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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 65**

**Draft opinion**  
**Nikos Androulakis**  
(PE655.905v01-00)

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



**Amendment 1**  
**Charlie Weimers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Notes that the budgetary year 2021 is the first of the 2021-2027 multi-annual financial framework (MFF); further notes **that the bulk of external action spending is concentrated** in the *Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)*, on which *inter-institutional legislative negotiations are still ongoing*;

*Amendment*

1. Notes that the budgetary year 2021 is the first of the 2021-2027 multi-annual financial framework (MFF); further notes **the alarming increase of many Member States contributions to the Union budget following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union**; notes the **European Council's complete disregard for rule of law - exemplified by the loans for grants scheme in violation of Article 311 TFEU which will diminish the stature of Europe as a bastion of rule of law in the world**;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Francisco José Millán Mon, Gabriel Mato**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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Or. es

### Amendment 3

**Nikos Androulakis, Tonino Picula, Robert Biedroń, Maria Arena, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Juozas Olekas, Demetris Papadakis, Costas Mavrides**

#### Draft opinion

##### Paragraph 2

###### *Draft opinion*

2. Regrets that the new nomenclature for the external action part as proposed by the Commission is much less detailed than the previous one, reducing transparency, scrutiny, and limiting the budgetary authority's capacity to make budgetary choices reflecting political priorities; insists, therefore, that a more differentiated budget structure, with dedicated lines for the most important beneficiaries and sub-regions, is needed;

###### *Amendment*

2. Regrets that the new nomenclature for the external action part as proposed by the Commission is much less detailed than the previous one, reducing transparency, ***predictability, accountability***, scrutiny, and limiting the budgetary authority's capacity to make budgetary choices reflecting political priorities; insists, therefore, that a more differentiated budget structure, with dedicated lines for the most important beneficiaries and sub-regions, is needed; ***notes that the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Development have proposed a revised nomenclature that is adapted to the new instruments, but introduces a higher level of detail by creating new budget lines within the extremely broad geographic and thematic lines proposed by the Commission; emphasises that the revised nomenclature enjoys strong support in both committees;***

Or. en

### Amendment 4

**Peter van Dalen**

#### Draft opinion

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authority's capacity to make budgetary choices reflecting political priorities; insists, therefore, that a more differentiated budget structure, with dedicated lines for the most important beneficiaries and sub-regions, is needed, *so that the budget is better to read and to understand, for example in how much money is going to Turkey, and how much more is spent on the EU Special Representative, especially for religious freedom and the staff; stresses that more clarity in the budget is needed;*

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Emmanouil Fragkos, Hermann Tertsch**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Calls on the Commission to propose strategic guidelines for strengthening the permanent structured cooperation, in order to counter the new threats in the eastern Mediterranean;**

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Sunčana Glavak**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Emphasises that the European Parliament is the second branch of the budgetary authority and that implementation of the budget is highly dependent on expenditure monitoring**

*capacities;*

Or. hr

**Amendment 7**  
**Charlie Weimers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. ***Rejects the deep cuts to heading 6 in the European Council agreement on the MFF of 21 July 2020, which would leave the NDICI at a lower level than its predecessor instruments during the current financial programming period;***

*Amendment*

3. ***Welcomes all real-term cuts to the MFF;***

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Anna Bonfrisco, Marco Zanni, Harald Vilimsky**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. ***Rejects the deep cuts to heading 6 in the European Council agreement on the MFF of 21 July 2020, which would leave the NDICI at a lower level than its predecessor instruments during the current financial programming period;***

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Thierry Mariani, Jérôme Rivière**

**Draft opinion**

### Paragraph 3

#### *Draft opinion*

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#### *Amendment*

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Or. fr

### Amendment 10

**Nikos Androulakis, Tonino Picula, Robert Biedroń, Maria Arena, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Juozas Olekas, Demetris Papadakis**

#### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 3

#### *Draft opinion*

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3. Rejects the deep cuts to heading 6 in the European Council agreement on the MFF of 21 July 2020, which would leave the NDICI at a lower level than its predecessor instruments during the current financial programming period, ***at a time when EU leadership is needed more desperately than ever; regrets the European Council's decision to discard the external pillar of Next Generation EU, namely the top-up of EUR 10,5 billion for the NDICI proposed by the Commission; calls for significant reinforcements for the NDICI as one of the EU's flagship programmes;***

Or. en

### Amendment 11

**Radosław Sikorski**

#### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 3

*Draft opinion*

3. Rejects the deep cuts to heading 6 in the European Council agreement on the MFF of 21 July 2020, which would leave the NDICI at a lower level than its predecessor instruments during the current financial programming period;

*Amendment*

3. Rejects the deep cuts ***to heading 5, especially with regards to the Military Mobility as well as*** to heading 6 in the European Council agreement on the MFF of 21 July 2020, which would leave the NDICI at a lower level than its predecessor instruments during the current financial programming period;

Or. en

**Amendment 12**

**Anna Bonfrisco, Marco Zanni, Harald Vilimsky**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

***4. Calls for increased funding levels for all geographic and thematic programmes under the NDICI, in line with its first-reading position on the latter; reiterates its position that the thematic programmes within the NDICI, including on human rights and democracy and on EU elections observation missions, should be reinforced in order to allow the Union to maintain its strong role in these priority areas;***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 13**

**Thierry Mariani, Jérôme Rivière**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

4. Calls for **increased** funding levels for all geographic and thematic programmes under the NDICI, **in line with its first-reading position on the latter; reiterates its position that the thematic programmes within the NDICI, including on human rights and democracy and on EU elections observation missions, should be reinforced in order to allow the Union to maintain its strong role in these priority areas;**

4. Calls for **a significant reduction in** funding levels for all geographic and thematic programmes under the NDICI on the latter;

Or. fr

**Amendment 14**  
**Charlie Weimers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Calls for **increased** funding levels **for all** geographic and thematic programmes under the NDICI, **in line with its first-reading position on the latter; reiterates its position that the thematic programmes within the NDICI, including on human rights and democracy and on EU elections observation missions, should be reinforced in order to allow the Union to maintain its strong role in these priority areas;**

*Amendment*

4. Calls for **decreased** funding levels **across the board - including** geographic and thematic programmes under the NDICI;

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Calls for **increased** funding levels

*Amendment*

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for all geographic and thematic programmes under the NDICI, in line with its first-reading position on the latter; reiterates its position that the thematic programmes within the NDICI, including on human rights and democracy and on EU elections observation missions, **should be reinforced in order to** allow the Union to maintain its strong role in these priority areas;

geographic and thematic programmes under the NDICI **to be maintained**, in line with its first-reading position on the latter; reiterates its position that the thematic programmes within the NDICI, including on human rights and democracy and on EU elections observation missions, allow the Union to maintain its strong role in these priority areas;

Or. bg

**Amendment 16**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Calls for increased funding levels for all geographic and thematic programmes under the NDICI, in line with its first-reading position on the latter; reiterates its position that the thematic programmes within the NDICI, **including on human rights and democracy and on EU elections observation missions**, should be reinforced in order to allow the Union to maintain its strong role in these priority areas;

*Amendment*

4. Calls for increased funding levels for all geographic and thematic programmes under the NDICI, in line with its first-reading position on the latter; reiterates its position that the thematic programmes within the NDICI should be reinforced in order to allow the Union to maintain its strong role in these priority areas; **calls in particular for a more ambitious budget in the human rights components of the instrument, in order to address the increasing challenges to human rights in the world, which face unprecedented pressures further compounded by the COVID-19 crisis;**

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Nikos Androulakis, Tonino Picula, Robert Biedroń, Maria Arena, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Juozas Olekas, Demetris Papadakis**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 18**

**Ernest Urtasun**

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

4. Calls for increased funding levels for all geographic and thematic programmes under the NDICI, in line with its first-reading position on the latter; reiterates its position that the thematic programmes within the NDICI, including on human rights and democracy ***cooperation in the field of the environment,*** and on EU elections observation missions, should be reinforced in order to allow the Union to maintain its strong role in these priority areas

Or. en

**Amendment 19**

**Nikos Androulakis, Tonino Picula, Robert Biedroń, Maria Arena, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Juozas Olekas, Demetris Papadakis, Costas Mavrides**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. *Rejects the introduction of an “emerging challenges and priorities cushion” budget line, with no substantial information on the intended use of the funds under this line provided by the Commission; insists that such a blank cheque is not compatible with the principles of transparency and democratic accountability and undermines the budgetary authority's prerogatives;***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**

**Peter van Dalen**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. *Calls for increased funding for all kind of human rights activities of the Union, for example for the EU Special Representative on freedom of religion or belief, for activities to fight antisemitism, and for other groups of societies in the world who are suffering under pressure or discrimination;***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**

**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. Calls for increased funding for electoral observation missions and stresses their fundamental role of being a strong deterrent to electoral fraud and violence whilst also contributing to improving future elections, fostering peace and development and supporting democracy;**

Or. en

**Amendment 22  
Radosław Sikorski**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. Calls for further and permanent funding for strategic communication actions to counter disinformation campaigns, propaganda and foreign influence, especially for the flagship project of the European External Action Service - East Strat Com Task Force - EU vs. Disinfo;**

Or. en

**Amendment 23  
Peter van Dalen**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5. Emphasises the need for increased funding for the Western Balkan countries and the countries of the Eastern and**

**deleted**

*Southern Neighbourhood in order to support political and economic reforms, with a focus on the most committed partners following the principle of ‘more for more and less for less’;*

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Thierry Mariani, Jérôme Rivière**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. *Emphasises the need for increased funding for the Western Balkan countries and the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood in order to support political and economic reforms, with a focus on the most committed partners following the principle of ‘more for more and less for less’;*

*Amendment*

5. *Calls for an end to the accession process of the Western Balkan countries and, to this end, the dismantling of IPA III; calls for an immediate end to all European Union funding for Turkey, including funds allocated under the 2016 agreement on migrants and under IAP III;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 25**  
**Anna Bonfrisco, Marco Zanni, Harald Vilimsky**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. *Emphasises the need for increased funding for the Western Balkan countries and the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood in order to support political and economic reforms, with a focus on the most committed partners following the principle of ‘more for more and less for less’;*

*Amendment*

5. *Considers the funding for the Western Balkan countries and the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood in order to support political and economic reforms, with a focus on the most committed partners following the principle of ‘more for more and less for less’;*

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. **Emphasises the need for increased funding for *the Western Balkan countries and* the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood in order to support political and economic reforms, with a focus on the most committed partners following the principle of ‘more for more and less for less’;**

*Amendment*

5. **Highlights the numerous challenges and the situation of instability in the European Neighbourhood; strongly calls for an increase of funding for the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood in order to support political and economic reforms *and support democratic transitions*, with a focus on the most committed partners following the principle of ‘more for more and less for less’;**

Or. en

**Amendment 27**  
**Francisco José Millán Mon, Gabriel Mato**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Emphasises the need for increased funding for the Western Balkan countries and the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood in order to support political and economic reforms, with a focus on the most committed partners following the principle of ‘more for more **and less for less**’;

*Amendment*

5. Emphasises the need for increased funding for the Western Balkan countries and the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood in order to support political and economic reforms, with a focus on the most committed partners following the principle of ‘more for more’;

Or. es

**Amendment 28**  
**Emmanouil Fragkos, Hermann Tertsch**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Emphasises the need for increased funding for the Western Balkan countries and the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood in order to support political and economic reforms, with a focus on the most committed partners following the principle of ‘more for more and less for less’;

*Amendment*

5. Emphasises the need for increased funding for the Western Balkan countries and the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood in order to support political and economic reforms, with a focus on the most committed partners following the principle of ‘more for more and less for less’ ***and especially the partners that implement and actively defend international law;***

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Robert Biedroń**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Welcomes the EU financial support of over EUR 980 million for the Eastern Partnership during the COVID-19 pandemic to help tackle the immediate needs in the health sector; notes as well the tailor-made COVID-19 package for Belarus worth over EUR 60 million; however, calls on the Commission to provide greater funding aiming to support civil society of Belarus, human rights defenders, independent unions and independent media, while freezing any EU financial transfers to the current Belarusian government;***

Or. en

**Amendment 30**

**Nikos Androulakis, Tonino Picula, Robert Biedroń, Maria Arena, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Juozas Olekas, Demetris Papadakis, Costas Mavrides**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. Believes that it is important to continue confidence building with the Eastern Partnership countries and especially with the associated ones; underlines the importance of promoting fundamental rights, democracy and the rule of law; therefore calls for the allocations to Azerbaijan and Belarus to be limited to support to civil society and non-state actors, as well as people-to-people contacts;**

Or. en

**Amendment 31**  
**Francisco José Millán Mon, Gabriel Mato**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. Reiterates the need to pay greater attention to, and increase the funding for, our southern neighbours; deplores the fact that, 25 years on from the start of the Barcelona Process, the creation of an area of shared prosperity, stability and freedom with the Mediterranean countries of North Africa has still not been completed;**

Or. es

**Amendment 32**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. Stresses the importance of the accession process of the Western Balkan countries; calls for increased funding in this regard to uphold the EU's engagement in the region, especially in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects;**

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. Stresses the importance of a progressive framing of the EU's common security and defence policy and the need to support further funding to ensure its implementation; highlights the need for increasing the budget for the European Defence Fund;**

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Sunčana Glavak**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. Calls for supplementary supervision of international and development aid spending in light of global developments, while respecting the**

*rule of law and strengthening democratic processes in individual countries in Europe and around the world;*

Or. hr

**Amendment 35**  
**Assita Kanko**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a.** *Emphasises the need for increased funding for the development and security of the Sahel countries, given the fact that the jihadists are gaining ground in this region, threatening also West Africa's coastal states;*

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Nikos Androulakis, Tonino Picula, Robert Biedroń, Maria Arena, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Juozas Olekas, Demetris Papadakis, Costas Mavrides**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5b.** *Recalls the challenges the countries of South Neighbourhood are facing especially due to the tumultuous developments in the region, including but not limited to the COVID-19 emergency and the security environment; is of the opinion that, especially following the dramatic events in Lebanon, an increased support should be foreseen;*

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Urmaz Paet**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5b. Emphasises the strong need for financial support to civil society and non-governmental organisations in Belarus;**

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Nikos Androulakis, Tonino Picula, Robert Biedroń, Maria Arena, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Juozas Olekas, Demetris Papadakis, Costas Mavrides**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5c. In order to support a peaceful resolution to the Libyan conflict proposes the creation of a dedicated budget line for "the support to the political process in Libya";**

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Nikos Androulakis, Tonino Picula, Robert Biedroń, Maria Arena, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Juozas Olekas, Demetris Papadakis, Costas Mavrides**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5d. Calls for an increased financial support for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), in recognition of the essential role played by UNRWA as**

*unique provider of vital services for millions of Palestine refugees and as an investment towards security, stability and development in the region;*

Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**Thierry Mariani, Jérôme Rivière**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6. Welcomes the stronger focus of the funding under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III) on the so-called fundamentals, notably democracy, the rule of law, respect for human and fundamental rights, good governance and civil society, as well as people-to-people contacts.**

*deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 41**  
**Anna Bonfrisco, Marco Zanni, Harald Vilimsky**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes the stronger focus of the funding under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III) on the so-called fundamentals, notably democracy, the rule of law, respect for human and fundamental rights, good governance and civil society, as well as people-to-people contacts.

6. Welcomes the stronger focus of the funding under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III) on the so-called fundamentals, notably democracy, the rule of law, respect for human and fundamental rights, good governance and civil society, as well as people-to-people contacts; ***calls for the termination of all funding to Turkey in terms of the pre-accession process;***

**Amendment 42**  
**Charlie Weimers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Welcomes the stronger focus of the funding under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III) on the so-called fundamentals, notably democracy, the rule of law, respect for human and fundamental rights, good governance and civil society, as well as people-to-people contacts.

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes the stronger focus of the funding under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III) on the so-called fundamentals, notably democracy, the rule of law, respect for human and fundamental rights, good governance and civil society, as well as people-to-people contacts; ***reiterates that no IPA funding shall be made available to Turkey;***

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Assita Kanko**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Welcomes the stronger focus of the funding under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III) on the so-called fundamentals, notably democracy, the rule of law, respect for human and fundamental rights, good governance and civil society, as well as people-to-people contacts.

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes the stronger focus of the funding under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III) on the so-called fundamentals, notably democracy, the rule of law, respect for human and fundamental rights, good governance and civil society, as well as people-to-people contacts, ***and calls for the reconsideration of future pre-accession assistance to Turkey given the fact that Turkey is not committed to reforms, backslides and plays a negative role concerning the stability and security in the Mediterranean;***

**Amendment 44**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Welcomes the stronger focus of the funding under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III) on the so-called fundamentals, notably democracy, the rule of law, respect for human and fundamental rights, good governance and civil society, as well as people-to-people contacts.

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes the stronger focus of the funding under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III) on the so-called fundamentals, notably democracy, the rule of law, respect for human and fundamental rights, good governance and civil society, as well as people-to-people contacts; ***strongly believes that Turkey is moving further away from the respect of EU values and Copenhagen criteria, and that it should receive substantially diminished IPA shares;***

**Amendment 45**  
**Nikos Androulakis, Tonino Picula, Robert Biedroń, Maria Arena, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Juozas Olekas, Demetris Papadakis, Costas Mavrides**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Points out that the revised nomenclature proposed by the Committee on Foreign Affairs envisages separate budget lines for the Western Balkans and Turkey; insists on the need for dedicated budget lines for Turkey in view of the highly sensitive nature of EU funding for Turkey; underlines that due to the lack of progress on democracy, the rule of law and the protection of human rights, the allocations for Turkey should be limited***

*to the so called fundamentals, be directly managed by the EU and focus exclusively on support for civil society and people-to-people contacts with the objective of protecting and promoting democratic values and principles, human rights and the rule of law;*

Or. en

**Amendment 46**  
**Demetris Papadakis, Costas Mavrides**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6a. Underlines that the allocation of EU funding should be conditional on the respect of rule of law, democracy, human rights, European and international law, the sovereign rights of Member States and the principle of good relations between neighbours; underlines that in Turkey, an EU candidate country, there are serious violations of the rule of law, human rights and democracy as well as an aggressive behaviour towards the EU, disrespecting European and international law, the sovereign rights of Member States and the principle of good relations between neighbours;**

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Nicolae Ștefănuță**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6a. Calls for increased funding for the European Defence Fund (both Research and Non-Research) in order to fully foster an innovative and competitive defence industrial base that will contribute to the much-needed strategic autonomy of the EU; emphasizes that in order to better address emerging and future security threats, the EU must offer enough funding for research in innovative defence products and technologies aimed to strengthen collaborative actions and cross-border cooperation throughout the Union.**

Or. en

**Amendment 48**  
**Michael Gahler**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6a. Emphasis that at a time when external challenges and matters of international politics are gaining of importance and are dominating international politics, it has to be ensured that the external dimension of the Union budget is appropriately funded and prepared to respond without delay to current, emerging, as well as future challenges;**

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Ernest Urtasun**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6a. Emphasizes the need to increase funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), in light of the crucial role it plays in protecting and ensuring the essential needs of Palestine refugees as well as contributing to their human development;**

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Peter van Dalen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6a. Calls on the Commission to stop, under IPA III, the funds for the pre-accession talks with Turkey and put the budget at zero; stresses that it is time for a different approach towards Turkey;**

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6a. Stresses the responsibility of the EU to support the protection of the Arctic; underlines the importance of investing into developing a more coherent EU Arctic Policy;**

Or. en

**Amendment 52**  
**Nicolae Ștefănuță**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6b. Calls for increased funding for military mobility with the aim of helping Member States act faster and more effectively in the context of a future possible conflict; highlights that the goal of military mobility is to harmonise rules across Member States and to explore the potential of a civilian-military approach to infrastructure development; notes, therefore, that sufficient funding is needed to support missions and operations under the common security and defence policy, including by measures such as funding dual-use transport infrastructure and simplifying diplomatic clearances and customs rules;**

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Michael Gahler**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6b. Recalls that various European political leaders have highlighted the importance of significantly advancing the relations with the African continent, and hence stresses the need to adequately match words with deeds and provide adequate funding in order to address the many joint short-, medium-, and long-term challenges and opportunities which Europe and Africa can only tackle**

*together;*

Or. en

**Amendment 54**

**Nikos Androulakis, Raphaël Glucksmann, Costas Mavrides, Juozas Olekas, Sven Mikser, Tonino Picula, Robert Biedroń, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Demetris Papadakis**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6b. Regrets the low level of funding for heading 5, and in particular for the European Defence Fund and for military mobility; calls for a significant increase of funding so as to meet the ambition of the EU in the defence area;**

Or. en

**Amendment 55**

**Ernest Urtasun**

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6b. recalls that funding instruments, projects or programmes need to be assessed in the light of the Green Deal in general and the Union climate objectives in particular, and should take them fully into account;**

Or. en

**Amendment 56**

**Urmas Paet**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6b. Calls for increased visibility and transparency for funding the EU's near neighbourhood and monitoring that no funding is misused or used to encourage corruption;**

Or. en

**Amendment 57**

**Nikos Androulakis, Tonino Picula, Robert Biedroń, Maria Arena, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Juozas Olekas, Demetris Papadakis, Costas Mavrides**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6c. Following the recent worrying developments in Belarus, calls for an increase in the allocations for the Special Representatives and for the creation of a new Special Representative for Belarus, to support the process for a peaceful transition of power in accordance with the will of the Belarusian people.;**

Or. en

**Amendment 58**  
**Michael Gahler**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6c. At a time where democracy is more and more under threat around the world, reiterates its support for funding dedicated to election observation missions,**

*including local observers, and calls for an appropriate level of funding;*

Or. en

**Amendment 59**  
**Ernest Urtasun**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6c. *Insists that the European Investment Bank reports in a timely and comprehensive manner on all its external spending to the relevant its committees;***

Or. en

**Amendment 60**  
**Michael Gahler**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6d. *While condemning any attack against religious minorities, in particular Christians, around the world, emphasises that adequate funding for actions to protect persecuted minorities must be available, and in this light further underlines its support, including adequate funding, for the EU Special Representative on the promotion of freedom of religion or belief outside the EU;***

Or. en

**Amendment 61**

**Nikos Androulakis, Tonino Picula, Robert Biedroń, Maria Arena, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Juozas Olekas, Demetris Papadakis, Costas Mavrides**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6d. Calls for the increase of budget lines on Foreign Policy Needs and Priorities, Crisis Response and Civilian CSDP emergency measures in order to deal with the dramatic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic;**

Or. en

**Amendment 62**

**Nikos Androulakis, Tonino Picula, Robert Biedroń, Maria Arena, Tanja Fajon, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Juozas Olekas, Demetris Papadakis, Costas Mavrides**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6e. Recalls that the respect of human rights worldwide continues to be a core business for EU external action and enough financing should be available to face the multiple human rights crises throughout the world; reiterates its strong support to human rights defenders, including environmental defenders, in particular those most at risk, and calls for adequate funds to support the project Protect Defenders EU in order to extend and reinforce its protection;**

Or. en

**Amendment 63**

**Michael Gahler**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6e.** *Underlines the importance of enhancing increased European cooperation in defence matters since it not only makes Europe and its citizens safer, but also leads to a cost reduction, which means that more money is available for other pressing matters; in this light very much rejects cuts to the European Defence Fund and calls for a significant increase in this field;*

Or. en

**Amendment 64**  
**Michael Gahler**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 f (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6f.** *Repeats its previous statements about the threats related to cybersecurity as well as the spreading of fake news; in this light highlights the need for the Union budget to better address and respond to those key challenges on a horizontal level, including in particular at the headquarters of the EU, as well as its delegations around the world;*

Or. en

**Amendment 65**  
**Michael Gahler**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 g (new)**

**6g. Reiterates its firm belief that in countries of specific strategic interest for the EU, particularly the accession countries and the associated countries of the Eastern Partnership, a closer link between the Parliament and the respective national parliaments should be established, and therefore calls for adequate funding to ensure additional staff to enhance the important field of parliamentary cooperation;**

Or. en