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AMENDMENTS

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Estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2025 – Section I –
European Parliament
((2023/2221(BUI))

Amendment 1

Nils Ušakovs, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the credibility of the Parliament depends on its ability to **focus** on its core budgetary, legislative and scrutiny work to the highest standard, while setting an example vis-à-vis other Union institutions to plan and conduct its spending prudently and efficiently and to reflect the prevalent economic realities;

Amendment

C. whereas the credibility of the Parliament depends on its ability to **deliver** on its core budgetary, legislative and scrutiny work to the highest standard, while setting an example vis-à-vis other Union institutions to plan and conduct its spending prudently and efficiently and to reflect the prevalent economic realities;

Or. en

Amendment 2

Nils Ušakovs, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Is **aware of the constraints** of Heading 7 in the current MFF; recalls that these constraints are the results of the cuts applied by the Council to the Commission's already very low initial proposal when agreeing on the current MFF 2021-2027; regrets the Council's opposition to the Commission's proposal to increase the ceiling of Heading 7 in the MFF revision as from 2024; points out the failure to address the issue of the ceiling of Heading 7 in the MFF revision; highlights that the forecasted negative margin for 2025 presupposes the use of special instruments in Heading 7 for that purpose;

Amendment

1. Is **concerned with the situation** of Heading 7 in the current MFF; recalls that these constraints are the results of the cuts applied by the Council to the Commission's already very low initial proposal when agreeing on the current MFF 2021-2027; regrets the Council's opposition to the Commission's proposal to increase the ceiling of Heading 7 in the MFF revision as from 2024; points out the failure to address the issue of the ceiling of Heading 7 in the MFF revision; highlights that the forecasted negative margin for 2025 presupposes the use of special instruments in Heading 7 for that purpose;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Joachim Kuhs, Eric Minardi, Valentino Grant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Reminds that, in the case of the European Parliament, the economies are always possible to be made by revising extensive envelope of the DG COMM, which will amount to 133.8 million EUR in 2025;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Valentino Grant, Joachim Kuhs, Eric Minardi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. **Recalls** that almost two-thirds of the budget is fixed by statutory obligations; **recalls** that the salary indexation, in line with the Staff Regulations and Statute for Members of the European Parliament, is currently forecasted by the Commission for July 2024, April 2025 and July 2025 at 5,3 %, 0,6 % and 3,7 % respectively; notes that the 2024 budget includes a salary indexation of 3,4 % as from July 2024;

2. **Takes note** that almost two-thirds of the budget is fixed by statutory obligations; **notes** that the salary indexation, in line with the Staff Regulations and Statute for Members of the European Parliament, is currently forecasted by the Commission for July 2024, April 2025 and July 2025 at 5,3 %, 0,6 % and 3,7 % respectively; notes that the 2024 budget includes a salary indexation of 3,4 % as from July 2024; **notes that the proposal of the Secretary-General would set the amount of the draft preliminary estimates at EUR 2 507 233 329, corresponding to an increase of 5,21% over Parliament's 2024 budget; deplores the fact that Parliament's budget has increased steadily year on year during the last parliamentary terms; calls, therefore, for Parliament to set as the main objective for its own budget that of curbing its own costs as much as possible and seeking significant savings, in order**

to send out a message of solidarity to EU citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 5

Fabienne Keller, Olivier Chastel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 6

Francisco Guerreiro

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 7

Fabienne Keller, Olivier Chastel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that out of the increase of EUR 124 million compared to the 2024 budget an increase of EUR 98 million is due to statutory obligations, mainly for salary updates for staff (EUR 54,7 million) and parliamentary assistance related expenditure (EUR 33,2 million); ***notes*** that the increase for ***non-statutory*** expenses ***is EUR 26 million, representing an increase of 2,87 %*** compared to 2024;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 8

Fabienne Keller, Olivier Chastel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that the Parliament does not request any additional posts for 2025;

Amendment

4. Notes that the Parliament does not request any additional posts for 2025; ***calls on the Parliament to continue conducting regular assessments of the organisation of its personnel needs, to reallocate posts between directorates in accordance with***

evolving priorities in order to maintain as much as possible constant staffing levels;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Younous Omarjee

on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Invites the Secretary-General to assess the risks related to employing growing numbers of contract agents, including the danger of creating a two tier staffing structure within Parliament; insists that core permanent positions and tasks should be performed by permanent staff;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Younous Omarjee

on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 b. Highlights that subcontracting cleaning and catering services puts people, mainly women, in an extremely vulnerable position; calls for the gradual internalisation of cleaning and catering staff as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 11

Younous Omarjee
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 c. *Reiterates its request that the statute of Members of the European Parliament be amended so that the necessary measures are adopted to ensure the temporary replacement of Members of the European Parliament who are on maternity, paternity and long-term sick leave; pending this change, asks the Bureau to consider a technical solution allowing Members to exercise their right to vote when they benefit from maternity, paternity or long-term sickness leave;*

Or. en

Amendment 12
Younous Omarjee
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 d. *Calls on the Secretary-General to analyse the feasibility of the introduction of international sign language interpretation for all plenary debates, in line with the requests adopted by the Plenary, and to implement this decision in respect of the principle of equal access to all citizens;*

Or. en

Amendment 13
Fabienne Keller, Olivier Chastel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Recalls that visitors groups represent an important tool for Members to connect with constituents and to demonstrate their parliamentary work to constituents; highlights that visitors groups contribute to promoting the role of the Parliament to voters throughout the Union;

Amendment

6. Recalls that visitors groups ***in all three places of work of the Parliament,*** represent an important tool for Members to connect with constituents and to demonstrate their parliamentary work to constituents; highlights that visitors groups contribute to promoting the role of the Parliament to voters throughout the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Eric Minardi, Joachim Kuhs

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes with concern the increasing difficulties of arranging such visits due to the financial limitations of the existing budget, particularly for Members from Member States that are geographically far from Brussels and Strasbourg; acknowledges that some of these difficulties could be eased by changes to the rules governing such visits, ***but ultimately believes that a larger budget is necessary to resolve the underlying issues;***

Amendment

7. Notes with concern the increasing difficulties of arranging such visits due to the financial limitations of the existing budget, particularly for Members from Member States that are geographically far from Brussels and Strasbourg; acknowledges that some of these difficulties could be eased by changes to the rules governing such visits;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Nils Ušakovs, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

7. Notes with concern the increasing difficulties of arranging such visits due to the financial limitations of the existing budget, particularly for Members from Member States that are geographically far from Brussels and Strasbourg; *acknowledges that some of these difficulties could be eased by changes to the rules governing such visits, but ultimately believes that a larger budget is necessary to resolve the underlying issues;*

7. Notes with concern the increasing difficulties of arranging such visits due to the financial limitations of the existing budget, particularly for Members from Member States that are geographically far from Brussels and Strasbourg; ***calls on the Bureau to review and update its existing rules governing visits to overcome difficulties in the planning and organization of visits; calls for sufficient funding to cover expenses related to travel and accommodation, taking into account the inflation rates and prices, both in the countries of origin of the visitor groups and Brussels and Strasbourg;***

Or. en

Amendment 16
Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls the Secretary-General to propose to the Quaestors as soon as possible an increase of the ceilings for the costs covered to continue and enhance Members' support in enabling visitors groups to visit the Parliament;

Amendment

8. Calls the Secretary-General to propose to the Quaestors as soon as possible an increase of the ceilings for the costs covered to continue and enhance Members' support in enabling visitors groups to visit the Parliament; ***believes that a 10% increase in the per-person allocation is necessary to address the prevailing conditions;***

Or. en

Amendment 17
Francisco Guerreiro
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls the Secretary-General to propose to the Quaestors as soon as possible an increase of the ceilings for the costs covered to continue and enhance Members' support in enabling visitors groups to visit the Parliament;

Amendment

8. Calls the Secretary-General to propose to the Quaestors as soon as possible an increase of the ceilings for the costs covered to continue and enhance Members' support in enabling visitors groups to visit the Parliament ***while at the same time giving a preferential treatment to sustainable modes of transport***;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Notes with concern the internal rules governing MEP Visitor Groups, which result in 30% of the up-front costs having to be incurred by APAs in some circumstances; stresses the impracticability of these rules and the financial burden this places on APAs; calls on the Bureau to review these rules;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Valentino Grant, Joachim Kuhs, Eric Minardi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. ***Recalls*** the Bureau decision of 25 November 2019 to establish Europa Experience centres in all Members States by the end of 2024; regrets ***the delays in establishing Europa Experiences in all Member States before the 2024***

9. ***Regrets*** the Bureau decision of 25 November 2019 to establish Europa Experience centres in all Members States by the end of 2024, ***since it questions the real added value of the Europa Experience centres***; regrets ***that another***

Parliament elections and notes that currently only 12 are in operation;

21.2 million EUR will be invested into this costly and purely ideological project in 2025;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Recalls the Bureau decision of 25 November 2019 to establish Europa Experience centres in all Members States by the end of 2024; regrets the delays in establishing Europa Experiences in all Member States before the 2024 Parliament elections and notes that currently only 12 are in operation;

Amendment

9. Recalls the Bureau decision of 25 November 2019 to establish Europa Experience centres in all Members States by the end of 2024; regrets the delays in establishing Europa Experiences in all Member States before the 2024 Parliament elections and notes that currently only 12 are in operation; ***recognises that a number of external factors, including the volatility of real estate markets, have contributed to these delays;***

Or. en

Amendment 21

Eric Minardi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Takes note that five centres are planned to be opened in 2025 (in Athens, Zagreb, The Hague, Sofia and Budapest); calls ***for the establishment*** of Europa Experiences in all Member States as soon as possible; recalls that Europa Experiences should allow all citizens to have a better understanding of the functioning of the Union institutions;

Amendment

10. Takes note that five centres are planned to be opened in 2025 (in Athens, Zagreb, The Hague, Sofia and Budapest) ***which is excessive given the budgetary constraints facing the EU budget***; calls ***on the bureau to put an end to the development*** of Europa Experiences in all Member States as soon as possible; recalls that Europa Experiences should allow all citizens to have a better understanding of

the functioning of the Union institutions, *but recalls above all that they do not meet a demand and therefore have no proven added value, hence the need to put an end to them*;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Nils Ušakovs, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Recalls that the EU Parliament strongly supports multilingualism and promotes the rights of the national, regional and linguistic minorities; considers that the EU Parliament can actively contribute to the fight against disinformation providing information also in linguistic minorities and communities languages where appropriate; requires the Bureau to widening the extent of Parliament's production and dissemination of communication materials for example for the Europa Experience Centres in the languages of linguistic minorities and communities within the different Member States, also as a way to tighten links between linguistic communities within the EU and counter any attempt to rely on linguistic differences to hinder cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Nils Ušakovs, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Takes note that the Committee on Budgets approved the Bureau's decision to carry out a profound **environmental** renovation of the SPAAK building, in line with the its resolution of 19 October 2022 on the Council position on the draft general budget of the European Union for financial year 2023¹³ ; **takes note that EUR 9,5 million are included in the 2025 estimates for studies; reminds the Bureau that proper information and consultation with the Committee on Budgets before adopting any major decision on building related issues and its financing is needed due to their important budgetary implications;**

¹³ Texts adopted, P9_TA(2022)0366.

Amendment

11. Takes note that the Committee on Budgets approved the Bureau's decision to carry out a profound renovation of the SPAAK building, in line with the its resolution of 19 October 2022 on the Council position on the draft general budget of the European Union for financial year 2023¹³ ;

¹³ Texts adopted, P9_TA(2022)0366.

Or. en

Amendment 24
Joachim Kuhs, Eric Minardi, Valentino Grant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. **Takes note that the Committee on Budgets approved the Bureau's decision to carry out a profound environmental renovation of the SPAAK building, in line with the its resolution of 19 October 2022 on the Council position on the draft general budget of the European Union for financial year 2023¹³ ; takes note that EUR 9,5 million are included in the 2025 estimates for studies;** reminds the Bureau that proper information and consultation with the Committee on Budgets before adopting any major decision on building related issues and its financing is needed due to their important budgetary implications;

Amendment

11. **Insists that any** renovation of the **EP building units, including** SPAAK building, **shall follow the most economical approach;** reminds the Bureau that proper information and consultation with the Committee on Budgets before adopting any major decision on building related issues and its financing is needed due to their important budgetary implications;

Amendment 25
Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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¹³ Texts adopted, P9_TA(2022)0366.

Amendment 26
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

11. Takes note that the Committee on Budgets approved the Bureau's decision to carry out a profound environmental renovation of the SPAAK building, in line with the its resolution of 19 October 2022 on the Council position on the draft general budget of the European Union for financial year 2023[1]; ***highlights that the long-overdue renovation will lead to significant savings and reduction of CO2-emissions of the least energy-friendly building of Parliament' portfolio in Brussels and ensure the building's compliance with future EU legislation***; takes note that EUR 9,5 million are included in the 2025 estimates for studies; reminds the Bureau that proper information and consultation with the Committee on Budgets before adopting any major decision on building related issues and its financing is needed due to their important budgetary implications;

¹³ *Texts adopted, P9_TA(2022)0366.*

Amendment 27
Fabienne Keller

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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¹³ Texts adopted, P9_TA(2022)0366.

Or. en

Amendment 28
Nils Ušakovs, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Reminds the Bureau that transparency, proper information and consultation with the Committee on Budgets including access to comprehensive details regarding the condition of buildings, the assessment methodology employed and the individuals responsible for their implementation and the costs for strictly

needed works to meet regulatory requirements, before adopting any major decision on building related issues and its financing is needed due to their important budgetary implications;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Joachim Kuhs, Eric Minardi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. *Recognises the need to start renovation works in 2025 to the TREVES II building in order to facilitate the temporary accommodation of staff that will be displaced as part of the renovations of the SPAAK building;*

Amendment

12. *Recommends, in case if the renovation of SPAAK building will take place, to consider full time teleworking arrangements for the staff located in the SPAAK premises as a temporary and economical solution;*

Or. en

Amendment 30
Valentino Grant, Joachim Kuhs, Eric Minardi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

12 a. Disapproves the ongoing practice of the year-end ‘mopping-up transfer’ to contribute to building projects; underlines that such “mopping-up transfer” takes place systematically on the same chapters, titles and, often, exactly on the same budgetary lines; considers that it exists in tension with the transparency of building projects within the Parliament’s budget and incentivises over-budgeting in certain areas;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Valentino Grant, Joachim Kuhs, Eric Minardi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 b. Calls for a deeper reflection on the financing of every investment concerning building projects within Parliament's budget in order to save resources as much as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Valentino Grant, Joachim Kuhs

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 c. Recalls the support by the vast majority of Parliament for a single seat to ensure efficient spending of Union taxpayers' money; recalls the Parliament's 2013 resolution which estimated the costs of the geographic dispersion to range from EUR 156 million to EUR 204 million per year; deplores the fact that over a single parliamentary term the costs generated by Parliament's geographic dispersion can amount to as much as EUR 1 billion and calls, therefore, for practical steps to be taken quickly to establish a single seat for Parliament, in order to prevent any further waste of public money;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Fabienne Keller, Olivier Chastel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. ***Takes note of*** the need to improve access for persons with disabilities to the Plenary Chamber in Strasbourg;

Amendment

13. ***Welcomes Parliament's policy aiming to ensure the fully independent use of Parliament buildings by persons with disabilities and supports further measures and adaptations that will be necessary in this regard; recognizes*** the need to improve access for persons with disabilities to the Plenary Chamber in Strasbourg;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Eric Minardi, Joachim Kuhs

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Recalls the support by the vast majority of Parliament for a single seat to ensure efficient spending of Union taxpayers' money; recalls the need to find solutions to optimise parliamentary institutional work and financial costs; underlines that Strasbourg is the official and legal seat of the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Nils Ušakovs, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recalls that Parliament's administration is currently working on a comprehensive approach to define Parliament's long-term building policy considering in particular environmental obligations, energy efficiency, and waste management in line with the "Fit for 55" package and expects the results to be made public;

Amendment

14. Recalls that Parliament's administration is currently working on a comprehensive approach to define Parliament's long-term building policy considering in particular environmental obligations, ***costs, budgetary constraints,*** energy efficiency, and waste management in line with the "Fit for 55" package and expects the results to be made public; ***calls for a serious consideration of building policy cost, notably by taking stock of flexible ways of working that have arisen as a consequence of the pandemic, which brought for instance the European Commission to plan a substantial reduction of office dedicated square meters by 2030, while acknowledging that physical presence for political negotiations, debates or exchange of views remains more efficient for public policy making; considers that the "mopping up" yearly exercise can also serve other purposes than to finance building related projects;***

Or. en

Amendment 36

Eric Minardi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Calls for building renovations to be carried out only when necessary, so as not to increase the burden on the Union's budget;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Fabienne Keller, Olivier Chastel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Welcomes the continuous efforts and measures put in place by the Parliament in order to reduce its environmental footprint;

Amendment

15. Welcomes the continuous efforts and measures put in place by the Parliament in order to reduce its environmental footprint; ***expects Parliament to achieve all the environmental management system (EMAS) key performance indicator targets by the end of 2024 and proceed to adoption of new ambitious targets for the coming years;***

Or. en

Amendment 38
Francisco Guerreiro
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Welcomes the continuous efforts and measures put in place by the Parliament in order to reduce its environmental footprint;

Amendment

15. Welcomes the continuous efforts and measures put in place by the Parliament in order to reduce its environmental footprint; ***reiterates its full support for Parliament's environmental management system (EMAS) targets for 2024 and welcomes the preparatory work for the targets for 2025-2029 and expects to see ambitious targets for the next programming period;***

Or. en

Amendment 39
Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Welcomes the continuous efforts and measures put in place by the Parliament in order to reduce its environmental footprint;

Amendment

15. Welcomes the continuous efforts and measures put in place by the Parliament in order to reduce its environmental footprint; ***notes in particular a number of achievements in this regard, including a 44% reduction in carbon emissions since 2006, a 66% reduction in paper-use compared to 2014, the high rates of staff walking or cycling to work, significant decreases in the use of plastic, and the successful roll-out of renewable energy infrastructure, which saw 458MWh of solar energy generated by the Parliament in 2023;***

Or. en

Amendment 40

Francisco Guerreiro

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Takes note of the increases of the carbon credit prices; calls on the Parliament to make energy efficiency investments and on-site production a priority rather than compensating a low level of ambition with the purchase of carbon credits; indicates that such energy efficiency investments is a better method of achieving value for money; encourages the services to develop carbon pricing as an informative tool (shadow pricing) rather than a hard carbon price that would add to existing costs of carbon offsetting prices which are already projected to rise in the near future in light of the recent sharp increase in carbon credit prices to facilitate reaching carbon neutrality;

Amendment 41
Younous Omarjee
on behalf of The Left Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Welcomes and encourages the investments in renewable energy and for the phasing-out of fossil fuels;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Francisco Guerreiro
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 b. Welcomes and encourages the investments in renewable energy and for the phasing-out of fossil fuels and in particular the installation of heat pumps given the energy crisis and geopolitical context; recalls that there are 52 gas boilers in the Parliament's premises in Brussels alone; reiterates its call for a roadmap for the phasing out of fossil fuels with specific milestones to be included in the next multi-annual building strategy to avoid stranded assets and for an analysis of the effectiveness and efficiency of using heat pump systems and other relevant technologies; notes that Parliament has installed and is continuing to install photovoltaic (PV) solar panels to further increase the share of renewable energy produced on-site to reach the target of 25 %; calls on

Parliament to take all the necessary steps to decrease medium and long-term energy consumption; asks the Secretary-General to implement the updated studies and audits on the technical feasibility to install PV panels on the rooftops of the Strasbourg buildings, to take into account evolution of technologies and market prices since the original studies were done 10 years ago and its added value compared to other types of energy savings investment; believes that budgetary aspect of possible decisions in that field must be balanced between best added value and the reasonable amount of investment in a constrained budgetary context;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Francisco Guerreiro

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 c. Recalls that nearly two-thirds of Parliament's carbon footprint originates from the transportation of people; calls for promotion of a shift to low-carbon alternatives for traveling and invited the Bureau to examine the travel policy of the European Investment Bank Group in this regard; welcomes Parliament's efforts to reduce CO2 emissions through chartered trains and calls for upscaling the availabilities to shift travel between the three places of work to train;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Andrzej Halicki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Recalls the ongoing struggle in which the European Union is involved to safeguard European values and uphold the integrity of our democratic processes; welcomes the actions undertaken by the Parliament in the pursuit of these objectives, fighting against disinformation and information manipulation; calls on DG COMM and EPLOs to keep developing and implementing effective strategies to counter disinformation and information manipulation; highlights that one of the most powerful weapons against disinformation is positive, fact-based communication regarding the Parliament's activities;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Supports the announcement made by the Secretary-General in the BUDG committee to reduce administrative burden and bureaucracy for Member's and their offices while accelerating the digitalisation of processes within the administration; stresses that investments in digitalisation are generating a return on investment in the midterm and should not be delayed for short-term cost savings and campaign optics;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Francisco Guerreiro
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Regrets that the call by plenary to introduce a cooling-off period for former Members equal to the time during which they receive a transitional allowance during which they cannot engage in lobbying or representational activities with Parliament was not taken up and calls this to be urgently rectified;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Andrzej Halicki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 b. Recalls the major efforts undertaken by EPLOs in Baltic countries to provide information to citizens in Ukrainian and Russian since the start of the Russian war of aggression in Ukraine, with a particular focus on countering Russian disinformation and propaganda; underlines the importance of EPLO's active participation in the implementation of the Parliament's work on citizenship education through multiple programmes involving local communities, schools and universities; notes that the Parliament tailors its communication in order to best suit the needs of its target audience;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Francisco Guerreiro
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 b. Believes no General Expenditure Allowance should be paid to former Members; calls therefore for the deletion of Article 42, subparagraph 4 of the Implementing Measures of the Members' Statute as a matter of urgency;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 c. Highlights that ensuring a fair geographical balance is an important part of creating a truly European public service; remarks that over the years, Parliament has taken a number of measures in that respect; notes that there is still room for improvement; notes that the Bureau has created the legal framework for the organisation of nationality specific competitions and decided to organise the first of such competitions; highlights that competitions should always be based on merit;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Nils Ušakovs, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Reiterates its call on the Conference of Presidents and the Bureau to revise the implementing provisions governing the work of delegations and missions outside the Union; underlines that such a revision should consider the possibility for APAs, subject to certain conditions, to accompany Members on official Parliament delegations and missions;

Amendment

17. Reiterates its call on the Conference of Presidents and the Bureau to ***promptly*** revise the implementing provisions governing the work of delegations and missions outside the Union; underlines that such a revision should consider the possibility for APAs, subject to certain conditions, to accompany Members on official Parliament delegations and missions ***and apply effectively as of the beginning of the upcoming legislature***;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Francisco Guerreiro

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. Recalls the support of the vast majority of Members for a single seat to ensure that Union taxpayers' money is spent efficiently and for Parliament to assume its institutional responsibility to reduce its carbon footprint; recalls the need to find solutions to optimise the parliamentary institutional work, financial costs and carbon footprint; believes that the experience gained and investments made in remote working and meetings can serve as a basis for adapting staff mission needs; recalls that, according to the Treaty on European Union, Parliament is to have its seat in Strasbourg; notes that permanent changes would require a Treaty change for which unanimity is needed;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Nils Ušakovs, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. Reiterates its request, adopted at Plenary level at several occasions, to the Bureau to start the work on revision of the Rules of Procedure enabling Members to exercise their right to vote remotely, during benefiting from maternity or paternity leave, during a long-term illness or in cases of force majeure, taking advantage of the lessons learnt during the pandemic on the technical aspects of this voting method;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Nils Ušakovs, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 b. Reiterates its call to the Bureau to guarantee that all restaurants within Parliament uphold their standards of quality, efficiency and affordability, and to re-introduce access control at the entrances to the Self-service restaurant during peak time; welcomes the implementation of access controls at the entrance of the WEISS self-service in Strasbourg during part-sessions;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Nils Ušakovs, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 c. Highlights in this respect that requests voted by the Plenary should be implemented as a matter of high priority;

Or. en