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# **COMPROMISE AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 3**

**Draft opinion**

**Antoni Comín i Oliveres**

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2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - EDF (8th, 9th, 10th and 11th)  
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## Amendment 1

Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Compromise amendment replacing Amendment(s): 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

### 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 implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals;

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Or. en

## Amendment 2

Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Compromise amendment replacing Amendment(s): 10 and 11

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 3

##### *Draft opinion*

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<sup>1</sup> Council Decision EU 2022/1223

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**Amendment 3**  
**Antoni Comín i Oliveres**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendment(s): 12, 13 and 14

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**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 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. when expenditure not incurred is included in the accounts); further notes that the level of error in transactions, estimated by the Court of Auditors, grew from 4,6 % to 7,1 % between 2021 and 2022; underlines that the Commission methodology reflects a corrective capacity after all ex-ante and ex-post controls have been implemented; highlights the fact that the legitimacy and effectiveness of EU development cooperation hinges on the correct implementation of activities and their proper funding; 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 in particular 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.*

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