



**2019/2028(BUD)**

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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 29**

**Draft opinion**  
**Svenja Hahn**  
(PE639.801v01-00)

General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 - all sections  
(2019/2028(BUD))

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**Amendment 1**  
**John Howarth**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Stresses that the internal market remains one of the Union's greatest and most tangible achievements, bringing benefits to businesses, consumers and citizens across Europe; further deepening the *Single Market and developing the Digital Single Market* should be prioritised in the 2020 Budget;

*Amendment*

2. Stresses that the internal market remains one of the Union's greatest and most tangible achievements, bringing benefits to businesses, consumers and citizens across Europe; further deepening the *internal market* should be prioritised in the 2020 Budget ***and particular attention should be paid to the completion of the Digital Single Market, for the continued competitiveness of EU business and the protection of consumers throughout the Union;***

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Jiří Pospíšil**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

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**Amendment 3**  
**Carlo Fidanza**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

2. Stresses that the internal market remains one of the Union's greatest and most tangible achievements, bringing benefits to businesses, ***including micro and small businesses, and to*** consumers and citizens across Europe; further deepening the Single Market and developing the Digital Single Market should be prioritised in the 2020 Budget;

Or. it

**Amendment 4**  
**Eugen Jurzyca, Adam Bielan, Beata Mazurek, Evžen Tošenovský**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

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Or. en

## Amendment 5

Eugen Jurzyca, Adam Bielan, Beata Mazurek, Evžen Tošenovský, Carlo Fidanza

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 2

##### *Draft opinion*

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##### *Amendment*

2. Stresses that the internal market remains one of the Union's greatest and most tangible achievements ***with actual impact on economic growth in the Member States***, bringing benefits to businesses, consumers and citizens across Europe; further deepening the Single Market and developing the Digital Single Market should be prioritised in the 2020 Budget;

Or. en

## Amendment 6

John Howarth

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 3

##### *Draft opinion*

3. Underlines the importance of a robust consumer policy that gives protection and predictability to consumers both offline and online, and confidence to businesses to provide their goods and services across the internal market;

##### *Amendment*

3. Underlines ***that household consumption accounts for 54.4% of EU GDP (in 2017), hence*** the importance of a robust consumer policy that gives protection and predictability to consumers both offline and online, and confidence to businesses to provide their goods and services across the internal market; ***stresses that consumer challenges remain, both in the digital and physical spheres, and therefore it is of utmost importance to increase the education and awareness of consumers and citizens;***

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Alexandra Geese**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Underlines the importance of a robust consumer policy that gives protection and predictability to consumers both offline and online, **and** confidence **to** businesses to provide their goods and services across the internal market;

*Amendment*

3. Underlines the importance of a robust consumer policy that gives protection and predictability to consumers both offline and online, **safeguards their interest, safety and information, improves the confidence of** business to provide their goods and services across the internal market, **and ensures market surveillance and compliance with, and enforcement of, EU and national law;**

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Jiří Pospíšil**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Underlines the importance of a robust consumer policy that **gives** protection and predictability to consumers both offline and online, and confidence to businesses to provide their goods and services across the internal market;

*Amendment*

3. Underlines the importance of a robust consumer policy that **brings** protection, predictability to consumers **and fights against unfair commercial practices** both offline and online, and confidence to businesses to provide their goods and services across the internal market;

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Markus Buchheit**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Underlines the importance of a robust consumer policy that gives protection and predictability to consumers both offline and online, and confidence to businesses to provide their goods and services across the internal market;

*Amendment*

3. Underlines the importance of a robust consumer policy that gives protection and predictability to consumers both offline and online, and confidence to businesses to provide their goods and services across the internal market, ***while also keeping the bureaucratic burden for SMEs to a minimum***;

Or. en

**Amendment 10**

**Eugen Jurzyca, Adam Bielan, Beata Mazurek, Carlo Fidanza**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Underlines the importance of a robust consumer policy that gives protection and predictability to consumers both offline and online, and confidence to businesses to provide their goods and services across the internal market;

*Amendment*

3. Underlines the importance of a robust ***and efficiently executed*** consumer policy that gives protection and predictability to consumers both offline and online, and confidence to businesses to provide their goods and services across the internal market;

Or. en

**Amendment 11**

**Maria Grapini**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Underlines the importance of a robust consumer policy that gives protection and predictability to consumers both offline and online, and confidence to businesses to provide their goods and

*Amendment*

3. Underlines the importance of a robust consumer policy that gives ***real*** protection and predictability to consumers both offline and online, and confidence to businesses to provide their goods and

services across the internal market;

services across the internal market;

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Carlo Fidanza**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Stresses the importance of appropriately financing the transition to a fully automated customs operation, in the interests of greater **efficiency** for European companies and streamlined protection for consumers;

*Amendment*

4. Stresses the importance of appropriately financing the transition to a fully automated customs operation, in the interests of greater **competitiveness** for European companies and streamlined protection for consumers;

Or. it

**Amendment 13**  
**Maria Grapini**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Stresses the importance of appropriately financing the transition to a fully automated customs operation, in the interests of greater efficiency for European companies and streamlined protection for consumers;

*Amendment*

4. Stresses the importance of appropriately financing the transition to a fully automated customs operation, in the interests of greater efficiency for European companies, **of a fair competition** and streamlined protection for consumers;

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Jiří Pospíšil**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

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*Draft opinion*

4. Stresses the importance of appropriately financing the transition to a fully automated customs operation, in the interests of greater efficiency for European companies and streamlined protection for consumers;

*Amendment*

4. Stresses the importance of appropriately financing the transition to a fully automated customs operation, in the interests of greater efficiency for European companies and streamlined protection for consumers; ***to this end, it is essential to increase the funding of the Customs 2020 programme which contains cooperation mechanisms that allow customs authorities and officers across the union to exchange and share information and best practices and to ensure funding for purchase and maintenance of up-to date, efficient Customs control equipment;***

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Maria Da Graça Carvalho**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Stresses the importance of a budget increase on information and communication technologies to complete the Digital Single Market in order to boost Europe's competitiveness;***

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Jiří Pospíšil**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Stresses the importance of single***

*market for services; calls on the EU to commit additional funding to the completion of the internal market in services and encourage the development of new and innovative services;*

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Carlo Fidanza**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. Calls for the 2020 budget to contribute to the fulfilment of the priorities outlined in the European Semester, specifically, to deliver high-quality investment and reforms that increase competitiveness and the productivity of businesses, including small and micro businesses, and to continue to deepen the Single Market and further develop the Digital Single Market;**

Or. it

**Amendment 18**  
**John Howarth**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes the fact that in its Draft Budget the Commission has allocated an appropriate budget to most of IMCO's main priorities and invites the Council to *confirm* these appropriations;

6. Welcomes the fact that in its Draft Budget the Commission has allocated an appropriate budget to most of IMCO's main priorities, *including the internal market for goods and services, support to SMEs, consumer protection and competitiveness*, and invites the Council *and the Parliament to agree* these

appropriations *in the 2020 budget*;

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**John Howarth**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Welcomes the increase in appropriations for “operation and development of the internal market of goods and services” (budget line 02 03 01), as well as for “improving access to finance for SMEs” (budget line 02 02 02), and for “support expenditure for COSME” (budget line 02 01 04 01), as *those* three actions are crucial for boosting economic growth in the Union;

*Amendment*

7. Welcomes the increase in appropriations for “operation and development of the internal market of goods and services” (budget line 02 03 01), *for the purpose of market surveillance and the establishment of the EU Product Compliance Network*, as well as for “improving access to finance for SMEs” (budget line 02 02 02), and for “support expenditure for COSME” (budget line 02 01 04 01), as *these* three actions are crucial for boosting economic growth in the Union; *strongly regrets the Council’s reduction in budget lines 02 03 01 and 02 02*;

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Maria Da Graça Carvalho**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7a. Stresses the importance of an ambitious approach of the EU budget on the business services sector which accounts for two-thirds of the total EU labour force;**

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Pascal Arimont**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8a. Highlights in this respect that small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are an essential part of the Union economy and play a crucial role in job creation throughout the Union and sees the need to create and further promote an SME-friendly business environment; underlines therefore that improving SMEs' access to finance remains a key priority for IMCO in the 2020 Budget;**

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Pascal Arimont**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8b. Stresses that the Programme for Competitiveness of Enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises (COSME) is a crucial tool for encouraging entrepreneurial culture, supporting existing SMEs and ensuring competitiveness, sustainability and growth; calls in particular for a strengthening of the European Innovation Council's Accelerator (SME instrument) as it provides decisive support for SMEs with radically new ideas and marketable innovative solutions; considers that the Union budget and access to finance backed by it, is a key tool in making start-ups, microenterprises**

*and SMEs more competitive, more innovative, and fosters the spirit of enterprise in the Union;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 23**

**John Howarth**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 9**

##### *Draft opinion*

9. Reminds that the Commission and the Member States have already accumulated delays in the scheduled implementation of the Union Customs Code, and consequently strongly regrets the reduction in the budget appropriations for “supporting the functioning and modernisation of the customs union” (budget line 14 02 01), which could lead to further delays;

##### *Amendment*

9. Reminds that the Commission and the Member States have already accumulated delays in the scheduled implementation of the Union Customs Code, and consequently strongly regrets the reduction in the budget appropriations for “supporting the functioning and modernisation of the customs union” (budget line 14 02 01), which could lead to further delays, *and hamper the functioning of the internal market; recalls that the full and uniform implementation of the Code is essential to better protect citizens and the financial interests of the Union and e-customs constitutes a priority policy for the better functioning of the internal market;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 24**

**Jiří Pospíšil**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 9**

##### *Draft opinion*

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implementation of the Union Customs Code, and consequently strongly ***rejects*** the reduction in the budget appropriations for “supporting the functioning and modernisation of the customs union” (budget line 14 02 01), which could lead to further delays ***and undermine the enhancement of the efficiency of custom controls throughout the EU***;

Or. en

## **Amendment 25**

**Dita Charanzová, Svenja Hahn**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 10**

##### *Draft opinion*

10. Calls on the Commission to finance all pilot projects and preparatory actions endorsed by IMCO.

##### *Amendment*

10. Calls on the Commission to finance all pilot projects and preparatory actions endorsed by IMCO, ***including to the pilot project 'Web inclusiveness: access for all'***.

Or. en

## **Amendment 26**

**Carlo Fidanza**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 10 a (new)**

##### *Draft opinion*

##### *Amendment*

***10a. Stresses the importance of ensuring sufficient resources for the financing of and investment in micro and small businesses, and of transparent communication to EU consumers;***

Or. it

**Amendment 27**

**Eugen Jurzyca, Adam Bielan, Beata Mazurek, Carlo Fidanza**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***10a. Proposes to introduce, systematically monitor and regularly evaluate the Value for Money principle with aim to improve efficiency of all European expenditures which will contribute to higher effectiveness and bigger added value for European consumers as has been reiterated also by the Court of Auditors on many occasions; the European Union shall emphasise this principle within the budgetary process and EU funds absorption;***

Or. en

**Amendment 28**

**Carlo Fidanza**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 10 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***10b. Welcomes the support for research and innovation dedicated to the digitalisation of the Single Market and European businesses, particularly micro and small businesses; points out that it is essential to ensure appropriate financial support through the InvestEU programme and the Single Market programme and SMEs in order to stimulate innovation and the uptake of smart solutions, including in overcoming barriers to the Single Market;***

Or. it

**Amendment 29**

**Carlo Fidanza**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 10 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***10c. Recalls the need for the consumer protection system to be properly underpinned by proportionality and sustainability criteria for different business types, particularly with regard to the nature and structure of micro and small businesses;***

Or. it