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*Committee on Foreign Affairs*

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## **OPINION**

of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on control of the budgetary implementation of the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA) in 2007  
(2008/2206(INI))

Rapporteur (\*): István Szent-Iványi

(\*) Associated committee – Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Foreign Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the structured dialogue established with the Commission on the implementation of the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA) and recalls its position in this respect, notably the need to grant all beneficiary countries equal access to the full range of policy tools available under the instrument, to give adequate priority to the fight against corruption and organised crime and to pay increased attention to institutional capacity-building, particularly at parliamentary level, development of civil society organisations, measures to promote the principle of tolerance and non-discrimination, human development and regional cooperation in key policy areas;
2. Reminds the Commission that the Union's legitimacy and capacity to promote reforms can be greatly enhanced if the IPA targets its assistance to areas of direct benefit for the citizens of the candidate and potential candidate countries, particularly in view of the needs and challenges generated by the global financial crisis;
3. Is pleased by the high implementation rate of IPA commitments in 2007; regrets, however, that the first IPA programmes were only adopted at the end of 2007 and the actual implementation started only in 2008, due in part to the late adoption of the new instrument and in part to delays on the part of beneficiary countries in setting up the required structures and management systems; urges the Commission to push ahead with the implementation of projects and monitor the allocation of funds and the results obtained so as to ensure that the IPA has a visible impact in the countries concerned;
4. Is consequently of the opinion that the IPA should support the efforts by the beneficiary countries to meet the requirements laid down in the roadmap for visa liberalisation, so that the citizens of the Western Balkans can finally enjoy freedom of movement and participate fully in EU programmes and schemes; welcomes the Commission's intention to further increase the allocation of IPA funds to the Tempus, Erasmus Mundus and Youth in Action programmes;
5. Emphasises the need to involve more and more non-governmental organisations in the design and implementation of IPA-funded projects so as to ensure that IPA assistance reflects real needs and expectations, to contribute to a greater visibility of IPA projects and to promote the development of a lively and proactive civil society in the beneficiary countries.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	11.2.2009
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 57 -: 0 0: 0
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Sir Robert Atkins, Angelika Beer, Bastiaan Belder, André Brie, Colm Burke, Véronique De Keyser, Giorgos Dimitrakopoulos, Michael Gahler, Jas Gawronski, Georgios Georgiou, Alfred Gomolka, Richard Howitt, Jana Hybášková, Anna Ibrisagic, Ioannis Kasoulides, Metin Kazak, Maria Eleni Koppa, Helmut Kuhne, Joost Lagendijk, Willy Meyer Pleite, Francisco José Millán Mon, Pasqualina Napoletano, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Vural Öger, Janusz Onyszkiewicz, Ria Oomen-Ruijten, Ioan Mircea Paşcu, João de Deus Pinheiro, Hubert Pirker, Samuli Pohjamo, Pierre Pribetich, Libor Rouček, Christian Røvsing, Flaviu Călin Rus, Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Marek Siwiec, Hannes Swoboda, Konrad Szymański, Kristian Vigenin, Andrzej Wielowieyski, Jan Marinus Wiersma, Zbigniew Zaleski
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Alexandra Dobolyi, Árpád Duka-Zólyomi, Milan Horáček, Alexander Graf Lambsdorff, Marios Matsakis, Yiannakis Matsis, Nickolay Mladenov, Alexandru Nazare, Doris Pack, Jean Spautz
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote</b>	Emine Bozkurt, Ioannis Gklavakis, José Albino Silva Peneda, Antonios Trakatellis, Nikolaos Vakalis