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The revision of the Financial Regulation in view of the entry into force of the
2021-2027 multiannual financial framework
(2021/2162(INI))

Amendment 1
Claudiu Manda

Motion for a resolution
Citation 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regards to the Commission Notice 2021/C121/01 on Guidance on the avoidance and management of conflict of interest under the Financial Regulation,*

Or. en

Amendment 2
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Citation 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted in September 2015 and in force as from 1 January 2016,*

Or. en

Amendment 3
Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the decision of the European Ombudsman in joint inquiry 853/2020/KR on the European Commission's decision to award a contract to BlackRock Investment Management to carry out a study on integrating environmental, social and*

*governance (ESG) objectives into EU
banking rules,*

Or. en

Amendment 4
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Citation 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the study on the
largest 50 beneficiaries in each EU
Member State of CAP and Cohesion
Funds, requested by the CONT
Committee, PE 679.107 - May 2021,*

Or. en

Amendment 5
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Citation 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the resolution of
the European Parliament B9-0318/2021
on the Financial Regulation review and
EU Commission's guidelines on public
procurement for policy-related service
contracts,*

Or. en

Amendment 6
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Citation 16 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the Commission communication COM(2020)103 An SME Strategy for a sustainable and digital Europe,*

Or. en

Amendment 7
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Citation 16 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the Commission communication COM(2021)350 Updating the 2020 New Industry Strategy: Building a stronger Single Market for Europe's recovery,*

Or. en

Amendment 8
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Citation 16 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the Commission communication COM(2021)219 Better Regulation: Joining forces to make better laws,*

Or. en

Amendment 9
Nicolae Ștefănuță, Pascal Durand, Vlad Gheorghe, Moritz Körner, Nils Torvalds, Olivier Chastel, Mauri Pekkarinen, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas, following the entry into force of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) for 2021-2027, the Commission published a roadmap and launched a public consultation with a view to aligning the Financial Regulation, where appropriate, with the rules agreed by the legislator as part of the MFF 2021-2027 package, and to proposing limited and targeted improvements required by the evolving situation, for instance following the COVID-19 crisis or in the context of the growing opportunities for digitalisation;

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Or. en

Amendment 10

Michal Wiezik

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

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package, and to proposing limited and targeted improvements required by the evolving situation, for instance following the COVID-19 crisis *or* in the context of the growing opportunities for digitalisation;

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Or. en

Amendment 11
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas the absorption rate under the MFF 2014-2020 was too low and needs improvement, especially from the perspective of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), by improving and strengthening the decision-making and allocation processes, as well as principles and procedures governing the establishment, implementation and control of the EU Budget;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Pascal Durand, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Valérie Hayer, Pierre Karleskind, Olivier Chastel, Alin Mituța, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Gilles Boyer

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas the Commission acknowledged^{1a} the need to reflect on amendments to the Financial Regulation that prevent selecting bidders that can be in a situation of conflict of interests and

*to improve implementation guidelines
(Vademecum on public procurement) on
the application of the notion of conflicting
professional interests;*

1^a Case 853/2020/KR

Or. en

Amendment 13
Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas due to its overarching nature, the Financial Regulation should be revised in order to take into account the security interests of the EU (such as key infrastructure and telecommunications projects) enlarging the eligibility to participate and to receive EU funding;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas the revision of the Financial Regulation should take into account the Union's security interests - such as key infrastructure and telecommunications projects-, with a focus on the eligibility criteria to participate and receive EU funding;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Alin Mituța, Olivier Chastel, Ramona Strugariu, Pierre Karleskind, Pascal Durand, Katalin Cseh

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas respect for the rule of law is an essential precondition for compliance with the principles of sound financial management;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Notes that the upcoming revision of the Financial Regulation is needed as a consequence of the entry into force of the MFF 2021-2027 package, including NGEU, which not only updates legal provisions but also contains significant innovations within the budgetary system;

1. Notes that the upcoming revision of the Financial Regulation is needed as a consequence of the entry into force of the MFF 2021-2027 package, including NGEU, ***as well as to ensure the proper implementation of the Inter-Institutional Agreement on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap for the introduction of new own resources***, which not only updates legal provisions but also contains significant innovations within the budgetary system;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Pascal Durand, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Valérie Hayer, Pierre Karleskind, Olivier Chastel,

Alin Mituța, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Gilles Boyer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that the revision should seek to modernise the rules applicable to the EU budget in line with its latest evolutions and in line with the budgetary principles, and to increase parliamentary oversight, democratic accountability and the ability to respond to citizens' needs;

Amendment

2. Believes that the revision should seek to modernise the rules applicable to the EU budget in line with its latest evolutions and in line with the budgetary principles, and to ***strengthen public procurement rules avoiding any potential conflict of interests, including professional conflict of interests, whether immediately apparent or not and to*** increase parliamentary oversight, democratic accountability and the ability to respond to citizens' needs;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Nicolae Ștefănuță, Pascal Durand, Vlad Gheorghe, Nils Torvalds, Olivier Chastel, Mauri Pekkarinen, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that the revision should seek to modernise the rules applicable to the EU budget in line with its latest evolutions and in line with the budgetary principles, and to increase parliamentary oversight, democratic accountability and the ability to respond to citizens' needs;

Amendment

2. Believes that the revision should seek to modernise the rules applicable to the EU budget in line with its latest evolutions and in line with the budgetary principles, and to increase ***respect of the EU values, protection of the financial interests of the EU***, parliamentary oversight, democratic accountability and the ability to respond to citizens' needs ***quickly, particularly in times of crises***;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Eero Heinäluoma

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

2. Believes that the revision should seek to modernise the rules applicable to the EU budget in line with its latest evolutions and in line with the budgetary principles, ***to strengthen the performance of spending with a view to achieving greater European added-value***, and to increase parliamentary oversight, democratic accountability and the ability to respond to citizens' needs;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 21
Joachim Kuhs, H  l  ne Laporte, Jean-Fran  ois Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

2. Believes that the revision should seek to modernise the rules applicable to the EU budget in line with its latest evolutions and in line with the budgetary principles ***without their violation***, and to increase parliamentary oversight, democratic accountability and the ability to respond to citizens' needs;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Nicolae Ștefănuță, Pascal Durand, Vlad Gheorghe, Moritz Körner, Olivier Chastel, Mauri Pekkarinen, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Is of the opinion that, while a global overhaul of the rules applicable to the budget is not needed at this time, the Financial Regulation must be subject to targeted improvements and simplifications, in particular where they increase transparency and democratic scrutiny;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 23

Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

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Financial Regulation must be subject to targeted improvements and simplifications, in particular where they increase transparency and democratic scrutiny; ***furthermore, the revision should address challenges related to SMEs' participation in the MFF 2022-2027 package;***

Or. en

Amendment 24
Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

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3. Is of the opinion that, while a global overhaul of the rules applicable to the budget is not needed at this time, the Financial Regulation must be subject to targeted improvements and simplifications, in particular where they increase transparency and democratic scrutiny ***as well as provide for a better implementation of the EU budget,***

Or. en

Amendment 25
Claudiu Manda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

3. Is of the opinion that, while a global overhaul of the rules applicable to the budget is not needed at this time, the Financial Regulation must be subject to targeted improvements and simplifications, in particular where they increase transparency and democratic scrutiny ***and***

enhance the protection of EU financial interests;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Eero Heinäluoma

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

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Or. en

Amendment 27
Michal Wiezik

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

3. Is of the opinion that, while a global overhaul of the rules applicable to the budget is not needed at this time, the Financial Regulation must be subject to targeted improvements and simplifications, in particular where they *improve accountability and* increase transparency and democratic scrutiny;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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3. Is of the opinion that, while a global overhaul of the rules applicable to the budget is not needed at this time, the Financial Regulation must be subject to targeted improvements and simplifications, in particular where they increase **rule of law**, transparency and democratic scrutiny;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Angelika Winzig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. Believes that, as a matter of principle, the same level of protection should be guaranteed for the whole EU budget, regardless if it is under direct, indirect or shared management mode;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Angelika Winzig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 b. Reminds that performance based budgeting should be a guiding principle;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Nicolae Ștefănuță, Pascal Durand, Vlad Gheorghe, Nils Torvalds, Olivier Chastel, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that the number and scope of off-budget instruments have grown significantly in the past decade, and that NGEU has taken this practice to the next level, **by greatly, if temporarily**, increasing the magnitude of the EU budget in the form of external assigned revenue, **and creating liabilities until 2058** through **borrowing for lending and borrowing for direct EU expenditure**; warns that these **developments put at risk central budgetary principles such as unity and budgetary accuracy, equilibrium and universality**;

Amendment

4. Notes that the number and scope of off-budget instruments have grown significantly in the past decade, and that NGEU has taken this practice to the next level, increasing the magnitude of the EU budget in the form of external assigned revenue; **notes that NGEU, financed through the EU budget is the largest amount the EU has ever proposed to redress its economy after the impact of COVID-19 pandemic; expresses its confidence that in crises, innovative instruments like NGEU will be used in order to enable the European Union to act and support its Member States; invites the Commission to propose a more transparent system of governance for the off-budget instruments, that involves both arms of budgetary authority, the European Parliament and the Council**; warns that **the risks of fraud and misuse of these funds is significant; calls that the modifications of the Financial Regulation should reinforce the link between NGEU-funded recovery measures and the EU's objectives and values**;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Valérie Hayer, Pascal Durand, Pierre Karleskind, Nicolae Ștefănuță

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. *Notes that the number and scope of off-budget instruments have grown significantly in the past decade, and that NGEU has taken this practice to the next level, by greatly, if temporarily, increasing the magnitude of the EU budget in the form of external assigned revenue, and creating liabilities until 2058 through borrowing for lending and borrowing for direct EU expenditure; warns that these developments put at risk central budgetary principles such as unity and budgetary accuracy, equilibrium and universality;*

4. *Welcomes that NGEU has greatly increased the magnitude of the EU budget allowing the Union to face one of its greatest challenges of its existence; notes that it has created liabilities until 2058 through borrowing for lending and borrowing for direct EU expenditure;*

Or. en

Amendment 33

Tamás Deutsch, Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that the number and scope of off-budget instruments have grown significantly in the past decade, and that NGEU has taken this practice to the next level, by greatly, if temporarily, increasing the magnitude of the EU budget in the form of external assigned revenue, and creating liabilities until 2058 through borrowing for lending and borrowing for direct EU expenditure; *warns* that these developments put at risk central budgetary principles such as unity and budgetary accuracy, equilibrium and universality;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 34

Joachim Kuhs, Hélène Laporte, Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that the number and scope of off-budget instruments have grown significantly in the past decade, and that NGEU has taken this practice to the next level, by greatly, if temporarily, increasing the magnitude of the EU budget in the form of external assigned revenue, and creating liabilities until 2058 through borrowing for lending and borrowing for direct EU expenditure; warns that these developments put at risk central budgetary principles such as unity and budgetary accuracy, equilibrium *and* universality;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 35

Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 36

José Manuel Fernandes

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Underlines that the coordinated collection of GNI-based national contributions in the form of external assigned revenue and outside the budgetary procedure is not exclusive to NGEU, but has been the chosen fix for the Facility for Refugees in Turkey, COVID-19 vaccine contracts and perhaps, in the future, the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA); recalls that borrowing on capital markets has been a long-standing feature of Union's budgetary operations to the extent that both the Commission and Parliament already called for its budgetisation in the 1970's and 1980's, well before the creation of the European Financial Stabilisation Mechanism (EFSM), the temporary Support to mitigate Unemployment Risks in an Emergency (SURE) or NGEU;

Or. en

**Amendment 37
Markus Pieper**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Notes that the RRF is an extraordinary instrument specifically designed to address the effects of the pandemic and while the Financial Regulation needs several adjustments in this context, reminds the Commission that it should remain a temporary single-use instrument; is concerned that absorption is closely connected to outstanding

commitments that have continued to grow; recalls the increasing gap between commitments and payments and the increase in the size of the Union budget (the Court of Auditors' rapid case review 05/2019: 'Outstanding commitments in the EU budget - A closer look') which poses a serious challenge for the discharge authority too;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Is concerned that the unprecedented amounts made available under the RRF, where Member States will report to the Commission in bulk about progress on milestones, will present the European Court of Auditors with a highly complex challenge to provide assurance on the legality and regularity of the spending;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 b. Notes that the off-budget instruments are often divided between shared-management and direct management; highlights the difficulty for a regular audit process; stresses that the related sectoral legislations should be

updated in case of procedural changes to ensure sound financial management;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Tamás Deutsch, Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is concerned that these mechanisms pose a *serious* challenge to the ability of the Parliament to fulfil its decision-making, scrutiny and discharge functions; *strongly believes that EU financial rules must be updated as regards the role of the budgetary authority in relation to these mechanisms, in order to bring them closer to the principles and responsibilities set out in the Treaties;*

Amendment

5. Is concerned that these mechanisms pose a challenge to the ability of the Parliament to fulfil its decision-making, scrutiny and discharge functions;

Or. en

Amendment 41
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is concerned that these mechanisms pose a serious challenge to the ability of the Parliament to fulfil its decision-making, scrutiny and discharge functions; strongly believes that EU financial rules must be updated as regards the role of the budgetary authority in relation to these mechanisms, in order to bring them closer to the principles and responsibilities set out in the Treaties;

Amendment

5. Is concerned that these mechanisms pose a serious challenge to the ability of the Parliament to fulfil its decision-making, scrutiny and discharge functions; *and more generally to the ability of the general public and any public or private institution to understand the Union budget and hold the Commission to account;* strongly believes that EU financial rules must be updated as regards the role of the budgetary authority *and the budget structure* in relation to these

mechanisms, in order to bring them closer to the principles and responsibilities set out in the Treaties;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Valérie Hayer, Pascal Durand, Pierre Karleskind, Nicolae Ștefănuță

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. ***Is concerned that these mechanisms pose a serious challenge to*** the ability of the Parliament to fulfil its decision-making, scrutiny and discharge functions; strongly believes that EU financial rules must be updated as regards the role of the budgetary authority in relation to these mechanisms, in order to bring them closer to the principles and responsibilities set out in the Treaties;

Amendment

5. ***Notes that the number and scope of off-budget instruments have grown significantly in the past decade; Believes that off-budget instruments funded by external assigned revenues limit*** the ability of the Parliament to fulfil its decision-making, scrutiny and discharge functions; strongly believes that EU financial rules must be updated as regards the role of the budgetary authority in relation to these mechanisms, in order to bring them closer to the principles and responsibilities set out in the Treaties;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is concerned that ***these mechanisms*** pose a serious challenge to the ability of the Parliament to fulfil its decision-making, scrutiny and discharge functions; ***strongly believes that*** EU financial rules ***must*** be updated as regards the role of the budgetary authority ***in***

Amendment

5. Is concerned that ***using externally assigned revenues*** pose a serious challenge to the ability of the Parliament to fulfil its decision-making, scrutiny and discharge functions; ***reminds of the Joint Declaration and reaffirms that it expects*** EU financial rules ***to*** be updated as regards

relation to these mechanisms, in order to bring them closer to the principles and responsibilities set out in the Treaties;

the role of the budgetary authority, in order to bring them closer to the principles and responsibilities set out in the Treaties;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Hélène Laporte, Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is concerned that these mechanisms pose a serious challenge to the ability of the Parliament to fulfil its decision-making, scrutiny and discharge functions; strongly believes that EU financial rules must be updated as regards the role of the budgetary authority in relation to these mechanisms, in order to bring them closer to the principles and responsibilities set out in the Treaties;

Amendment

5. Is concerned that these mechanisms pose a serious challenge to the ability of the Parliament to fulfil its decision-making, scrutiny and discharge functions; strongly believes that EU financial ***accountability*** rules must be updated ***and reinforced***, as regards the role of the budgetary authority in relation to these mechanisms, in order to bring them closer to the principles and responsibilities set out in the Treaties;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Considers the decision-making for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers as exemplary in combining a meaningful scrutiny role of proposals for mobilisation for both Council and Parliament, while ensuring timely democratic adoption; believes that such a model of decision-making should be extended to all EU programmes that foresee the confirmation of national implementation plans by EU authorities,

including the recently proposed Social Climate Fund;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. *Notes that the EU has reacted swiftly and decisively in response to the COVID-19 crisis to support the affected Member States and to curb the socio-economic fall-out of the pandemic; notes that crisis management requires swift actions; reminds that this may never be an excuse to bypass Parliament, undermining democratic accountability; considers that this principle of democratic accountability and oversight in decision making needs to be reflected in the Financial Regulation;*

Or. en

Amendment 47
Nicolae Ștefănuță, Pascal Durand, Moritz Körner, Nils Torvalds, Olivier Chastel, Mauri Pekkarinen, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. *Notes with concern the increasing use of the Article 122 TFEU for setting new mechanisms and bodies with budgetary implications to the EU budget under which the Parliament's role is limited to mere right to information and calls on ensuring an appropriate role of the Parliament in the budgetary scrutiny*

of such initiatives;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Believes that Parliament, as one arm of the budgetary authority, should be able to scrutinise and authorise as appropriate the Commission's plans with respect to the management of external assigned revenue and of its borrowing and lending operations; suggests that relevant articles of the Financial Regulation, including Articles 7, 46 and 56, be revised to clarify that assets and liabilities linked to borrowing and lending operations are included in the EU budget;

Amendment

6. Believes that Parliament, as one arm of the budgetary authority, should be able to scrutinise and authorise as appropriate the Commission's plans with respect to the management of external assigned revenue and of its borrowing and lending operations; suggests that relevant articles of the Financial Regulation, including Articles 7, 46 and 56, be revised to clarify that assets and liabilities linked to borrowing and lending operations are included in the EU budget; ***moreover the budget authorities should be informed about all situations when funds from off-budget instruments are not paid out due to allegations of misuse, corruption, fraud or breaches of rule of law and when Member States do not have sufficient anti-fraud systems in place;***

Or. en

Amendment 49
Tamás Deutsch, Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Believes that Parliament, as one arm of the budgetary authority, should be ***able to scrutinise and authorise as appropriate*** the Commission's plans with

Amendment

6. Believes that Parliament, as one arm of the budgetary authority, should be ***informed in due time about*** the Commission's plans with respect to the

respect to the management of external assigned revenue and of its borrowing and lending operations; ***suggests that relevant articles of the Financial Regulation, including Articles 7, 46 and 56, be revised to clarify that assets and liabilities linked to borrowing and lending operations are included in the EU budget;***

management of external assigned revenue and of its borrowing and lending operations;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Believes that Parliament, as one arm of the budgetary authority, should be able to scrutinise and authorise as appropriate the Commission's plans with respect to the management of external assigned revenue and of its borrowing and lending operations; suggests that relevant articles of the Financial Regulation, including Articles 7, 46 and 56, be revised to clarify that assets and liabilities linked to borrowing and lending operations are included in the EU budget;

Amendment

6. Believes that Parliament, as one arm of the budgetary authority, should be able to scrutinise and authorise as appropriate the Commission's plans with respect to the management of external assigned revenue and of its borrowing and lending operations; suggests that relevant articles of the Financial Regulation, including Articles 7, 46 and 56, be revised to clarify that assets and liabilities linked to borrowing and lending operations are included in the EU budget, ***thus fully under the control and reporting of the European Court of Auditors;***

Or. en

Amendment 51
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Believes that Parliament, as one

Amendment

6. Believes that Parliament, as one

arm of the budgetary authority, should be able to scrutinise and authorise as appropriate the Commission's *plans with respect to the* management of external assigned revenue and of its borrowing and lending operations; suggests that relevant articles of the Financial Regulation, including Articles 7, 46 and 56, be revised to clarify that assets and liabilities linked to borrowing and lending operations are included in the EU budget;

arm of the budgetary authority, should be able to scrutinise and authorise as appropriate the Commission's *use and* management of external assigned revenue and of its borrowing and lending operations; suggests that relevant articles of the Financial Regulation, including Articles 7, 46 and 56, be revised *and complemented* to clarify that *external assigned revenue*, assets and liabilities linked to borrowing and lending operations are included in the EU budget;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Hélène Laporte, Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. *Believes* that Parliament, as one arm of the budgetary authority, *should* be able to scrutinise and authorise as appropriate the Commission's plans with respect to the management of external assigned revenue and of its borrowing and lending operations; suggests that relevant articles of the Financial Regulation, including Articles 7, 46 and 56, be revised to clarify that assets and liabilities linked to borrowing and lending operations are included in the EU budget;

Amendment

6. *Underlines* that Parliament, as one arm of the budgetary authority, *must* be able to scrutinise and authorise as appropriate the Commission's plans with respect to the management of external assigned revenue and of its borrowing and lending operations; suggests that relevant articles of the Financial Regulation, including Articles 7, 46 and 56, be revised to clarify that assets and liabilities linked to borrowing and lending operations are included in the EU budget;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Claudiu Manda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Believes that Parliament, as one arm of the budgetary authority, **should** be able to scrutinise and authorise **as appropriate** the Commission's plans with respect to the management of external assigned revenue and of its borrowing and lending operations; suggests that relevant articles of the Financial Regulation, including Articles 7, 46 and 56, be revised to clarify that assets and liabilities linked to borrowing and lending operations are included in the EU budget;

6. Believes that Parliament, as one arm of the budgetary authority, **must** be able to scrutinise and authorise **appropriately** the Commission's plans with respect to the management of external assigned revenue and of its borrowing and lending operations; suggests that relevant articles of the Financial Regulation, including Articles 7, 46 and 56, be revised to clarify that assets and liabilities linked to borrowing and lending operations are included in the EU budget;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Tamás Deutsch, Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. *Believes that external assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21 of the Financial Regulation, and assets and liabilities deriving from off-budget operations, including borrowing on capital markets, should be allocated to the relevant budget lines in line with Article 8 of the Financial Regulation and classified in accordance with the budget nomenclature; suggests that they should form an integral part of the EU budget and be adopted by the budgetary authority as part of that budget;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 55
José Manuel Fernandes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Believes that external assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21 of the Financial Regulation, and assets and liabilities deriving from off-budget operations, including borrowing on capital markets, should be allocated to the relevant budget lines ***in line with Article 8 of the Financial Regulation and*** classified in accordance with the budget nomenclature; ***suggests*** that they should form an integral part of the EU budget and be adopted by the budgetary authority as part of that budget;

Amendment

7. Believes that external assigned revenue pursuant to ***current*** Article 21 of the Financial Regulation, and assets and liabilities deriving from off-budget operations, including borrowing on capital markets, should be allocated to the relevant budget lines, classified in accordance with the budget nomenclature ***and consolidated in respective Parts II and III of the Union budget; considers*** that they should form an integral part of the EU budget and be adopted by the budgetary authority as part of that budget;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

7. Believes that external assigned revenue pursuant to Article 21 of the Financial Regulation, and assets and liabilities deriving from off-budget operations, including borrowing on capital markets, should be allocated to the relevant budget lines ***in line with Article 8 of the Financial Regulation and*** classified in accordance with the budget nomenclature; ***suggests*** that they should form an integral part of the EU budget and be adopted by the budgetary authority as part of that budget;

Amendment

7 a. Notes that different EU-funds have different financing rules for the annual allocation; believes that off-budget instruments address specific needs for a certain period of time; is of the opinion that the applicability of Article 14 of the Financial Regulation should be extended to external assigned revenue as well and that decommitments should be made automatically, in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the respective regulations;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Nicolae Ștefănuță, Pascal Durand, Vlad Gheorghe, Nils Torvalds, Olivier Chastel, Mauri Pekkarinen, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls for the revision of reporting requirements on the Commission's debt management strategy, including maturity and schedule of payments, to adapt them to the increased complexity and risk of borrowing and lending operations;

Amendment

8. Calls for the revision of reporting requirements on the Commission's debt management strategy, including maturity and schedule of payments ***and including the role of new own resources in the repayment of the debt***, to adapt them to the increased complexity and risk of borrowing and lending operations;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Hélène Laporte, Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls for the revision of reporting requirements on the Commission's debt management strategy, including maturity and schedule of payments, to adapt them to the increased complexity and risk of borrowing and lending operations;

Amendment

8. Calls for the revision of reporting requirements on the Commission's debt management strategy, including maturity and schedule of payments, to adapt them to the increased complexity and risk of borrowing and lending operations, ***as this is crucial for transparency and accountability***;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls for the revision of reporting requirements on the Commission's debt management strategy, including maturity and schedule of payments, to adapt them to

Amendment

8. Calls for the revision of reporting requirements on the Commission's debt management strategy, including maturity and schedule of payments, to adapt them to

the increased complexity and risk of borrowing and lending operations;

the increased complexity and risk *for the EU budget* of borrowing and lending operations;

Or. en

Amendment 60

Tamás Deutsch, Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. ***Calls for*** the revision of reporting requirements on the Commission's debt management strategy, including maturity and schedule of payments, to adapt them to the increased complexity and risk of borrowing and lending operations;

Amendment

8. ***Recommends*** the revision of reporting requirements on the Commission's debt management strategy, including maturity and schedule of payments, to adapt them to the increased complexity and risk of borrowing and lending operations;

Or. en

Amendment 61

Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Underlines that in the new interinstitutional agreement on budgetary matters there is a roadmap for new own resources including notably a digital levy, a Financial Transaction Tax-based resource and a financial contribution linked to the corporate sector or a Common Corporate Tax Base; calls for no further delays on the implementation of these new own resources, as it is notably the case on the digital tax plan;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Calls on the Commission for further simplification in annual accounts and other financial reporting obligations in the context of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the Union in order to encourage the participation of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in SME-related programs of the MFF 2021-2027 package, including NGEU;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Tamás Deutsch, Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Rule of law

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 64
Hélène Laporte, Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Emphasises the clear link between respect for the rule of law and the efficient implementation of the Union budget in accordance with the principles

deleted

of sound financial management: economy, efficiency and effectiveness, as laid down in the Financial Regulation; recalls that, upon adoption of the Conditionality Regulation, Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed to consider including the content of the Conditionality Regulation into the Financial Regulation upon its next revision; calls on the Commission to examine possibilities to strengthen coherence between the two instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Tamás Deutsch, Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. *Emphasises the clear link between respect for the rule of law and the efficient implementation of the Union budget in accordance with the principles of sound financial management: economy, efficiency and effectiveness, as laid down in the Financial Regulation; recalls that, upon adoption of the Conditionality Regulation, Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed to consider including the content of the Conditionality Regulation into the Financial Regulation upon its next revision; calls on the Commission to examine possibilities to strengthen coherence between the two instruments;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 66
Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Emphasises the clear **link** between respect for the rule of law and the efficient implementation of the Union budget in accordance with the principles of sound financial management: economy, efficiency and effectiveness, as laid down in the Financial Regulation; recalls that, upon adoption of the Conditionality Regulation, Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed to consider including the content of the Conditionality Regulation into the Financial Regulation upon its next revision; calls on the Commission to examine possibilities to strengthen coherence between the two instruments;

Amendment

9. Emphasises the clear **relationship** between respect for the rule of law and the efficient implementation of the Union budget in accordance with the principles of sound financial management: economy, efficiency and effectiveness, as laid down in the Financial Regulation; **highlights in this regard that fraudulent and corrupt practices by definition violate sound financial management as defined in Article 33 (1) of the Financial Regulation with regard to economy and efficiency given that such practices are directly at odds with assuring the best quantity, quality at the best price, and with achieving the optimal relationship between resources employed and objectives achieved**; recalls that, upon adoption of the Conditionality Regulation, Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed to consider including the content of the Conditionality Regulation into the Financial Regulation upon its next revision, **and calls on the Commission to include this in the revision linked to the 2021-2027 MFF**; calls on the Commission to examine possibilities to **further** strengthen coherence between the two instruments **in particular, to ensure sound financial management, believes that the Commission should pay particular attention to the effects of Member States not fulfilling their duties as laid down in Article 63(2) with a particular focus on preventive ex-ante measures**;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Eero Heinäluoma

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Emphasises the clear link between respect for the rule of law and the efficient implementation of the Union budget in accordance with the principles of sound financial management: economy, efficiency and effectiveness, as laid down in the Financial Regulation; recalls that, upon adoption of the Conditionality Regulation, Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed to consider including the content of the Conditionality Regulation into the Financial Regulation upon its next revision; calls on the Commission to examine possibilities to strengthen coherence between the two instruments;

Amendment

9. Emphasises the clear link between respect for the rule of law and the efficient implementation of the Union budget in accordance with the principles of sound financial management: economy, efficiency and effectiveness, as laid down in the Financial Regulation; ***underlines that sound financial management is based on the effective pursuit of cases of fraud, including tax fraud, tax evasion, corruption and conflicts of interest, as well as the judicial review of public authorities' decisions by independent courts***; recalls that, upon adoption of the Conditionality Regulation, Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed to consider including the content of the Conditionality Regulation into the Financial Regulation upon its next revision; calls on the Commission to examine possibilities to strengthen coherence between the two instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Nicolae Ștefănuță, Pascal Durand, Vlad Gheorghe, Moritz Körner, Nils Torvalds, Olivier Chastel, Mauri Pekkarinen, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Emphasises the clear link between respect for the rule of law and the efficient implementation of the Union budget in accordance with the principles of sound financial management: economy, efficiency and effectiveness, as laid down in the Financial Regulation; recalls that, upon adoption of the Conditionality Regulation, Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed to consider

Amendment

9. Emphasises the clear link between respect for the rule of law and the efficient implementation of the Union budget in accordance with ***the article 2 TEU and*** the principles of sound financial management: economy, efficiency and effectiveness, as laid down in the Financial Regulation; recalls that, upon adoption of the Conditionality Regulation, Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed to

including the content of the Conditionality Regulation into the Financial Regulation upon its next revision; calls on the Commission to examine possibilities to strengthen coherence between *the two* instruments;

consider including the content of the Conditionality Regulation into the Financial Regulation upon its next revision ***and urges the Commission to make this proposal***; calls on the Commission to examine possibilities to strengthen coherence between *all EU* instruments ***that allow the protection of the financial interests of the Union, the respect of the EU values and rule of law, including the recommendations from the rule of law reports***;

Or. en

Amendment 69 **Younous Omarjee**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

9. Emphasises the clear link between respect for the rule of law and the efficient implementation of the Union budget in accordance with the principles of sound financial management: economy, efficiency and effectiveness, as laid down in the Financial Regulation; recalls that, upon adoption of the Conditionality Regulation, Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed to ***consider including*** the content of the Conditionality Regulation into the Financial Regulation upon its next revision; calls on the Commission to ***examine possibilities to*** strengthen coherence between the two instruments;

Amendment

9. Emphasises the clear link between respect for the rule of law and the efficient implementation of the Union budget in accordance with the principles of sound financial management: economy, efficiency and effectiveness, as laid down in the Financial Regulation; recalls that, upon adoption of the Conditionality Regulation, Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed to ***include*** the content of the Conditionality Regulation into the Financial Regulation upon its next revision; calls on the Commission to strengthen coherence between the two instruments; ***recalls that in June 2021, the EP triggered article 265 and called the Commission to fulfill its obligations under the Rule of Law Conditionality Regulation***;

Or. en

Amendment 70

Claudiu Manda

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

9. Emphasises the clear link between respect for the rule of law and the efficient implementation of the Union budget in accordance with the principles of sound financial management: economy, efficiency and effectiveness, as laid down in the Financial Regulation; recalls that, upon adoption of the Conditionality Regulation, Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed to consider including the content of the Conditionality Regulation into the Financial Regulation upon its next revision; calls on the Commission to examine possibilities to strengthen *coherence* between the two instruments;

Amendment

9. Emphasises the clear link between respect for the rule of law and the efficient implementation of the Union budget in accordance with the principles of sound financial management: economy, efficiency and effectiveness, as laid down in the Financial Regulation; recalls that, upon adoption of the Conditionality Regulation, Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed to consider including the content of the Conditionality Regulation into the Financial Regulation upon its next revision; calls on the Commission to examine possibilities to strengthen *alignment* between the two instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Pierre Karleskind, Valérie Hayer, Pascal Durand, Olivier Chastel, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Moritz Körner, Alin Mituța, Ramona Strugariu, Gilles Boyer, Fabienne Keller, Katalin Cseh

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Reiterates that ensuring the respect of all the values enshrined in article 2 of the TEU is a form of ensuring the protection of the EU budget and of the EU's financial interests; highlights that Regulation 2021/1060 (CPR) equipped the Commission with strong ex-ante control mechanisms to ensure that managing authorities are in full compliance with the respect of EU values, in particular the non-discrimination principle; believes, however, that there is still a strong risk

that final beneficiaries of EU funds use them in a way that is not compliant with EU values throughout their execution; calls therefore on the Commission to include in the Financial Regulation provisions setting out ex-post control mechanisms and procedures ensuring that every euro of the EU budget is used for projects or organisations that respect EU values, in addition to existing mechanisms; believes that a mandatory single, inter-operable and transparent database of direct and ultimate beneficiaries of EU funds would facilitate the detection of such breaches of EU values;

Or. en

Amendment 72

Valérie Hayer, Pierre Karleskind, Pascal Durand, Nicolae Ștefănuță

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. *Underlines the limited capacity of the Union to sanction breaches of the rule of law by EU Member States; considers that the Union should further strengthen its tools for the protection of the rule of law; believes government entities breaching rule of law principles pose a serious threat to public funds (national and European) as those authorities cannot be fully trusted for their management; calls therefore on the Commission to include in its proposal for a revision of the Financial Regulation new provisions allowing the Commission to suspend or reduce EU funds for EU Member States that do not respect the rule of law, including when no EU funds are directly put at risk, when it implements the Union budget under shared, direct or indirect management;*

Amendment 73
Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Stresses the need to protect the EU budget and the EU tax payers' money from any form of conflict of interests; encourages the Commission to further strengthen the conflict of interests provisions under article 61 of the Financial Regulation in particular with regards to the preparation of the budget, e.g. by listing the institutions participating in the preparation of the budget, in order to determine more precisely which public officers can effectively influence financial flows from the EU budget; calls on the Commission to provide for procedural solutions capable of dealing with situations where the public officer does not have a hierarchical superior, in particular by obliging the institution in which the public officer has the possibility of influencing financial flows from the EU budget, to exclude such public person from the activities of the institution relating to the EU budget;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Claudiu Manda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Welcomes the Guidance on the

avoidance and management of conflicts of interest under the Financial Regulation issued by the Commission in April 2021, aiming to raise awareness and promote a uniform interpretation and application of conflict of interest rules; regrets however that, in some Member States, issues of conflict of interest persist also at the highest level; calls on the Commission to evaluate whether the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations are sufficiently effective in preventing and addressing conflict of interest in the process of implementation and control of the EU budget;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Alin Mituța, Olivier Chastel, Ramona Strugariu, Pierre Karleskind, Pascal Durand, Katalin Cseh

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. *Highlights that the role of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) is to investigate and prosecute fraud against the budget of the European Union and other crimes against the EU's financial interests; underlines the importance of cooperation between the EU institutions, the Member States, and the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) with the EPPO; calls on the remaining Member States to ensure that their European and Delegated Prosecutors are appointed in a timely and impartial manner; recalls the need to provide the EPPO with adequate resources in order to ensure its proper functioning;*

Or. en

Amendment 76
Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that it is important to know **who** benefits from EU funds in order to protect the financial interests of the EU and to detect fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest in particular; notes that data for identifying economic operators and their beneficial owners is not easily, or not at all, accessible¹²; considers that the centralisation of the information in a single, interoperable EU database with information on direct and ultimate beneficiaries would overcome the identified fragmentation and lack of transparency;

¹² Study on the largest 50 beneficiaries in each EU Member State of CAP and Cohesion Funds, requested by the CONT Committee, PE 679.107 - May 2021.

Amendment

10. Stresses that it is important to know **how EU funds are spent and who truly** benefits from EU funds in order to protect the financial interests of the EU and to detect fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest in particular; notes that data for identifying economic operators and their beneficial owners is not easily, or not at all, accessible¹²; considers that the centralisation of the information in a single, interoperable **and user friendly public** EU database with information on direct and ultimate beneficiaries, **with data accessible in a machine readable format**, would overcome the identified fragmentation and lack of transparency **as well as enhance public scrutiny and trust in EU public spending; stresses the urgency in establishing transparency for beneficial owners in light of the Pandora Papers;**

¹² Study on the largest 50 beneficiaries in each EU Member State of CAP and Cohesion Funds, requested by the CONT Committee, PE 679.107 - May 2021.

Or. en

Amendment 77
Nicolae Ștefănuță, Pascal Durand, Vlad Gheorghe, Moritz Körner, Nils Torvalds,
Olivier Chastel, Mauri Pekkarinen, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Stresses that it is important to know who benefits from EU funds in order to protect the financial interests of the EU and to detect fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest in particular; notes that data for identifying economic operators and their beneficial owners is not easily, or not at all, accessible¹² ; considers that the centralisation of the information in a single, interoperable EU database with information on direct and ultimate beneficiaries would overcome the identified fragmentation and lack of transparency;

¹² Study on the largest 50 beneficiaries in each EU Member State of CAP and Cohesion Funds, requested by the CONT Committee, PE 679.107 - May 2021.

10. Stresses that it is important to know who benefits from EU funds in order to protect the financial interests of the EU and to detect fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest in particular; notes that data for identifying economic operators and their beneficial owners is not easily, or not at all, accessible¹² ; considers that the centralisation of the information in a single, interoperable EU database with information on direct and ultimate beneficiaries would overcome the identified fragmentation and lack of transparency; ***notes that digitalisation of the management of EU funds coupled with a comprehensive definition of conflict of interest at the European level will increase the efficiency for the protection of the financial interests of the EU;***

¹² Study on the largest 50 beneficiaries in each EU Member State of CAP and Cohesion Funds, requested by the CONT Committee, PE 679.107 - May 2021.

Or. en

Amendment 78 **Monika Hohlmeier**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 10**

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that it is important to know who benefits from EU funds in order to protect the financial interests of the EU and to detect fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest in particular; notes that data for identifying economic operators and their beneficial owners is not easily, or not at all, accessible¹² ; considers that the centralisation of the information in a single, interoperable EU database with information on direct and ultimate

Amendment

10. Stresses that it is important to know who benefits from EU funds in order to protect the financial interests of the EU and to detect fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest in particular; notes ***that a study commissioned by the CONT committee on the 50 largest beneficiaries of EU funds revealed*** that data for identifying economic operators and their beneficial owners is not easily, or not at all, accessible¹² ; considers that the centralisation of the information in

beneficiaries would overcome the identified fragmentation and lack of transparency;

a single, interoperable EU database with information on direct and ultimate beneficiaries would overcome the identified fragmentation and lack of transparency;

¹² Study on the largest 50 beneficiaries in each EU Member State of CAP and Cohesion Funds, requested by the CONT Committee, PE 679.107 - May 2021.

¹² Study on the largest 50 beneficiaries in each EU Member State of CAP and Cohesion Funds, requested by the CONT Committee, PE 679.107 - May 2021.

Or. en

Amendment 79

Jean-François Jalkh, H el ene Laporte

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that it is important to know who benefits from EU funds in order to protect the financial interests of the EU and to detect fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest in particular; notes that data for identifying economic operators and their beneficial owners is not easily, or not at all, accessible¹² ; considers that the centralisation of the information in a single, interoperable EU database with information on direct and ultimate beneficiaries would overcome the identified fragmentation and lack of transparency;

¹² Study on the largest 50 beneficiaries in each EU Member State of CAP and Cohesion Funds, requested by the CONT Committee, PE 679.107 - May 2021.

Amendment

10. Stresses that it is important to know who benefits from EU funds in order to protect the financial interests of the EU and to detect fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest in particular; notes that data for identifying economic operators and their beneficial owners is not easily, or not at all, accessible¹²; considers that the centralisation of the information in a single, interoperable EU database with information on direct and ultimate beneficiaries would overcome the identified fragmentation and lack of transparency, ***although this must not be at the expense of the Member States' control***;

¹² Study on the largest 50 beneficiaries in each EU Member State of CAP and Cohesion Funds, requested by the CONT Committee, PE 679.107 - May 2021.

Or. en

Amendment 80
Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that it is important to know who benefits from EU funds in order to protect the financial interests of the EU and to detect fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest in particular; notes that data for identifying economic operators and their beneficial owners is not easily, or not at all, accessible¹²; considers that the centralisation of the information in a single, interoperable EU database with information on direct and ultimate beneficiaries would overcome the identified fragmentation and lack of transparency;

¹² Study on the largest 50 beneficiaries in each EU Member State of CAP and Cohesion Funds, requested by the CONT Committee, PE 679.107 - May 2021.

Amendment

10. Stresses that it is important to know who benefits from EU funds in order to protect the financial interests of the EU and to detect fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest in particular; notes that data for identifying economic operators and their beneficial owners is not easily, or not at all, accessible¹²; considers that **requiring** the centralisation of the information in a single, interoperable EU database with information on direct and ultimate beneficiaries would overcome the identified fragmentation and lack of transparency;

¹² Study on the largest 50 beneficiaries in each EU Member State of CAP and Cohesion Funds, requested by the CONT Committee, PE 679.107 - May 2021.

Or. ro

Amendment 81
Tamás Deutsch, Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that it is important to know who benefits from EU funds in order to protect the financial interests of the EU and to detect fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest in particular; notes that data for identifying economic operators and their beneficial owners is not easily, or not at all, accessible¹²; considers that the **centralisation** of the information in a

Amendment

10. Stresses that it is important to know who benefits from EU funds in order to protect the financial interests of the EU and to detect fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest in particular; notes that data for identifying economic operators and their beneficial owners is not easily, or not at all, accessible¹²; considers that the **aggregation** of the information in a single,

single, interoperable EU database with information on direct and ultimate beneficiaries would overcome the identified fragmentation and lack of transparency;

interoperable EU database with information on direct and ultimate beneficiaries would overcome the identified fragmentation and lack of transparency;

¹² Study on the largest 50 beneficiaries in each EU Member State of CAP and Cohesion Funds, requested by the CONT Committee, PE 679.107 - May 2021.

¹² Study on the largest 50 beneficiaries in each EU Member State of CAP and Cohesion Funds, requested by the CONT Committee, PE 679.107 - May 2021.

Or. en

Amendment 82

Alin Mituța, Olivier Chastel, Ramona Strugariu, Pierre Karleskind, Pascal Durand, Katalin Cseh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to ensure greater interoperability of IT systems, of existing European and national databases and data-mining tools for the purposes of risk analysis and detection of fraud;

Or. en

Amendment 83

Nicolae Ștefănuță, Pascal Durand, Vlad Gheorghe, Moritz Körner, Nils Torvalds, Olivier Chastel, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Impact assessment

Or. en

Amendment 84

Nicolae Ștefănuță, Pascal Durand, Vlad Gheorghe, Moritz Körner, Nils Torvalds, Olivier Chastel, Mauri Pekkarinen, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Regrets that the Commission did not plan to conduct an impact assessment for the modification of the Financial Regulation, despite that while the proposal will only target specific modifications, there is no clear evidence that the final text of this revision or future modifications cannot have any direct economic, environmental and social impacts; recalls that according to the European Court of Auditors, an impact assessment could have provided clear information on the accessibility of EU funds for EU citizens, which the revision of the Financial Regulation needs to improve;

Or. en

Amendment 85

Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Emphasises that the Financial Regulation should include provisions that require the responsible actors to gather and keep uniform records of economic operators and beneficial owners in order to allow identification across EU programmes, regardless of who implements these programmes and of management mode; considers that these requirements should **be balanced to** reflect **strictly** relevant information items;

11. Emphasises that the Financial Regulation should include provisions that require the responsible actors to gather and keep uniform records of economic operators and beneficial owners in order to allow identification across EU programmes, regardless of who implements these programmes and of management mode; considers that these requirements should reflect **all** relevant information items **to enhance the**

underlines that data may only be published in line with data protection requirements and the standing jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union; considers that compulsory information items collected for audit and control purposes need to include as a minimum the registration number of legal entities, national identification number for natural persons, an indication of the type of beneficiary, sub-contractors, beneficial owners, whether the beneficiary also receives State aid and contact information; underlines that the system needs to facilitate the aggregation of individual amounts concerning the same direct or ultimate beneficiary; considers that publicly accessible systems should facilitate both individual searches through a web-based tool and systemic analysis through bulk downloads;

Commission's capability and capacity to detect fraud;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Angelika Winzig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Emphasises that the Financial Regulation should include provisions that require the responsible actors to gather and keep uniform records of economic operators and beneficial owners in order to allow identification across EU programmes, regardless of who implements these programmes and of management mode; *considers that these requirements should be balanced to reflect strictly relevant information items; underlines that data may only be published in line with data protection requirements and the standing jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of*

Amendment

11. Emphasises that the Financial Regulation should include provisions that require the responsible actors to gather and keep uniform records of economic operators and beneficial owners in order to allow identification across EU programmes, regardless of who implements these programmes and of management mode; *emphasises the need to remove any technical and legal barriers to the collection of data on company structures and beneficial ownership and establish measures to ensure a digital and interoperable, standardised collection of information on the recipients of Union*

the European Union; considers that compulsory information items collected for audit and control purposes need to include as a minimum the registration number of legal entities, national identification number for natural persons, an indication of the type of beneficiary, sub-contractors, beneficial owners, whether the beneficiary also receives State aid and contact information; underlines that the system needs to facilitate the aggregation of individual amounts concerning the same direct or ultimate beneficiary; considers that publicly accessible systems should facilitate both individual searches through a web-based tool and systemic analysis through bulk downloads;

funding, including on those ultimately benefitting, directly or indirectly, from Union funding and their beneficial owners; acknowledges that the EDPS sees no general data protection issues on establishing such interoperability, but the necessity for a clear legal basis; considers that compulsory information items collected for audit and control purposes need to include as a minimum the registration number of legal entities, national identification number for natural persons, an indication of the type of beneficiary, sub-contractors, beneficial owners, whether the beneficiary also receives State aid and contact information; underlines that the system needs to facilitate the aggregation of individual amounts concerning the same direct or ultimate beneficiary; considers that publicly accessible systems should facilitate both individual searches through a web-based tool and systemic analysis through bulk downloads; *urges Member States and the Commission to guarantee an increased interoperability of the existing, European and national, databases and data-mining tools*;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Claudiu Manda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Emphasises that the Financial Regulation should include provisions that require the responsible actors to gather and keep uniform records of economic operators and beneficial owners in order to allow identification across EU programmes, regardless of who implements these programmes and of management mode; considers that these

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requirements should be balanced to reflect strictly relevant information items; underlines that data may only be published in line with data protection requirements and the standing jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union; considers that compulsory information items collected for audit and control purposes need to include as a minimum the registration number of legal entities, national identification number for natural persons, an indication of the type of beneficiary, sub-contractors, beneficial owners, whether the beneficiary also receives State aid and contact information; underlines that the system needs to facilitate the aggregation of individual amounts concerning the same direct or ultimate beneficiary; considers that publicly accessible systems should facilitate both individual searches through a web-based tool and systemic analysis through bulk downloads;

requirements should be balanced to reflect strictly relevant information items; underlines that data may only be published in line with data protection requirements and the standing jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union; considers that compulsory information items collected for audit and control purposes need to include as a minimum the registration number of legal entities, national identification number for natural persons, an indication of the type of beneficiary, sub-contractors, beneficial owners, whether the beneficiary also receives State aid and contact information; underlines that the system needs to facilitate the aggregation of individual amounts concerning the same direct or ultimate beneficiary **and that it needs to be accessible in all EU languages**; considers that publicly accessible systems should facilitate both individual searches through a web-based tool and systemic analysis through bulk downloads;

Or. en

Amendment 88 **Monika Hohlmeier**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 11**

Motion for a resolution

11. Emphasises that the Financial Regulation should include provisions that require the responsible actors to gather and keep uniform records of economic operators and beneficial owners in order to allow identification across EU programmes, regardless of who implements these programmes and of management mode; considers that these requirements should be balanced to reflect strictly relevant information items; underlines that data may only be published in line with data protection requirements

Amendment

11. Emphasises that the Financial Regulation should include provisions that require the responsible actors to gather and keep uniform records of economic operators and beneficial owners in order to allow identification across EU programmes, regardless of who implements these programmes and of management mode (**direct, indirect or shared management**); considers that these requirements should be balanced to reflect strictly relevant information items; underlines that data may only be published

and the standing jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union; considers that compulsory information items collected for audit and control purposes need to include as a minimum the registration number of legal entities, national identification number for natural persons, an indication of the type of beneficiary, sub-contractors, beneficial owners, whether the beneficiary also receives State aid and contact information; underlines that the system needs to facilitate the aggregation of individual amounts concerning the same direct or ultimate beneficiary; considers that publicly accessible systems should facilitate both individual searches through a web-based tool and systemic analysis through bulk downloads;

in line with data protection requirements and the standing jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union; considers that compulsory information items collected for audit and control purposes need to include as a minimum the registration number of legal entities, national identification number for natural persons, an indication of the type of beneficiary, sub-contractors, beneficial owners, whether the beneficiary also receives State aid and contact information; underlines that the system needs to facilitate the aggregation of individual amounts concerning the same direct or ultimate beneficiary; considers that publicly accessible systems should facilitate both individual searches through a web-based tool and systemic analysis through bulk downloads;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 11 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Underlines that data should be published openly as a general principle, while respecting data protection requirements and the standing jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union; considers that compulsory information items collected for audit and control purposes need to include as a minimum the registration number of legal entities, national identification number for natural persons, the relevant code or uniquely identifying specific EU funding program, an indication of the type of beneficiary, sub-contractors, beneficial owners, whether the beneficiary also receives State aid and

contact information; stresses that the database should not be exclusively self-regulated but datasets should be created by the Commission or an external authority in order to ensure coherent and high-quality data;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Claudiu Manda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Asks that information about recipients of EU funds is made publicly accessible for a minimum period of five years;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 b. Underlines that the system needs to facilitate the aggregation of individual amounts concerning the same direct or ultimate beneficiary; considers that publicly accessible systems should facilitate both individual searches through a web-based tool and systemic analysis through bulk downloads in machine readable and interoperable format; Stresses that standardised, open data across the full cycle of all procurements including the ultimate beneficiaries of contracted companies,

will provide civil society and nongovernmental actors with the complement of tools and required information to monitor the integrity, fairness and efficiency of public procurement markets;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Claudiu Manda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Considers that Article 63 of the Financial Regulation should be modified to include ARACHNE as a compulsory risk scoring tool made available by the Commission to Member States and other implementing partners; considers that the Financial Regulation should also indicate which indicators ARACHNE uses to determine the risk score of economic operators; considers that any additional administrative burden, from inserting information multiple times in various IT systems, including ARACHNE, must be avoided;

Amendment

12. Considers that Article 63 of the Financial Regulation should be modified to include ARACHNE as a compulsory risk scoring tool made available by the Commission to Member States and other implementing partners; considers that the Financial Regulation should also indicate which indicators ARACHNE uses to determine the risk score of economic operators; ***emphasises that ARACHNE enriches data provided by managing authorities with publicly available information in order to identify the projects, beneficiaries, contracts and contractors that might be susceptible not only to risk of fraud but conflicts of interest as well;*** considers that any additional administrative burden, from inserting information multiple times in various IT systems, including ARACHNE, must be avoided;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Angelika Winzig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Considers that Article 63 of the Financial Regulation should be modified to include ARACHNE as a compulsory risk scoring tool made available by the Commission to Member States and other implementing partners; considers that the Financial Regulation should also **indicate which** indicators ARACHNE uses to determine the risk score of economic operators; considers that any additional administrative burden, from inserting information multiple times in various IT systems, including ARACHNE, must be avoided;

Amendment

12. Considers that Article 63 of the Financial Regulation should be modified to include ARACHNE as a compulsory risk scoring tool made available by the Commission to Member States and other implementing partners; considers that the Financial Regulation should also **provide** indicators, **which** ARACHNE uses to determine the risk score of economic operators; **stresses the need of harmonizing such basic indicators with the exclusions grounds of the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES); considers that ARACHNE should be made simpler and more user-friendly in terms of risk indicators, for example through visualisations**; considers that any additional administrative burden, from inserting information multiple times in various IT systems, including ARACHNE, must be avoided;

Or. en

Amendment 94

Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Considers that Article 63 of the Financial Regulation should be modified to include ARACHNE as a compulsory risk scoring tool made available by the Commission to Member States and other implementing partners; considers that the Financial Regulation should also indicate which indicators ARACHNE uses to determine the risk score of economic operators; **considers that any additional administrative burden, from inserting information multiple times in various IT**

Amendment

12. Considers that Article 63 of the Financial Regulation should be modified to include ARACHNE as a compulsory risk scoring tool made available by the Commission to Member States and other implementing partners **and to oblige implementing partners to feed information into it**; considers that the Financial Regulation should also indicate which indicators ARACHNE uses to determine the risk score of economic operators; **calls for maximum**

systems, including ARACHNE, must be avoided;

interoperability between ARACHNE and the different implementing software used; stresses the importance of the full ownership and operational rights of ARACHNE tool and calls on the Commission to consider moving the tool's management fully in-house;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls for the use of the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) to be made compulsory under shared management; further notes that EDES does not distinguish between subsidiaries of larger corporations; calls on the Commission to make this distinction and to specify in the rules for early detection and for exclusion which entity of a multi-national or multi-company corporation is registered for early detection or exclusion;

Amendment

13. ***Recalls that a high-level panel has been established to assess this in 2018 and calls for its findings to be presented to the Parliament before the Commission makes a proposal to update the Financial Regulation; insists*** for the use of the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) to be made compulsory ***also*** under shared management; further notes that EDES does not distinguish between subsidiaries of larger corporations; calls on the Commission to make this distinction and to specify in the rules for early detection and for exclusion which entity of a multi-national or multi-company corporation is registered for early detection or exclusion; ***calls for the obligation to update EDES once fraud or other relevant facts have been established by actors involved in the implementation; believes that legal entities or natural persons disqualified through EDES could no longer be a final recipient or beneficiary to whom any payments from the EU budget are owed; further calls on the Commission to encourage the Member States that these entities or natural persons are also excluded from any contributions from***

Amendment 96
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. ***Calls for the use of*** the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) to be made compulsory under shared management; further notes that EDES does not distinguish between subsidiaries of larger corporations; calls on the Commission to make this distinction and to specify in the rules for early detection and for exclusion which entity of a multi-national or multi-company corporation is registered for early detection or exclusion;

Amendment

13. ***Notes that*** the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) ***is currently only used under direct and indirect management; considers that economic operators that are considered a risk for the EU financial interest under direct and indirect management should also be considered a risk under shared management and vice versa; calls therefore for the use of EDES*** to be made compulsory under shared management; further notes that EDES does not distinguish between subsidiaries of larger corporations; calls on the Commission to make this distinction and to specify in the rules for early detection and for exclusion which entity of a multi-national or multi-company corporation is registered for early detection or exclusion;

Amendment 97
Angelika Winzig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. ***Calls for the use of*** the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) to be made compulsory under shared management; further notes that EDES does

Amendment

13. ***Calls for the use of*** the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) to be made compulsory under shared management; further notes that EDES does

not distinguish between subsidiaries of larger corporations; calls on the Commission to make this distinction and to specify in the rules for early detection and for exclusion which entity of a multi-national or multi-company corporation is registered for early detection or exclusion;

not distinguish between subsidiaries of larger corporations; calls on the Commission to make this distinction and to specify in the rules for early detection and for exclusion which entity of a multi-national or multi-company corporation is registered for early detection or exclusion; ***is of the opinion that the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) could help the Union institutions and national bodies to better fight and prevent corruption and fraud in the Member States; regrets that the database lists relatively few economic operators; views this as a sign that EDES is not properly implemented;***

Or. en

Amendment 98
Claudiu Manda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls for the use of the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) to be made compulsory under shared management; further notes that EDES does not distinguish between subsidiaries of larger corporations; calls on the Commission to make this distinction and to specify in the rules for early detection and for exclusion which entity of a multi-national or multi-company corporation is registered for early detection or exclusion;

Amendment

13. Calls for the use of the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) to be made compulsory under shared management; further notes that EDES does not distinguish between subsidiaries of larger corporations; calls on the Commission to make this distinction and to specify in the rules for early detection and for exclusion which entity of a multi-national or multi-company corporation is registered for early detection or exclusion; ***highlights that in 2020, the EDES panel handled 20 cases while 28 cases were in the pipeline; stresses the importance of allocating sufficient resources to the panel in line with any extension of responsibilities;***

Or. en

Amendment 99
Michal Wiezik

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls for the use of the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) to be made compulsory under shared management; further notes that EDES does not distinguish between subsidiaries of larger corporations; calls on the Commission to make this distinction and to specify in the rules for early detection and for exclusion which entity of a multi-national or multi-company corporation is registered for early detection or exclusion;

Amendment

13. Calls for the use of the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) to be made compulsory under shared management; further notes that EDES does not distinguish between subsidiaries of larger corporations; calls on the Commission to make this distinction and to specify in the rules for early detection and for exclusion which entity of a multi-national or multi-company corporation is registered for early detection or exclusion; ***furthermore, calls on the Commission to review the criteria with a view to decreasing complexity and increase applicability of EDES in practice;***

Or. en

Amendment 100
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. While it is of utmost importance to know who the final beneficiaries of EU funds are in order to ensure the proper use of funds, the accessibility and simplicity of digital tendering platforms for EU funds also plays an important role; recalls that the Commission has adopted the concept of 'digital-by-design' and the 'Think Small First' principle in order to ensure sufficient participation of SMEs; encourages the Commission, in this sense, to also take these principles into account when revising the Financial Regulation in the context of the

Or. en

Amendment 101

Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Calls for the inclusion of the obligatory publication of all tenders in the scope of the Financial Regulation in machine readable open formats to improve tracking and delivery of public contracts, adding automated indicators of risks to identify areas where increased control is needed and the publication of comprehensive and standardised information across the public procurement cycle in open data formats by including public procurement information into the list of "High-Value datasets" under the Directive on open data and the re-use of public sector information;

Or. en

Amendment 102

Joachim Kuhs, H  l  ne Laporte, Jean-Fran  ois Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Gender budgeting

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 103

Joachim Kuhs, H el ene Laporte, Jean-Fran ois Jalkh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Insists that gender mainstreaming be better reflected in the drafting and implementation of the budget, including through targeted incentives; calls for the systematic and comprehensive collection of data in the context of all EU policies and programmes in order to measure the impact on gender equality, while avoiding any unnecessary administrative burden; expects the Commission to develop a methodology to measure the relevant expenditure at programme level in the MFF 2021-2027, in line with the IIA; calls on the Commission to integrate gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting in the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulation;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 104

Tam as Deutsch, Andor Deli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Insists that **gender mainstreaming** be better reflected in the drafting and implementation of the budget, including through targeted incentives; calls for the systematic and comprehensive collection of data in the context of all EU policies and programmes in order to measure the impact on **gender** equality, while avoiding any unnecessary administrative burden; expects the Commission to develop a methodology to measure the relevant expenditure at programme level in the MFF 2021-2027, in

14. Insists that **equality between men and women** be better reflected in the drafting and implementation of the budget, including through targeted incentives; calls for the systematic and comprehensive collection of data in the context of all EU policies and programmes in order to measure the impact on equality **between men and women**, while avoiding any unnecessary administrative burden; expects the Commission to develop a methodology to measure the relevant expenditure at

line with the IIA; calls on the Commission to **integrate** gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting in the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulation;

programme level in the MFF 2021-2027, in line with the IIA; calls on the Commission to **consider the integration of** gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting in the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Claudiu Manda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Insists that gender mainstreaming be better reflected in the drafting and implementation of the budget, including through targeted incentives; calls for the systematic and comprehensive collection of data in the context of all EU policies and programmes in order to measure the impact on gender equality, **while avoiding any unnecessary administrative burden**; expects the Commission to develop a methodology to measure the relevant expenditure at programme level in the MFF 2021-2027, in line with the IIA; calls on the Commission to integrate gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting in the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulation;

Amendment

14. **Regrets that under the previous MFF only 21,7 % of EU programmes had gender-related indicators**; insists that gender mainstreaming be better reflected in the drafting and implementation of the budget, including through targeted incentives; calls for the systematic and comprehensive collection of data in the context of all EU policies and programmes in order to measure the impact on gender equality; expects the Commission to develop a methodology to measure the relevant expenditure at programme level in the MFF 2021-2027, in line with the IIA; calls on the Commission to integrate gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting in the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 106

Eero Heinäluoma

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Insists that gender mainstreaming be better reflected in the drafting and implementation of the budget, including through targeted incentives; calls for the systematic and comprehensive collection of data in the context of all EU policies and programmes in order to measure the impact on gender equality, while avoiding any unnecessary administrative burden; expects the Commission to develop a methodology to measure the relevant expenditure at programme level in the MFF 2021-2027, in line with the IIA; calls on the Commission to integrate gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting in the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulation;

14. Insists that gender mainstreaming be better reflected in the drafting and implementation of the budget, including through targeted incentives; calls for the systematic and comprehensive collection of ***gender-disaggregated*** data in the context of all EU policies and programmes in order to measure the impact on gender equality, while avoiding any unnecessary administrative burden; expects the Commission to develop a methodology to measure the relevant expenditure at programme level in the MFF 2021-2027, in line with the IIA; calls on the Commission to integrate gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting in the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 107

Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Believes that gender mainstreaming should be part of a larger Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) mainstreaming that tracks the Unions efforts and progress in reaching these goals; calls on the Commission to integrate such SDG mainstreaming in the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Eero Heinäluoma

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Climate Mainstreaming

Or. en

Amendment 109
Eero Heinäluoma

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Reiterates the Union's commitment of spending at least 30 percent of resources available under the 2021-2027 MFF and NextGenerationEU on addressing the climate challenge, as set out in the IIA; expects the Commission to develop a robust methodology for tracking climate spending and its performance, and to consistently apply it across all policy areas; calls on the Commission to integrate climate mainstreaming and tracking in the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulation with a view to ensure the Union budget is climate proof;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Pedro Marques
on behalf of the S&D Group
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Social conditionality in the EU Budget

Or. en

Amendment 111

Pedro Marques

on behalf of the S&D Group

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Suggests that the Financial Regulation be revised to guarantee the appropriate implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights, which is a fundamental element of the EU. In order to contribute to the development of socially sustainable use of the EU budget through better awareness, on the part of beneficiaries, of the employment and social standards, a new mechanism integrating social dimension/conditionality concerns should be introduced; considers that such a mechanism should link full receipt of payments from the EU budget to the compliance of beneficiaries with basic standards concerning working and employment conditions for workers and occupational safety and health; considers that, for those beneficiaries of the EU Budget who do not comply with those requirements, Member States should ensure that proportionate, effective and dissuasive penalties are applied;

Or. en

Amendment 112

Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Calls for the inclusion of the implementation of the do no harm principle in the Financial Regulation; stresses that the guidance published for the RRF should be seen as the standard for all other expenditure of the same nature; reminds that the implementation of the principle as regards biodiversity must go beyond the full respect of relevant EU acquis;

Or. en

Amendment 113

Nicolae Ștefănuță, Pascal Durand, Vlad Gheorghe, Nils Torvalds, Olivier Chastel, Mauri Pekkarinen, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Climate mainstreaming

Or. en

Amendment 114

Nicolae Ștefănuță, Pascal Durand, Vlad Gheorghe, Nils Torvalds, Olivier Chastel, Mauri Pekkarinen, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Emphasises that the rules of implementation of the budget must reflect a clear methodology for climate mainstreaming that allow for effective and efficient tracking of funds used in tackling climate change for both climate mitigation and adaptation strands; requests the Commission to introduce the necessary provisions in the Financial regulation; the modifications should also be consistent with the modifications made

so far to help the tracking of climate spending in the EU budget;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Nicolae Ștefănuță, Pascal Durand, Vlad Gheorghe, Nils Torvalds, Olivier Chastel, Mauri Pekkarinen, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Tracking of biodiversity spending

Or. en

Amendment 116

Nicolae Ștefănuță, Pascal Durand, Vlad Gheorghe, Nils Torvalds, Olivier Chastel, Mauri Pekkarinen, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 b. Underlines the importance of accurate monitoring of expenditure contributing to halting and reversing the decline of biodiversity, on the basis of an effective, transparent and comprehensive methodology to be set out by the Commission, in cooperation with the European Parliament and the Council; calls on the Commission to speed up its work in this regard and introduce provisions related to the biodiversity spending tracking in the Financial regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 117

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. ***Suggests*** that the ***re-use of*** decommitted appropriations ***as a result of full or partial non-implementation of projects pursuant to Article 15(3) of the Financial Regulation should be extended beyond research and innovation, to include appropriations that support social policies, youth and humanitarian aid; believes that decommitted appropriations should be made available*** in their entirety ***the year following that of their decommitment;***

Amendment

15. ***Insists*** that the decommitted appropriations ***shall be returned*** in their entirety ***into the national budgets of the Member States proportionally to the initial national contributions into the EU budget; calls for a revision of the articles of the Treaties regulating the decommitments management;***

Or. en

Amendment 118
Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Suggests that the re-use of decommitted appropriations as a result of full or partial non-implementation of projects pursuant to Article 15(3) of the Financial Regulation should be extended beyond research and innovation, to include appropriations ***that support social policies, youth and humanitarian aid;*** believes that decommitted appropriations should be made available in their entirety the year following that of their decommitment;

Amendment

15. Suggests that the re-use of decommitted appropriations as a result of full or partial non-implementation of projects pursuant to Article 15(3) of the Financial Regulation should be extended beyond research and innovation, to include ***all*** appropriations; believes that decommitted appropriations should be made available in their entirety the year following that of their decommitment;

Or. en

Amendment 119

Angelika Winzig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. ***Suggests that*** the re-use of decommitted appropriations as a result of full or partial non-implementation of projects pursuant to Article 15(3) of the Financial Regulation ***should be extended*** beyond research and innovation, ***to include appropriations that support social policies, youth and humanitarian aid***; believes that decommitted appropriations should be made available ***in their entirety the year following that of their decommitment***;

Amendment

15. ***Asks the Commission to analyse the possibility of extending*** the re-use of decommitted appropriations as a result of full or partial non-implementation of projects pursuant to Article 15(3) of the Financial Regulation beyond research and innovation; ***expresses its concern about the potential breach of the annuality principle***; believes that decommitted appropriations should be made available ***as decided by the two budgetary authorities***;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

15 a. Believes that the Financial Regulation should provide clarification to the interpretation of TEU article 41 which stipulates that expenditure arising from operations having military or defence implications cannot be charged to the Union budget;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 121
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

15 b. *Believes that, due to the budgetary implications of the decision, the Financial Regulation needs to establish a procedure to decide on the location of a decentralised agency; such a procedure should be based on objective criteria, safeguard Parliaments prerogatives as co-legislator, and avoid arbitrary modes of decision-making such as coin-flipping;*

Or. en

Amendment 122

Nicolae Ștefănuță, Pascal Durand, Vlad Gheorghe, Moritz Körner, Olivier Chastel, Luis Garicano

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16**

16. *Suggests* that the Financial Regulation be revised to guarantee the appropriate role of Parliament in the setting up and scrutiny of any new trust fund, including in the drawing up of the constitutive agreement and the mobilisation of the Union's contribution, the implementation, continuation and possible liquidation;

16. *Insists* that the Financial Regulation be revised to guarantee the appropriate role of Parliament in the setting up, **supervision** and scrutiny of any new trust fund, including in the drawing up of the constitutive agreement and the mobilisation of the Union's contribution, the implementation, continuation and possible liquidation; **reiterates that Parliament should be involved as observer, and able to monitor the activities of the governing bodies of a trust fund; stresses that timely, regular and figure-based information on the implementation of a trust fund is essential to allow Parliament to exercise its democratic oversight and scrutiny role;**

Or. en

**Amendment 123
Claudiu Manda**

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Suggests that the Financial Regulation be revised to guarantee the appropriate role of Parliament in the setting up and scrutiny of any new trust fund, including in the drawing up of the constitutive agreement and the mobilisation of the Union's contribution, the implementation, continuation and possible liquidation;

Amendment

16. Suggests that the Financial Regulation be revised to guarantee the appropriate role of Parliament in the setting up and scrutiny of any new trust fund, including in the drawing up of the constitutive agreement and the mobilisation of the Union's contribution, the implementation, continuation and possible liquidation; ***recalls that the effective scrutiny of existing trust funds by the discharge authority requires complete, detailed and timely provision of information through respective reporting frameworks;***

Or. en

Amendment 124
Angelika Winzig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Suggests that the Financial Regulation be revised to guarantee the appropriate role of Parliament in the setting up and scrutiny of any new trust fund, including in the drawing up of the constitutive agreement and the mobilisation of the Union's contribution, the implementation, continuation and possible liquidation;

Amendment

16. Suggests that the Financial Regulation be revised to guarantee the appropriate role of Parliament in the setting up and scrutiny of any new trust fund, including in the drawing up of the constitutive agreement and the mobilisation of the Union's contribution, the implementation, continuation and possible liquidation; ***reminds that the extensive use of trust funds undermines the principle of unity of the EU budget;***

Or. en

Amendment 125
Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Suggests that the Financial Regulation be revised to guarantee the appropriate role of Parliament in the setting up and scrutiny of **any new** trust **fund**, including in the drawing up of the constitutive agreement and the mobilisation of the Union's contribution, the implementation, continuation and possible liquidation;

Amendment

16. Suggests that the Financial Regulation be revised to guarantee the appropriate role of Parliament in the setting up and scrutiny of trust **funds**, including in the drawing up of the constitutive agreement and the mobilisation of the Union's contribution, the implementation, continuation and possible liquidation;

Or. en

Amendment 126

Nicolae Ștefănuță, Pascal Durand, Vlad Gheorghe, Moritz Körner, Nils Torvalds, Olivier Chastel, Mauri Pekkarinen, Luis Garicano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

16 a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that Union trust funds bring clear visibility for the Union and to raise awareness of their results and achievements by reinforcing provisions on efficiency in communication to citizens and stronger synergies between the communication activities, in a similar vein as on the ESI funds;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 127
Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Notes that the Commission's Vademecum on public procurement was last updated in January 2020; notes that the current definition of 'professional conflict of interest' is limited to a conflicting interest that affects the capacity of an economic operator to perform a contract; calls on the Commission to provide for a more explicit definition and to ensure that its implementation rules on public procurement do not permit the awarding of policy-related service contracts to undertakings that are under the economic control of a parent company or a group that owns shares related to activities that are not in line with the EU's environmental, social and Green Deal objectives;

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Or. en

Amendment 128

Pascal Durand, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Valérie Hayer, Pierre Karleskind, Olivier Chastel, Alin Mituța, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Gilles Boyer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

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public procurement do not permit the awarding of policy-related service contracts to undertakings that are under the economic control of a parent company or a group that owns shares related to activities that are not in line with the EU's environmental, social and Green Deal objectives;

undertakings that are under the economic control of a parent company or a group that owns shares related to activities that are not in line with the EU's environmental, social and Green Deal objectives; ***believes that such a revised definition should take into account the risk of conflict of interests of a performer that is developing sectoral guidelines it will have to comply with, with particular scrutiny when it comes to policy-related projects and studies;***

Or. en

Amendment 129

Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 130

Pascal Durand, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Valérie Hayer, Pierre Karleskind, Olivier Chastel, Alin Mituța, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Gilles Boyer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Notes that the Commission's Vademecum on public procurement was last updated in January 2020; **notes that the current definition of 'professional conflict of interest' is limited to a conflicting interest that affects the capacity of an economic operator to perform a contract;** calls on the Commission to **provide for a more explicit definition and to ensure that its implementation rules on public procurement do not permit the awarding of policy-related service contracts to undertakings that are under the economic control of a parent company or a group that owns shares related to activities that are not in line with the EU's environmental, social and Green Deal objectives;**

Amendment

17. Notes that the Commission's Vademecum on public procurement was last updated in January 2020 **but has not been made public nor shared with the European Parliament for opinion;** **requests that the Parliament should be able to formulate an opinion on future revision of the Commission's Vademecum on public procurement;** **calls on the Commission to share regular updates with the Parliament's relevant committees on the revision of its Vademecum before it is finalised either through the discharge procedure of the European Commission or during dedicated hearings;**

Or. en

Amendment 131

Hélène Laporte, Joachim Kuhs, Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Notes that the Commission's Vademecum on public procurement was last updated in January 2020; notes that the current definition of 'professional conflict of interest' is limited to a conflicting interest that affects the capacity of an economic operator to perform a contract; calls on the Commission to provide for a

Amendment

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more explicit definition and to ensure that its implementation rules on public procurement do not permit the awarding of policy-related service contracts to undertakings that are under the economic control of a parent company or a group that owns shares related to activities that are not in line with the EU's *environmental, social and Green Deal* objectives;

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Or. en

Amendment 132

Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 17 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. Recalls the European Ombudsman's decision^{1a} in the case of the European Commission's decision to award a contract for a study on integrating environmental, social and governance objectives into EU banking rules to BlackRock Investment Management; stresses the need to ensure that similar conflicts of interest do not arise in the future; encourages the Commission to make proposals to update and strengthen the applicable rules in the EU Financial Regulation in order to address this type of possible conflicts of interest and to further increase the transparency of the tender procedures;

^{1a}

<https://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/decision/en/135363>

Or. en

Amendment 133

Pascal Durand, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Valérie Hayer, Pierre Karleskind, Olivier Chastel, Alin Mituța, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Gilles Boyer

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. Asks the Commission to amend Article 167 – c) of the Financial Regulation to include professional conflict of interests, that is based on a revised definition, to the list of criteria for awarding policy-related service contracts;

Or. en

Amendment 134

Pascal Durand, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Valérie Hayer, Pierre Karleskind, Olivier Chastel, Alin Mituța, Ramona Strugariu, Katalin Cseh, Gilles Boyer

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 b. Stresses that the General Conditions of the Commission's public procurement contracts for services contain standard provisions on professional conflicting interests with requirements from contractors to proactively notify situations that could constitute a conflict of interests; asks the Commission to perform additional checks and thorough verifications before the signature of the contract, in order to avoid relying on voluntary notifications only from the applicants and to better assess possible professional conflict of interests; calls on the Commission to develop adequate sanctions, such as a temporary ban from public tender procedures, for economic operators that would be found in a situation of professional conflict of interests;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 b. Insists that the Commission follow the suggestion made by the European Ombudsman^{1b} to amend recital 104 and article 167 of the Financial Regulation to provide a definition of ‘professional conflicting interest’ so as to ensure that EU institutions, including the European Commission, exclude bidders with a direct or indirect financial interest in a policy-related service contract. In the same vein, the Commission should provide corresponding and clear guidelines on possible conflicts of interests to assist its staff dealing with public procurement procedures for policy-related service contracts;

^{1b} In her decision in joint inquiry 853/2020/KR on the European Commission’s decision to award a contract to BlackRock Investment Management to carry out a study on integrating environmental, social and governance (ESG) objectives into EU banking rules

Or. en

Amendment 136
Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 c (new)

17 c. *Calls for a clear definition of professional conflicting interests that would include a conflict on the ground of a direct or indirect financial interest; stresses the need of assessing indirect financial or economic interests in policy related service contracts; calls for a revision of the Vademecum to reject bidders with a direct or indirect financial stake in the policy area concerned;*

Or. en

Amendment 137

Alin Mituța, Olivier Chastel, Ramona Strugariu, Pierre Karleskind, Katalin Cseh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

18. Notes the guidance provided by the Commission on using the public procurement framework in the emergency situation related to the COVID-19 crisis; encourages the Commission to gather and evaluate the experience of contracting authorities with the public procurement framework in this regard and to reflect the lessons learned in the Financial Regulation, by identifying criteria for defining exceptional/unusual circumstances in which temporary/framed/necessary flexibility in the implementation of public procurement rules can be applied;

18. *Considers that all EU institutions conducting public procurement should publish clear rules on their websites regarding acquisition, expenditure and monitoring, as well as all contracts awarded with the fullest possible transparency;* Notes the guidance provided by the Commission on using the public procurement framework in the emergency situation related to the COVID-19 crisis; encourages the Commission to gather and evaluate the experience of contracting authorities with the public procurement framework in this regard and to reflect the lessons learned in the Financial Regulation, by identifying criteria for defining exceptional/unusual circumstances in which temporary/framed/necessary flexibility in the implementation of public procurement rules can be applied;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Notes the guidance provided by the Commission on using the public procurement framework in the emergency situation related to the COVID-19 crisis; encourages the Commission to gather and evaluate the experience of contracting authorities with the public procurement framework in this regard and to reflect the lessons learned in the Financial Regulation, by identifying criteria for defining exceptional/unusual circumstances in which temporary/framed/necessary flexibility in the implementation of public procurement rules can be applied;

Amendment

18. Notes the guidance provided by the Commission on using the public procurement framework in the emergency situation related to the COVID-19 crisis; encourages the Commission to gather and evaluate the experience of contracting authorities with the public procurement framework in this regard, ***especially its effect on SMEs***, and to reflect the lessons learned in the Financial Regulation, by identifying criteria for defining exceptional/unusual circumstances in which temporary/framed/necessary flexibility in the implementation of public procurement rules can be applied;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. Notes that the upcoming revision of the Financial Regulation should take into account the autonomous strategic interests of the EU, including the need to stimulate EU job creation in key industries, while ensuring a level playing field for fair competition; calls on the Commission to ensure that ambitious award criteria are set, taking particularly into account the Union added value of projects, as well as the principle of the “most economically advantageous tender”;

Amendment 140
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions

Or. en

Amendment 141
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. Notes that there is a strong interest in proposing Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions (PPAs) among the Members of the European Parliament and that the Commission has to apply a rigorous selection procedure to the proposals in order to match the limited financial resources available for the PPAs; considers that the available financial resources, and acceptance of proposals, can benefit from more flexibility between the three envelopes for PPs, PAs (first year) and PAs (second and third year);

Or. en

Amendment 142
Isabel García Muñoz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 b. *Notes that the Commission proposal for the Regulation on the Foreign Subsidies Instruments addresses potential distortive effects of foreign subsidies in the EU Single Market and is a key element to deliver on the updated EU Industrial Strategy; calls on the Commission to take into account the latter in the upcoming revision of the Financial Regulation in order to guarantee fair and competitive conditions in the EU Single Market;*

Or. en

Amendment 143
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. *Criticises the length of the audit and control procedures in shared management, including the length of the consequent contradictory procedures, as foreseen under sectoral legislation; underlines that lengthy procedures increase the risk of leaks of confidential documents; considers it unbearable that the Commission insists on the confidentiality requirements vis-a-vis the EP applicable to the audit and contradictory procedure even in cases of legitimate public interest involving public figures; expects the Commission to strengthen and shorten the length of audit and control procedures in shared management along the lines of the timeline applicable under Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2092;*

Or. en

Amendment 144
Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Recalls that the three institutions acknowledge that the existing rules on audits and discharge procedure apply to assigned revenue and calls for this to be properly reflected in the Financial Regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 b. Recalls that according to Article 118(9) of the Financial Regulation, reports and findings of the internal auditor shall be accessible to the public only after validation by the internal auditor of the action taken for their implementation; regrets that in practice, this results in (Parliament's) audit reports only being published several years after their finalisation; calls for the respective provision in the Financial Regulation to be reformulated in a way that would see the institutions publish its internal audit reports without any limitations due to any later validation process that in fact represents a follow-up to the original report;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 c. Considers it regrettable that audit and contradictory procedures, as well as procedures on the application of financial correction, currently stretch out over several years; urges the Commission to revise the rules of audit and financial correction procedures to allow for more timely conclusions and recovery of unduly paid out EU funds;

Or. en

Amendment 147
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Notes that Article 59 of the Financial Regulation relates to the conferral on ‘other Union institutions’ of the requisite powers for the implementation of the sections of the budget relating to them; welcomes the fact that the concept of ‘conferral’ underlines the autonomy of the other institutions as regards the management of their funds; notes, however, that the Commission has repeatedly and consistently taken the view that it is not in a position to exercise scrutiny over the implementing activities carried out by other institutions; proposes to address this issue by changing Article 260 of the Financial Regulation, to make Parliament explicitly responsible for scrutinising the budget implementation by the other institutions in the discharge

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procedure;

procedure; *in this regards, reminds that both the Council and EPPO should be considered within the scope of other institutions and submitted as such to the discharge procedure;*

Or. en

Amendment 148
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 a. Considers it necessary to amend Article 2 (67) of the Financial Regulation to include the European Public Prosecutors Office (EPPO) as “Union institution” so that discharge shall be given to the EPPO;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 b. Notes that article 262 of the Financial Regulation requires the Union institutions and Union bodies referred to in Articles 70 and 71 of the Financial Regulation shall report on the measures taken in response to the decision on discharge; considers that this requirement would benefit from setting a reasonable deadline for reporting on the measures taken; calls on the Commission to include 30 September of the year following the year under review in the discharge procedure as deadline in Art. 262 of the

Amendment 150
Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Notes that management and control systems of Member States' authorities are regularly assessed by the Commission in accordance with the sector-specific rules; considers that shortcomings found in one Member State are not automatically applicable to other Member States and that corrective measures, in adjustments either to the legal requirements or to the implementation guidelines, should be proportionate and tailored to the Member State where these findings are applicable;

Amendment

21. Notes that management and control systems of Member States' authorities are regularly assessed by the Commission in accordance with the sector-specific rules; considers that shortcomings found in one Member State are not automatically applicable to other Member States and that corrective measures, in adjustments either to the legal requirements or to the implementation guidelines, should be proportionate and tailored to the Member State where these findings are applicable; ***and that the results of the assessments carried out by the Commission should be made public;***

Amendment 151
Mircea-Gheorghe Hava

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Considers that EU assessments should strictly adhere to EU standards; considers that where stricter national standards exist, the use of these must not be to the detriment of the beneficiary; considers that Article 126 of the Financial Regulation on cross-reliance on assessments ***should*** be changed to reflect

Amendment

22. Considers that EU assessments should strictly adhere to EU standards, ***including their being carried out transparently;*** considers that where stricter national standards exist, the use of these must not be to the detriment of the beneficiary; considers that Article 126 of the Financial Regulation on cross-reliance

this principle;

on assessments *must obligatorily* be changed to reflect this principle;

Or. ro

Amendment 152

Daniel Freund, Rasmus Andresen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 23**

Motion for a resolution

23. Encourages the Commission to exploit the opportunities for simplified cost options to their full potential; considers that the focus of checks should be on ex ante verification of the calculations of the simplified cost options, while ex post verifications should be used to improve the system of calculation, except in cases of suspected fraud;

Amendment

23. Encourages the Commission *and Member States* to exploit the opportunities for simplified cost options to their full potential; considers that the focus of checks should be on ex ante verification of the calculations of the simplified cost options, while ex post verifications should be used to improve the system of calculation, except in cases of suspected fraud;

Or. en