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AMENDMENT 1 - 25

Draft opinion
Cristian-Silviu Buşoi
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on the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2021- all sections
(2020/1998(BUD))

Amendment 1

Miriam Dalli, Dan Nica

on behalf of the S&D Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

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Or. en

Amendment 2

Rasmus Andresen

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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Or. en

Amendment 3

Giorgos Georgiou, Marc Botenga, Marisa Matias, Sira Rego, Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

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Amendment

1a. Reiterates that the Union budget shall benefit its citizens and shall primarily be focused on sustainable growth and quality jobs, on the transition to a more efficient and renewable-based energy system, on the fight against climate change, and on the eradication of energy poverty. In this regard, underlines that public money shall not be spent on military investments or defence matters;

Or. en

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Giorgos Georgiou, Marc Botenga, Marisa Matias, Sira Rego, Sandra Pereira

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Paragraph 1 b (new)

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1b. Any budget increase to the programmes in the ITRE remit should be assessed according to their added value for citizens and society;

Or. en

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Or. en

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Josianne Cutajar

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Or. en

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Rasmus Andresen

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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Or. en

Amendment 8

Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

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Or. en

Amendment 9

Valérie Hayer, Christophe Grudler, Nicola Danti, Dominique Riquet, Klemen Grošelj, Iskra Mihaylova, Andrus Ansip, Mauri Pekkarinen

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2. Believes therefore that the ***use of margins to strengthen in particular Union programmes that support the digital and green transformation*** should ***be considered as of 2021, as well as the use of*** flexibility instruments in order to fight against the social and economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Giorgos Georgiou, Marc Botenga, Marisa Matias, Sira Rego, Sandra Pereira

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2a. ***Draws attention to the fact that digital transition must be framed within well-established social and environmental goals; points out that the digitalisation of public services must not be reduced to a technological problem of dematerialising procedures nor used as an excuse for cuts in human resources;***

Or. en

Amendment 11

Giorgos Georgiou, Marc Botenga, Marisa Matias, Sira Rego, Sandra Pereira

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Paragraph 2 b (new)

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2b. The impact and consequences of the COVID-19 outbreak exacerbated persistent weaknesses in health systems and demonstrated the need for investing in health research in order to ensure health as a public good for all and to raise the quality of life of citizens. New approaches for human centred health care are required. Calls, therefore, for stronger support in the 2021 budget for ensuring access to diagnostics, therapeutics and quality public health services for all;

Or. en

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Miriam Dalli, Dan Nica
on behalf of the S&D Group

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3. Highlights in particular the fact that additional funds are needed for Horizon Europe, the new Digital Europe Programme, CEF-Digital and the Space Programme in order to support the digital transformation of societies and industries, which is vital for the future prosperity of Europe in a challenging geopolitical context;

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and sustainable value chains;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Rasmus Andresen

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3. Highlights in particular the fact that additional funds are needed for Horizon Europe, the new Digital Europe Programme, **CEF-Digital** and the Space Programme in order to support the digital transformation of societies and **industries**, which is vital for the future prosperity of Europe in a challenging geopolitical context;

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Or. en

Amendment 14

Josianne Cutajar

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Or. en

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Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

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Or. en

Amendment 16
Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3a. Stresses that Union industry and entrepreneurship-related actions should be at the core of the Union's industrial and green recovery budget plans and initiatives;

Or. en

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climate crisis and contribute to the transition towards a *net-zero greenhouse gas emissions* economy and society by 2050 *at the latest in a targeted manner*; notes that to this end substantial increases are needed for Horizon Europe, CEF-Energy, *Single Market Programme/ COSME*, and the Space Programme; *furthermore demands to substantially increase the climate and biodiversity mainstreaming targets across all Union programmes* as well as *to put in place a corresponding annual reporting mechanism based on actual expenditure rather than estimates*;

Or. en

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Giorgos Georgiou, Marc Botenga, Marisa Matias, Sira Rego, Sandra Pereira

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4. Insists furthermore that additional funds are necessary to make the European Green Deal a success, to adequately address the climate crisis and contribute to the transition towards a climate-neutral economy and society by 2050 in line with the Paris Agreement; notes that to this end substantial increases are needed for Horizon Europe, CEF-Energy and the *Space Programme as well as the Just Transition Fund*;

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4. Insists furthermore that additional funds are necessary to make the European Green Deal a success, to adequately address the climate crisis and contribute to the transition towards a climate-neutral economy and society by 2050 *and a 70% greenhouse gas emissions reduction by 2030*, in line with the Paris Agreement; notes that to this end substantial increases are needed for Horizon Europe, CEF-Energy and the Just Transition Fund *in order to support renewables energies*;

Or. en

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Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

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4. Insists furthermore that additional funds are necessary to ***recover and*** make the European ***industry more competitive, achieve relocation especially in the key sectors shown by the COVID 19 outbreak and enhance the transformation to make Union industry more respectful of the environment***; notes that to this end substantial increases are needed for Horizon Europe, CEF-Energy and the Space Programme as well as the Just Transition Fund;

Or. en

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Giorgos Georgiou, Marc Botenga, Marisa Matias, Sira Rego, Sandra Pereira

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Paragraph 4 a (new)

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4a. Reiterates that investments in research and innovation need to be stepped up with a view to improving access to knowledge, promoting social development and raising the quality of living standards; Recalls also the importance of research and innovation to address the key challenge of tackling climate change in time to reach a net-zero emissions economy by 2050 at the latest; deplores, in that context, the continuous funding through Union taxpayers' money of projects that are not climate-proof; calls, therefore, for transferring the Union contribution from the budget of ITER to renewables and energy savings;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Valérie Hayer, Christophe Grudler, Nicola Danti, Dominique Riquet, Klemen Grošelj, Iskra Mihaylova, Andrus Ansip, Mauri Pekkarinen, Martina Dlabajová

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Paragraph 4 a (new)

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4a. Stresses the need to support the Union's competitiveness and industrial capacity, calls in this regard for sufficient funding to support SMEs, micro enterprises and startups, which have been severely affected by the crisis; underlines in addition the importance of programmes such as the European Defence Fund in supporting the strategic autonomy of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Rasmus Andresen
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Paragraph 4 a (new)

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Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission to put forward a comprehensive and detailed legislative proposal on tracking, accounting and proofing for climate and biodiversity mainstreaming and requests that the European Parliament is closely involved in the development of these methodologies;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Andris Ameriks, Ivars Ijabs

Draft opinion
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Union agencies play in helping to achieve policy objectives set by the European Parliament and the Council; calls therefore for sufficient funding and staffing for all agencies in line with their tasks and responsibilities; underlines in particular the need to substantially reinforce ACER, which has been underfunded and understaffed for many years, risking to jeopardise ACER's functioning and its ability to perform its tasks on monitoring and market transparency as well as the additional tasks conferred on it through recent legislation including the Clean Energy Package; regrets that the Commission once again did not address this problem already in its draft budget; requests, furthermore, targeted increases for the European Union Agency for the Space Programme *and for the* BEREC Office.

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Or. en

Amendment 24
Evžen Tošenovský, Massimiliano Salini

Draft opinion
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Or. en

Amendment 25

Giorgos Georgiou, Marc Botenga, Marisa Matias, Sira Rego, Sandra Pereira

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Paragraph 5 a (new)

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Amendment

5a. Underlines that given the current economic situation, it is highly important to establish and strengthen the support mechanism for micro enterprises and SMEs; Calls, therefore, for stronger support in the 2021 budget for micro enterprises, SMEs and their representative associations, thus helping to increase their productivity, improve access to technology and funding, and promote better labour conditions.

Or. en