughly monitor***

*developments in this area;*

Or. en

**Amendment 255**

**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 162**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**162. Calls on the Czech authorities to take appropriate judicial follow-up action to the violation of Czech and European legal provisions;**

**deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 256**

**Martina Dlabajová, Andrey Novakov**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 162**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**162. Calls on the Czech authorities to take appropriate judicial follow-up action to the violation of Czech and European legal provisions;**

**deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 257**

**Tomáš Zdechovský**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 162**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

162. Calls on the Czech authorities to take appropriate judicial follow-up action to the violation of Czech and European legal provisions;

162. Calls on the *relevant* Czech authorities *and law enforcement* to take appropriate judicial follow-up action to the violation of Czech and European legal provisions *in these cases*;

Or. en

**Amendment 258**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 165**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Hungary*

*deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 259**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 165**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Hungary*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 260**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 165**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Hungary*

*deleted*

**Amendment 261**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 163**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**163. *Is concerned at the Commission's observation:*** *deleted*

*(a) that public spending in Hungary suffers from a lack of transparency, and corruption risk in public decision making is perceived to be high;*

*(b) that audit findings reveal irregularities such as breaches of public procurement rules, ineligible expenditure or overpricing of the financed projects;*

*(c) that, in 2017, six out of the 13 operational programmes of the 2007-2013 period were under reservation;*

*(d) that Hungary was the Member State with the highest amount of financial corrections applied in the year 2016 (EUR 211 million);*

*(e) that the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) has, since 2012, issued 37 recommendations on the basis of which indictments have been filed in eight cases; and that currently OLAF has 14 ongoing investigations in Hungary which concern mostly structural and agricultural funds;*

**Amendment 262**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 163 – point a**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

(a) *that public spending in Hungary suffers from a lack of transparency, and corruption risk in public decision making is perceived to be high;* *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 263**

**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 163 – point b**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

(b) *that audit findings reveal irregularities such as breaches of public procurement rules, ineligible expenditure or overpricing of the financed projects;* *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 264**

**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 163 – point c**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

(c) *that, in 2017, six out of the 13 operational programmes of the 2007-2013 period were under reservation;* *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 265**

**Tamás Deutsch**



**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 163 – point d**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(d) that Hungary was the Member State with the highest amount of financial corrections applied in the year 2016 (EUR 211 million);**

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 266**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 163 – point e**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(e) that the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) has, since 2012, issued 37 recommendations on the basis of which indictments have been filed in eight cases; and that currently OLAF has 14 ongoing investigations in Hungary which concern mostly structural and agricultural funds;**

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 267**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 163 – point e a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(ea) that the share of awarded contracts that received only a single bid is in Hungary at 36%; notes that the Union average is 17%; calls on the Commission to promote competition in the bidding processes;**

Or. en

**Amendment 268**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 167**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Poland*

*deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 269**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 167**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Poland*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 270**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 167**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Poland*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 271**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 167**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Poland*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 272**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 164**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**164. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the projects selected by managing authorities are sustainable, i.e. they will be operational and suitably maintained, through earmarked resources secured by the beneficiaries;**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 273**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 164**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**164. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the projects selected by managing authorities are sustainable, i.e. they will be operational and suitably maintained, through earmarked resources secured by the beneficiaries;**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 274**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 164**

*Motion for a resolution*

164. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the projects selected by managing authorities are sustainable, i.e. they will be operational and suitably maintained, through earmarked resources secured by the beneficiaries;

*Amendment*

164. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the projects selected ***in Poland*** by managing authorities are sustainable, i.e. they will be operational and suitably maintained, through earmarked resources secured by the beneficiaries;

Or. es

**Amendment 275**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 165**

*Motion for a resolution*

**165. Calls on the Polish authorities to refrain from making Union legislation more complex by adding national rules (“gold plating”) which go beyond the requirements of EU regulations;**

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 276**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 165**

*Motion for a resolution*

**165. Calls on the Polish authorities to refrain from making Union legislation more complex by adding national rules (“gold plating”) which go beyond the**

*Amendment*

*deleted*

*requirements of EU regulations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 277**

**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 166**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**166. *Is concerned by very slow progress in implementing 2014-2020 EU projects in the railway sector, with key contracts still to be concluded in 2017; notes that cumbersome legal, financial and administrative procedures, together with bottlenecks caused by the railway infrastructure management (PLK S.A.) persist and have led to project delays and insufficient investment;*** ***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 278**

**Ryszard Czarnecki**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 166**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**166. *Is concerned by very slow progress in implementing 2014-2020 EU projects in the railway sector, with key contracts still to be concluded in 2017; notes that cumbersome legal, financial and administrative procedures, together with bottlenecks caused by the railway infrastructure management (PLK S.A.) persist and have led to project delays and insufficient investment;*** ***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 279**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 166 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***166a. Is concerned by the high share (45%) of awarded contracts that received only a single bid in Poland; notes that the Union average is 17%; calls on the Commission to promote competition in the bidding processes;***

Or. en

**Amendment 280**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 22 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia***

Or. en

**Amendment 281**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 166 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***166b. Welcomes the positive assessment of the 10 years' Cooperation and Verifications Mechanism (CVM) for Bulgaria and Romania<sup>1a</sup>; is worried about***

*recent step backwards in the fight against high level corruption in Bulgaria and Romania; calls on the Commission to support and encourage the law enforcement and anti-corruption authorities in both Member States; highlights the impressive track record of the anti-corruption agency in Romania in terms of solving medium and high-level corruption cases; underlines that maintaining this effort is of upmost importance to consolidate the fight against corruption;*

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*<sup>1a</sup> Study "Assessment of the 10 years' Cooperation and Verification Mechanism for Bulgaria and Romania; DG IPOL, Policy department D: budgetary affairs*

Or. en

**Amendment 282**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 166 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*166c. Condemns the recent crimes against journalists most likely related to their investigations about high-level corruption with Union funds in Slovakia; urges the Commission to inform Parliament about Union agriculture funds in Slovakia targeted by the mafia;*

Or. en

**Amendment 283**  
**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 171**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**Volkswagen Group**

***deleted***

Or. hu

**Amendment 284**

**Martina Dlabajová, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 171**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**Volkswagen Group**

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 285**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 171**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**Volkswagen Group**

***deleted***

Or. es

**Amendment 286**

**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 171**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**Volkswagen Group**

**Volkswagen Group *to be moved under paragraph 283***



**Amendment 287**

**Tamás Deutsch**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 167**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**167. Notes that OLAF has also completed an administrative investigation into a loan granted to the Volkswagen Group by the European Investment Bank (EIB);**

***deleted***

**Amendment 288**

**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 167**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**167. Notes that OLAF has also completed an administrative investigation into a loan granted to the Volkswagen Group by the European Investment Bank (EIB);**

**167. Notes that OLAF has also completed an administrative investigation into a loan granted to the Volkswagen Group by the European Investment Bank (EIB); - *to be moved as new paragraph 283a***

**Amendment 289**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 167**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

167. Notes that OLAF has also completed an administrative investigation into a loan granted to the Volkswagen Group by the European Investment Bank (EIB);

167. Notes that OLAF has also completed an administrative investigation into a loan granted to the **German undertaking** Volkswagen Group by the European Investment Bank (EIB);

Or. es

#### **Amendment 290**

**Tamás Deutsch**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 168**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

**168. Takes note of a statement made by the EIB President, Werner Hoyer, stating that: “We still cannot exclude that one of our loans, the 400m EUR loan ‘Volkswagen Antrieb RDI’, was linked to emission control technologies developed at the time the defeat software was designed and used. We will now review OLAF’s conclusions and consider all available and appropriate action. [...] We are very disappointed at what is asserted by the OLAF investigation, namely that the EIB was misled, by VW about the use of the defeat device.”;**

###### *Amendment*

**deleted**

Or. hu

#### **Amendment 291**

**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 168**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

168. Takes note of a statement made by the EIB President, Werner Hoyer, stating that: “We still cannot exclude that one of

###### *Amendment*

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our loans, the 400m EUR loan ‘Volkswagen Antrieb RDI’, was linked to emission control technologies developed at the time the defeat software was designed and used. We will now review OLAF’s conclusions and consider all available and appropriate action. [...]We are very disappointed at what is asserted by the OLAF investigation, namely that the EIB was misled, by VW about the use of the defeat device.”;

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Or. en

**Amendment 292**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 168**

*Motion for a resolution*

168. Takes note of a statement made by the EIB President, Werner Hoyer, stating that: “We still cannot exclude that one of our loans, the 400m EUR loan ‘Volkswagen Antrieb RDI’, was linked to emission control technologies developed at the time the defeat software was designed and used. We will now review OLAF’s conclusions and consider all available and appropriate action. [...]We are very disappointed at what is asserted by the OLAF investigation, namely that the EIB was misled, by VW about the use of the defeat device.”;

*Amendment*

*(Does not affect the English version.)*

Or. es

**Amendment 293**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Subheading 22 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Public Procurement***

Or. en

**Amendment 294  
Ingeborg Gräble**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 168 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***168a. Welcomes the study “Stock-taking of administrative capacity, systems and practices across the Union to ensure the compliance and quality of public procurement involving European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds”; notes with concern that the share of awarded contracts that received only a single bid is high in Poland (45%), Croatia (45 %) and Hungary (36%); asks the Commission to give reasons for such an unusual low competition in public procurement processes in the Member States;***

Or. en

**Amendment 295  
Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 169 – point c**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

(c) the economic recovery that started in 2013 has also been accompanied by a continuous reduction in poverty, measured by the rate of people at risk of poverty

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dropping from 24.7% in 2012 to 23.7% in 2015;

dropping from 24.7% in 2012 to 23.7% in 2015, ***however, the recovery is still not reaching all parts of society and there are 118 million people at risk of poverty and social exclusion in 2016 (1.7 million people above the 2008 level), which is far off-track in reaching the Europe 2020 poverty and social exclusion target;***

Or. en

**Amendment 296**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 169 – point c**

*Motion for a resolution*

(c) the economic recovery that started in 2013 has also been accompanied by a continuous reduction in poverty, measured by the rate of people at risk of poverty dropping from 24.7% in 2012 to 23.7% in 2015;

*Amendment*

(c) the economic recovery that started in 2013 has also been accompanied by a continuous, ***albeit insufficient***, reduction in poverty, measured by the rate of people at risk of poverty dropping from 24.7% in 2012 to 23.7% in 2015;

Or. es

**Amendment 297**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 170**

*Motion for a resolution*

170. Regrets however, that the disparity in income distribution increased between 2013 and 2014 and has remained stable since then;

*Amendment*

170. Regrets however, that the disparity in income distribution increased between 2013 and 2014 and has remained stable since then; ***is concerned that the richest 20% of the population possessed disposable income that was around five times higher than that of the poorest 20% in 2016, with large disparities across***

*countries (and an increase in inequality in some);*

Or. en

**Amendment 298**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 170**

*Motion for a resolution*

170. Regrets however, that the disparity in income distribution increased between 2013 and 2014 and has remained stable since then;

*Amendment*

170. Regrets however, that the disparity in income distribution increased between 2013 and 2014 and, *even though it* has remained stable since then, *in some cases it has continued to grow*;

Or. it

**Amendment 299**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 173**

*Motion for a resolution*

*173. Strongly criticises DG EMPL for not having published the directorate's proposals for country specific recommendations, although Parliament has repeatedly asked for it to do so;*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 300**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 175**

*Motion for a resolution*

175. Welcomes the fact that the DG EMPL has developed a methodology to assess yearly the performance of programmes, but has doubts about the information value of criteria such as “good”, “acceptable” or “poor”;

*Amendment*

*(Does not affect the English version.)*

Or. es

**Amendment 301**  
**Andrey Novakov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 180 – point b**

*Motion for a resolution*

(b) management and control systems for 23 specific ESF operational programmes *in Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Germany, Spain, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Slovakia and the United Kingdom* for the 2007-2013 programming period; and

*Amendment*

(b) management and control systems for 23 specific ESF operational programmes for the 2007-2013 programming period; and

Or. en

**Amendment 302**  
**Andrey Novakov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 180 – point c**

*Motion for a resolution*

(c) management and control systems for 3 ESF or YEI and 1 FEAD operational programmes *in Bulgaria, Croatia, France and Italy* for the programming period 2014-2020;

*Amendment*

(c) management and control systems for 3 ESF or YEI and 1 FEAD operational programmes for the programming period 2014-2020;

**Amendment 303**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 183 – point c**

*Motion for a resolution*

(c) in Italy, a counter-factual evaluation showed that new innovative policies largely supported by the YEI increased the occupational chances of young people by 7.8%, despite significant regional differences;

*Amendment*

(c) in Italy, a counter-factual evaluation showed that new innovative policies largely supported by the YEI increased the occupational chances of young people by 7.8%, despite significant regional differences ***which show there are greater difficulties in the areas with the highest youth unemployment rates;***

Or. it

**Amendment 304**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 183 – point c a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***(ca) in Italy there have been unacceptable delays in payments to trainees under the Youth Guarantee, which call for a careful monitoring of the situation and a specific action plan for those Member States in which this problem is occurring;***

Or. it

**Amendment 305**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**



## Paragraph 184

### *Motion for a resolution*

184. ***Point out*** nevertheless that barely 30% of the available funds have been used, which reflect initial pre-financing and interim payments;

### *Amendment*

184. ***Regrets*** nevertheless that barely 30% of the available funds have been used, which reflect initial pre-financing and interim payments;

Or. es

## Amendment 306

Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 186 a (new)

### *Motion for a resolution*

### *Amendment*

***186a. Notes that, while having a maximum annual budget of EUR 150 million, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund mobilised only EUR 28 million for commitments from the reserve in 2016, benefitting eight Member States;***

Or. en

## Amendment 307

Inés Ayala Sender

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 187 – point b

### *Motion for a resolution*

### *Amendment*

***(b) building a stronger link between cohesion, economic governance and the European semester;***

***deleted***

Or. es

**Amendment 308**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 187 – point b**

*Motion for a resolution*

(b) building *a* stronger **link** between cohesion, economic governance and the European semester;

*Amendment*

(b) building stronger **coordination** between cohesion, economic governance and the European semester ***in order to strengthen achievement of cohesion policy objectives as spelled out in the Treaties for overcoming disparities and inequalities within its three dimensions - economic, social and territorial;***

Or. en

**Amendment 309**  
**José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 187 – point b**

*Motion for a resolution*

(b) building a stronger link between cohesion, economic governance and the European semester;

*Amendment*

(b) building a stronger link, between cohesion, economic governance and the European semester ***considering, among others, positive incentives;***

Or. en

**Amendment 310**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 187 – point c a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

(ca) ***providing strategic administrative support for those regions finding it***

*difficult to absorb the funding;*

Or. it

**Amendment 311**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 187 – point f**

*Motion for a resolution*

(f) faster implementation of programmes and projects, with a view to respecting the seven year financial period (*no n+3*);

*Amendment*

(f) *timely adoption and* faster implementation of programmes and projects, with a view to respecting the seven year financial period;

Or. es

**Amendment 312**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 187 – point f a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

(fa) *considering whether maintaining ex-ante conditionalities for the post-2020 period would materially improve efficiency and effectiveness of Cohesion policy;*

Or. en

**Amendment 313**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 187 – point g**

*Motion for a resolution*

(g) **bringing** financial **engineering** instruments under the EU budget, thereby enhancing transparency and accountability;

*Amendment*

(g) **ensure necessary provisions allowing national audit authorities to cover** financial instruments under the EU budget, **as well as envisaging more stringent rules for reporting by funds managers, including by the EIB Group and other international financial institutions regarding performance and results achieved**, thereby enhancing transparency and accountability;

Or. en

**Amendment 314**

**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 187 – point g**

*Motion for a resolution*

(g) bringing financial engineering instruments under the EU budget, thereby enhancing transparency and accountability;

*Amendment*

(g) bringing financial engineering instruments under the EU budget, thereby enhancing transparency and accountability **and simplifying the overwhelming galaxy of financing instruments**;

Or. en

**Amendment 315**

**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 187 – point g**

*Motion for a resolution*

(g) **bringing** financial engineering instruments under the EU budget, **thereby enhancing transparency and accountability**;

*Amendment*

(g) **enhance transparency and accountability of** financial engineering instruments under the EU budget;

**Amendment 316**  
**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 187 – point g a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(ga) taking into account lessons drawn from the current period and the need for more simplification in order to establish a balanced system ensuring achievement of results and sound financial management without excessive administrative burden that would discourage potential beneficiaries and lead to more errors;*

Or. en

**Amendment 317**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 187 – point g a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(ga) the geographic and social balance to ensure that investments are made where they are most needed;*

Or. es

**Amendment 318**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 187 – point g b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

(gb) *increased social investment;*

Or. es

**Amendment 319**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 188**

*Motion for a resolution*

188. *Insists that the DG REGIO and on DG EMPL publish its proposals for the country specific recommendations in their respective AAR, as repeatedly requested by the European Parliament;*

*Amendment*

188. *Takes note of the detailed reply by Commissioner Oettinger to the rapporteur and of his conclusion that the annual activity reports are not intended to promote country specific recommendations.*

Or. es

**Amendment 320**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Andrey Novakov, Wolf Klinz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 189 – point a**

*Motion for a resolution*

(a) *DG REGIO to report back to Parliament's responsible committee when the "stork nest" file has been closed;*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 321**  
**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 189 – point c**

*Motion for a resolution*

(c) Calls on DG REGIO to report back to Parliament's responsible committee, in the 2016 Commission discharge follow-up, on progress made with ***railway related*** projects ***in Poland***;

*Amendment*

(c) Calls on DG REGIO to report back to Parliament's responsible committee, in the 2016 Commission discharge follow-up, on progress made with ***all above mentioned*** projects;

Or. en

**Amendment 322**

**Georgi Pirinski, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 191**

*Motion for a resolution*

191. Calls on ***DG EMPL*** to encourage the use of the simplified cost ***option***;

*Amendment*

191. Calls on ***the Commission*** to encourage the use of the simplified cost ***options introduced by the "Omnibus" Regulation***;

Or. en

**Amendment 323**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 192 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***192a. Calls on the Commission to provide for further simplification of the rules and a reduction of the administrative burden in order to help decrease the error rate even more;***

Or. it

**Amendment 324**

**Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 197**

*Motion for a resolution*

197. *Notes that if 20% of the CAP beneficiaries receive 80 % of the funds it is because “the distribution of direct payment largely reflects the concentration of land, 20% of farmers also owning 80% of the land; (reply to written question 17 at the CONT hearing with Mr Hogan on 28 November 2018);*

*Amendment*

197. *Recalls its remarks<sup>1a</sup> of the unsustainable structure of CAP expenditure: 44.7% of all Union farms had an annual income of less than EUR 4000, and in 2016 on average the upper 10% of the beneficiaries of CAP direct support received around 60% of the payments<sup>1b</sup>; notes that the distribution of direct payment largely reflects the concentration of land, 20% of farmers also owning 80% of the land; (reply to written question 17 at the CONT hearing with Mr Hogan on 28 November 2018);*

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*<sup>1a</sup> See paragraph 207 of its resolution of 27 April 2017 with observations forming an integral part of the decisions on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015, Section III – Commission and executive agencies (Texts adopted, P8\_TA(2016)0309)*

*<sup>1b</sup> See the Indicative figures on the distribution of aid, by size-class of aid, received in the context of direct aid paid to the producers according to Council Regulation (EC) No 1307/2013 (financial year 2016)*

Or. en

**Amendment 325  
Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 197**



*Motion for a resolution*

197. Notes that if 20% of the CAP beneficiaries receive 80 % of the funds it is because “the distribution of direct payment largely reflects the concentration of land, 20% of farmers also owning 80% of the land; (reply to written question 17 at the CONT hearing with Mr Hogan on 28 November 2018);

*Amendment*

197. Notes that if 20% of the CAP beneficiaries receive 80 % of the funds it is because “the distribution of direct payment largely reflects the concentration of land, 20% of farmers also owning 80% of the land; (reply to written question 17 at the CONT hearing with Mr Hogan on 28 November 2018); ***is concerned about the high concentration of beneficiaries and stresses that a better balance of large and small beneficiaries needs to be found;***

Or. en

**Amendment 326**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 197**

*Motion for a resolution*

197. ***Notes*** that if 20% of the CAP beneficiaries receive 80 % of the funds it is because “the distribution of direct payment largely reflects the concentration of land, 20% of farmers also owning 80% of the land; (reply to written question 17 at the CONT hearing with Mr Hogan on 28 November 2018);

*Amendment*

197. ***Emphasises, with concern,*** that if 20% of the CAP beneficiaries receive 80 % of the funds it is because “the distribution of direct payment largely reflects the concentration of land, 20% of farmers also owning 80% of the land; (reply to written question 17 at the CONT hearing with Mr Hogan on 28 November 2018);

Or. es

**Amendment 327**  
**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 199**

*Motion for a resolution*

***199. Regrets that DG AGRI has not***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

*defined any objective accompanied with indicators to reduce the income inequalities between farms;*

Or. en

**Amendment 328**

**Martina Dlabajová, Andrey Novakov, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 199**

*Motion for a resolution*

199. *Regrets* that DG AGRI *has not defined any* objective accompanied with indicators to reduce the income inequalities between farms;

*Amendment*

199. *Asks* that DG AGRI *to define* objective accompanied with indicators to reduce the income inequalities between farms *in the next MFF*;

Or. en

**Amendment 329**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 200**

*Motion for a resolution*

200. *Reiterates its view that direct payments may not fully play their role as a safety net mechanism for stabilising farm income, particularly for smaller farms given the unbalanced distribution of payments;*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 330**

**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Norbert Lins**

**Motion for a resolution**

## Paragraph 200

### *Motion for a resolution*

200. ***Reiterates its view*** that direct payments ***may not fully play their role as a safety net mechanism for*** stabilising farm income, particularly for smaller farms given the unbalanced distribution of payments;

### *Amendment*

200. ***Points out*** that direct payments ***play an essential role in*** stabilising farm incomes;

Or. de

## Amendment 331

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 201**

### *Motion for a resolution*

201. Is of the opinion that larger farm incomes do not necessarily need the same degree of support for stabilising farm incomes as smaller farms in times of income volatility since they may benefit from economies of scale which are likely to make them more resilient;

### *Amendment*

201. Is of the opinion that ***some of the*** larger farm incomes do not necessarily need the same degree of support for stabilising farm incomes as smaller farms in times of income volatility since they may benefit from economies of scale which are likely to make them more resilient;

Or. en

## Amendment 332

Marco Valli, Laura Agea

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 201 a (new)**

### *Motion for a resolution*

### *Amendment*

***201a. Calls on the Commission to provide for a genuine simplification of the procedure, including in the documentation requested in order to have access to funding, without neglecting the***

*principles of control and monitoring; calls for special attention to be paid to administrative support for small-scale producers, for whom the funding is a vital prerequisite for their business survival;*

Or. it

**Amendment 333**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 202**

*Motion for a resolution*

202. Points out that the Court has estimated that the level of error for the natural resource chapter as a whole is 2.5 % (2.9% in 2015 and 3.6% in 2014); welcomes the positive evolution of the error rate *whilst noting that the 2016 figure is above the materiality threshold;*

*Amendment*

202. Points out that the Court has estimated that the level of error for the natural resource chapter as a whole is 2.5 % (2.9% in 2015 and 3.6% in 2014); welcomes the positive evolution of the error rate;

Or. es

**Amendment 334**  
**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Norbert Lins, Mairead McGuinness**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 205**

*Motion for a resolution*

205. Notes that the greening payments have been a source of errors impacting 17% of the level of error estimated by the Court and that the errors were found mainly to be related to the ecological focus area requirements;

*Amendment*

205. Notes that the greening payments have been a source of errors impacting 17% of the level of error estimated by the Court and that the errors were found mainly to be related to the ecological focus area requirements, *although the error rate for EAGF was below materiality; welcomes in this regard the fall in the error rate for EAGF to 1.7%;*

**Amendment 335**  
**Martina Dlabajová**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 207**

*Motion for a resolution*

207. ***Points out that*** the positive trend in the error rates issued by the Court is not corroborated by the evolution of the amounts at risks reported by DG AGRI in its AARs, namely from 1.38% in 2015 to 1.996% in 2016 (the market measures with an error rate of 2.85% being not included) ***and 4% for both financial years in rural development;***

*Amendment*

207. ***Notes that, as regards direct payments,*** the positive trend in the error rates issued by the Court is not corroborated by the evolution of the amounts at risks reported by DG AGRI in its AARs, namely from 1.38% in 2015 to 1.996% in 2016 (the market measures with an error rate of 2.85% being not included); ***notes positively, however, that the error rates on direct payments reported in the DG AGRI AAR 2016 and by the Court are within the same range;***

**Amendment 336**  
**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Norbert Lins, Mairead McGuinness**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 207**

*Motion for a resolution*

207. Points out ***that*** the positive trend in the error rates issued by the Court ***is not corroborated*** by the evolution of the amounts at risks reported by DG AGRI in its AARs, namely from 1.38% in 2015 to 1.996% in 2016 (the market measures with an error rate of 2.85% being not included) and 4% for both financial years in rural development;

*Amendment*

207. Points out the positive trend in the error rates issued by the Court ***and whereas*** by the evolution of the amounts at risks reported by DG AGRI in its AARs, namely from 1.38% in 2015 to 1.996% in 2016 (the market measures with an error rate of 2.85% being not included) and 4% for both financial years in rural development ***show some fluctuations from one year to another, with the error rate for direct payments remaining below***

*materiality;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 337**

**Ingeborg Gräßle**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 207**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

207. ***Points out that*** the positive trend in the error rates issued by the Court ***is not corroborated by*** the evolution of the amounts at risks reported by DG AGRI in its AARs, namely from 1.38% in 2015 to 1.996% in 2016 (the market measures with an error rate of 2.85% being not included) and 4% for both financial years in rural development;

##### *Amendment*

207. ***Underlines*** the positive trend in the error rates issued by the Court ***despite*** the evolution of the amounts at risks reported by DG AGRI in its AARs, namely from 1.38% in 2015 to 1.996% in 2016 (the market measures with an error rate of 2.85% being not included) and 4% for both financial years in rural development; ***understands that this is not reflecting statistically significant deviations;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 338**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 211**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

211. ***Stresses that weaknesses were detected in particular in the management and control system of Hungary (concerning late management declaration by the paying agency and deficiencies in greening payments), Bulgaria (concerning greening and the organic status of farmers), Poland (concerning greening payments) and Italy (concerning deficiencies in correctly establishing the***

##### *Amendment*

***deleted***

*eligibility of land and an active farmer);*

Or. es

#### **Amendment 339**

**Andrey Novakov**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 211**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

211. Stresses that weaknesses were detected in particular in the management and control *system of Hungary* (concerning late management declaration by the paying agency and deficiencies in greening payments), *Bulgaria (concerning greening and the organic status of farmers), Poland (concerning greening payments) and Italy (concerning deficiencies in correctly establishing the eligibility of land and an active farmer);*

###### *Amendment*

211. Stresses that weaknesses were detected in particular in the management and control *systems in some Member States* concerning late management declaration by the paying agency and deficiencies in greening payments, greening and the organic status of farmers, *and* deficiencies in correctly establishing the eligibility of land and an active farmer;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 340**

**Ryszard Czarnecki**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 211**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

211. Stresses that weaknesses were detected in particular in the management and control system of *Hungary (concerning late management declaration by the paying agency and deficiencies in greening payments), Bulgaria (concerning greening and the organic status of farmers), Poland (concerning greening payments) and Italy (concerning deficiencies in correctly establishing the eligibility of land*

###### *Amendment*

211. Stresses that weaknesses were detected in particular in the management and control system of *four countries as regards accordingly to* late management declaration by the paying agency and deficiencies in greening payments, greening and the organic status of farmers, greening payments *and* deficiencies in correctly establishing the eligibility of land and an active farmer;

and an active farmer);

Or. en

#### **Amendment 341**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 211 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***211a. Regrets the recent cases of fraud relating to paying agencies in Italy; calls on the Commission to actively monitor the situation and provide the relevant details to Parliament in the follow-up to the discharge procedure;***

Or. it

#### **Amendment 342**

**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Norbert Lins, Mairead McGuinness**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 213**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

213. Points out that since the ***error rates reported by the*** Member States ***for each paying agency are not always reliable***, DG AGRI adjusts ***that level of error*** based mainly on the Commission's and the Court's audits carried out in the last three years;

213. Points out that since the ***management and control system of some*** Member States ***are affected by deficiencies***, DG AGRI adjusts ***the reported control statistics*** based mainly on the Commission's and the Court's audits carried out in the last three years ***as well as on the opinion of the Certification Body for the financial year in question;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 343**



**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 213**

*Motion for a resolution*

213. Points out that since the ***error rates reported by the Member States*** for each paying agency are not always reliable, DG AGRI adjusts that level of error based mainly on the Commission's and the Court's audits carried out in the last three years;

*Amendment*

213. Points out that since the ***management and control systems*** for each paying agency are not always ***fully*** reliable, DG AGRI adjusts that level of error based mainly on the Commission's and the Court's audits carried out in the last three years;

Or. en

**Amendment 344**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 218**

*Motion for a resolution*

218. ***Is however particularly concerned by*** the first conclusions drawn by the Commission in its staff working document on “Review of greening after one year” SWD (2016)218 second part page 14 that: “Overall farmers would have to change crops on less than 1% of the total arable land in the EU in order to comply with the crop diversification requirement, and since the vast majority of arable land in the EU is subject to the crop diversification obligation this limited impact appears to reflect current practices by farmers who already are compliant”;

*Amendment*

218. ***Takes note of*** the first conclusions drawn by the Commission in its staff working document on “Review of greening after one year” SWD (2016)218 second part page 14 that: “Overall farmers would have to change crops on less than 1% of the total arable land in the EU in order to comply with the crop diversification requirement, and since the vast majority of arable land in the EU is subject to the crop diversification obligation this limited impact appears to reflect current practices by farmers who already are compliant”;

Or. es

**Amendment 345**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 220**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**220.** *Is particularly concerned that according to the ECA special report 21/2017 entitled “Greening: a more complex income support scheme, not yet environmentally effective”; “Greening is unlikely to provide significant benefits for the environment and climate (...) because greening requirements are generally undemanding and largely reflect normal farming practice” (page 47);*

*deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 346**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 220**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**220.** *Is particularly concerned **that** according to the ECA special report 21/2017 entitled “Greening: a more complex income support scheme, not yet environmentally effective”; “Greening is unlikely to provide significant benefits for the environment and climate (...) because greening requirements are generally undemanding and largely reflect normal farming practice” (page 47);*

**220.** *Is particularly concerned **about the effects codecision had on the effectiveness of** greening : “Greening is unlikely to provide significant benefits for the environment and climate (...) because greening requirements are generally undemanding and largely reflect normal farming practice” (**ECA special report 21/2017 entitled “Greening: a more complex income support scheme, not yet environmentally effective”, p. 47);***

Or. en

**Amendment 347**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 221**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**221. Furthermore, points out that the Court states that due to extensive exemptions, most farmers (65 %) are able to benefit from the green payment without actually being subject to greening obligations; as a result, greening leads to a positive change in farming practices on only a very limited share of EU farmland;**

*deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 348**  
**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Norbert Lins**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 222**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**222. Regrets that the greening schemes are more an instrument for supporting farmers' income than to enhance CAP's environmental and climate performance;**

*deleted*

Or. de

**Amendment 349**  
**José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 222**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**222. Regrets that the greening schemes are *more* an instrument for *supporting* farmers' income than to enhance CAP's environmental and climate performance;**

**222. Notes that the greening schemes are an instrument for *enhancing* CAP's environmental and climate performance rather than supporting farmers' income; agricultural programmes to address environmental and climate needs should**

*include performance targets and funding which reflect the costs incurred and the income lost as a result of activities going beyond the environmental baseline;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 350**

**José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 223**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

223. Deplores the fact that, as they are part of area-based payments, the greening schemes *will* increase the imbalances in the distribution of CAP support;

##### *Amendment*

223. Deplores the fact that, as they are part of area-based payments, the greening schemes *in the actual design of the program could* increase the imbalances in the distribution of CAP support; *calls in this direction to the Commission to consider follow the recommendations made by the Court in the Special Report n° 21/2017;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 351**

**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Norbert Lins**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 224**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

224. Points out *with concern* that according to the Commission: “ the actual impact (of the greening schemes) on environmental outcomes depends on the choices made by Member States and farmers and that so far few Member States made use of the possibilities to limit the use of pesticides and fertilisers in the ecological focus areas”;

##### *Amendment*

224. Points out that according to the Commission: “ the actual impact (of the greening schemes) on environmental outcomes depends on the choices made by Member States and farmers and that so far few Member States made use of the possibilities to limit the use of pesticides and fertilisers in the ecological focus areas”;

**Amendment 352**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 224**

*Motion for a resolution*

224. ***Points out with concern*** that according to the Commission: “ the actual impact (of the greening schemes) on environmental outcomes depends on the choices made by Member States and farmers and that so far few Member States made use of the possibilities to limit the use of pesticides and fertilisers in the ecological focus areas”;

*Amendment*

224. ***Notes*** that according to the Commission: “ the actual impact (of the greening schemes) on environmental outcomes depends on the choices made by Member States and farmers and that so far few Member States made use of the possibilities to limit the use of pesticides and fertilisers in the ecological focus areas”;

**Amendment 353**  
**José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 226**

*Motion for a resolution*

226. ***Deplores*** the fact that greening adds significant complexity to the CAP due to overlaps with the CAP’s other environmental instruments (cross-compliance and the Pillar II environmental measures), ***which creates the*** risk of double funding;

*Amendment*

226. ***Takes note*** the fact that greening adds significant complexity to the CAP due to overlaps with the CAP’s other environmental instruments (cross-compliance and the Pillar II environmental measures), ***in this regard takes note of the Court special report n°21/2017 on greening, where it states that “the Commission and Member States mitigate the related risk of deadweight and*** double funding”;

**Amendment 354**

**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Norbert Lins**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 226**

*Motion for a resolution*

226. Deplores the fact that greening adds significant complexity to the CAP due to overlaps with the CAP's other environmental instruments (cross-compliance and the Pillar II environmental measures), *which creates the risk of double funding*;

*Amendment*

226. Deplores the fact that greening adds significant complexity to the CAP due to overlaps with the CAP's other environmental instruments (cross-compliance and the Pillar II environmental measures);

Or. de

**Amendment 355**

**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Norbert Lins**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 232 – point a**

*Motion for a resolution*

(a) *the Commission to carefully analyse the causes of the overall decline in factor income since 2013 and to define a new key performance objective, accompanied with indicators, aiming at mitigating the income inequalities between the farmers;*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 356**

**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 232 – point a**

*Motion for a resolution*

(a) the Commission to carefully analyse the causes of the overall decline in factor income since 2013 and to define a new key performance objective, accompanied with indicators, aiming at mitigating the income inequalities between the famers;

*Amendment*

(a) the Commission to carefully analyse the causes of the overall decline in factor income since 2013 and to define a new key performance objective, accompanied with ***outcome and impact*** indicators, aiming at mitigating the income inequalities between the famers;

Or. en

**Amendment 357**

**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 232 – point a**

*Motion for a resolution*

(a) the Commission to carefully analyse the causes of the overall decline in factor income since 2013 and to define a new key performance objective, accompanied with indicators, aiming at mitigating the income inequalities between the famers;

*Amendment*

(a) the Commission to carefully analyse the causes of the overall decline in factor income since 2013 and to define a new key performance objective ***for the next MFF***, accompanied with indicators, aiming at mitigating the income inequalities between the famers;

Or. en

**Amendment 358**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 232 – point b**

*Motion for a resolution*

(b) the Member States to make further efforts to include reliable and up-to date information in their LPIS database;

*Amendment*

(b) the Member States to make further efforts to include ***more*** reliable and up-to date information in their LPIS database;

Or. es

**Amendment 359**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 232 – point e**

*Motion for a resolution*

(e) the Commission to provide guidance and disseminate best practices among national authorities to ensure that their checks identify links between applicants and other stakeholders involved in supported projects of rural development;

*Amendment*

(e) the Commission to provide guidance and disseminate best practices among national authorities, ***and among the beneficiaries and their associations***, to ensure that their checks identify links between applicants and other stakeholders involved in supported projects of rural development;

Or. es

**Amendment 360**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 232 – point f**

*Motion for a resolution*

(f) the Commission to continue to be vigilant as to the checks performed and the data communicated by the Member States' authorities;

*Amendment*

(f) the Commission to continue to be vigilant as to the checks performed and the data communicated by the Member States' authorities, ***and to take these findings into account when allocating its audit burden based on risk-evaluations***;

Or. en

**Amendment 361**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 232 – point g**



*Motion for a resolution*

(g) the Member States to fully exploit the possibilities offered by the system of simplified cost options in rural development;

*Amendment*

(g) the Member States ***as well as the beneficiaries and their associations*** to fully exploit the possibilities offered by the system of simplified cost options in rural development;

Or. es

**Amendment 362**

**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Norbert Lins**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 232 – point h**

*Motion for a resolution*

***(h) the Commission to prepare and develop, for the next CAP reform, a complete intervention logic for EU environmental and climate-related action regarding agriculture, including specific targets and based on an up-to-date scientific understanding of the phenomena concerned;***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 363**

**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Norbert Lins, Mairead McGuinness**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 233 – point a**

*Motion for a resolution*

(a) Farmers should ***only have access to*** CAP payments if they meet a single set of basic environmental norms including GAECs and greening requirements which are both meant to go beyond the requirements of environmental legislation;

*Amendment*

(a) Farmers should ***benefit from*** CAP payments if they meet a single set of basic environmental norms including GAECs and greening requirements which are both meant to go beyond the requirements of environmental legislation; ***welcomes in this regard the logic of the Commission's***

*"budget focused on results" approach, a future delivery system should thus be more result-driven;*

Or. en

**Amendment 364**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 233 – point a**

*Motion for a resolution*

(a) Farmers should only have access to CAP payments if they meet a single set of basic environmental norms including GAECs and greening requirements ***which are both meant to go beyond the requirements of environmental legislation;***

*Amendment*

(a) Farmers should only have access to ***greening*** CAP payments if they meet a single set of basic environmental norms including GAECs and greening requirements;

Or. es

**Amendment 365**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 233 – point a**

*Motion for a resolution*

(a) Farmers should only have access to CAP payments if they meet a single set of basic environmental norms including GAECs and greening requirements ***which are both*** meant to go beyond the requirements of environmental legislation;

*Amendment*

(a) Farmers should only have access to CAP payments if they meet a single set of basic environmental norms including GAECs and greening requirements, ***the latter being*** meant to go beyond the requirements of environmental legislation;

Or. en

**Amendment 366**

**José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 233 – point a**

*Motion for a resolution*

(a) Farmers should only have access to CAP payments if they meet a single set of basic environmental norms including GAECs and greening requirements which **are both meant to** go beyond the requirements of environmental legislation;

*Amendment*

(a) Farmers should only have access to CAP payments if they meet a single set of basic environmental norms including GAECs and greening requirements which go beyond the requirements of environmental legislation;

Or. en

**Amendment 367**

**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Norbert Lins, Mairead McGuinness**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 233 – point b**

*Motion for a resolution*

(b) Specific, local environmental and climate-related needs can be appropriately addressed through **stronger** programmed action regarding agriculture;

*Amendment*

(b) Specific, local environmental and climate-related needs can be appropriately addressed through **targeted** programmed action regarding agriculture;

Or. en

**Amendment 368**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 233 – point b**

*Motion for a resolution*

(b) Specific, local environmental and climate-related needs can be appropriately addressed through **stronger** programmed action regarding agriculture;

*Amendment*

(b) Specific, local environmental and climate-related needs can be appropriately addressed through **more effective** programmed action regarding agriculture;

**Amendment 369**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 233 – point c**

*Motion for a resolution*

(c) When Member States are given options to choose from in their implementation of the CAP, they should be required to demonstrate, prior to implementation, that the options they select are effective and efficient in terms of achieving policy objectives, and in particular those of greening;

*Amendment*

(c) When Member States are given options to choose from in their implementation of the CAP, they should be required to demonstrate, prior to implementation, that the options they select are effective and efficient in terms of achieving policy objectives, and in particular those of ***food safety, food quality and their impact on health, greening, land and countryside management and the fight against depopulation in the EU***;

**Amendment 370**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 234 – point a**

*Motion for a resolution*

(a) to perform a comprehensive evaluation of all the existing CAP policies and tools which can be combined to help young farmers and to identify the obstacles to establishing farms for young farmers which can be addressed in the future revision of the CAP;

*Amendment*

(a) to perform a comprehensive evaluation of all the existing CAP policies and tools which can be combined to help young farmers and to identify the obstacles to ***providing access to existing farms and/or*** establishing ***new*** farms for young farmers which can be addressed in the future revision of the CAP;

**Amendment 371**  
**Karin Kadenbach, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 234 – point a a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(aa) to make sure that, as a component of agricultural reform, further improvements are made to the rural-development framework as set forth inter alia in the Cork 2.0 Declaration, with a view to ensuring that the support programmes for young farmers are a success;*

Or. de

**Amendment 372**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 234 – point b – indent 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

– awareness-raising measures *of* possible types of assistance for earlier transfer of a farm to a successor with accompanying advisory services or measures like a satisfactory retirement scheme based on national or regional income or revenues in the agricultural, food and forestry sector;

– awareness-raising measures, ***targeted at authorities, beneficiaries and their associations, concerning*** possible types of assistance for earlier transfer of a farm to a successor with accompanying advisory services or measures like a satisfactory retirement scheme based on national or regional income or revenues in the agricultural, food and forestry sector;

Or. es

**Amendment 373**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 235**

*Motion for a resolution*

235. Points out that, according to the findings of the Court, spending on "Global Europe" is affected by a **material** level of error **with an** estimated **level of error of 2.1%, (2.8% in 2015, and 2.7% in 2014)**; welcomes the positive trend in the error rate in this policy area;

*Amendment*

235. Points out that, according to the findings of the Court, spending on "Global Europe" is affected by a level of error estimated **at 2.1%**; welcomes the positive trend in the error rate in this policy area **(from 2.8% in 2015 to 2.1% in 2016)**;

Or. es

**Amendment 374**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 238**

*Motion for a resolution*

238. Notes that if all the information held by the Commission - and auditors appointed by the Commission - had been used to correct errors, the estimated error rate for the Global Europe chapter would have been 0.9 % point lower;

*Amendment*

238. Notes that if all the information held by the Commission – and auditors appointed by the Commission – had been used to correct errors, the estimated error rate for the Global Europe chapter would have been 0.9 % point lower, **i.e. 1.4%, and therefore below the materiality threshold**;

Or. es

**Amendment 375**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 240**

*Motion for a resolution*

240. Is deeply concerned by the fact that according to the Court, DG NEAR auditors have detected weaknesses in the indirect management of the second instrument of pre accession assistance (IPA II), more

*Amendment*

240. Is deeply concerned by the fact that according to the Court, DG NEAR auditors have detected weaknesses in the indirect management of the second instrument of pre accession assistance (IPA II), more

specifically, at the audit authorities of three IPA II beneficiary countries - Albania, Turkey and Serbia; *points out that while* the Albanian and Serbian audit authorities have made changes aiming to solve the problems detected, there are some “significant areas of the *Turkish* audit authority’s systems which might still limit the assurance it can provide to the Commission” ECA annual report 2016 paragraph 9.24);

specifically, at the audit authorities of three IPA II beneficiary countries - Albania, Turkey and Serbia; *and this despite the fact that* the Albanian and Serbian audit authorities have made changes aiming to solve the problems detected; *in the case of Turkey*, there are some significant areas of the audit authority’s systems which might still limit the assurance it can provide to the Commission (ECA annual report 2016 paragraph 9.24);

Or. es

**Amendment 376**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 242**

*Motion for a resolution*

242. Noted that DG DEVCO has defined in its annual activity report key performance indicators relating to human development, climate change, gender and error rate but regrets that none of those indicators are able to measure the performance of the development cooperation policy as they only indicate the part of aid allocated to each of the objectives instead of measuring the progress achieved to pursue the objectives;

*Amendment*

242. Noted that DG DEVCO has defined in its annual activity report key performance indicators relating to human development, climate change, gender and error rate but regrets that none of those indicators are able to measure the performance of the development cooperation policy as they only indicate the part of aid allocated to each of the objectives instead of measuring the *actual impact, as in the* progress achieved to pursue the objectives;

Or. en

**Amendment 377**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 244 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**244a.** *Welcomes the fact that in Commissioner Oettinger's response to the rapporteur's letter he indicated that the Commission is exploring a new format for reports enabling transmission to Parliament without the need for confidentiality procedures but in a way that is not detrimental to EU diplomatic policy.*

Or. es

**Amendment 378**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 246 – point b**

*Motion for a resolution*

(b) to provide for *a faster* decision-making process in the selection of the measures to be implemented, which is crucial in emergency and post-emergency actions;

*Amendment*

(b) to provide for *an accelerated* decision-making process in the selection of the measures to be implemented, which is crucial in emergency and post-emergency actions;

Or. es

**Amendment 379**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 247 – point b**

*Motion for a resolution*

(b) *despite the existence of different arrangements with the stakeholders, the visibility of the external action of the Union has not improved* and that a better coordination of the action of all the stakeholders is not necessarily ensured;

*Amendment*

(b) *the visibility of the external action of the Union has not improved, despite the existence of different arrangements with the stakeholders*, and that a better coordination of the action of all the stakeholders is not necessarily ensured;



**Amendment 380**

**Jens Geier, Arndt Kohn, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 247 – point b a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(ba) the a priori preference for Member state agencies in some of the Trust Funds constitutive agreements leads to a conflict of interests rather than an incentive for Member states to provide more financial resources;*

Or. en

**Amendment 381**

**Jens Geier, Arndt Kohn, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 248**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

248. Recalls in particular that the Trust Fund for Africa is worth over €3.2 billion, with over €2.9 billion coming from the European Development Fund and EUR 228.667 million from other donors);

248. Recalls in particular that the Trust Fund for Africa is worth over €3.2 billion, with over €2.9 billion coming from the European Development Fund (**EDF**) and EUR 228.667 million from other donors); ***criticizes that the involvement of the EDF in Trust Funds further limits the possibility for the Parliament to scrutinize EU spending;***

Or. en

**Amendment 382**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

## Paragraph 250

### *Motion for a resolution*

250. Highlights that the increasing use of other financial mechanisms to deliver Union policies alongside the EU budget risks undermining the level of accountability and transparency as reporting, audit and public scrutiny arrangements are not aligned (ECA annual report 2016, paragraph 2.31);

### *Amendment*

250. Highlights that the increasing use of other financial mechanisms ***such as trust funds*** to deliver Union policies alongside the EU budget risks undermining the level of accountability and transparency as reporting, audit and public scrutiny arrangements are not aligned (ECA annual report 2016, paragraph 2.31); ***therefore stresses the importance of the Commission's commitment to keep the budgetary authority periodically informed of the funding of the trust funds and their scheduled and ongoing operations, including contributions made by Member States;***

Or. es

## Amendment 383

Joachim Zeller

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 250 a (new)

### *Motion for a resolution*

### *Amendment*

***250a. Insists that teaching and training programmes that are financed from Union funds such as PEGASE should be commensurate with common values such as freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination within education, as was decided upon by Union education ministers in Paris on 17 March 2015;***

Or. de

## Amendment 384

Ryszard Czarnecki

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 250 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**250a. Funds to Palestinian authority**

Or. en

**Amendment 385**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 250 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**250b. Insists that educational material financed by European funds including PEGASE comply with the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through Education' adopted by EU Education Ministers in Paris on 17 March 2015.**

Or. en

**Amendment 386**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 252**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

252. Calls on DG DEVCO and DG NEAR to consider defining in cooperation with DG HOME a key performance indicator related to the elimination of the root causes of irregular migration;

252. Calls on DG DEVCO and DG NEAR to consider defining in cooperation with DG HOME a key performance indicator related to the elimination of the **underlying and** root causes of irregular migration;

Or. es

**Amendment 387**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 253**

*Motion for a resolution*

253. Calls on the Commission to take the necessary measures in order to redress the deficiencies detected by its own Internal Audit Service regarding DG DEVCO performance reporting and to transform the EAMR into a reliable and fully public document properly substantiating the declaration of assurance made by the heads of delegation and by the director general of DG DEVCO; asks DG DEVCO to define KPs in such a way that make it possible to measure the performance of the development cooperation policy;

*Amendment*

253. Calls on the Commission to take the necessary measures in order to redress the deficiencies detected by its own Internal Audit Service regarding DG DEVCO performance reporting and to transform the EAMR into a reliable and fully public document properly substantiating the declaration of assurance made by the heads of delegation and by the director general of DG DEVCO; asks DG DEVCO to define KPs in such a way that make it possible to measure the performance of the development cooperation policy; ***and to do so without compromising EU diplomatic policy via its delegations.***

Or. es

**Amendment 388**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 253 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***253a. Regards it as essential that suspension of pre-accession funding should be possible not only in cases of proven misuse of funds, but also in cases where pre-accession countries violate in any way the rights laid down in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;***

*Amendment*

Or. it

#### **Amendment 389**

**Martina Dlabajová, Wolf Klinz, Nedzhmi Ali**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 254**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

254. Calls on the Commission to consider putting an end to trust funds that are unable to attract a significant contribution from other donors;

###### *Amendment*

254. ***Stresses that trust funds should be established only when their use is justified and the required action is not possible through other, existing financing channels; calls, in this regard, on the Commission, when establishing trust funds, to set up guiding principles for carrying out concise an structured assessment of the comparative advantages of trust funds relative to other aid vehicles and also to carry out analyses of what specific gaps the trust funds are supposed to fill; calls furthermore*** on the Commission to consider putting an end to trust funds that are unable to attract a significant contribution from other donors;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 390**

**Jens Geier, Arndt Kohn, Inés Ayala Sender**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 254**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

254. Calls on the Commission to consider putting an end to trust funds that are unable to attract a significant contribution from other donors;

###### *Amendment*

254. ***Calls on the Commission to develop a standardized impact assessment to identify whether the establishment of a trust fund is the most suitable option; calls on the Commission to consider putting an end to trust funds that are unable to attract a significant contribution from other donors or that do not provide an added value as compared to ‘traditional’ EU***

*external instruments;*

Or. en

**Amendment 391**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 254**

*Motion for a resolution*

254. Calls on the Commission to *consider putting an end to* trust funds that *are unable* to attract a significant contribution from other donors;

*Amendment*

254. Calls on the Commission to *proceed with the measures and/or negotiations needed to attract relevant contributions for those* trust funds that *have not so far managed* to attract a significant contribution from other donors;

Or. es

**Amendment 392**  
**José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 254**

*Motion for a resolution*

254. Calls on the Commission to consider putting an end to trust funds that are unable to attract a significant contribution from other donors;

*Amendment*

254. Calls on the Commission to consider putting an end to trust funds that are unable to attract a significant contribution from other donors *and thus not capable to achieve the objectives for which they were established;*

Or. en

**Amendment 393**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 254 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**254a.** *Deeply regrets the acknowledged cases of violence, sexual abuse and totally improper behaviour on the part of workers providing humanitarian aid to civilians in conflict and post-conflict situations; notes that the Commission has stated its commitment to review and, where necessary, suspend funding to those partners that do not comply with the required high ethical standards; urges the Commission, in order to eradicate this scourge and avoid any repetition, to strengthen prevention mechanisms in staff selection procedures, and moreover to provide initial and continuous training in this regard; and calls for a policy to protect whistle-blowers in these cases;*

Or. es

**Amendment 394**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 254 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**254a.** *Calls on the Commission to draft its Strategy Papers more carefully, so as to provide a more wide-ranging and accurate assessment of funding requirements and of the best instruments to use;*

Or. it

**Amendment 395**

**Joachim Zeller**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 254 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**254a. Asks the Commission to ensure that EU funding is disbursed in accordance with the UNESCO standards of peace and tolerance;**

Or. de

**Amendment 396**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 254 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**254 a. Asks the Commission to ensure that European funds are spent in line with Unesco-derived standards of peace and tolerance in education.**

Or. en

**Amendment 397**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 254 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**254b. Considers it essential for the administrative capacity of the countries which receive funding to be actively supported by the Commission through appropriate technical assistance;**

Or. it



**Amendment 398**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 256**

*Motion for a resolution*

256. Notes with concern the Court finding according to which “two years into the seven year programming period progress in making shared-management Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF<sup>84</sup>) and Internal Security Fund (ISF) payments are slow” (ECA annual report 2016, Box 8.2°);

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<sup>84</sup> AMIF replaces the Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows programme (SOLID).

*Amendment*

256. Notes with concern the Court finding according to which “two years into the seven year programming period progress in making shared-management Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)<sup>84</sup> and Internal Security Fund (ISF) payments are slow” (ECA annual report 2016, Box 8.2°); ***is nevertheless aware of the complexity and considerable difficulty the Commission has in ensuring that Member States comply the Council agreements, with the consequent impact on the implementation of these policies.***

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<sup>84</sup> AMIF replaces the Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows programme (SOLID).

Or. es

**Amendment 399**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 261 – point c**

*Motion for a resolution*

(c) the hotspot approach further requires that migrants be channelled into appropriate follow-up procedures, i.e. a national asylum application, relocation to another Member State or return to the country of origin and the implementation of these follow-up procedures is often slow and subject to various bottlenecks, which can have repercussions on the functioning

*Amendment*

(c) the hotspot approach further requires that migrants be channelled into appropriate follow-up procedures, i.e. ***either*** a national asylum application, ***or*** relocation to another Member State or return to the country of origin and the implementation of these follow-up procedures is often slow and subject to various bottlenecks, which can have

of the hotspots;

repercussions on the functioning of the hotspots;

Or. es

#### **Amendment 400**

**Tamás Deutsch**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 261 – point c**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

(c) the hotspot approach further requires that migrants be channelled into appropriate follow-up procedures, i.e. a national asylum application, ***relocation to another Member State*** or return to the country of origin and the implementation of these follow-up procedures is often slow and subject to various bottlenecks, which can have repercussions on the functioning of the hotspots;

##### *Amendment*

(c) the hotspot approach further requires that migrants be channelled into appropriate follow-up procedures, i.e. a national asylum application, or return to the country of origin and the implementation of these follow-up procedures is often slow and subject to various bottlenecks, which can have repercussions on the functioning of the hotspots;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 401**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 262**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

262. Deplores the fact that according to Human Rights Watch, women have reported frequent sexual harassment in hotspots in Greece;

##### *Amendment*

*(Does not affect the English version.)*

Or. es

**Amendment 402**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 263**

*Motion for a resolution*

263. Shares the Court's assessment regarding a lack of transparency about the split of funding between public *sources and the revenue from migrants* in the issue of emergency assistance to transport non-Union migrants from Greek islands to the Greek mainland, referred to by the Court in its annual report (box 8.4 of the 2016 ECA annual report); recalls that Union legislation does not allow beneficiaries of Union grants to obtain profits from the implementation of a project; considers that this case raises some reputational issues for the Commission and questions its handling from an ethical point of view;

*Amendment*

263. Shares the Court's assessment regarding a lack of transparency about the split of funding between public *resources and migrants' resources* in the issue of emergency assistance to transport non-Union migrants from Greek islands to the Greek mainland, referred to by the Court in its annual report (box 8.4 of the 2016 ECA annual report); recalls that Union legislation does not allow beneficiaries of Union grants to obtain profits from the implementation of a project; considers that this case raises some reputational issues for the Commission and questions its handling from an ethical point of view;

Or. es

**Amendment 403**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 264 – point a**

*Motion for a resolution*

(a) DG HOME to consider defining, in cooperation with DG DEVCO and DG NEAR, a key performance indicator related to the elimination of the root causes of irregular migration;

*Amendment*

(a) DG HOME to consider defining, in cooperation with DG DEVCO and DG NEAR, a key performance indicator related to the elimination of the *underlying and* root causes of irregular migration;

Or. es

**Amendment 404**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 264 – point d**

*Motion for a resolution*

(d) the Commission and the Member States to take the necessary measures to provide adequate reception facilities in Greece and Italy;

*Amendment*

(d) the Commission and the Member States to take the necessary measures to provide adequate reception facilities in Greece and Italy; ***and to provide the necessary resources to any other Member State bordering on third countries that may become an arrival point in future migratory crises.***

Or. es

**Amendment 405  
Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 264 – point f a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***(fa) the Commission to provide for a monitoring system with a view to ensuring that the human rights of refugees and asylum seekers are respected;***

Or. it

**Amendment 406  
Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 264 – point f b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***(fb) the Commission to step up the checks carried out on funds for refugees, which are frequently allocated by the Member States in emergency situations***

*without complying with the rules in force at the time;*

Or. it

**Amendment 407**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 44**

*Motion for a resolution*

Code of conduct of the Commissioners

*Amendment*

Code of conduct of the Commissioners *and Procedures for the appointment of senior officials*

Or. es

**Amendment 408**  
**Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 265**

*Motion for a resolution*

265. Appreciates that its calls on the Commission to review the code of conduct for Commissioners by the end of 2017, *including by defining what constitutes a conflict of interest as well as introducing criteria for assessing the compatibility of post-office employment and extending the cooling off period to three years for the President of the Commission*, have received the required response;

*Amendment*

265. Appreciates that its calls on the Commission to review the code of conduct for Commissioners by the end of 2017 have *now* received the required response *but regrets that some of Parliament's recommendations on the reform of the Code of Conduct have not been heeded to;*

Or. en

**Amendment 409**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 265**

*Motion for a resolution*

265. Appreciates that its calls on the Commission to review the code of conduct for Commissioners by the end of 2017, including by defining what constitutes a conflict of interest as well as introducing criteria for assessing the compatibility of post-office employment and extending the cooling off period to three years for the President of the Commission, have received the required response;

*Amendment*

265. Appreciates that its calls on the Commission to review the code of conduct for Commissioners by the end of 2017, including by defining what constitutes a conflict of interest as well as introducing criteria for assessing the compatibility of post-office employment and extending the cooling off period to three years for the President of the Commission, have received the required response; ***notes that the new code already entered into force on 1 February of this year;***

Or. es

**Amendment 410  
Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 265 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***265a. Recalls that the absence of a conflict of interests must also be a prerequisite for the holding of Commissioner hearings and that therefore the declaration of financial interest forms must be completed and made available before the Commissioner is heard by the competent EP Committee and must be updated at least once a year and each time the information changes.***

Or. es

**Amendment 411**

**Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 265 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***265 a. Is of the opinion that the Commission should make the Commissioner's special advisers more accountable and their professional ties and background transparent and open to public scrutiny in order to prevent their potential conflicts of interest as they have unfettered access to the Commission; believes that these steps will help to limit the possibility of lobbying at the highest level through the back door;***

Or. en

**Amendment 412**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 265 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***265b. Calls, in this connection, for Commissioners to declare all their interests (as shareholders, company board members, advisors and consultants, members of associated foundations, etc.) as regards all the companies in which they have been involved, including close family interests, as well as the changes that took place at the time their candidacy was made known;***

Or. es

**Amendment 413**

**Benedek Jávör**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 266**

*Motion for a resolution*

266. Points out that the extension of the cooling off period should *also* concern *the* Members of the European Commission; insists that the opinions of the Ethical Committee should be made public when there are issued;

*Amendment*

266. Points out that the extension of the cooling off period *to three years* should concern *all* Members of the European Commission *as requested by Parliament on several occasions*; insists that the opinions of the Ethical Committee should be made public when there are issued;

Or. en

**Amendment 414**

**Indrek Tarand**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Benedek Jávör, Bart Staes**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 266 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**266 a. Deplores the fact that both Commissioner Katainen and the former president of the Commission have acted in breach of Ethics principles by having a meeting as, respectively Member of the Commission and representative of the Goldman Sachs Group - the former by not mentioning Mr. Barroso's name in the Transparency Register and the later by attending a meeting with an active Commissioner against his own promise given to the Ad-hoc Ethical Committee before taking on his new role with Goldman Sachs to avoid lobbying the Commission; stresses the potential conflict of interests; stresses that the explanations given to the press months after the meeting by Commissioner Katainen were an attempt to water-down**



*the importance of such a meeting and were unsatisfactory on content; asks the Commission's President to give a thorough explanation to the Discharge Authority on the safeguards against the undisclosed lobbying and measures taken to prevent such occasions in the future;*

Or. en

**Amendment 415**

**Indrek Tarand**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 267**

*Motion for a resolution*

267. Fears that the appointment processes of the Independent Ethical Committee does not guarantee its independence and stresses that independent experts should not have themselves held the position of Commissioner, nor should they have held a position as a senior Commission official;

*Amendment*

267. Fears that the appointment processes of the Independent Ethical Committee does not guarantee its independence and stresses that independent experts should not have themselves held the position of Commissioner, nor should they have held a position as a senior Commission official; *asks the Commission to adopt new rules on the Independent Ethical Committee in line with this remark;*

Or. en

**Amendment 416**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 267**

*Motion for a resolution*

267. Fears that the appointment processes of the Independent Ethical Committee does not guarantee its

*Amendment*

*(Does not affect the English version.)*

independence and stresses that independent experts should not have themselves held the position of Commissioner, nor should they have held a position as a senior Commission official;

Or. es

**Amendment 417**

**Indrek Tarand**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 267 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**267 a. Is concerned that Commissioner Arias Canete receives a pension from the European Parliament's Voluntary Pension Fund on top of his salary as the Commissioner; is of the opinion that such behaviour is ethically doubtful and politically unacceptable; reminds that although Commissioner Canete's decision to ask for a pension was completely legal as he has reached an age of 63 his decision presents additional liability on the fund currently running on deficit with an estimated date of insolvency between 2024 and 2026; stresses the fact that the European Parliament's Voluntary Pension Fund will probably have to be bailed-out at the end with the EU taxpayers money; holds the view that the Commissioner should renounce his pension for the duration of his mandate as Commissioner; alternatively Commissioner Cañete could ask the Commission to deduct his pension from his salary for the duration of his mandate;**

Or. en

**Amendment 418**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 267 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**267a. In the interests of ensuring an excellent European public administration, calls on the Commission to present before the end of 2018 a proposal for a procedure for the appointment of senior officials, including the SG of the Commission, which ensures that the best candidates are selected in a framework of maximum transparency and equal opportunity, and which is sufficiently broad for it to be applicable to the other institutions such as the Parliament and the Council;**

Or. es

**Amendment 419**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 268 – introductory part**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**268. Asks the Commission to envisage introducing the following improvements:**

**268. With a view to the future, asks the Commission to envisage introducing the following improvements:**

Or. es

**Amendment 420**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

## **Paragraph 268 – point b**

### *Motion for a resolution*

(b) the participation of Commissioners in national politics during their term of office should be suspended or limited to passive party membership;

### *Amendment*

(b) the participation of Commissioners in national politics during their term of office should be suspended or limited to passive party membership ***with no media role***;

Or. es

## **Amendment 421 Inés Ayala Sender**

### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 268 – point d a (new)**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

#### *Amendment*

***(da) Is concerned by the fact that at least one member of the current College of Commissioners is simultaneously drawing both a Commissioner's salary and a private pension;***

Or. es

## **Amendment 422 Indrek Tarand** on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 268 – point e a (new)**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

#### *Amendment*

***(ea) Commissioners should declare all their relevant interests (as shareholders, company board members, advisors and consultants, members of associated foundations, etc.) rather than selecting only those they believe might be considered to be capable of giving rise to***

*a conflict of interest;*

Or. en

**Amendment 423**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 268 – point e a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(ea) the detailed publication of  
Commissioners' mission expenses;*

Or. it

**Amendment 424**

**Indrek Tarand**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 268 – point e b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(eb) Declarations of interests should be  
improved in line with Parliament  
resolution of 1 December 2016 on  
Commissioners' declarations of interests  
– guidelines (2016/2080(INI));*

Or. en

**Amendment 425**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 270 – subparagraph 1 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Notes with concern the continuing discrimination against EU staff based in Luxembourg, in spite of the judgment of the Court of Justice of October 2000 in the Ferlini case (C-411/98) and Directive 2011/24/EU which both condemn the practice. Also stresses that over-charging continues, use being made of 2 conventions with Luxembourg's Hospitals Federation (FH) and the Doctors' and Dentists' Association (AMD), which set a limit of 15% for overcharging but allow for 500% for treatment carried out in hospitals. So the 2000 Court of Justice ruling and Directive 2011/24/EU are violated not only by the conventions but also by a number of national healthcare operators. Calls on the Commission to: 1. calculate the annual additional cost of the overcharging to the EU budget (JSIS) and justify it; 2. determine an infringement procedure or similar legal action against the Grand Duchy; 3. inform the EP of the outcome of Public petition No 765 submitted to the Chamber of Deputies of Luxembourg and of the public debate held there on 19 October 2017; 4. protest about the two conventions with the FH and the AMD.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 426**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 270 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*270a. Welcomes the statements made by Commissioner Oettinger on the end of staffing policy restrictions with the aim of avoiding serious prejudice to the proper functioning of the European institutions and the quality of the public service the*

*EU provides to European citizens; stresses the importance of having a strong European civil service, at the service of the citizen and able to respond to the challenges faced by the EU and to implement its policies with the highest possible standards of excellence and professionalism, and of providing this service with all the necessary legal and budgetary resources; stresses the importance of once more making the European civil service an attractive proposition for young EU professionals; calls on the Commission to draft a report on the consequences of the restrictions for the attractiveness of the EU civil service and on its current under-resourced state, and that proposes solutions to help bring the service closer to European citizens and increase their interest in joining it;*

Or. es

**Amendment 427**

**Indrek Tarand**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 270 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*270a. Is concerned by the lack of transparency and a possible breach of Union's rules on recruitment by recent appointment of the Commission's President's Head of Office as the new Secretary General of the Commission; calls on the President of the Commission to provide the Discharge Authority with a thorough explanation of processes and procedures taken for this appointment;*

Or. en

**Amendment 428**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 270 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**270b. Stresses the importance of finding a solution to the problem of the excessive, and in many cases abusive, billing of the medical expenses of the staff and members of the European Parliament in some Member States; calls on the Commission to seek solutions to this problem which, in countries such as Luxembourg, costs some EUR 2 million a year (negotiations with Member State social security systems, public or private, the creation of a card similar to the European Health Insurance Card for foreign travel, etc.);**

Or. es

**Amendment 429**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 272**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**272. Fails to understand why** it took the Commission and the Luxembourg authorities 15 years (1994 - 2009) to agree on the future arrangements for housing Commission departments in Luxembourg;

**272. Regrets the fact that** it took the Commission and the Luxembourg authorities 15 years (1994 - 2009) to agree on the future arrangements for housing Commission departments in Luxembourg;

Or. es

**Amendment 430**



**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 274**

*Motion for a resolution*

**274. Notes that the Commission vacated the JMO I building in 2014 due to the presence of asbestos; has learnt that in December 2015 the Commission and the Luxembourg authorities agreed on sharing the costs associated to the early move out of the JMO I; notes however, that the JMO II was originally supposed to become available on 31 December 2014;**

*Amendment*

**274. Regrets the fact that even though a complete inventory of materials containing asbestos in JMO I was drawn up in 1997, the Commission did not leave the building until January 2014 and that it took AIB-Vinçotte Luxembourg until 2013 to revise its findings and note that the sheets of asbestos in JMO I were of a lower density than had been previously thought and that they were therefore more sensitive to mechanical impact (basic friction being sufficient to release fibres into the air from where they could be inhaled); considers that the Commission, in view of the severe health risks resulting from the inhalation of asbestos, should have considered the expert's report and the qualified opinions of other experts in the field, especially after what happened in the Berlaymont building in Brussels; calls on the Commission to inform Parliament whether all workers were duly informed of the situation and of the serious health risks incurred, whether any illness was detected that might have resulted from the inhalation of asbestos particles and what measures were taken in such cases, and whether preventive measures were taken (screening and early detection tests, etc.); also calls on the Commission to report on whether it has initiated any proceedings against AIB-Vinçotte Luxembourg in this regard;**

Or. es

**Amendment 431  
Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 274 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**274a. Notes that in December 2015 the Commission and the Luxembourg authorities agreed on sharing the costs associated with the early move out of JMO I; notes that JMO II was originally supposed to have become available on 31 December 2014;**

Or. es

**Amendment 432**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 275**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**275. Would like to know how much the Commission spent on renting auxiliary office space in Luxembourg until December 2017;**

**275. Calls on the Commission to report in detail on the cost of renting the six buildings occupied by the Commission in the meantime (ARIA, LACC, HITEC, DRB, BECH and T2), arising from the delay in delivering JMO II, and the consequences of extending the lease agreements; calls on the Commission to ensure that working conditions are improved in these six buildings, in close cooperation with the Committee on Health and Safety at Work (CHSW), and to conclude speedy negotiations with the Luxembourg authorities on improving the conditions for mobility and access to them; and reminds it that medical offices should be established in each building in accordance with Luxembourg legislation;**

Or. es

**Amendment 433**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 276 – introductory part**

*Motion for a resolution*

276. Has recently learnt that the first construction phase of JMO II ***is only due to be completed in*** 2020 and the second phase in 2024; ***notes that*** the Commission ***advances the following*** explanations ***for the delays:***

*Amendment*

276. Has recently learnt that the first construction phase of JMO II ***will probably be handed over in early*** 2020 and the second phase in ***early*** 2024; ***takes note of the explanations given by*** the Commission ***on the causes of the delays and asks it to provide documents in support of these*** explanations ***and a detailed breakdown of the costs arising from the delay in the handover of the building;***

Or. es

**Amendment 434**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 276 – point a**

*Motion for a resolution*

(a) ***the consortium of architects KSP requested to review certain clauses of the management contract;***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

Or. es

**Amendment 435**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 276 – point b**

*Motion for a resolution*

(b) ***a tender procedure for the earthmoving works faced administrative***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

*problems;*

Or. es

**Amendment 436**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 276 – point c**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(c) significant changes regarding the security measures;* *deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 437**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 277**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*277. Wishes to receive the supporting documents for these explanations;* *deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 438**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki, Monica Macovei, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 277**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*277. Wishes to receive the supporting documents for these explanations;*

*277. Wishes to receive the supporting documents for these explanations **until 30 June 2018**;*

**Amendment 439**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 280 – subparagraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

Points in this context to the Court's report on the annual accounts for the European Schools for the financial year 2016, ***which revealed the following weaknesses***<sup>87</sup>:

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<sup>87</sup> Report on the annual accounts of the European Schools for the financial year 2016 together with the Schools' replies, November 2017, 11 and 12.

*Amendment*

Points in this context to the Court's report on the annual accounts for the European Schools for the financial year 2016, ***and in particular the weaknesses noted in paragraphs 11, 12 and 27***<sup>87</sup>:

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<sup>87</sup> Report on the annual accounts of the European Schools for the financial year 2016 together with the Schools' replies, November 2017, 11 and 12.

**Amendment 440**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 280 – subparagraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

***“27. The Court found significant weaknesses in the application of accruals accounting in the accounts of the Central Office and the Alicante and Karlsruhe Schools, in particular in the calculation and booking of provisions for employee benefits and the recording of payables and receivables. Material errors were corrected during the consolidation procedure. While the internal control systems of the Alicante and Karlsruhe Schools showed limited weaknesses, there are still significant weaknesses in the***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

*internal control system of the Central Office. The audit reports of the independent external auditor also revealed significant weaknesses in the recruitment, procurement and payment procedures. The Court is thus unable to confirm that financial management was performed in accordance with the General Framework.”*

Or. es

**Amendment 441**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 281**

*Motion for a resolution*

281. Acknowledges that the director general acted *therefore only* congruously when limiting her assurance declaration: “The Director-General, in her capacity as Authorising Officer by Delegation has signed the Declaration of Assurance albeit qualified by a reputational reservation concerning the effective management of some of the Commission funds assigned to the European Schools.”<sup>88</sup>;

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[https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file\\_import/aar-hr-2016\\_en\\_0.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/aar-hr-2016_en_0.pdf) , p.10.

*Amendment*

281. Acknowledges that the director general acted congruously when limiting her assurance declaration: “The Director-General, in her capacity as Authorising Officer by Delegation has signed the Declaration of Assurance albeit qualified by a reputational reservation concerning the effective management of some of the Commission funds assigned to the European Schools.”<sup>88</sup>;

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Or. es

**Amendment 442**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 281 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**281a.** *Deplores the fact that the Court's report on the annual accounts for the European Schools for the financial year 2016, revealed numerous weaknesses; believes that the financial accountability of the European Schools system should be raised to a proper level by means of a dedicated discharge process for the EUR 177,8 million put at its disposal;*

Or. en

**Amendment 443**

**Ryszard Czarnecki, Monica Macovei, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 281 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**281b.** *Reiterates Parliament's view that a 'comprehensive review' of the European Schools system is urgently required to consider "reform covering managerial, financial, organisational and pedagogical issues" and recalls its request that "the Commission submit annually a report giving its assessment of the state of progress" to Parliament;*

Or. en

**Amendment 444**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 282**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**282.** *Asks the Commission **when it***

**282.** ***Calls on** the Commission **to take***

*expects a sound* financial management system for European Schools *to be in place*;

*all necessary measures to ensure that a good* financial management system for European Schools *can be introduced as quickly as possible*;

Or. es

#### **Amendment 445**

**Indrek Tarand**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 283**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

283. Is astounded that the development of a new case management system, devised in-house, will cost EUR 12,2 million; asks whether OLAF undertook any market research for cheaper solutions before engaging in this expense;

###### *Amendment*

283. Is astounded that the development of a new case management system, devised in-house, will cost EUR 12,2 million; asks whether OLAF undertook any market research for cheaper solutions before engaging in this expense; *expects that the Commission and OLAF present a thorough explanation of estimated costs and steps taken to find a more economic solution to the Discharge Authority*;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 446**

**Ingeborg Gräßle**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 283 a (new)**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

###### *Amendment*

*283a. Was surprised by the Commission decision to second the OLAF Director, Giovanni Kessler, following a request by the government of the Republic of Italy, in the interest of the service to Italy's Customs and Monopoly Agency; prior to his secondment he was relieved from*



*office, upon his request, and made a temporary hors-class adviser in the Commission, a position created for him after legal proceedings in Belgium concerning professional misconduct as OLAF Director;*

Or. en

**Amendment 447**

**Indrek Tarand**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Subheading 49 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Investigative journalism and fight against corruption*

Or. en

**Amendment 448**

**Indrek Tarand**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 283 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*283a. Condemns the murder of Slovak investigative journalist Jan Kuciak and his fiancée Martina Kusnirova on 22 February 2018, is very much concerned by information according to which this assassination could be linked to the fraudulent payment of Union transfer funds to a resident in Slovakia and with alleged ties to the organized crime group 'Ndràngheta; asks the Commission and the OLAF to closely examine this file and to report on it in the framework of the*

*follow-up on the Commission discharge;*

Or. en

**Amendment 449**

**Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 283 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**283b. *Has great misgivings about***

**(a) *creating posts for the sole purpose of serving as a spring-board for a secondment,***

**(b) *the high official not respecting a “cooling-off” period before accepting a position with close links to his prior employment,***

**(c) *the high official running the risk of being entangled in a conflict of interest between loyalty to his former and current employer;***

Or. en

**Amendment 450**

**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 284 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**284a. *Transitional allowances***

***Takes note of the findings and recommendations of the Parliament’s Policy Department D’s study “Transitional allowances for former EU office holders - too few conditions?”; calls on the Commission to take these recommendations into account, and***

*initiate a revision of transitional allowances for former EU Office holders in order to enhance the transparency of the allowances, and the accountability of the EU budget towards the citizens;*

Or. en