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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2024 - all sections
((2023/0264(BUD)))

Amendment 1
Cyrus Engerer

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. Whereas the Conference on the Future of Europe has offered an unprecedented model of deliberative and participatory democracy at EU level;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Damian Boeselager
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Welcomes the proposed increase of 68 % in commitment appropriations and 147 % in payment appropriations for the ‘Citizens engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union’, as compared to the 2023 budget, as it finances programs and initiatives like Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) and the European Citizens’ Initiative (ECI), that contribute to enhancing the overall civic participation in Union politics and the exercise of the rights deriving from Union citizenship;

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Or. en

Amendment 3
Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Notes the increase in funding for ‘Commission Representations’ by 0,9 % in commitment and 1,6 % in payment appropriations and regrets that the increase is not more substantial, especially since 2024 is the European election year; proposes a 20 % increase of the commitment and payments appropriations as compared to the 2023 levels; deems this increase necessary for the purpose of encouraging proactive dialogues on EU matters with citizens in the Member States ahead of European Parliament elections, and developing communication activities to fight disinformation;

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2. Notes the increase in funding for ‘Commission Representations’ by 0,9 % in commitment and 1,6 % in payment appropriations and regrets that the increase is not more substantial, especially since 2024 is the European election year; proposes a 20 % increase of the commitment and payments appropriations as compared to the 2023 levels; deems this increase necessary for the purpose of encouraging proactive dialogues on EU matters with citizens in the Member States ahead of European Parliament elections, and developing communication activities to fight disinformation; ***highlights that additional funding is necessary also to support actions related to citizenship education and participation involving local communities, schools or universities;***

Or. en

Amendment 4
Gilles Boyer, Sandro Gozi, Max Orville

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Regards as insufficient the 0,9 % and 1,7 % increase in the commitment and payments appropriations respectively for ‘Communication services for citizens’ compared to the 2023 budget; proposes a 15 % increase of the commitment appropriations as compared to the 2023 budget in view of intensified communication activities related to the

Amendment

3. Regards as insufficient the 0,9 % and 1,7 % increase in the commitment and payments appropriations respectively for ‘Communication services for citizens’ compared to the 2023 budget; proposes a 15 % increase of the commitment appropriations as compared to the 2023 budget in view of intensified communication activities related to the

European elections information campaign;

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underlines that adequate financial means must be made available to enable and further develop the participation of citizens in both the strategic and day-to-day decision-making of the Union, including through dedicated funds for an online one-stop-shop for all the existing participation instruments as well as an EU Citizens' Agora;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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recalls that communication activities should have content available in all EU languages, as well as considering the use of native languages for EU citizens living in other member states; stresses that local authorities, smaller NGOs and other relevant stakeholders should be involved in the communication activities;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Cyrus Engerer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Regards as insufficient the proposed increase for European Commission representation offices in Member States, and therefore strongly supports a call for increased funding in 2024, to encourage proactive dialogues on EU matters with citizens across the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Sandro Gozi, Max Orville

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Demands a 20 % increase in the resources devoted to Union citizenship, which have remained static despite repeated demands for policymaking and regulatory interventions, and a foreseeable need for further increases, including as a result of new Member States and treaty reforms. This is especially the case if calls for the creation of an EU citizenship statute are to be met. This initiative requires widespread public consultation and expert input ahead of the European elections. The process should be dynamic, linked to the European dimension of citizenship education and an expansion of citizenship-specific rights.

Or. en

Amendment 8

Cyrus Engerer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Strongly emphasises the need for further investment and resources dedicated towards a participatory democracy, particularly in light of the findings and results of the Conference on the Future of Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Cyrus Engerer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Considers that adequate resources should be devoted to strengthening the transparency and integrity of **the** EU institutions, especially, by increasing budgetary appropriations of the Joint Transparency Register, and by securing sufficient resources for the establishment and functioning of the Interinstitutional ethics body;

5. Considers that adequate resources should be devoted to strengthening the transparency and integrity of **all** EU institutions **and agencies**, especially, by increasing budgetary appropriations of the Joint Transparency Register, and by securing sufficient resources for the **proper** establishment and **full** functioning of the Interinstitutional ethics body;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Cyrus Engerer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls for specific resources for increased and strengthened projects of interaction between the institutions and national and regional institutions, in

*order to enhance national participation at
Union level*

Or. en