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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft report**  
**Siegfried Mureşan**  
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Draft amending budget no 1 to the general budget 2024 amendments of the  
2024 budget required due to the MFF revision  
((2024/0056(BUD))



### **Amendment 1**

**Victor Negrescu**

on behalf of the S&D Group

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 2**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

2. ***Stresses*** that, with the adoption of Draft amending budget No 1/2024, the 2024 Union budget will be more fit for purpose, more flexible and better equipped to meet the challenges the Union faces;

#### *Amendment*

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Or. en

### **Amendment 2**

**Rasmus Andresen**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 3**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

3. Welcomes the proposal to mobilise EUR 4,8 billion from the newly created Ukraine Reserve to enable the payment of grants to Ukraine; recalls that the payment of loans does not require an amending budget and therefore that the Union is already providing support to the Ukrainian government so that it can maintain essential services; stresses that grant- and loan-based financial support through the Ukraine Facility will help Ukraine ***on*** its path to reconstruction, recovery, reform and membership of the Union;

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Or. en

### **Amendment 3**

**Eric Minardi, Joachim Kuhs**

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Or. en

**Amendment 4**

**Rasmus Andresen**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Underlines that the budget nomenclature for the Ukraine Facility, introduced through Draft amending budget No 1/2024, will help to ensure that the budgetary authority can exercise proper scrutiny over spending; welcomes the inclusion in the Facility of interest rate subsidy payments for Macro-Financial Assistance (MFA) provided to Ukraine in 2022, which will reduce pressure in Heading 6 (Neighbourhood and the World), in particular in the Neighbourhood Development and International Cooperation Instrument - Global Europe cushion;

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*context that the Commission will ensure sufficient support to Ukraine as well as for the rest of the world in need from HUMA also in the 2024 budget;*

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Rasmus Andresen**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Notes that, on 5 March 2024, the Commission put forward a proposal to establish a new defence programme - the European Defence Industry Programme - for the period 2025-2027, with a planned transfer of EUR 1,5 billion from the EDF, precisely the amount of the EDF reinforcement agreed under STEP; insists that the additional resources assigned to the EDF for the remainder of the MFF period be used for STEP objectives;

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Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
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on behalf of the S&D Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
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Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Rasmus Andresen**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Welcomes the additional EUR 500 million for the Western Balkans, placed in reserve subject to the adoption of the proposed regulation establishing the Growth and Reform Facility for the Western Balkans; emphasises that the inclusion in Draft amending budget No 1/2024 of the amounts and proposed nomenclature for that Facility does not prejudice the work of the co-legislators; points out, in that regard, that it does not consider the nomenclature as set out in Draft amending budget No 1/2024 to be fit for purpose and intends to ensure greater granularity and therefore better oversight for the budgetary authority;

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Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Victor Negrescu**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Notes that, of the total EUR 3,1 billion in reinforcements for Heading 6 between 2024 and 2027 agreed in the MFF revision, only EUR 500 million is included in Draft amending budget No 1/2024; points out, furthermore, that planned redeployments of funds within that Heading are not included; reiterates its request to the Commission to provide the budgetary authority with detailed information explaining how it intends to manage all changes to programmes and special instruments resulting from the MFF revision;

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Or. en

**Amendment 9**

**Victor Negrescu**

on behalf of the S&D Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Welcomes the fact that the Union will be better able to respond to crises as a result of the increased financing for natural disasters and other emergencies included in Draft amending budget No 1/2024; notes that Draft amending budget No 1/2024 creates new lines in accordance with the decision to split the Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve into two parts - the European Solidarity Reserve for natural disasters and public health emergencies within the Union and in accession countries and the Emergency Aid Reserve for rapid response to emergencies inside and outside the Union; considers that the new architecture will make the funds easier to manage;

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*applications as well as the disbursement of the funds;*

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Rasmus Andresen**

**Motion for a resolution**  
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Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Eric Minardi, Joachim Kuhs**

**Motion for a resolution**  
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Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Rasmus Andresen**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Expects humanitarian aid needs to remain high in 2024; calls on the Commission to monitor ***those*** needs closely and to propose any necessary measures to the budgetary authority in good time; recalls, in that regard, that the Flexibility Instrument has been reinforced by around EUR 500 million for 2024 as part of the MFF revision;

*Amendment*

11. Expects humanitarian aid needs to remain high in 2024 ***and underlines the fact that HUMA remains sorely under-budgeted; taking into account the experience of the budget implementation in the previous years,*** calls on the Commission to monitor ***the humanitarian aid*** needs closely and to propose any necessary measures to the budgetary authority in good time; recalls, in that regard, that the Flexibility Instrument has been reinforced by around EUR 500 million for 2024 as part of the MFF revision;

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Victor Negrescu**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
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*Amendment*

11. Expects humanitarian aid needs to **further increase** in 2024; calls on the Commission to monitor those needs closely and to propose any necessary measures to the budgetary authority in good time; recalls, in that regard, that the Flexibility Instrument has been reinforced by around EUR 500 million for 2024 as part of the MFF revision;

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Victor Negrescu**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Notes that the 2024 allocation for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) is reduced to EUR 33,8 million, in accordance with the revised MFF Regulation; calls on the Commission to monitor EGF implementation and to take any necessary measures to ensure that all **justified** requests for EGF support can be met;

*Amendment*

12. Notes that the 2024 allocation for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF) is reduced to EUR 33,8 million, in accordance with the revised MFF Regulation; calls on the Commission to monitor EGF implementation and to take any necessary measures to ensure that all **relevant** requests for EGF support can be met **and put in place a contingency plan in case any requests cannot be met**;

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Victor Negrescu**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Takes note of the changes to the budgetary remarks to enable the Digital Europe programme to finance the costs of recruiting contractual agents for the Artificial Intelligence Office established under the recently agreed Artificial Intelligence Act; underlines that such a workaround solution is **only** necessary owing to insufficient resources under Heading 7 (Administration) **and to** the Commission's self-imposed stable staffing policy; insists that covering staffing costs for the new Office in this manner is a temporary fix **and** that a structural solution under Heading 7 must be found **beyond the current MFF**;

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Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Rasmus Andresen**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

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Commission's self-imposed stable staffing policy, ***should be accepted only as an exceptional solution and cannot create any precedents for the future***; insists, ***in that regard***, that covering staffing costs for the new Office in this manner is a temporary fix and that a structural solution under Heading 7 must be found beyond the current MFF;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 17**

**Victor Negrescu**

on behalf of the S&D Group

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 14**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

14. Recalls that, in its executability letter assessing Parliament's and the Council's respective readings on the 2024 budget, the Commission stated that the budget remarks should, "as a general rule, [...] reflect the legal base and should be reviewed only if necessary to reflect the changes in applicable legal bases" and "should not propose any changes and modifications to programme general and specific objectives or actions that are not explicitly mentioned in basic acts"; expects that, given the Commission's evident flexibility in amending the remarks for the Digital Europe programme to accommodate the recruitment of external personnel unrelated to the programme's implementation, it will apply ***a different*** yardstick when assessing any changes to the budgetary remarks that Parliament or the Council may propose in the 2025 budgetary procedure;

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Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Eric Minardi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

**15. Underlines the need for additional resources for the European Public Prosecutor's Office (the 'EPPO') given Poland's planned accession in 2024 and the future accession of Sweden and in the context of accelerated implementation of NextGenerationEU funding; regrets that those additional resources were not included in Draft amending budget No 1/2024; calls on the Commission to include reinforcements for the EPPO budget in the next draft amending budget to ensure the EPPO can deliver fully on its mandate;**

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Victor Negrescu**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

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15. Underlines the need for additional resources for the European Public Prosecutor's Office (the 'EPPO') given Poland's planned accession in 2024 and the future accession of Sweden and in the context of accelerated implementation of NextGenerationEU funding; regrets that those additional resources were not included in Draft amending budget No 1/2024; calls on the Commission to **reinforce the EPPO budget with 81 new posts and its budget line with 7 835 000 EUR** in the next draft amending budget to ensure the EPPO can deliver fully on its

mandate, *in particular to ensure that the operationalisation of Poland's accession is not delayed or rendered ineffective because of lack of prosecutor posts or the necessary legal expertise in the Central Office, that the current EPPO investigations are adequately pursued and that EPPO has sufficient additional resources to ensure the security of its IT system and the adequate functioning of its administration;*

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Fabienne Keller**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

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*Amendment*

15. ***Stresses the urgent*** need for additional resources for the European Public Prosecutor's Office (the 'EPPO') given Poland's planned accession in 2024 and the future accession of Sweden and in the context of accelerated implementation of NextGenerationEU funding; ***deplores the fact that, despite the urgency,*** those additional resources were not included in Draft amending budget No 1/2024 ***by the Commission while other changes related to the AI agreement were included;*** calls ***strongly*** on the Commission to ***secure*** reinforcements for the EPPO budget ***as soon as possible*** to ensure the EPPO can deliver fully on its mandate;

Or. en