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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

Antoni Comín i Oliveres

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2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - EDF (8th, 9th, 10th and 11th)
((2023/2183(DEC))

Amendment 1
Waldemar Tomaszewski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Notes that the **implementation** of the European Development Funds (EDFs) **concerns countries that are facing aggravating impacts of climate change** and are weakened by the **consequence** of the COVID pandemic, Russia's **war** in Ukraine, as well as **rising debt**; insists, therefore, that the remaining projects under the EDFs should focus on advancing the implementation of **the Sustainable Development Goals**;

Amendment

1. Notes that the **main objective** of the European Development Funds (EDFs) **is to reduce poverty and eradicate it in the long term in the African, Caribbean and Pacific (OACPS) region and to achieve sustainable development of overseas countries and territories** that are weakened by the **consequences** of the COVID pandemic, Russia's **unjustified and unprovoked aggression** in Ukraine, **rising debt**, as well as **new and forgotten crises and conflicts**; insists, therefore, that the remaining projects under the EDFs should focus on advancing the implementation of **activities in the area of economic and social development and security as well as cooperation on migration control and regional integration**;

Or. pl

Amendment 2
Dominique Bilde

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the implementation of the European Development Funds (EDFs) concerns countries that are facing aggravating impacts of climate change and are weakened by the consequence of the COVID pandemic, Russia's war in Ukraine, as well as rising debt; insists, therefore, that the remaining projects under the EDFs should focus on advancing the

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1. Notes that the implementation of the European Development Funds (EDFs) concerns countries that are facing aggravating impacts of climate change and are weakened by the consequence of the COVID pandemic, Russia's war in Ukraine, as well as rising debt, **particularly as a result of certain projects being carried out by Chinese entities with**

implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals;

regard to certain vulnerable countries; insists, therefore, that the remaining projects under the EDFs should focus on advancing the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, ***focusing on certain priorities, including food security and job creation***;

Or. fr

Amendment 3 **György Hölvényi**

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Or. en

Amendment 4 **Ilan De Basso, Carlos Zorrinho, Udo Bullmann, Karsten Lucke**

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the European Development Funds (EDFs) concerns countries that are facing aggravating impacts of climate change and are weakened by the consequence of the COVID pandemic, Russia's war *of aggression* in Ukraine, as well as rising debt, *generating growing inequality and increasing poverty levels*; insists, therefore, that the remaining projects under the EDFs should focus on advancing the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals;

Or. en

Amendment 5

Erik Marquardt

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Amendment

1. Notes that the implementation of the European Development Funds (EDFs) concerns countries that are facing aggravating impacts of climate change, *biodiversity loss and food insecurity* and are weakened by the consequence of the COVID pandemic, Russia's war in Ukraine, as well as rising debt *and humanitarian crisis*; insists, therefore, that the remaining projects under the EDFs should focus on advancing the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Waldemar Tomaszewski

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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2. Highlights the role of local implementing partners and the need to ensure their support and capacity building; notes that with the phasing out of EDF projects, local know-how on dealing with EU funds should be maintained, with a view to using them for projects under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) - Global Europe instrument;

Amendment

2. Highlights the role of local implementing partners and the need to ensure their support and capacity building; notes that with the phasing out of EDF projects, local know-how on dealing with EU funds should be maintained, with a view to using them for projects under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) - Global Europe instrument; ***points out that the significant diversity of needs and specific circumstances among the ACP group of countries and overseas countries and territories covered by the EDF calls for an individual and tailored approach;***

Or. pl

Amendment 7
György Hölvényi

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Or. en

Amendment 8
György Hölvényi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

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Amendment

2 a. Calls for stronger coordination between the Commission and the EEAS and EU delegations to facilitate discussions and cooperation with relevant local actors, including faith-based organisations on the ground in order to identify the projects that best meet development effectiveness objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 9
György Hölvényi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

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Amendment

2 b. Notes that local, non-governmental actors, including faith-based organisations are well placed partners to deliver EU assistance people in need notably in remote areas, highlight that strengthened EU engagement with these organisations could accelerate efficiency of development cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Erik Marquardt
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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3. Welcomes the Council's decision¹ which allocated EUR 600 million from de-committed projects under the 10th and 11th EDFs for the purpose of financing actions addressing the food security crisis and economic shock in ACP countries following Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine; encourages the Member States to follow the same approach of re-allocating any de-committed EDF to address the most urgent needs in the ACP countries.

¹ Council Decision EU 2022/1223

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3. Welcomes the Council's decision¹ which allocated EUR 600 million from de-committed projects under the 10th and 11th EDFs for the purpose of financing actions addressing the food security crisis and economic shock in ACP countries following Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine; ***insists that these funds must ensure further support to local small-scale farming as well as agroecological practices and sustainable fisheries methods as they allow food sovereignty of local communities, making them less dependent on the fluctuations in the global food and agriculture market;*** encourages the Member States to follow the same approach of re-allocating any de-committed EDF to address the most urgent needs in the ACP countries.

¹ Council Decision EU 2022/1223

Or. en

Amendment 11
György Hölvényi

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Paragraph 3 a (new)

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3 a. Stresses the exceptionally dire food security situation in ACP countries, those funds need to be complemented with appropriate measures enhancing local productivity empowering small scale farmers in developing countries and supporting school meals as a vital tool to address food insecurity;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3 a. *Notes that the ECA and the European Commission (DG INTPA) employ different methodology when estimating the error rate and that ECA estimates the level of error for EDF payment transactions to be 7.1 % with about half of it due to excess clearance (i.e. expenditure not incurred is included in the accounts); notes that the Commission methodology reflects a corrective capacity after all ex-ante and ex-post controls have been implemented but expects the Commission to take seriously the ECA recommendations in order to avoid errors related to excess clearings; welcomes, in this regard, the DG INTPA declared review of its control strategy and reinforcing EU Delegations' internal control systems;*

Or. en

Amendment 13
Ilan De Basso, Carlos Zorrinho, Udo Bullmann, Karsten Lucke

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Paragraph 3 a (new)

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3 a. *Recognises the work of the Commission in ensuring the correct implementation of the EDF funds, notes that the Court of Auditors considers the EDFs' accounts for 2022 to have been handled in accordance with applicable rules; notes with concern that the level of error in transactions, estimated by the Court of Auditors, grew from 4,6 % to 7,1 % between 2021 and 2022;*

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Paragraph 3 b (new)

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3 b. Highlights the fact that the legitimacy and effectiveness of EU development cooperation hinges on the correct implementation of activities and their proper funding; is concerned about the limited progress on the implementation of the recommendations by the Court of Auditors; calls on the Commission to further improve controls in order to decrease the amount of transactional errors and to fully implement the recommendations of the Court of Auditors;

Or. en