Amendment 17
Dimitrios Papadimoulis
on behalf of The Left Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Recalls that, in its abovementioned resolution of 25 March 2021 on general guidelines for the preparation of the 2022 budget, Parliament defined clear political priorities for the 2022 budget to support the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis, to boost investments and tackle unemployment, and to lay the foundations for a more resilient *and sustainable* Union; reaffirms its strong commitment to those priorities and sets out the following position to ensure an appropriate level of financing to deliver on them;

Amendment

1. Recalls that, in its abovementioned resolution of 25 March 2021 on general guidelines for the preparation of the 2022 budget, Parliament defined clear political priorities for the 2022 budget to support the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis, to boost investments and tackle unemployment, and to lay the foundations for a *fair, inclusive, sustainable* and more resilient Union; reaffirms its strong commitment to those priorities and sets out the following position to ensure an appropriate level of financing to deliver on them;

Amendment 18 João Pimenta Lopes, Sandra Pereira on behalf of The Left Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that the Union budget must be equipped with *the* tools to enable it to respond to multiple crises simultaneously; reiterates Parliament's view that 2022 should be a full implementation year and the 2022 budget should play a pivotal role in ensuring a positive and tangible impact on citizens' *lives*; against this background, supports increases to boost investment with a particular focus on SMEs, which are a cornerstone of the Union economy and play a crucial role in delivering excellent quality investment and job creation in all Member States, to strengthen efforts towards the green and digital transitions, to give fresh opportunities to young people and to provide protection to children, to build a strong European **Health Union and to support COVAX** programme; reinforces, further, priorities in the fields of security, migration, asylum and integration, fundamental rights and Union values, while acknowledging the recent deteriorating situation in external policy and humanitarian aid and the need to be able to react swiftly as well in the medium and long term to the upcoming challenges;

Amendment

2. Believes that the Union budget must be equipped with adequate and robust tools, as well as budgetary allocations, to enable it to respond to both current and structural problems faced by Member States: reiterates Parliament's view that 2022 should be a full implementation year and that the *Union* annual budget must play a pivotal role in ensuring a positive and tangible impact on social, economic and territorial cohesion, on the promotion of labour with rights, on decent wages and remuneration and equal pay to equal work or work of equal value, on ensuring and promoting children's rights, and the rights of persons with disabilities and older people, on improving the State's answer on its social functions, on increasing quality and needed public investment, on supporting micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, on environmental and biodiversity protection, on the promotion of cultural diversity - including multilingualism - and of the right to cultural enjoyment, on the reception and integration of migrants and refugees; on the support to the COVAX programme; on peace and solidarity among countries and *peoples*; against this background, supports increases and changes on the Union budget to boost investment to achieve

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those objectives;

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Takes note of Council's position on 3. the DB, cutting EUR 1,43 billion in commitment appropriations for the MFF headings compared to the Commission's proposal; considers that the cuts proposed by the Council follow the usual top-down approach of implementing an overall arbitrary reduction target, which is neither driven by an objective assessment of implementation trends nor absorption capacities and does not reflect the multitude of challenges the Union is facing or the commitments the Union has entered into; points out the contradiction with core shared policy priorities; concludes that the Council's position is far from Parliament's expectations for a recovery budget; decides therefore, as a general rule, to restore appropriations on all lines cut by the Council to the level of the DB, for both operational and administrative expenditure, and to take the DB as the starting point to build its position upon; accepts, however, to enter EUR 1 299 million in both commitment and payment appropriations in 2022 for the Brexit Adjustment Reserve (BAR) as this reflects the political agreement on the BAR Regulation;

Amendment

3. **Deplores** the Council's position on the DB, cutting EUR 1,43 billion in commitment appropriations for the MFF headings compared to the Commission's proposal; *regrets* that the cuts proposed by the Council follow the usual top-down approach of implementing an overall arbitrary reduction target, which is neither driven by an objective assessment of implementation trends nor absorption capacities and does not reflect the multitude of challenges the Union is facing or the commitments the Union has entered into; points out the contradiction with core shared policy priorities; concludes that the Council's position is far from Parliament's expectations for a recovery budget; decides therefore, as a general rule, to restore appropriations on all lines cut by the Council to the level of the DB, for both operational and administrative expenditure, and to take the DB as the starting point to build its position upon; accepts, however, to enter EUR 1 299 million in both commitment and payment appropriations in 2022 for the Brexit Adjustment Reserve (BAR) as this reflects the political agreement on the BAR Regulation;

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls for an end to all direct and indirect subsidies for fossil fuels, including natural gas and nuclear power, and for funds to be diverted towards promoting a full transition to renewable energy;

Amendment 21 Dimitrios Papadimoulis on behalf of The Left Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Recalls that women have been disproportionately affected by the fallout of the COVID-19 crisis; underlines the importance of gender mainstreaming in all relevant programmes in the 2022 budget and of the implementation of genderresponsive budgeting to ensure that women and men benefit equally from public spending; calls, in this context, on the Commission to accelerate the introduction of an effective, transparent and comprehensive methodology, in close cooperation with Parliament, to measure relevant gender expenditure, as set out in the Interinstitutional Agreement, in order to be able to show tangible results for the 2022 budget and in view of the extension of the methodology to all MFF programmes; calls, furthermore, for the swift implementation of the EU gender equality strategy 2020-2025 and the need for additional actions, in particular training and initiatives to foster gender equality and fight gender bias;

Amendment

10. Recalls that women have been disproportionately affected by the fallout of the COVID-19 crisis; underlines the importance of gender mainstreaming in all relevant programmes in the 2022 budget and of the implementation of genderresponsive budgeting to ensure that women and men benefit equally from public spending; calls, in this context, on the Commission to accelerate the introduction of an effective, transparent and comprehensive methodology, in close cooperation with Parliament, to measure relevant gender expenditure, as set out in the Interinstitutional Agreement, in order to be able to show tangible results for the 2022 budget and in view of the extension of the methodology to all MFF programmes; calls, furthermore, for the swift implementation of the EU gender equality strategy 2020-2025 and the need for *specific binding targets and* additional actions, in particular training and initiatives to foster gender equality and fight gender bias:

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Highlights the obligation to spend public funds with integrity; insists that companies benefitting from public support also contribute fairly to the post-COVID recovery efforts by paying their fair share of taxes; believes that companies engaging in tax avoidance strategies, either directly or via subsidiaries in non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes without substantial economic activity, must be deemed ineligible for any Union funds, including those in Next Generation EU; seeks in this context a new social contract for business in which respect for collective agreements also becomes a prerequisite for benefitting from Union funds;

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Observes that the COVID-19 pandemic has served to emphasise the strategic role that agriculture plays in avoiding a food crisis by providing safe, high-quality food at affordable prices all over Europe; insists that additional support measures under some budget lines for selected agricultural sectors, namely the support for the school scheme, young farmers and apiculture, need to be funded in 2022 to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;

Amendment

36. Observes that the COVID-19 pandemic has served to emphasise the strategic role that agriculture plays in avoiding a food crisis by providing safe, high-quality food at affordable prices all over Europe; insists however that support measures under budget lines for agriculture which are counterproductive to the efforts to halt and reverse the loss of biodiversity should not be funded in 2022, so as to decrease the risk of new pandemic crises from zoonotic diseases;

Amendment 24 João Pimenta Lopes, Sandra Pereira on behalf of The Left Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Stresses the urgent need to act on climate change, as underlined by the latest IPPC report published on 9 August 2021; recalls, the importance of the LIFE programme in supporting and underpinning climate action and environmental protection in the Union; in light of the programme's remarkable absorption capacity, reinforces budgetary support for LIFE by EUR 171 million (25 % above the DB) across the various programme strands;

Amendment

37. Stresses the urgent need to act on climate change, as underlined by the latest IPPC report published on 9 August 2021; recalls, the importance of the LIFE programme in supporting and underpinning biodiversity, climate action and environmental protection in the Union; in light of the programme's remarkable absorption capacity, reinforces budgetary support for LIFE by EUR 171 million (25% above the DB) across the various programme strands and with greater reinforcement of the "Nature and Biodiversity" strand;

Amendment 25 João Pimenta Lopes, Sandra Pereira on behalf of The Left Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

44. Reverses the Council's cuts to the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) as the agency must be adequately equipped and its staff promoted to enable it to deliver in all areas of responsibility falling under its new mandate; decides, however, to place EUR 90 000 000 into the reserve subject to the recruitment of the remaining 20 fundamental rights monitors at AD grade, the recruitment of the three deputy executive directors and the adoption of a procedure for the implementation of Article 46 of Regulation 2019/1896¹;

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¹ Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2019 on the European Border and Coast Guard and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1052/2013 and (EU) 2016/1624 (OJ L 295, 14.11.2019, p. 1).

Amendment 26 Sira Rego on behalf of The Left Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 44 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

44 a. Calls on the Commission, with the aim to guarantee a migration policy based on human rights, to withdraw the funds foreseen for the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex), and allocate these resources into social intervention programmes in the Union's external border regions. Those programmes will aim to improve the lives of refugees and migrants arriving at the external borders of the Union as well as the local population living in these areas.