



Kumitat għall-Industrija, ir-Riċerka u l-Energija

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OPINJONI

tal-Kumitat għall-Industrija, ir-Riċerka u l-Energija

għall-Kumitat għall-Baġits

on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018
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Rapporteur għal opinjoni: Jerzy Buzek

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SUGGERIMENTI

Il-Kumitat għall-Industrija, ir-Riċerka u l-Enerġija jistieden lill-Kumitat għall-Baġits, bħala l-kumitat responsabbli, biex jinkorpora s-suggerimenti li ġejjin fil-mozzjoni għal riżoluzzjoni tiegħu:

1. Rejects Council cuts of 4,5 % in commitment appropriations and 1,4 % in payment appropriations in budget lines related to industry, research and energy under Heading 1a of the Union budget 2018 compared to the Commission's proposal; notes the increase of 5,5 % in commitment appropriations and 5,3 % in payment appropriations in budget lines related to industry, research and energy under Heading 1a of the Union budget 2018 compared to 2017; welcomes the focus of the 2018 budget on the success of young generations and on the creation of stable and high-quality jobs put forward by the Commission; notes the new increased levels of support for young researchers proposed by the Commission; in this context disapproves Council cuts in the funding of the entrepreneurship programmes provided by the EIT;
2. Deeply regrets the significant Council cuts in commitment appropriations of EUR 0,5 billion and of EUR 120 million in payment appropriations in the Common Strategic Framework for Research and Innovation with an overwhelmingly negative impact on Horizon 2020; notes that such cuts are proposed despite the current lack of investments in research and development of approximately EUR 150 billion per year; therefore intends to completely reverse the cuts proposed by the Council; is concerned that insufficient funding for Horizon 2020 has resulted in a low success rate for applications; calls on the Commission to respect the breakdown of the Horizon 2020 budget as described in Annex II to Regulation (EU) 1291/2013;
3. Calls for the restoration of the original annual profile of the budget lines for Horizon 2020 and CEF that were cut for the provisioning of the EFSI Guarantee Fund, including by the use of all financial means available under the existing MFF Regulation; recalls that during the EFSI negotiations, Parliament called for the reduction of the negative impact on those two programmes insofar as possible; is concerned that the proposed extension of EFSI may again weaken Horizon 2020 and CEF;
4. Recalls that the goals of the Energy Union and the European climate goals are among the current main legislative priorities; calls on the Commission to provide the necessary financial resources for investments in that field; considers that necessary funds should be safeguarded for CEF-Energy in order to achieve the deepening of an integrated Union energy market and is concerned by the cuts proposed by the Council in commitments and payments appropriations of CEF-Energy;
5. Stresses that the goals of the Digital Single Market need to be achieved to promote digital inclusion for Union economy, public sector and Union citizens and that legislative initiatives such as WIFI4EU are crucial in order to achieve those goals; calls on the Commission to provide sufficient funding for related budget lines and to keep its investment commitment for WIFI4EU between 2017 and 2020;
6. Insists that the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) be provided with sufficient financial resources and staff, to be able to cope with the extension of their

mandate; further notes that the financial resources and the number of additional posts for European GNSS Agency, tasked to fulfil its mandate and to support the proper and efficient future management of Galileo, as well as for the European Agency for Network and Information Security and European Institute for Innovation and Technology remain insufficient to fulfil the new tasks conferred to them by the Union's legislation;

7. Is aware of the high importance of the budget lines for Societal Challenges, and more specifically of the budget line for improving lifelong health and wellbeing to increase the standard of living in the Union; encourages the Commission to maintain sufficient funding for such purposes and deplors the proposed Council cuts;
8. Underlines that SMEs are an essential part of the Union economy as they provide a high number of jobs in the Union and sees the need to create an SME-friendly business environment, as well as to support SME clusters and networks; welcomes the increase in funds for the SME instrument and the continuation of EFSI in the Commission proposal; notes however with deep concern the Commission's cuts to COSME and the Council cuts to the SME instrument send a contradictory signal to European businesses;
9. Takes note of the preparatory action for defence; stresses however that such an activity should be endowed with fresh resources given its significant impact on the Union budget; underlines that the research window needs additional funding under the post-2020 MFF; is concerned about the frontloading in CEF-Energy to make resources available in 2019-2020 for, for example, EU defence;
10. Takes note of the increase for nuclear decommissioning assistance programmes; recognises the need for financial assistance for decommissioning, but regrets delays in the programmes; calls on the Commission to make well-analysed and reasonable increases, considering such delays;
11. Stresses that the Union's failure to deliver on its legal and political commitments on payment appropriations would seriously harm its reliability and have a serious negative impact on trust in the Union institutions' ability to fulfil their role.

**INFORMAZZJONI DWAR L-ADOZZJONI
FIL-KUMITAT LI JINTALAB JAGĦTI OPINJONI**

Data tal-adozzjoni	2.10.2017
Riżultat tal-votazzjoni finali	+: 46 -: 7 0: 7
Membri preżenti għall-votazzjoni finali	Nikolay Barekov, Nicolas Bay, Bendt Bendtsen, Xabier Benito Ziluaga, José Blanco López, David Borrelli, Jonathan Bullock, Cristian-Silviu Buşoi, Edward Czesak, Jakop Dalunde, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Fredrick Federley, Adam Gierek, Theresa Griffin, Rebecca Harms, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Kaja Kallas, Barbara Kappel, Krišjānis Kariņš, Seán Kelly, Jaromír Kohlíček, Peter Kouroumbashev, Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Christelle Lechevalier, Janusz Lewandowski, Paloma López Bermejo, Edouard Martin, Angelika Mlinar, Csaba Molnár, Nadine Morano, Dan Nica, Aldo Patriciello, Miroslav Poche, Michel Reimon, Massimiliano Salini, Algirdas Saudargas, Sven Schulze, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Dario Tamburrano, Patrizia Toia, Evžen Tošenovský, Claude Turmes, Vladimir Urutchev, Kathleen Van Brempt, Henna Virkkunen, Martina Werner, Lieve Wierinck, Anna Záborská, Carlos Zorrinho
Sostituti preżenti għall-votazzjoni finali	Pilar Ayuso, Pervenche Berès, Michał Boni, Jens Geier, Françoise Grossetête, Werner Langen, Olle Ludvigsson, Răzvan Popa, Dennis Radtke
Sostituti (skont l-Artikolu 200(2)) preżenti għall-votazzjoni finali	Claudia Schmidt

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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ALDE	Angelika Mlinar, Fredrick Federley, Kaja Kallas, Lieve Wierinck
ECR	Edward Czesak, Evžen Tošenovský, Hans-Olaf Henkel, Nikolay Barekov, Zdzisław Krasnodębski
PPE	Aldo Patriciello, Algirdas Saudargas, Anna Záborská, Bendt Bendtsen, Claudia Schmidt, Cristian-Silviu Buşoi, Dennis Radtke, Françoise Grossetête, Henna Virkkunen, Janusz Lewandowski, Krišjānis Kariņš, Michał Boni, Massimiliano Salini, Nadine Morano, Pilar Ayuso, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Seán Kelly, Sven Schulze, Vladimir Urutchev, Werner Langen
S&D	Adam Gierek, Carlos Zorrinho, Csaba Molnár, Dan Nica, Edouard Martin, Jens Geier, José Blanco López, Kathleen Van Brempt, Martina Werner, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Miroslav Poche, Olle Ludvigsson, Patrizia Toia, Pervenche Berès, Peter Kouroumbashev, Răzvan Popa, Theresa Griffin

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EFDD	Jonathan Bullock
ENF	Christelle Lechevalier, Nicolas Bay
Verts/ALE	Claude Turmes, Jakop Dalunde, Michel Reimon, Rebecca Harms

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EFDD	Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli
ENF	Barbara Kappel
GUE/NGL	Jaromír Kohlíček, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Paloma López Bermejo, Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention