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Draft amendment 93

=== LIBE/5800 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 06 03 01 — Protection of the Euro against Counterfeiting**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
06 03 01			834 082	417 041	834 082	417 041	115 918	109 959	950 000	527 000
Reserve										
Total			834 082	417 041	834 082	417 041	115 918	109 959	950 000	527 000

Justification:

The funding level proposed by the Commission for 2021 is significantly lower than the available funding in 2020. In light of the small budget of the Pericles IV programme, it would put the success of the programme as a whole at risk. The proposed funding increase will ensure that the Pericles IV programme can successfully contribute to the prevention and combating of euro counterfeiting and related fraud.

Draft amendment 94

=== LIBE/5801 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 12 10 03 — European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)**Amend figures as follows:**

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
12 10 03	16 266 349	16 266 349	16 593 733	16 593 733	16 593 733	16 593 733	1 491 628	1 491 628	18 085 361	18 085 361
Reserve										
Total	16 266 349	16 266 349	16 593 733	16 593 733	16 593 733	16 593 733	1 491 628	1 491 628	18 085 361	18 085 361

Justification:

This increase will allow the EMCDDA to effectively deliver on its operational mandate and to comply with its obligations imposed by the EU staff regulations, namely the adjustment of remuneration and the correction factor for PT, and contracts (for the rent of EMCDDA premises). With the requested funding, the EMCDDA will be able to fully express its operational capacity to the benefit of its national and European stakeholders, while effectively addressing the most recent developments of the drug phenomenon, including the effects of covid-19 pandemic.

Draft amendment 95

=== LIBE/5802 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item 07 01 06 01 — Support expenditure for "Justice"

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
07 01 06 01	850 000	850 000	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000	176 800	176 800	1 276 800	1 276 800
Reserve										
Total	850 000	850 000	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000	1 100 000	176 800	176 800	1 276 800	1 276 800

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 07 07 01 — Promoting judicial cooperation

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
07 07 01			10 646 000	3 423 173	10 646 000	3 423 173	1 652 400	572 399	12 298 400	3 995 572
Reserve										
Total			10 646 000	3 423 173	10 646 000	3 423 173	1 652 400	572 399	12 298 400	3 995 572

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 07 07 02 — Supporting judicial training

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
07 07 02			17 570 000	5 424 553	17 570 000	5 424 553	2 733 600	843 970	20 303 600	6 268 523
Reserve										
Total			17 570 000	5 424 553	17 570 000	5 424 553	2 733 600	843 970	20 303 600	6 268 523

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 07 07 03 — Promoting effective access to justice

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
07 07 03			14 380 000	4 623 823	14 380 000	4 623 823	2 237 200	719 361	16 617 200	5 343 184
Reserve										
Total			14 380 000	4 623 823	14 380 000	4 623 823	2 237 200	719 361	16 617 200	5 343 184

Justification:

The funding of all budget lines belonging to the Justice programme has been adjusted upwards in line with the EP position expressed in its resolution of 14 November 2018 on the MFF 2021-2027, which called for a financial envelope of 356 million euros (in current figures) for the whole programming period.

Draft amendment 96

==== LIBE/5803 ====

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 07 06 01 — Promote equality and rights

Amend figures, heading and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
07 06 01			35 409 300	8 394 203	35 409 300	8 394 203	-2 088 063	-495 001	33 321 237	7 899 202
Reserve										
Total			35 409 300	8 394 203	35 409 300	8 394 203	-2 088 063	-495 001	33 321 237	7 899 202

Heading:

Promote ~~equality,~~equality and rights ~~and gender equality~~

Remarks:

Delete following text:

New article

This appropriation is intended to contribute to:

- ~~preventing and combating inequalities and discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and supporting comprehensive policies to promote gender equality and anti-discrimination and their mainstreaming as well policies to combat racism and all forms of intolerance;~~
- ~~protecting and promoting the rights of the child, the rights of people with disabilities, Union citizenship rights and the right to the protection of personal data.~~

~~The above specific objectives will be pursued in particular through support to the following activities: awareness raising, mutual learning, analytical and monitoring activities, training, information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools development and maintenance, support to European Networks and to civil society organisations and supporting programme desks/national contact network.~~

~~This appropriation will also support the EU Network of Equality Bodies — EQUINET — in line with Art. 12 of the Commission Proposal for A Regulation (COM(2018) 383).~~

~~Assigned revenue (origin, estimated amounts and corresponding article or item of the statement of revenue).~~

Justification:

The change of title of this strand reflects the agreement reached between the EP and Council on Article 2(2) a of the Regulation on the Citizenship, equality, rights and values programme which was incorporated in the first reading position of the Parliament adopted on 17 April 2019. The funding cut reflects the agreed redistribution of funding between the different strands of the programme.

Draft amendment 282

=== LIBE/5830 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 07 06 01 — Promote equality and rights

Split as follows: 07 06 01 01

Add: 07 06 01 01

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
07 06 01 01							10 252 689	2 050 538	10 252 689	2 050 538
Reserve										
Total							10 252 689	2 050 538	10 252 689	2 050 538

Heading:

Promote gender equality and gender mainstreaming

Remarks:

Add following text:

New article

This new budget line 07 06 01 01 is a sub-line of 07 06 01 00 (Promote equality and Rights).

Funding from this line should be used to support comprehensive policies and programmes to promote women's full enjoyment of rights, gender equality, women's empowerment and gender mainstreaming.

Justification:

This amendment reflects the common understanding reached between the Parliament and Council on COM(2018)0383 (Articles 2, 3) and the EP position (Articles 6 and Annex -I) as adopted on 17 April 2019. The sub-line should ensure that 15 % of the total amounts expressed in Article 6 (2) (a) of the EP position is provided for projects promoting gender equality and gender mainstreaming.

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Draft amendment 283

==== LIBE/5831 ====

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 07 06 01 — Promote equality and rights

Split as follows: 07 06 01 02

Amend remarks as follows:

Remarks:

Delete following text:

New article

This appropriation is intended to contribute to:

- ~~– preventing and combating inequalities and discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and supporting comprehensive policies to promote gender equality and anti-discrimination and their mainstreaming as well policies to combat racism and all forms of intolerance,~~
- ~~– protecting and promoting the rights of the child, the rights of people with disabilities, Union citizenship rights and the right to the protection of personal data.~~

~~The above specific objectives will be pursued in particular through support to the following activities: awareness raising, mutual learning, analytical and monitoring activities, training, information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools development and maintenance, support to European Networks and to civil society organisations and supporting programme desks/national contact network.~~

This appropriation will also support the EU Network of Equality Bodies – EQUINET – in line with Art. 12 of the Commission Proposal for A Regulation (COM(2018) 383).

Assigned revenue (origin, estimated amounts and corresponding article or item of the statement of revenue).

Add: 07 06 01 02

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
07 06 01 02							120 022 637	24 004 527	120 022 637	24 004 527
Reserve										
Total							120 022 637	24 004 527	120 022 637	24 004 527

Heading:

Protect and promote Union values

Remarks:

Add following text:

New article

This new budget line intends to reinforce the funding under the Union values strand as set out in Article 2(1) of the Citizenship, Equality, Rights and Values programme.

Funding under this budget line shall focus on:

(a) protecting and promoting democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights, including by supporting activities by civil society which promote the independence of the judiciary and an effective judicial protection by independent courts; providing support for independent human rights defenders and civil society organisations undertaking monitoring compliance with the rule of law, for whistle-blower defence and for initiatives that promote the shared culture of transparency, good governance and fight against corruption;

(b) promoting the construction of a more democratic Union as well as protecting and raising awareness of the rights and values enshrined in the Treaties by providing financial support to independent civil society organisations which promote and cultivate these rights and values at local, regional, national and transnational level, thereby creating an environment that enables democratic dialogue and strengthening freedom of expression, peaceful assembly or association, media freedom and pluralism of the media, and academic freedom.

Justification:

This amendment reflects the common understanding reached between the Parliament and the Council on COM(2018)0383 and incorporated in the EP position (Articles 2, 2a and 6). The dedicated budget line for the new Union Values strand as part of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme should ensure that one of the main objectives of the programme will be to contribute to the construction of a more democratic Union, respect for rule of law, fundamental rights and democratic dialogue, transparency and good governance.

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Draft amendment 97

==== LIBE/5804 ====

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 07 06 02 — Promote citizens engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
07 06 02			33 425 000	10 976 000	33 425 000	10 976 000	37 179 598	11 828 700	70 604 598	22 804 700
Reserve										
Total			33 425 000	10 976 000	33 425 000	10 976 000	37 179 598	11 828 700	70 604 598	22 804 700

Justification:

This amendment reflects the EP position (Article 6(b)) on the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme, notably 26.38 % of the total CA for 2021 for the Rights and Values following EP proposal (= 259 004 396)

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Draft amendment 98

=== LIBE/5805 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 07 06 03 — Daphne

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
07 06 03			15 689 700	3 719 433	15 689 700	3 719 433	19 340 320	3 584 856	35 030 020	7 304 289
Reserve										
Total			15 689 700	3 719 433	15 689 700	3 719 433	19 340 320	3 584 856	35 030 020	7 304 289

Remarks:

Before table:

EFTA-EEA 423 622 6600

Delete following text:

New article

~~This appropriation is intended to contribute to:~~

- ~~– preventing and combating all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk,~~
- ~~– supporting and protecting victims of such violence.~~

~~The above specific objectives will be pursued in particular through support to the following activities: awareness raising, mutual learning, analytical and monitoring activities, training, information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools development and maintenance, support to European Networks and to civil society organisations and supporting programme desks/national contact network.~~

Amend text as follows:

To earmark funding within the Daphne strand for combating all forms of gender based violence, a sub-line (07 06 03 01) should be created to specifically support projects to prevent and combat all forms of gender-based violence against women and girls and domestic violence. Assigned revenue (origin, estimated amounts and corresponding article or item of the statement of revenue).

Justification:

This amendment reflects the common understanding reached between Parliament and the Council on Articles 2, 5 of the draft Regulation on the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme and the EP position (Articles, 6 and Annex -I) at first reading adopted on 17 April 2019. It earmarks 40 % of the total allocation to the programme to combat gender-based violence (GBV), also by promoting the standards laid down in the Istanbul Convention and given the impact of covid-19 crisis on victims of GBV.

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Draft amendment 100

=== LIBE/5807 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 07 06 03 — Daphne

Split as follows: 07 06 03 01

Amend remarks as follows:

Remarks:

Delete following text:

New article

This appropriation is intended to contribute to:

- ~~– preventing and combating all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk,~~
- ~~– supporting and protecting victims of such violence.~~

~~The above specific objectives will be pursued in particular through support to the following activities: awareness raising, mutual learning, analytical and monitoring activities, training, information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools development and maintenance, support to European Networks and to civil society organisations and supporting programme desks/national contact network.~~

~~Assigned revenue (origin, estimated amounts and corresponding article or item of the statement of revenue).~~

Add: 07 06 03 01

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
07 06 03 01							27 340 504	5 467 100	27 340 504	5 467 100
Reserve										
Total							27 340 504	5 467 100	27 340 504	5 467 100

Heading:

Preventing and combating all forms of gender-based violence against women and girls and domestic violence

Remarks:

Add following text:

New article

This new budget line should be created as a sub-line of 07 06 03 (Daphne Programme) to specifically support projects which contribute to preventing and combating all forms of gender based violence against women and girls and domestic violence.

Justification:

This amendment reflects the common understanding reached between the Parliament and Council (Articles 2, 5) and the EP position (Article 6 and Annex -I) adopted on 17 April 2019. The separate budget line should ensure that 40% of the total amounts expressed in Article 6 (2) (a) are used to combat gender based violence (GBV), also by promoting the standards laid down in the Istanbul Convention and given the impact of COVID-19 on victims of GBV.

Draft amendment 107

=== LIBE/5814 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 07 10 04 — European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
07 10 04	23 157 712	23 157 712	23 111 517	23 111 517	23 111 517	23 111 517	1 567 483	1 567 483	24 679 000	24 679 000
Reserve										
Total	23 157 712	23 157 712	23 111 517	23 111 517	23 111 517	23 111 517	1 567 483	1 567 483	24 679 000	24 679 000

Justification:

The reinforcement of the budget of the Fundamental Rights Agency is proposed to allow the Agency to implement five new projects that the Agency has identified following its stakeholders consultation process.

Draft amendment 102

=== LIBE/5809 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

S 03 01 26 — European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

Amend remarks as follows:

Amend text as follows:

Function group and grade	European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)					
	2021			2020		
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2019		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15		1				1
AD 14		4		2		3
AD 13		3		2		3
AD 12		4		3		2
AD 11		7		1		5
AD 10		12		5		10
AD 9		9		8		11
AD 8		5		11		8
AD 7		3		11		2

AD 6		2		4		3
AD 5						
<i>AD Subtotal</i>		50 48		47		48
AST 11						
AST 10		4				4
AST 9		3		2		2
AST 8		4		4		3
AST 7		5		1		7
AST 6		6		6		6
AST 5		2		7		2
AST 4				4		
AST 3						
AST 2						
AST 1						
<i>AST Subtotal</i>		24		24		24
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>						
Total		74 72		71		72
Grand total		74 72		71		72

Justification:

The four additional posts are requested to ensure the implementation of new projects and to accommodate the needs of the Fundamental Rights Agency in the areas of artificial intelligence (more prominent during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis) and asylum and migration.

+2 Temporary Agents grade AD6

+2 Contractual Agents (FGIV)

Draft amendment 103

==== LIBE/5810 ====

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 07 10 07 — European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
07 10 07	41 340 496	41 187 174	42 345 006	42 345 006	42 345 006	42 345 006	1 723 525	1 723 525	44 068 531	44 068 531
Reserve										
Total	41 340 496	41 187 174	42 345 006	42 345 006	42 345 006	42 345 006	1 723 525	1 723 525	44 068 531	44 068 531

Justification:

The requested funding increase is intended to cover 21 additional posts: 8 posts for data management, ICT infrastructure and security, 9 posts for operational work and 4 posts to provide administrative support at the National Desks and at the JIT Secretariat.

Draft amendment 104

=== LIBE/5811 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

S 03 01 28 — European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust)

Amend remarks as follows:

Amend text as follows:

Function group and grade	European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust)					
	2021		2020			
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2019		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13		1				1
AD 12		1				1
AD 11		5		2		5
AD 10		12		4		12
AD 9		22		15		22
AD 8		21		16		21
AD 7		30		16		29
		29				
AD 6		2		18		2
AD 5		15		8		6
		6				
<i>AD Subtotal</i>		110		80		100
		100				
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9		1		1		1
AST 8						
AST 7		1				1
AST 6		5		7		5
AST 5		52		24		52
AST 4		48		33		48
AST 3				42		
AST 2				16		
AST 1				1		
<i>AST Subtotal</i>		107		124		107
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>						
Total		217		204		207
		207				
Grand total		217		204		207
		207				

Justification:

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ADD the following changes compared to the DB2021 establishment plan of Eurojust: + 21 staff (228 staff in total):

- + 1 AD7
- + 9 AD5
- + 6 FG III
- + 2 FG IV
- + 3 SNE

Draft amendment 105

==== LIBE/5812 ====

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 07 10 08 — European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
07 10 08	11 672 000	11 672 000	37 700 000	37 700 000	37 700 000	37 700 000	17 800 000	17 800 000	55 500 000	55 500 000
Reserve										
Total	11 672 000	11 672 000	37 700 000	37 700 000	37 700 000	37 700 000	17 800 000	17 800 000	55 500 000	55 500 000

Justification:

The requested budget increase will allow EPPO to cover the expenses of the essential staff needed to comply with its mandatory competences, namely 140 European Delegated Prosecutors and 219 members of staff at central level . With such capacity, the EPPO will be able to start operations. This funding increase is crucial as the operational capacity of the EPPO is linked to the caseload and the necessity to meet its legal obligations.

Draft amendment 106

==== LIBE/5813 ====

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: PA 07 21 02

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
PA 07 21 02							2 000 000	1 000 000	2 000 000	1 000 000
Reserve										
Total							2 000 000	1 000 000	2 000 000	1 000 000

Heading:

Preparatory action — Emergency support fund for investigative journalists and media organisations to ensure media freedom in the EU

Remarks:

Add following text:

The work of independent media organisations and investigative journalists is crucial to reveal wrongdoing throughout the Union and beyond its borders, including money laundering and corruption. Quality investigative journalism requires proper tools and resources. Yet, investigative journalists are extremely vulnerable professionals with very limited resources.

The aim of this preparatory action (PA) is to create an emergency support fund for investigative journalists and media organisations to improve press and media freedom and to prevent violations thereof by supporting the production of quality independent journalistic content in the public interest, including through cross-border cooperation.

The PA should build on the successful IJ4EU 2018 pilot project (PP) which aims to ensure continued trust in independent media sources and the protection of journalists across the EU by providing EU funding for cross-border investigative journalism in the public interest based on an expert jury model.

The PA should promote pan-European, collaborative projects which contribute to bottom up change by modifying incentives for ethical and trusted journalism through innovative tools and processes. Such projects are particularly important in the midst of the Covid-19 crisis when the capacity for dedicated support of news organisations is limited.

Funding from this budget line should be accessible to professional organisations and associations, consortiums, editors, publishers as well as freelancers provided that they meet adequate criteria. To meet the needs of media organisations and to safeguard media independence, funding should inter alia be provided to cover expenditure for fact-finding missions, for trainings and tools contributing to the development of investigative capabilities, for TV-related investigative projects, for the subscription to software programmes correlating data and databases, and for the production of expensive documents required to support an investigation. Subject to strict conditions, the PA should also provide funding to cover a bail and/or the legal fees of investigative journalists concerned if they are clearly related to a past or ongoing investigation.

When necessary, this pan-European emergency support fund could also be used as a model for longer-term core funding for media organisations and investigative journalists under threat. It should be flexible enough to adjust to changing needs to ensure that they can perform their work safely and independently, thus ensuring the sustainability of media and a greater diversity of journalistic sources in EU member states and candidate countries.

The assessment of applications and the selection of beneficiaries from EU funding through this PA should be carried out by an independent expert jury based on clear and transparent criteria to ensure a high degree of trust in beneficiaries and audiences.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 58(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

Justification:

Despite being an essential element of any functioning democracy, independent media organisations and investigative journalists face numerous challenges, currently exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic. The proposed PA should ensure the continuation of the successful PP (2019/2020) Investigative journalism and media freedom in the EU. Funding should be provided to support the production of independent quality journalistic content, to help and protect journalists under threat and, when necessary, as core support for media organisations.

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Item PA 07 20 06 — Preparatory action — Roma Civil Monitor — Strengthening capacity and involvement of Roma and pro-Roma civil society in policy monitoring and review

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
PA 07 20 06	2 000 000	500 000	p.m.	600 000	p.m.	600 000	1 000 000	250 000	1 000 000	850 000
Reserve										
Total	2 000 000	500 000	p.m.	600 000	p.m.	600 000	1 000 000	250 000	1 000 000	850 000

Justification:

The Roma Civil Monitoring PA requires further support as independent reports are needed besides MS reports to get a real overview of the impact of inclusion programmes and political commitments at different levels. In particular, appropriations must take into account the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic as additional monitoring and reporting will be required to ensure that the health crisis doesn't negatively affect Roma inclusion and the fight against discrimination of the Roma community.

Draft amendment 109

==== LIBE/5816 ====

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: PP 20 21 02

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
PP 20 21 02							2 000 000	1 000 000	2 000 000	1 000 000
Reserve										
Total							2 000 000	1 000 000	2 000 000	1 000 000

Heading:

Pilot project — European Narrative Observatory to fight Disinformation post-COVID19

Remarks:

Add following text:

The current pandemic is not only a situation of unprecedented hazard for the life and wellbeing of the European citizens. It is also a major challenge for the fragile web of trust that connect the citizens with their states and the EU. The proposed observatory will examine the shift in narratives towards Europe and the nation state during and following the COVID19 pandemic, providing basic recommendations for effective communication and to protect against disinformation campaigns.

The availability and quality of information is crucial to effective functioning of society, especially in a time of crisis. A lot of false information regarding COVID19 is currently spreading in societies, especially via social media. One of the main strategies for fighting fake news is debunking, a strategy of confronting it with facts and accepted theories. Unfortunately, existing debunking strategies have proven very ineffective, especially as it does not work with individuals that have strong belief in false information.

Research shows that Twitter, YouTube, Facebook and other influential social media provide a crucial boost for the international network of disinformation (Smith and Graham 2019). Feeding on fear and chaos, spreading fake news and misinterpreting the data, these agents are stronger than ever (Fernández-

Luque and Bau 2015). However, social media provide not only a new set of tools for spreading disinformation but also a great weapon against it.

Recent research demonstrates the important role of narratives in framing facts and information in a package that can be easily transmitted across society and how studying narratives can be the key to better understanding how ideas spread across social media and why certain ideas take hold over others. The use of this methodology in understanding the flow of information during the COVID19 outbreak could be vital in finding a different way to inform society and to keep disinformation and misinformation at bay.

The project will create a European Observatory on the Narrative Distribution to monitor and analyse how new narratives are created and spread within European public discourse, decipher the emotional values that guide successful narratives, map sources and key actors active in the spreading of these narratives and develop recommendations for effective communication and policy.

Building on the work developed for the European Commission funded study on ‘Mechanisms that Shape Social Media and their Impact on Society’ the project developed by Re-Imagine Europa and the Center for Systemic Risk Research at the University of Warsaw, the Observatory would identify the dominant narratives by combining Natural Language Processing and more traditional methods of qualitative narratology. Using advanced algorithms and analysing the most qualitatively representative examples it would establish dominant narrative patterns and answer questions such as: ‘How is the ongoing crisis influencing the dominant models, metaphors and narratives shaping our perception of identity and community?’ ‘Are the European values at risk in an increasing polarized and weaponized information ecosystem?’ ‘How are external actors manipulating European public discourse to sow discord and fracture society?’ ‘What are the values and narratives that unite and separate us?’ ‘How are our different value systems and experiences shaping the development of a European identity?’

Remembering the words of Ludwig Wittgenstein: ‘the world we see is defined and given meaning by the words we choose. In short, the world is what we make of it.’

The Observatory would be coordinating with existing European projects and infrastructures including the European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO) and SoBigData++ to ensure that there is no duplication of effort and that resources are put to support the investigative and research work and make use of the infrastructures and technical support available. The project would support action at national and multi-national level focussed on detecting and analysing disinformation campaigns linked to COVID-19. The results of the PP would be made available to other European and national projects and ensure sharing of best practices and recommendations for effective communication.

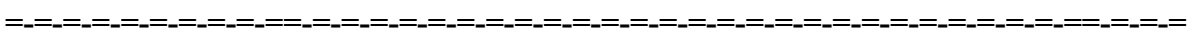
Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 58(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

Justification:

Recent research demonstrates the important role of narratives in framing facts and information in a package that can be easily transmitted across society and how studying narratives can be the key to better understanding how ideas spread across social media and why certain ideas take hold over others. The use of this methodology in understanding the flow of information during the COVID19 outbreak could be vital in finding a different way to inform society and to keep disinformation and misinformation at bay.



SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: PP 20 21 01

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
PP 20 21 01							1 000 000	500 000	1 000 000	500 000
Reserve										
Total							1 000 000	500 000	1 000 000	500 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Education Platform on Rule of Law

Remarks:

Add following text:

OBJECTIVE

This pilot project will develop an educational package with interactive modules on the Rule of Law for pupils in secondary education across the EU. The modules will be available at an online platform that will also facilitate virtual exchange between teachers all over the EU. These interactive modules on Rule on Law will be in all the official languages of the EU, meant to help schools and teachers to develop knowledge about the Rule of Law.

BACKGROUND

Respect for the rule of law is a critical component for membership of the Union and it is essential to ensure the democratic functioning of both the Member States and the Union as a whole. Respect for the rule of law is a prerequisite for people's enjoyment of their fundamental rights. Similarly, a European area of justice, as well as an internal market in which laws are applied uniformly, cannot exist without full adherence to the rule of law. The rule of law underpins any democratic society and fosters citizen's trust in public institutions, including in the justice system.

In recent years however, the rule of law in the EU has been put to the test on several occasions. European institutions and several Member States' governments have voiced their concern about Rule of Law backsliding. In its many resolutions regarding the deterioration of the rule of law, the European Parliament has emphasized that the Commission is responsible under the Treaties for guaranteeing respect for the rule of law as a fundamental value of the Union.

As part of its response to these challenges, the Commission presented its Communication 'Further strengthening the Rule of Law within the Union' in April 2019, in which it identified three pillars for the effective enforcement of the rule of law. The first pillar is promotion, and refers to building knowledge on the rule of law and fostering a common rule of law culture. Following this Communication, the Commission received contributions from a broad diversity of stakeholders. A large majority of the contributions emphasize that more awareness needs to be raised among the general public on the existing rule of law standards, such as through civil society and education.

Studies confirm the lack of knowledge of EU citizens regarding the rule of law. The July 2019 Special Eurobarometer study on the rule of law shows that even though the vast majority considers the principles of the rule of law highly important, most EU citizens do not feel sufficiently informed about the EU's fundamental values. Citizens, particularly younger people, can benefit from a deeper understanding of the Rule of Law. As the Venice Commission has pointed out: 'The rule of law can only flourish in a country whose inhabitants feel collectively responsible for the implementation of the concept, making it an integral part of their own legal, political and social culture.'

In the Commission's July 2019 'Blueprint for Action', it acknowledges that Member States' education systems play a part in strengthening the rule of law 'by ensuring a place for the rule of law in public debate and education'. However, understanding and awareness of the rule of law is hardly ever taught in schools within the EU. Since the 2015 'Declaration on promoting citizenship and the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education' adopted in Paris, many Member States have integrated citizenship education in their national curricula. A 2017 study by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency however shows that Rule of Law is not a focus point in teaching on citizenship education, leading to a knowledge gap in the younger generation.

The Education Platform on Rule of Law seeks to fill this gap. This pilot project will make steps in strengthening the knowledge and respect for the rule of law through education by developing tools and content, which teachers in the EU can integrate in their teaching and learning practices.

IMPLEMENTATION

Educational package: interactive modules and exchange space for teachers

In order to fill the abovementioned knowledge gap, this pilot project will focus on the generation of knowledge on the rule of law among young people. To achieve this, the fund will:

Develop an educational package of interactive modules that will be available online in all official EU languages, which will be offered to teachers in secondary schools all over the EU as a means to complement their learning materials related to society, justice and citizenship education;

Create an online space of exchange for teachers across the EU that work with the package.

The educational package should contain at least the following elements:

Understanding the rule of law and its main principles (such as equality before the law, separation of powers, access to justice, etc.)

The importance and history of the rule of law in national constitutions and within the European Union

The interconnectedness between the rule of law and fundamental rights, democracy and citizenship;

Practical tools, videos and interactive exercises to debate the rule of law in relation to the pupils' life, society and community.

Organisational set up

The content of the educational package should be developed by an independent organisation or network, with expertise on the rule of law, didactics and online platforms to ensure that the content of the package is both relevant and factual, as well as accessible to secondary school pupils.

The 2019 guide 'Strengthening the Rule of Law through Education' published by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), can be a useful starting point.

DESIRED RESULTS

*assisting teachers and schools in developing courses on the rule of law in their member states and the EU
fostering knowledge on the rule of law among young EU citizens and contributing to a common rule of law culture*

increasing the sense of ownership of European values by paying attention to the rule of law in each Member State's constitutional order

building capacity related to rule of law education on an European, national and local level by increasing the availability of guidance material and facilitating the exchange of best practices

contributing to the development and critical thinking skills of the younger generation by supporting existing citizenship education

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 58(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

Justification:

Despite existing EU programmes which support the development of content and educational packages and the exchange of best practices, such as the Erasmus+ programme, the e-Twinning platform and the School Education Gateway multilingual platform, there is currently no dedicated EU education platform promoting the rule of law in secondary education. Given that education can aid in strengthening the rule of law, this project aims to fill this gap by fostering knowledge on the rule of law among young EU citizens and thereby contributing to a common rule of law culture.

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Draft amendment 111

=== LIBE/5818 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Add: PP 20 21 01

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
PP 20 21 01							2 000 000	1 000 000	2 000 000	1 000 000
Reserve										
Total							2 000 000	1 000 000	2 000 000	1 000 000

Heading:

Pilot project — Support local media in fighting disinformation and promote media literacy

Remarks:

Add following text:

The grants proposed for this pilot project have two main objectives:

- to offer financial support to independent local media, promoting quality fact-based information fighting disinformation;***
- to increase media literacy within local communities.***

1) The first objective of this pilot project aims at establishing a permanent fund for supporting independent local journalists and independent local media outlets. The aim is to provide financial resources to increase the sustainability of local media outlets, allowing journalists to create independent quality content, fact-checking information to fight the spread of disinformation targeted at the European public. Strengthening local media will enable them to cooperate and benefit from the EU wide fact-checking initiatives.

Quality local journalism is the main pillar of a free press and a functioning democracy, but in order to continue to publish fact-based information and reveal wrongdoing it requires proper resources and tools. This branch of the profession is under threat precisely due to the lack of financial resources. Independent local journalists face the choice of continuing their work providing quality fact-based content independently, or join large media conglomerates controlled by media oligarchs, or switch to producing

more commercial content. An EU financial instrument available to local media outlets would allow journalists to sustainably continue conducting their work and to use synergies with other fact-checking initiatives that are targeted to larger media outlets. As media ownership becomes more and more concentrated and large media outlets are controlled and/or under the influence of media oligarchs, sustainability becomes a major challenge for journalists working independently within small media outlets. Quality independent local journalism is under threat as more and more journalists decide to abandon the profession for other more sustainable activities that guarantee their income. Supporting local media would make an important contribution to strengthening press freedom in the EU and the Member States.

Independent local journalists are the main vector for delivering quality fact-based, fact-checked information to the EU citizen. Providing adequate funding for independent local media would increase the efficiency of the fight against the spread of fake news within the Union. The mechanism would address the issue of disinformation at a local level, raising awareness about disinformation within small local communities. Creating a dedicated EU financial instrument for supporting local journalists would therefore be in the direct benefit of EU citizens.

Among the projects this fund could support are actions of documenting and investigating the use of EU funds at local level, covering expenses related to the access to documents ensuring accurate fact-based reporting, as well as subscriptions to software programmes and digital tools, all allowing them to reveal fake news and provide the accurate side of information.

2) The second objective of this pilot project is to increase media literacy within local communities. This aim would be attained by setting up partnership programmes between local media representatives and local civil society organisations, schools and universities, using best practices available within the EU. The purpose of these partnerships would be to engage local community members of different ages and socio-economic backgrounds into media literacy activities and to adapt special programmes targeted at the different interest groups. Such activities would include preparing and delivering courses in schools and universities, as well as in community centres and public libraries. This would allow journalists to reach out to small local communities and increase critical thinking capacity, as well as digital skills and ethical behaviour in social media.

The grants would cover thereby costs related to acquiring or developing digital tools, renting venues, organising travel within local communities, acquiring the necessary equipment, developing new resources for promoting critical thinking and enhancing digital skills.

The proposed financial instrument would be created to the benefit of legal entities (professional organizations and associations, consortiums, editors, publishers), without precluding individuals such as freelancers from applying to grants (provided that they meet adequate criteria that will have to be studied as part the project). The grants available through the fund should be managed by an independent intermediary organization without national links. Assessment of applications for funding should be made by a joint team composed of members of the EC, journalists and other relevant experts.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 58(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

Justification:

Independent local journalists and media literacy professionals have very limited resources. They face the challenges of a concentrated media ownership landscape and struggle finding the means to support themselves, while remaining in the profession. They are a key vector in fighting disinformation through

producing fact-checked quality content, and with adequate resources, they can continue to be an essential tool in increasing media literacy as well. In order to achieve their goal, these professionals need direct financial support.

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Draft amendment 112

=== LIBE/5819 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 10 02 01 — Asylum and Migration Fund

Split as follows: 10 02 01 01, 10 02 01 02, 10 02 01 03, 10 02 01 04, 10 02 01 05

Amend remarks and reference acts as follows:

Remarks:

Delete following text:

New article

~~This appropriation is intended to cover actions contributing to an efficient management of migration flows in line with the relevant Union acquis and in compliance with the Union’s commitments on fundamental rights.~~

~~In particular, the Fund shall contribute to strengthening and developing all aspects of the Common European Asylum System, including its external dimension; supporting legal migration to the Member States including to contribute to the integration of third-country nationals; and finally to contributing to countering irregular migration and ensuring effectiveness of return and readmission in third countries.~~

~~The Fund will promote common measures in the area of asylum, including Member States’ efforts in receiving persons in need of international protection through resettlement and the transfer of applicants for or beneficiaries of international protection between Member States, supporting integration strategies and a more effective legal migration policy, so as to ensure the Union’s long-term competitiveness and the future of its social model and reduce incentives for irregular migration through a sustainable return and readmission policy. The Fund will support the strengthening of cooperation with third countries to reinforce management of flows of persons applying for asylum or other forms of international protection, avenues on legal migration and to counter irregular migration and ensure sustainability of return and effective readmission to third countries.~~

Reference acts:

Delete following text:

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 13 June 2018, establishing the Asylum and Migration Fund (COM (2018) 471 final).~~

~~Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum and Migration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Border Management and Visa Instrument (COM (2018) 375 final).~~

Add: 10 02 01 01

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
10 02 01 01							396 173 160	102 323 520	396 173 160	102 323 520
Reserve										
Total							396 173 160	102 323 520	396 173 160	102 323 520

Heading:

Strengthening and developing all aspects of the Common European Asylum System

Remarks:

Add following text:

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditures related to strengthening and developing all aspects of the Common European Asylum System, including its external dimension, as per the specific objective laid down in the first reading position of the European Parliament of 13 March 2019 on a Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund ('the Fund')

Reference acts:

Add following text:

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 13 June 2018, establishing the Asylum and Migration Fund (COM (2018) 471 final).

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum and Migration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Border Management and Visa Instrument (COM (2018) 375 final).

Add: 10 02 01 02

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
10 02 01 02							198 086 580	51 161 760	198 086 580	51 161 760
Reserve										
Total							198 086 580	51 161 760	198 086 580	51 161 760

Heading:

Strengthening and developing legal migration policies on the European and national level

Remarks:

Add following text:

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditures strengthening and developing legal migration policies on the European and national level, in accordance with Member States' economic and social needs, as per the specific objective laid down in the first reading position of the European Parliament of 13 March 2019 on a Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund ('the Fund')

Reference acts:

Add following text:

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Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum and Migration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Border Management and Visa Instrument (COM (2018) 375 final).

Add: 10 02 01 03

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
10 02 01 03							198 086 580	51 161 760	198 086 580	51 161 760
Reserve										
Total							198 086 580	51 161 760	198 086 580	51 161 760

Heading:

Promoting the effective integration and social inclusion of third-country nationals

Remarks:

Add following text:

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditures contributing promote the effective integration and social inclusion of third-country nationals, as per the specific objective laid down in the first reading position of the European Parliament of 13 March 2019 on a Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund ('the Fund')

Reference acts:

Add following text:

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Add: 10 02 01 04

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
10 02 01 04							330 144 300	85 269 600	330 144 300	85 269 600
Reserve										
Total							330 144 300	85 269 600	330 144 300	85 269 600

Heading:

Contributing and countering illegal migration, and ensuring safe, effective and dignified return, readmission and reintegration in third countries

Remarks:

Add following text:

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditures contributing irregular migration and ensuring effective, safe and dignified return, readmission and reintegration in third countries, as per the specific objective laid down in the first reading position of the European Parliament of 13 March 2019 on a

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund ('the Fund')

Reference acts:

Add following text:

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Add: 10 02 01 05

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
10 02 01 05							132 057 720	34 107 840	132 057 720	34 107 840
Reserve										
Total							132 057 720	34 107 840	132 057 720	34 107 840

Heading:

Ensuring solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility between the Member States

Remarks:

Add following text:

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditures ensuring solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility between the Member States, in particular towards those most affected by migration challenges, including through practical cooperation, as per the specific objective laid down in the first reading position of the European Parliament of 13 March 2019 on a Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund ('the Fund')

Reference acts:

Add following text:

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, submitted by the Commission on 13 June 2018, establishing the Asylum and Migration Fund (COM (2018) 471 final).

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council, laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum and Migration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Border Management and Visa Instrument (COM (2018) 375 final).

Justification:

It is proposed to have specific budget lines covering each of the specific objectives of the Fund to increase transparency and enable the budgetary authority to ensure that all specific objectives of the Fund are adequately financed over the course of the next multi-annual financial period.

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

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Add: 11 02 02

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
11 02 02							110 000 000	100 000 000	110 000 000	100 000 000
Reserve										
Total							110 000 000	100 000 000	110 000 000	100 000 000

Heading:

EU Search and Rescue Fund

Remarks:

Add following text:

This appropriation is intended to support Member States in their obligations under international maritime law to render assistance to persons in distress, notably in search and rescue situations.

Justification:

The Commission should present a legislative proposal to set up a Search and Rescue Fund. Given the challenges faced in the Mediterranean, and the humanitarian tragedy unfolding there, the EU must do more to encourage the saving of lives and to show solidarity among Member States in the carrying out of SAR operations. It is more appropriate to create such a Fund than to increase, on an ad-hoc and non-transparent manner, Frontex's budget for SAR. The operations reimbursed through the Fund could also cover a wider range of operations than those carried out by Frontex.

Draft amendment 114

==== LIBE/5821 ====

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 11 02 01 — Border Management and Visa instrument (BMVI)

Split as follows: 11 02 01 01, 11 02 01 02

Add: 11 02 01 01

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
11 02 01 01							677 399 200	106 278 400	677 399 200	106 278 400
Reserve										
Total							677 399 200	106 278 400	677 399 200	106 278 400

Heading:

Supporting effective European Integrated Border Management at the external borders

Remarks:

Add following text:

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditures supporting effective European Integrated Border Management at the external borders implemented by the European Border and Coast Guard as a shared

responsibility of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency and of the national authorities responsible for border management, to facilitate legitimate border crossings, to prevent and detect irregular immigration and cross-border crime and to effectively manage migratory flows, as per the specific objective laid down in the first reading position of the European Parliament of 13 March 2019 on a Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing, as part of the Integrated Border Management Fund, the instrument for financial support for border management and visa ('the Instrument')

Add: 11 02 01 02

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
11 02 01 02							169 349 800	26 569 600	169 349 800	26 569 600
Reserve										
Total							169 349 800	26 569 600	169 349 800	26 569 600

Heading:

Supporting the common visa policy

Remarks:

Add following text:

This appropriation is intended to cover expenditures supporting the common visa policy to ensure a more harmonised approach among the Member States with regard to the issuance of visas and to facilitate legitimate travel and mitigate security risks, as per the specific objective laid down in the first reading position of the European Parliament of 13 March 2019 on a Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing, as part of the Integrated Border Management Fund, the instrument for financial support for border management and visa ('the Instrument')

Justification:

It is proposed to have two specific budget lines covering the two specific objectives of the Instrument to increase transparency and enable the budgetary authority to ensure that those two specific objectives of the Instrument are adequately financed over the course of the next multi-annual financial period.

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Draft amendment 115

==== LIBE/5822 =====

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 11 10 01 — European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
11 10 01	421 821 029	421 821 029	566 949 620	566 949 620	566 949 620	566 949 620	237 318 871	237 318 871	804 268 491	804 268 491
Reserve										
Total	421 821 029	421 821 029	566 949 620	566 949 620	566 949 620	566 949 620	237 318 871	237 318 871	804 268 491	804 268 491

Justification:

Since the year 2021 is the year of the creation of the standing corps, the budget of Frontex has to be significantly increased to allow the Agency to hire and to train the new statutory staff and to purchase the necessary equipment to ensure the successful deployment of the standing corps.

Draft amendment 117

=== LIBE/5824 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 12 10 01 — European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)

Amend figures and remarks as follows:

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
12 10 01	152 964 760	152 964 760	170 600 706	170 600 706	170 600 706	170 600 706	14 299 294	14 299 294	184 900 000	184 900 000
Reserve										
Total	152 964 760	152 964 760	170 600 706	170 600 706	170 600 706	170 600 706	14 299 294	14 299 294	184 900 000	184 900 000

Remarks:

Delete following text:

~~The European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) is the EU's law enforcement agency, whose remit is to help make Europe safer by assisting law enforcement authorities in EU Member States. Europol offers support for law enforcement operations on the ground, is a hub for information on criminal activities as well as a centre of law enforcement expertise.~~

Justification:

The increase in Europol's budget, combined with the request for 63 additional posts in the establishment plan, is needed for it to become a veritable hub for law enforcement information exchange and to respond to the request of Member States for even more operational support in cross-border investigations, as well as analysis, especially in the areas of fight against terrorism and organised crime.

Draft amendment 118

=== LIBE/5825 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

Article 12 10 02 — European Union agency for law enforcement training (CEPOL)

Amend figures as follows:

	Budget 2020		Draft budget 2021		Council's position 2021		Difference		New amount	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
12 10 02	10 084 425	10 084 425	10 419 804	10 419 804	10 419 804	10 419 804	5 845 172	5 845 172	16 264 976	16 264 976
Reserve										
Total	10 084 425	10 084 425	10 419 804	10 419 804	10 419 804	10 419 804	5 845 172	5 845 172	16 264 976	16 264 976

Justification:

The proposed budget increase from 10.4 million to 16.3 million EUR in 2021 is needed to allow the Agency to keep up with the constantly growing demand from the EU Member States, in particular with the challenges related to the fight against cybercrime and training in diversity.

Draft amendment 119

=== LIBE/5826 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

S 03 01 22 — European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL)

Amend remarks as follows:

Amend text as follows:

Function group and grade	European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL)					
	2021		2020			
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2019		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15						
AD 14		1		1		1
AD 13						
AD 12		1		1		2
AD 11		4				1
AD 10				4		1
AD 9		1				1
AD 8		6				
AD 7		9		3		5
		5				
AD 6		11		8		7
		6				
AD 5		6		4		5
		5				
<i>AD Subtotal</i>		39		<i>21</i>		<i>23</i>
		23				
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7						
AST 6						1
AST 5		5				3
		4				
AST 4		7		3		5
		5				
AST 3		3		2		1
		1				
AST 2				4		
AST 1						
<i>AST Subtotal</i>		15		<i>9</i>		<i>10</i>
		10				
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>						
Total		54		30		33
		33				
Grand total		54		30		33
		33				

Justification:

The proposed increase in total figures from currently 33 statutory staff to 54, together with the corresponding budget increase from 10.4 million to 16.3 million EUR should allow the agency to keep up with the constantly growing demand from the EU Member States for trainings, notably in the area of cybercrime and training in diversity.

Changes compared to the DB2021 establishment plan of CEPOL: +21 staff (54 staff in total); detailed breakdown

+6 AD 8

+4 AD 7

+5 AD 6

+1 AD 5

+1 AST 5

+2 AST 4

+2 AST 3

Draft amendment 120

=== LIBE/5827 ===

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

S 03 01 21 — European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)

Amend remarks as follows:

Amend text as follows:

Function group and grade	European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)					
	2021			2020		
	Authorized under the Union budget		Actually filled as at 31 December 2019		Authorized under the Union budget	
	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15		1		1		1
AD 14		3		3		3
AD 13		6				5
		5				
AD 12		11		7		11
AD 11		10		5		14
AD 10		23		14		25
AD 9		51		28		50
AD 8		87				84
		85		67		
AD 7		175				148
		152		151		
AD 6		260				211
		244		260		
AD 5		19				31
		34		11		
<i>AD Subtotal</i>		646		547		583
		583				
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8		2				1
AST 7		5		3		5
AST 6		6		2		6
AST 5		7		5		7
AST 4		6		8		7
AST 3		3		1		3
AST 2		3		4		3
AST 1						

<i>AST Subtotal</i>		32		23		32
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>						
Total		678		570		615
		615				
Grand total		678		570		615
		615				

Justification:

The reinforcement of Europol with 63 additional staff is needed for the Agency to respond to the requests of Member States for even more investigative and operational support, especially in the areas of cybercrime, financial crime, human trafficking and organised property crime. The additional staff should furthermore allow the Agency to develop and maintain the necessary information management capabilities which at the core of Europol’s mandate and mission.

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Draft amendment 121

==== LIBE/5828 ====

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

S 03 01 23 — European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA)

Justification:

Beyond the proposed increase in the establishment plan, eu-LISA should be provided 14 additional posts which are essential to develop further a certain number of essential corporate functions of eu-LISA, including the management of the secure network connecting MS with the central systems and support for the project for the second extension of the operational site of the Agency in Strasbourg.

Changes compared to the staffing of eu-LISA (outside the establishment plan):

- + 3 seconded national experts
- + 5 contract agents (FGIII)
- + 6 contract agents (FG IV)

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Draft amendment 116

==== LIBE/5823 ====

Tabled by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

SECTION III — COMMISSION

S 03 01 24 — European Asylum Support Office (EASO)

Amend remarks as follows:

Amend text as follows:

Function group and grade	European Asylum Support Office (EASO)		
	2021	2020	
	Authorized under the Union budget	Actually filled as at 31 December 2019	Authorized under the Union budget

	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts	Permanent posts	Temporary posts
AD 16						
AD 15		1				1
AD 14				1		
AD 13		3				3
AD 12		6				5
		5		3		5
AD 11		4				3
		3		2		
AD 10		18				16
		16		5		
AD 9		24				22
		22		4		
AD 8		63				58
		58		21		
AD 7		75				70
		70		29		
AD 6		40				30
		35		26		
AD 5		20				23
		18		41		
<i>AD Subtotal</i>		254		132		231
		231				
AST 11						
AST 10						
AST 9						
AST 8						
AST 7						
AST 6		4				4
AST 5		20				18
		18		2		
AST 4		53				49
		49		27		
AST 3		61				55
		55		39		
AST 2		11				9
		9		1		
AST 1				13		
<i>AST Subtotal</i>		149		82		135
		135				
AST/SC 6						
AST/SC 5						
AST/SC 4						
AST/SC 3						
AST/SC 2						
AST/SC 1						
<i>AST/SC Subtotal</i>						
Total		403		214		366
		366				
Grand total		403		214		366
		366				

Justification:

The requested additional staff should go to reinforce field operations, training development and delivery, information and analysis, practical tools, governance activities and administrative functions.

Changes compared to the DB2021 establishment plan of EASO: +50 staff = 23 AD + 14 AST + 13 SNE (550 staff in total)

+ 1 AD12

+ 1 AD11

+ 2 AD10
+ 2 AD9
+ 5 AD8
+ 5 AD7
+ 5 AD6
+ 2 AD5
+ 2 AST5
+ 4 AST4
+ 6 AST3
+ 2 AST2