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# **BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

2018 Budget  
(2017/2044(BUD))

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Rapporteur:                      Markus Ferber

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**Draft amendment 6601**

=== ECON/6601 ===

Tabled by Markus Ferber, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

## SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Article 01 02 01** — Coordination and surveillance of, and communication on, the economic and monetary union, including the euro**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
01 02 01	11 500 000	12 000 000	12 000 000	11 500 000	9 700 000	9 775 000	2 300 000	1 725 000	12 000 000	11 500 000
Reserve										
Total	11 500 000	12 000 000	12 000 000	11 500 000	9 700 000	9 775 000	2 300 000	1 725 000	12 000 000	11 500 000

**Justification:**

This budget line encompasses key functions with reference to the EMU (such as surveys and economic forecast, events and communication activities as well as data supply services). Decreasing the amount beyond Commission proposals would endanger those activities. Therefore, the Commission figures should be restored.

**Draft amendment 6614**

=== ECON/6614 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes

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01 02 01	11 500 000	12 000 000	12 000 000	11 500 000	9 700 000	9 775 000	-9 700 000	-9 775 000	p.m.	p.m.
Reserve										
Total	11 500 000	12 000 000	12 000 000	11 500 000	9 700 000	9 775 000	-9 700 000	-9 775 000	p.m.	p.m.

**Justification:**

EMU and its economic governance arrangements, including the European Semester, have imposed a single economic policy approach on Member States and their sovereign governments and peoples: a neoliberal approach. Mechanisms involving, for example, surveillance of Member States' budgetary positions and draft budgets have been used as means of coercion to prevent any progressive economic policymaking in defence of free, high-quality and universal public services and in support of labour and social rights.

**Draft amendment 6625**

=== ECON/6625 ===

Tabled by Olle Ludvigsson, Pervenche Berès, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

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Reserve										
Total	11 500 000	12 000 000	12 000 000	11 500 000	9 700 000	9 775 000	2 300 000	1 725 000	12 000 000	11 500 000

**Justification:**

This budget line is of crucial importance in the current politico-economic climate. It finances the absolutely necessary tools for the Commission to contribute to the debate with citizens and stakeholders on the future of the EMU. It provides means for better coordination of economic policies, including in the context of the European Semester. It supports Treaty-based surveillance obligations via surveys and critical data production and purchase. Finally it finances support actions for financial assistance, thus contributing to financial stability within and outside the EU.

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**Draft amendment 6612**

==== ECON/6612 ====

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes

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SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Add: 01 02 06**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
01 02 06									p.m.	p.m.
Reserve										
Total									p.m.	p.m.

**Heading:**

*Programme to support Member States' economies intervened by the troika*

**Remarks:**

Add following text:

*This programme will specifically support Member States intervened by the troika, helping them to cope with the consequences of EU-IMF programmes (economic recession/stagnation, employment destruction and debt explosion). It will support economy stimulation, namely through productive investment, and job creation.*

**Justification:**

EU-IMF intervention programmes had disastrous and painful consequences, leading to a significant deterioration of the economic and social situation. Intervened countries shall be compensated by the losses caused and supported, effecting the so-called cohesion principle.

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**Draft amendment 6613**

==== ECON/6613 ====

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 01 02 06

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
01 02 06									p.m.	p.m.
Reserve										
Total									p.m.	p.m.

**Heading:**

*Programme to support Member States in the case of a negotiated exit of the Euro*

**Remarks:**

Add following text:

*The asymmetric nature of the EMU led to growing divergence among Member States and to a sharp deterioration of the economic and social situation in some Member States. EU-IMF interventions did not solve the existing problems, well on the contrary, they worsened the whole situation. Recovering economic and monetary sovereignty must be acknowledged as a possibility to all the MS willing to do so and duly supported by the EU.*

**Justification:**

The asymmetric nature of the EMU led to growing divergence among Member States and to a sharp deterioration of the economic and social situation in some Member States. EU-IMF interventions did not solve the existing problems, well on the contrary, they worsened the whole situation. Recovering economic and monetary sovereignty must be acknowledged as a possibility to all the MS willing to do so and duly supported by the EU.

**Draft amendment 6627**

=== ECON/6627 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 01 02 77 02

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
01 02 77 02							2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000
Reserve										
Total							2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000

**Heading:**

*Pilot project — Creation of emerging plans to support the economies that were under the Troika intervention*

**Remarks:**

Add following text:

*It is intended to support measures leading to the creation of emergency plans to support economies, including in countries intervened by the Troika (IMF, ECB, EC). Thus, exceptional programmes with*

*extraordinary support to meet the social and economic shocks suffered with this kind of interventions are justified.*

**Legal basis:**

Add following text:

*Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).*

**Justification:**

It is intended to support measures leading to the creation of emergency plans to support economies, including in countries intervened by the Troika (IMF, ECB, EC). Thus, exceptional programmes with extraordinary support to meet the social and economic shocks suffered with this kind of interventions are justified.

**Draft amendment 6602**

=== ECON/6602 ===

Tabled by Markus Ferber, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Article 12 02 01** — Implementation and development of the single market for financial services

**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
12 02 01	3 700 000	5 094 000	3 700 000	4 000 000	3 100 000	3 400 000	600 000	600 000	3 700 000	4 000 000
Reserve										
Total	3 700 000	5 094 000	3 700 000	4 000 000	3 100 000	3 400 000	600 000	600 000	3 700 000	4 000 000

**Justification:**

The Capital Markets Union is one of the key projects of this legislative term. Initiatives that support this should not be cut beyond Commission proposals. Therefore, the Commission figures should be restored.

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

**Draft amendment 6611**

=== ECON/6611 ===

Tabled by Sven Giegold, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

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	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
12 02 01	3 700 000	5 094 000	3 700 000	4 000 000	3 100 000	3 400 000	600 000	600 000	3 700 000	4 000 000
Reserve										
Total	3 700 000	5 094 000	3 700 000	4 000 000	3 100 000	3 400 000	600 000	600 000	3 700 000	4 000 000

## Justification:

The resources initially foreseen by the Commission are instrumental for enhancing the Single Market and fostering the Capital Markets Union and should thereby be preserved.

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### Draft amendment 6617

=== ECON/6617 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes

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#### SECTION III — COMMISSION

##### Article 12 02 01 — Implementation and development of the single market for financial services

###### Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
12 02 01	3 700 000	5 094 000	3 700 000	4 000 000	3 100 000	3 400 000	-3 100 000	-3 400 000	p.m.	p.m.
Reserve										
Total	3 700 000	5 094 000	3 700 000	4 000 000	3 100 000	3 400 000	-3 100 000	-3 400 000	p.m.	p.m.

## Justification:

By increasing the degree of 'financialisation' of Member States' economies, projects such as the Capital Markets Union solely serve the interests of high finance, financial 'investors' and large European banks, considerably increasing the risk of a fresh financial crisis.

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### Draft amendment 6626

=== ECON/6626 ===

Tabled by Olle Ludvigsson, Pervenche Berès, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

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	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
12 02 01	3 700 000	5 094 000	3 700 000	4 000 000	3 100 000	3 400 000	600 000	600 000	3 700 000	4 000 000
Reserve										
Total	3 700 000	5 094 000	3 700 000	4 000 000	3 100 000	3 400 000	600 000	600 000	3 700 000	4 000 000

## Justification:

This budget line has a crucial importance in the current financial-economic climate. It finances the absolutely necessary tools for the Commission to contribute to the completion of the Capital Market Union initiative as well as the proper implementation of the Consumer Financial Services Action Plan, which should benefit citizens, businesses and investors. It provides various technical means for adequate data collection and analysis.

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### Draft amendment 6606

=== ECON/6606 ===

Tabled by Sven Giegold, Pervenche Berès, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Article 12 02 03** — Standards in the fields of financial reporting and auditing

**Amend figures and conditions for releasing the reserve as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
12 02 03	4 925 000	5 718 000	8 446 000	8 400 250	5 023 000	4 994 000	3 423 000	3 406 250	8 446 000	8 400 250
Reserve	3 356 000	2 517 000			3 423 000	3 406 250	-3 323 000	-3 306 250	100 000	100 000
Total	8 281 000	8 235 000	8 446 000	8 400 250	8 446 000	8 400 250	100 000	100 000	8 546 000	8 500 250

**Conditions for releasing the reserve:**

Add following text:

*The reserve is to be released under the condition that the requests made in the European Parliament (Stolojan) initiative report on IAS evaluation and the activities of the IFRS Foundation, EFRAG and the PIOB (2016/2006(INI)) are fulfilled*

**Justification:**

Funding for the requests made in the European Parliament (Stolojan) initiative report on IAS evaluation and the activities of the IFRS Foundation, EFRAG and the PIOB (2016)/2006 (INI) should be ensured.

**Draft amendment 6619**

=== ECON/6619 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes

SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Article 12 02 04** — European Banking Authority (EBA)

**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
12 02 04	14 390 504	14 390 504	14 459 404	14 459 404	14 459 404	14 459 404	-14 459 404	-14 459 404	p.m.	p.m.
Reserve										
Total	14 390 504	14 390 504	14 459 404	14 459 404	14 459 404	14 459 404	-14 459 404	-14 459 404	p.m.	p.m.

**Justification:**

The EBA seeks to ensure prudential regulation and supervision throughout the European banking sector, with the supposed aim of protecting the public interest. Since its inception, however, it has become clear that new banking and financial crises are far from being a thing of the past, primarily because the fundamental issue of financial speculation has not yet changed; and neither has the derivatives market been shut down or capital movements taxed or an end put to tax havens.

**Draft amendment 6615**

=== ECON/6615 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes



## SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Article 12 02 05** — European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
12 02 05	8 736 301	8 736 301	9 257 747	9 257 747	9 257 747	9 257 747	-9 257 747	-9 257 747	p.m.	p.m.
Reserve										
Total	8 736 301	8 736 301	9 257 747	9 257 747	9 257 747	9 257 747	-9 257 747	-9 257 747	p.m.	p.m.

**Justification:**

The EIOPA seeks to ensure prudential regulation and supervision throughout the European banking sector, with the supposed aim of protecting the public interest. Since its inception, however, it has become clear that new banking and financial crises are far from being a thing of the past, primarily because the fundamental issue of financial speculation has not yet changed; and neither has the derivatives market been shut down or capital movements taxed or an end put to tax havens.

**Draft amendment 6618**

=== ECON/6618 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes

## SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Article 12 02 06** — European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
12 02 06	10 843 997	10 843 997	11 636 615	11 636 615	11 636 615	11 636 615	-11 636 615	-11 636 615	p.m.	p.m.
Reserve										
Total	10 843 997	10 843 997	11 636 615	11 636 615	11 636 615	11 636 615	-11 636 615	-11 636 615	p.m.	p.m.

**Justification:**

The ESMA seeks to ensure prudential regulation and supervision throughout the European banking sector, with the supposed aim of protecting the public interest. Since its inception, however, it has become clear that new banking and financial crises are far from being a thing of the past, primarily because the fundamental issue of financial speculation has not yet changed; and neither has the derivatives market been shut down or capital movements taxed or an end put to tax havens.

**Draft amendment 6628**

=== ECON/6628 ===

Tabled by Jakob von Weizsäcker

## SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Item 12 02 77 06** — Pilot project — Horizontal Task Force on Distributed Ledger Technology**Amend figures, heading and remarks as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
12 02 77 06	850 000	425 000	p.m.	425 000	p.m.	425 000	1 000 000	575 000	1 000 000	1 000 000
Reserve										
Total	850 000	425 000	p.m.	425 000	p.m.	425 000	1 000 000	575 000	1 000 000	1 000 000

**Heading:**

Pilot project — Horizontal Task Force on Distributed Ledger Technology *and government use case*

**Remarks:**

Amend text as follows:

*Amend as follows: This pilot project continues the work of the Task Force Distributed Ledger Technology to build up technical expertise, regulators capacity and develop use cases, especially for governmental applications, in the field of distributed ledger technology (DLT) as proposed in the Resolution of the European Parliament on virtual currencies (T8-0228/2016). This appropriation is intended to cover commitments remaining to be settled from previous years under the pilot project.*

*One specific use case that ought to be explored is the potential of DLT based solutions for the management of the situation of refugees. Many refugees, and people in refugee-like situations, are unable to prove their identity or access essential services. They do not have the necessary documentation to open a bank account, and without necessary documentation, many refugees are unable to access healthcare, seek legal protection, or enroll their children in schools. At the same time, EU governments in partnerships with other countries and organisations (eg NGOs) need innovative solutions to manage increasing flows of migrants and their temporary stay in different countries. DLT applications could lend themselves to such applications on account of their distributed and resilient architecture.* This pilot project will set up a task force staffed with regulatory and technical experts in order to build up technical expertise and regulator capacity and develop use cases, especially for governmental applications, in the field of distributed ledger technology (DLT), as proposed in the European Parliament resolution on virtual currencies (T8-0228/2016).

*Some organisations have already begun to look into DLT applications in* Distributed ledger technology underpins various virtual currencies, including bitcoin, and could have a transformational impact on the way transactions are conducted in the financial sector and beyond. At present, the use of the technology and its applications are limited in scope. However, this *respect, for example as a way to independently authenticate and validate exchanges of information, from personal identification to money transfers.* might change soon: fuelled by significant investment and network effects, certain applications could rapidly grow and quickly become systemic.

*The pilot project should assess and benchmark best approaches in using DLT based solutions for control of frontiers and to manage the situation of refugees.* A dedicated horizontal task force monitoring DLT and its applications could provide the expertise necessary in order properly to counter risks without stifling innovation by means of premature regulatory intervention. The task force will identify standards for best practice, develop stress tests for applications that are set to become systemic and develop use cases for the application of the technology. A horizontal approach will help identify potential and risks associated directly with the technology and will create workflow synergies.

**Justification:**

Regulators as well as legislators still need to develop technical expertise on DLT and the capacity to understand fully the technology, its potentials and implications in order to avoid harmful decisions. To avoid stifling innovation or the materialisation of (systemic) risks, it is essential to build up sufficient capacities and technical excellence. Furthermore, DLT solutions might harbour substantial benefit for governments, making assessments of potential use cases necessary.

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**Draft amendment 6605**

=== ECON/6605 ===

Tabled by Markus Ferber, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

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SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: 12 02 77 07

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
12 02 77 07							3 500 000	1 750 000	3 500 000	1 750 000
Reserve										
Total							3 500 000	1 750 000	3 500 000	1 750 000

**Heading:**

*Pilot project — Creating a true Banking Union - Research on differences in bank related laws and regulations in Eurozone countries and the need to harmonise them in a Banking Union*

**Remarks:**

Add following text:

*Creating a true Banking Union (BU) shall lead to a European Banking Market in the Eurozone and, as a consequence, a more stable EMU. Generally, four elements are considered necessary in this regards. A single supervisor, a single resolution mechanism, common high standards with regards to insurance protection and a single rulebook. The discussion related to the single rulebook obviously focusses very much on the further harmonisation of CRR and CRD IV, forgetting that other rules and regulations are also very important in the legal framework for financial institutions, e.g. corporate laws, insolvency laws, securities laws and potentially accounting rules. A special pilot project shall be set up to research on the differences in bank related rules and regulations in the Eurozone and to investigate in which areas a further harmonisation is needed in order to create a true BU. In this regards all 19 jurisdictions of the Eurozone shall be researched on with the aim to create an overview of the most relevant material provisions governing banks and the need for harmonisation of such rules in a BU. Besides this, the formal rules governing responsibilities of NCAs within the SSM and NRAs within the SRB shall be researched on with the aim to establish if and where further harmonisation of rules would be justified with the aim to improve the workings of the SSM and the SRB. It shall also consider if and where a different allocation of responsibilities between national and EU level might be appropriate. Research shall take into consideration the different traditions in European jurisdictions and that maximum harmonisation is not always feasible and necessary, even in a BU.*

**Legal basis:**

Add following text:

*Pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).*

**Justification:**

A well-functioning Banking Union (BU) is a cornerstone of the EMU. Further developing the EMU and the BU is one of the key priorities of the Commission and the European legislators. Thus, it is essential to establish a research project to determine differences in the respective legal systems of the participating Member States and in order to identify obstacles in further developing and harmonising the BU. This might include learning lessons from other jurisdictions.

**Draft amendment 6616**

=== ECON/6616 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes

SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Article 13 08 01** — Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP) – Operational technical assistance transferred from H1b (ESF, ERDF and CF)

**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
13 08 01	p.m.	p.m.	23 644 837	10 850 000	23 644 837	10 850 000	-23 644 837	-10 850 000	p.m.	p.m.
Reserve	17 442 912	8 721 500								
Total	17 442 912	8 721 500	23 644 837	10 850 000	23 644 837	10 850 000	-23 644 837	-10 850 000	p.m.	p.m.

**Justification:**

The guidelines and measures for 'structural reforms' reflect neoliberal plans to destroy labour and social rights, privatise strategic enterprises, increase exploitation, impoverish the poorest and outlying Member States in particular, and make them more dependent.

The SRSP is nothing more than a programme to destroy the manufacturing base and economic sovereignty and impose an economic model that does not serve the interests of workers and communities.

**Draft amendment 6620**

=== ECON/6620 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes

SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Article 13 08 02** — Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP) – Operational technical assistance transferred from H2 (EAFRD)

**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
13 08 02	p.m.	p.m.	6 855 163	3 150 000	6 855 163	3 150 000	-6 855 163	-3 150 000	p.m.	p.m.
Reserve	5 057 088	2 528 500								
Total	5 057 088	2 528 500	6 855 163	3 150 000	6 855 163	3 150 000	-6 855 163	-3 150 000	p.m.	p.m.

**Justification:**

The guidelines and measures for 'structural reforms' reflect neoliberal plans to destroy labour and social rights, privatise strategic enterprises, increase exploitation, impoverish the poorest and outlying Member States in particular, and make them more dependent.

The SRSP is nothing more than a programme to destroy the manufacturing base and economic sovereignty and impose an economic model that does not serve the interests of workers and communities.

**Draft amendment 6608**

=== ECON/6608 ===

Tabled by Sven Giegold, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Item 14 01 04 02** — Support expenditure for Fiscalis

**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
14 01 04 02	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	97 000	97 000	3 000	3 000	100 000	100 000
Reserve										
Total	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	97 000	97 000	3 000	3 000	100 000	100 000

**Justification:**

Administrative cooperation in the field of taxation needs to be supported and enhanced and thereby no budgetary cuts in comparison with last year should be foreseen.

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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**Draft amendment 6600**

=== ECON/6600 ===

Tabled by Markus Ferber, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

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SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Article 14 03 01** — Improving the proper functioning of the taxation systems

**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
14 03 01	31 809 000	31 000 000	32 043 000	31 000 000	30 902 140	30 380 000	1 140 860	620 000	32 043 000	31 000 000
Reserve										
Total	31 809 000	31 000 000	32 043 000	31 000 000	30 902 140	30 380 000	1 140 860	620 000	32 043 000	31 000 000

**Justification:**

This appropriation covers expenditure on the implementation of the Fiscalis 2020 programme, in particular the financing of joint actions, IT capacity building and human competency building. The fight against tax evasion and aggressive tax planning is a key priority of the European Union. Fiscalis enable national tax administrations to create and exchange information and expertise and is therefore vital. Hence, the Commission figures should be restored.

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**Draft amendment 6607**

=== ECON/6607 ===

Tabled by Sven Giegold, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

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SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Article 14 03 01** — Improving the proper functioning of the taxation systems

**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
14 03 01	31 809 000	31 000 000	32 043 000	31 000 000	30 902 140	30 380 000	1 140 860	620 000	32 043 000	31 000 000
Reserve										
Total	31 809 000	31 000 000	32 043 000	31 000 000	30 902 140	30 380 000	1 140 860	620 000	32 043 000	31 000 000

## Justification:

Administrative cooperation in the field of taxation needs to be supported and enhanced and thereby no budgetary cuts in comparison with last year should be foreseen.

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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## Draft amendment 6623

=== ECON/6623 ===

Tabled by Olle Ludvigsson, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

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### SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Article 14 03 01** — Improving the proper functioning of the taxation systems

**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
14 03 01	31 809 000	31 000 000	32 043 000	31 000 000	30 902 140	30 380 000	1 140 860	620 000	32 043 000	31 000 000
Reserve										
Total	31 809 000	31 000 000	32 043 000	31 000 000	30 902 140	30 380 000	1 140 860	620 000	32 043 000	31 000 000

## Justification:

The budget should be restored to the level of the Commission proposal in order for EU tax policy to improve the proper functioning of the taxation systems in the internal market, while combating tax fraud, tax evasion and tax avoidance, and hence supporting revenue collection for the EU and Members States' budgets.

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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## Draft amendment 6624

=== ECON/6624 ===

Tabled by Olle Ludvigsson, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

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### SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Add: 14 03 77 03**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
14 03 77 03							500 000	250 000	500 000	250 000
Reserve										
Total							500 000	250 000	500 000	250 000

## Heading:

*Preparatory action — Capacity building, programmatic development and communication in the context of the fight against tax avoidance, tax evasion and tax fraud*

## Remarks:

Add following text:

*In the light of the challenges revealed by the LuxLeaks, Panama Papers and other international tax evasion scandals, multinationals and other wealthy individuals should be forced to pay their fair share of taxes within the EU and where the profits are generated.*

*This Preparatory action has built on the project launched in 2016 to build up the expertise and capacity of a wide range of civil society organisations to engage in the fight tax avoidance, tax evasion and tax fraud.*

*It has developed a sustainable EU-wide network of civil society organisations, including some new actors not actively involved in campaigning, cooperating on the design, implementation and advocacy of action to combat tax avoidance, tax evasion and tax fraud. It has also supported civil society organisations to develop their positions on tax policies and conduct research on ongoing and upcoming tax reforms. The network's key objective is to share ideas, develop synergies and launch common initiatives against tax avoidance, tax evasion and tax fraud. It serves as a platform for sharing knowledge on the challenge of tax avoidance, tax evasion and tax fraud and ways to tackle it, as well as on how to run campaigns and other civil society initiatives, tools and instruments in this area.*

**Legal basis:**

Add following text:

*Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).*

**Justification:**

This Preparatory action has to take the next necessary step to combat tax avoidance, tax avoidance and tax fraud, transforming the pilot project into a Preparatory Action on Capacity building, programmatic development and communication in the context of the fight against tax avoidance, tax evasion and tax fraud.

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**Draft amendment 6604**

=== ECON/6604 ===

Tabled by Markus Ferber, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

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SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 14 04 01 — Implementation and development of the internal market

**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
14 04 01	3 200 000	3 200 000	3 200 000	3 200 000	2 800 000	2 800 000	400 000	400 000	3 200 000	3 200 000
Reserve										
Total	3 200 000	3 200 000	3 200 000	3 200 000	2 800 000	2 800 000	400 000	400 000	3 200 000	3 200 000

**Justification:**

The budget line finances tax-policy related activities (studies, evaluations, meetings of experts, information, communication and publications in the area of customs and taxation policy) which cannot be financed by the Customs 2020 and Fiscalis 2020 programmes, but are nonetheless instrumental to the EU's priorities in the field of taxation policy. Therefore, the Commission figures should be restored.

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**Draft amendment 6609**

=== ECON/6609 ===

Tabled by Sven Giegold, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

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SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Article 14 04 01** — Implementation and development of the internal market

**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
14 04 01	3 200 000	3 200 000	3 200 000	3 200 000	2 800 000	2 800 000	400 000	400 000	3 200 000	3 200 000
Reserve										
Total	3 200 000	3 200 000	3 200 000	3 200 000	2 800 000	2 800 000	400 000	400 000	3 200 000	3 200 000

**Justification:**

The resources initially foreseen by the Commission are instrumental for enhancing the Single Market and fostering the EU priorities in the field of taxation policy and should be thereby preserved.

**Draft amendment 6603**

=== ECON/6603 ===

Tabled by Markus Ferber, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Article 29 02 01** — Providing quality statistical information, implementing new methods of production of European statistics and strengthening the partnership within the European Statistical System

**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
29 02 01	57 960 000	42 000 000	59 475 000	45 000 000	57 988 125	43 875 000	1 486 875	1 125 000	59 475 000	45 000 000
Reserve										
Total	57 960 000	42 000 000	59 475 000	45 000 000	57 988 125	43 875 000	1 486 875	1 125 000	59 475 000	45 000 000

**Justification:**

Sound statistical data are a prerequisite of good economic policymaking. Therefore, the Commission figures should be restored.

**Draft amendment 6621**

=== ECON/6621 ===

Tabled by Miguel Viegas, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, João Ferreira, João Pimenta Lopes

SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Article 29 02 01** — Providing quality statistical information, implementing new methods of production of European statistics and strengthening the partnership within the European Statistical System

**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
29 02 01	57 960 000	42 000 000	59 475 000	45 000 000	57 988 125	43 875 000	1 486 875	1 125 000	59 475 000	45 000 000
Reserve										
Total	57 960 000	42 000 000	59 475 000	45 000 000	57 988 125	43 875 000	1 486 875	1 125 000	59 475 000	45 000 000

**Justification:**

The production of quality statistics and guaranteeing an appropriate degree of standardisation in the preparation of statistical indicators are vital for policy development and support and for understanding



Member States' socio-economic development. Accordingly, statistical services must have adequate financial, human and material resources, as well as qualified staff in a stable employment relationship.

Restore Draft Budget (DB).

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**Draft amendment 6610**

=== ECON/6610 ===

Tabled by Sven Giegold, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

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SECTION III — COMMISSION

**Item 33 02 03 01 — Company law**

**Amend figures and remarks as follows:**

	Budget 2017		Draft budget 2018		Council's position 2018		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
33 02 03 01	895 000	1 700 000	1 700 000	700 000	1 700 000	700 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	2 700 000	1 700 000
Reserve										
Total	895 000	1 700 000	1 700 000	700 000	1 700 000	700 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	2 700 000	1 700 000

**Remarks:**

After paragraph:

The contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to ..... which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Add following text:

*Conduct a comprehensive and unbiased assessment of the risk posed by third countries in terms of their strategic deficiencies in the area of anti-money laundering and countering terrorist financing, based on the criteria defined in Article 9 of Directive (EU) 2015/849 and establish a list of ‘high-risk jurisdictions.*

**Justification:**

The part of the comprehensive assessment to be conducted in 2018 consistency with Directive (EU) 2015/849 is supposed to cover more than 75 country specific analyses, which will require a substantial increase in the originally foreseen appropriations.