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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Antonio Tajani
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General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2021 - all sections
(2020/1998(BUD))

Amendment 1
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that there is no specific mention of the Conference on the Future of Europe in the relevant communication budget lines of the Commission's proposals.

Amendment

1. Notes that there is no specific mention of the Conference on the Future of Europe in the relevant communication budget lines of the Commission's proposals. ***Proposes a dedicated budget for the Conference on the Future of Europe that is in line with the objectives set out in the European Parliament's positions on the Conference on the Future of Europe 2019/2990(RSP) and 2020/2657(RSP).***

Or. en

Amendment 2
Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that there is no specific mention of the Conference on the Future of Europe in the relevant communication budget lines of the Commission's proposals.

Amendment

1. Notes that there is no specific mention of the Conference on the Future of Europe in the relevant communication budget lines of the Commission's proposals. ***Insists on the importance of an adequate funding for taking into account the Conference goals as set out in the European Parliament's position.***

Or. en

Amendment 3
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. *Notes* that there is no specific mention of the Conference on the Future of Europe in the relevant communication budget lines of the Commission's proposals.

Amendment

1. ***Regrets the fact*** that there is no specific mention of the Conference on the Future of Europe in the relevant communication budget lines of the Commission's proposals.

Or. en

Amendment 4 Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Stresses that, as a general rule, any increase of the Union's budget must be strictly justified by objective and detailed reasons and shall be expected to produce a very favourable cost/benefit ratio.

Or. en

Amendment 5 João Ferreira

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. ***Insists on a significant*** increase in appropriations for the budget line 'Promoting citizens engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union' ***in line with the Parliament's amendments to the Commission proposal establishing the 'Rights and Values programme'***¹.

2. ***Considers that an*** increase in appropriations for the budget line 'Promoting citizens engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union' ***must not contribute to the creation of an artificial European identity, falsification and historical revisionism, anti-communism and the laundering of Nazi-fascism.***

Amendment 6
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. **Welcomes** the proposed increase by 12% in commitment appropriations and by 5% in payment appropriations as compared to the 2020 budget for the ‘Executive and corporate communication services’; **proposes a further increase to enable** active engagement by the Commission in its communication on the Future of Europe and to step up the fight against disinformation.

Amendment

3. **Believes that** the proposed increase by 12% in commitment appropriations and by 5% in payment appropriations as compared to the 2020 budget for the ‘Executive and corporate communication services’ **is excessive; finds that the present budgetary resources are adequate to guarantee** active engagement by the Commission in its communication on the Future of Europe and to step up the fight against disinformation.

Amendment 7
João Ferreira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. **Welcomes** the proposed increase by 12% in commitment appropriations and by 5% in payment appropriations as compared to the 2020 budget for the ‘Executive and corporate communication services’; **proposes a further increase to enable active engagement by the Commission in its communication on the Future of Europe and to step up the fight against**

Amendment

3. **Takes note of** the proposed increase by 12% in commitment appropriations and by 5% in payment appropriations as compared to the 2020 budget for the ‘Executive and corporate communication services’; **in this regard, believes that while it is important to strengthen communication on where and how the EU budget is used, institutional propaganda**

disinformation.

should not a priority under the current circumstances and needs.

Or. en

Amendment 8
Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Welcomes the proposed increase by 12% in commitment appropriations and by 5% in payment appropriations as compared to the 2020 budget for the ‘Executive and corporate communication services’; proposes a further increase to enable active engagement by the Commission in its communication on the Future of Europe and to step up the fight against disinformation.

Amendment

3. Welcomes the proposed increase by 12% in commitment appropriations and by 5% in payment appropriations as compared to the 2020 budget for the ‘Executive and corporate communication services’; proposes a further increase to enable active engagement by the Commission in its communication on the Future of Europe and to step up the fight against *foreign interferences and* disinformation.

Or. en

Amendment 9
Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Proposes an increase for the line ‘Commission Representations’ as such representations play an important role in informing citizens about the EU activities, fostering public debate on EU matters and countering disinformation and they will need additional resources to finance activities in the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe.

Amendment

4. Proposes an increase for the line ‘Commission *and European Parliament* Representations’ as such representations play an important role in informing citizens about the EU activities, fostering public debate on EU matters and countering disinformation and they will need additional resources to finance activities in the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe.

Or. en

Amendment 10
João Ferreira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Proposes ***an increase*** for the line ‘Commission Representations’ as ***such representations play an important role in informing citizens about the EU activities, fostering public debate on EU matters and countering disinformation and they will need*** additional resources to finance activities in the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe.

Amendment

4. Proposes ***a decrease*** for the line ‘Commission Representations’ as ***institutional propaganda should not be a priority under the current circumstances and needs; considers that no*** additional resources ***should be mobilised*** to finance activities in the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe.

Or. en

Amendment 11
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Proposes ***an*** increase for the line ‘Commission Representations’ as ***such representations play an important role in informing citizens about the EU activities, fostering public debate on EU matters and countering disinformation and they will need*** additional resources to finance activities in the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe.

Amendment

4. Proposes ***a targeted*** increase for the line ‘Commission Representations’ ***for the purpose of increasing*** public debate on EU matters, countering disinformation, ***proactively engaging with citizens and providing*** additional resources to finance activities in the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe.

Or. en

Amendment 12
Antonio Tajani

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the proposed increase by 35% in commitment appropriations and by 24% in payment appropriations for ‘Communication services for citizens’; proposes a further increase in view of the scale of communication actions that will be needed in the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe.

Amendment

5. Welcomes the proposed increase by 35% in commitment appropriations and by 24% in payment appropriations for ‘Communication services for citizens’; proposes a further increase in view of the scale of communication actions that will be needed in the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe; ***invites the Commission to present the necessary proposals, in case further appropriations will be needed.***

Or. en

Amendment 13
João Ferreira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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5. ***Welcomes*** the proposed increase by 35% in commitment appropriations and by 24% in payment appropriations for ‘Communication services for citizens’; ***proposes a further increase in view of the scale of communication actions that will be needed in the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe.***

Amendment

5. ***Considers that*** the proposed increase by 35% in commitment appropriations and by 24% in payment appropriations for ‘Communication services for citizens’ ***should be better used if channelled to support cohesion policies.***

Or. en

Amendment 14
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. **Welcomes** the proposed increase by 35% in commitment appropriations and by 24% in payment appropriations for ‘Communication services for citizens’; **proposes a further** increase **in view** of the scale of communication actions that will be needed in the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe.

5. **Takes note of** the proposed increase by 35% in commitment appropriations and by 24% in payment appropriations for ‘Communication services for citizens’; **believes that the proposed** increase **could be justified because** of the scale of communication actions that will be needed in the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe.

Or. en

Amendment 15
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Urges that the above budget augmentations serve the purpose of delivering concrete results and quality communication to citizens. In order to ensure the delivery of these goals by the aforementioned budget lines, regular overviews of how the resources have been used and what impact they had should be made public.

Or. en

Amendment 16
João Ferreira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Reminds that Cohesion Policy must have sufficient resources to effectively stop divergence and promote convergence among Member States; considers that the reinforcement of the

*structural and cohesion funds is a
fundamental pre-requisite to fulfil values
and principles enshrined in the Treaties;*

Or. en