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2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - Commission
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Amendment 1

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– *having regard to the European Commission’s Annual management and performance report for the EU budget 2022;*

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1. Is worried by the fact that by the end of 2022, total outstanding commitments reached a record level of over €450 billion; takes note, however, that, according to the Commission, after a further increase to some €460 billion in 2023, the outstanding commitments should decrease during 2024 to 2027 to €314 billion;

1. Is worried by the fact that by the end of 2022, total outstanding commitments reached a record level of over €450 billion; takes note, however, that ***the increase is mainly a result of an increased commitment of funds during the second year of NGEU implementation, as well as the start of 2021- 2027 shared management fund implementation, and that***, according to the Commission, after a further increase to some €460 billion in 2023, the outstanding commitments should decrease during 2024 to 2027 to €314 billion;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová, Jozef Mihál, Dragoș Pîslaru, Max Orville

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1. Is worried by the fact that by the end of 2022, total outstanding commitments reached a record level of over €450 billion; takes note, however, that, according to the Commission, after a further increase to some €460 billion in 2023, the outstanding commitments should decrease *during 2024 to 2027* to €314 billion;

Amendment

1. Is worried by the fact that by the end of 2022, total outstanding commitments reached a record level of over €450 billion; takes note, however, that, according to the Commission, after a further increase to some €460 billion in 2023, the outstanding commitments should decrease *from 2024 until 2027* to €314 billion;

Or. en

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2. Expresses satisfaction that the biggest part of the Union budget spending in 2022 went to the Heading 2 “Cohesion, resilience and values” (EUR 79.1 billion, or 40.4 %);

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2. Expresses satisfaction that the biggest part of the Union budget spending in 2022 went to the Heading 2 “Cohesion, resilience and values” (EUR 79.1 billion, or 40.4 %); *emphasizes that the ESF is supposed to counter the worst excesses of unequal development and boost local development; furthermore, regional actors must be involved more closely;*

Or. en

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2 a. 2a. Recalls that transparency and accountability in the implementation of

the EU Budget is key; stresses in this context the need for further efforts, both from the Commission and Member States, to ensure better transparency of the use of EU taxpayers' money; insists that the publication of final recipients of EU funding should be a horizontal provision for all categories of EU funding; regrets the interpretation of the Commission of what "final recipients" are in the case of the Recovery and Resilience Facility;

Or. en

Amendment 6

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3. Recalls that spending under the subheading "Economic, social and territorial cohesion" (Subheading 2a) focuses on reducing development disparities between the different Member States and regions of the EU; stresses the importance of EU cohesion policy in supporting the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights and assisting Member States and regions to harness new opportunities and address challenges, such as globalisation, unemployment, industrial change, digitalisation and supporting up and re-skilling and lifelong learning;

Amendment

3. Recalls that spending under the subheading "Economic, social and territorial cohesion" (Subheading 2a) focuses on reducing development disparities between the different Member States and regions of the EU; stresses the importance of EU cohesion policy in supporting the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights and ***achieving its targets and*** assisting Member States and regions to harness new opportunities and address challenges, such as globalisation, unemployment, ***poverty and social exclusion***, industrial change, digitalisation and supporting up and re-skilling and lifelong learning;

Or. en

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4. Is greatly worried that the overall level of error was material at 4.2 %, compared to 3.0 % in 2021; and is particularly worried that the level of error is mainly driven by ‘Cohesion, resilience and values’, which was the biggest contributor to this rate (2.5 %); recognises that the majority of spending in this area is deemed high-risk expenditure as mainly reimbursement-based and often subject to complex rules; notes that the most common errors under the Cohesion heading were ineligible projects and infringements of internal market rules, in particular non-compliance with public procurement and state aid rules; calls for urgent action to decrease the error rate in the future, especially for the new funding period, and calls on the Commission to assist the agencies to improve their internal procedures in order to ensure compliance with applicable public procurement and state aid rules;

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4. Is greatly worried that the overall level of error, ***estimated by the European Court of Auditors***, was material at 4.2 %, compared to 3.0 % in 2021; and is particularly worried that the level of error is mainly driven by ‘Cohesion, resilience and values’, which was the biggest contributor to this rate (2.5 %); recognises that the majority of spending in this area is deemed high-risk expenditure as mainly reimbursement-based and often subject to complex rules; notes that the most common errors under the Cohesion heading were ineligible projects and infringements of internal market rules, in particular non-compliance with public procurement and state aid rules; calls for urgent action to decrease the error rate in the future, especially for the new funding period, and calls on the Commission to assist the agencies to improve their internal procedures in order to ensure compliance with applicable public procurement and state aid rules;

Or. en

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4. Is greatly worried that the overall level of error was material at 4.2 %, compared to 3.0 % in 2021, ***largely above the 2 % materiality threshold***; and is particularly worried that the level of error is mainly driven by ‘Cohesion, resilience and values’, which was the biggest contributor to this rate (2.5 %); recognises

deemed high-risk expenditure as mainly reimbursement-based and often subject to complex rules; notes that the most common errors under the Cohesion heading were ineligible projects and infringements of internal market rules, in particular non-compliance with public procurement and state aid rules; calls for urgent action to decrease the error rate in the future, especially for the new funding period, and calls on the Commission to assist the agencies to improve their internal procedures in order to ensure compliance with applicable public procurement and state aid rules;

that the majority of spending in this area is deemed high-risk expenditure as mainly reimbursement-based and often subject to complex rules; notes that the most common errors under the Cohesion heading were ineligible projects and infringements of internal market rules, in particular non-compliance with public procurement and state aid rules; calls for urgent action to decrease the error rate in the future, especially for the new funding period, and calls on the Commission to assist the agencies to improve their internal procedures in order to ensure compliance with applicable public procurement and state aid rules;

Or. en

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4. Is greatly worried that the overall level of error was material at 4.2 %, **thus is higher** compared to 3.0 % in 2021; and is particularly worried that the level of error is mainly driven by ‘Cohesion, resilience and values’, which was the biggest contributor to this rate (2.5 %); recognises that the majority of spending in this area is deemed high-risk expenditure as mainly reimbursement-based and often subject to complex rules; notes that the most common errors under the Cohesion heading were ineligible projects and infringements of internal market rules, in particular non-compliance with public procurement and state aid rules; calls for urgent action to decrease the error rate in the future, especially for the new funding period, and calls on the Commission to assist the agencies to improve their internal procedures in order to ensure compliance

with applicable public procurement and state aid rules;

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Paragraph 6 a (new)

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6 a. Stresses that the Commission should substantially reduce the level of outstanding commitments; Notes that in the light of high outstanding commitments which await payment from future EU budgets, the Commission should identify ways to help member states accelerate the use of EU funds, in particular of shared management funds under the Common Provisions Regulation, while respecting sound financial management;

Or. en

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Paragraph 6 a (new)

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6 a. Calls on the Commission to favour taking catering and other staff in-house in order to promote good working conditions and avoid layoffs;

Or. en

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7. Calls on the Commission to follow up and take necessary action with regards to all errors found by the Court and to ***request*** additional financial corrections, where deemed necessary;

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7. Calls on the Commission to follow up and take necessary action with regards to all errors found by the Court and to ***implement*** additional financial corrections, where deemed necessary;

Or. en