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OPINION

of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

for the Committee on Budgets

on the Mandate for the trilogue on the 2013 Draft Budget
(2012/2016(BUD))

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs calls on the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Regrets the fact that, despite the growing ambitions of the EU regarding the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice and the current multiannual financial framework, the draft budget proposed by the Commission represents only a slight increase in commitment appropriations under subheading 3a in comparison with 2012;
2. Insists that, despite the economic crisis and the spending rationalisation, the financial year 2013 is a bridge year to the new multiannual financial framework; consequently, the 2013 budget needs to be adequate as a prerequisite for the financial framework for 2014-2020;
3. Stresses the importance of focusing the EU budget on EU added value and maximising the efficiency of national funding in areas of common interest;
4. Deplores the cuts proposed by the Commission in the programme for preventing and fighting crime, considering the importance of this area for the EU as proven by the recent setting-up of the Special Committee on Organised Crime, Corruption and Money Laundering, and stresses that funds need to be available for crime prevention;
5. Regrets the fact that only a small increase is proposed for the Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme and that the budget for the European Year of Citizens is the smallest budget ever allocated to a European Year; calls, therefore, for sufficient resources to be allocated to the promotion and protection of fundamental rights and citizens' rights and to the fight against discrimination, especially in the light of the growing climate of intolerance arising from the financial crisis;
6. Welcomes the budget increase for the four funds under the Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows programme in comparison to the 2012 budget; deeply regrets, however, the imbalance between the different funds, with priority being given to the External Border Fund and the European Return Fund; stresses that a balanced share of financial resources should be allocated to the Refugee Fund and the Integration Fund; considers that sufficient financial resources should be made available for the purpose of intra-EU relocation of migrants, on the basis of solidarity with Member States facing disproportionate migratory pressures;
7. Considers that, since this is among the priorities of the EU's Internal Security Strategy, cybersecurity needs should be addressed under the appropriate budget lines, with full use also being made of possible synergies between existing programmes; insists that stepping up the fight against cybercrime at Union level via the upcoming European Cybercrime Centre will require adequate funding, and therefore deplores the cuts proposed by the Commission for Europol, as this centre's tasks as defined by the Commission cannot be carried out on the basis of Europol's current level of human and financial resources;
8. Considers it necessary to include a positive reserve in the Prevention of and Fight against

Crime Programme, in order to support actions to coordinate better the efforts on cybercrime between of the different Agencies, including ENISA;

9. Takes note of the significant increase in commitments and comparatively low level of payments for SIS II; points out that, according to the global schedule for SIS II, in 2013 its development and migration should be completed and the IT Agency should take over the management of the system; challenges, therefore, this significant budget increase at such a late stage before SIS II is due to become operational; recommends maintaining a substantial part of the budget for SIS II in the reserve until there is operational progress and the financial planning is complied with;
10. Insists that the agencies should, on the basis of their outputs and results and taking account of the overall situation of public finances in the EU, receive appropriate funding and should be allocated the necessary staff for carrying out their activities;
11. Regrets the fact that the Commission has proposed insufficient human and financial resources to ensure the continuing development and functioning of the EASO; notes that the EASO will have a crucial role to play, especially in the successful implementation of the Early Warning, Preparedness and Crisis Management Mechanism as envisaged by the Council conclusions of 8 March 2012;
12. Considers that, in the light of its increased tasks under its new mandate, especially in the field of fundamental rights and the future implementation of EUROSUR, Frontex should appoint a fundamental rights officer as soon as possible, and that any additional budget for new posts should be put in the reserve until that post is filled; calls on the Commission to ensure that specific funding in case of emergency situations is made available quickly and is allocated in line with developments;
13. Insists that specific funding should be allocated for the development of protection-sensitive border controls that fully respect the fundamental rights of migrants and comply with the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, including in the context of Frontex operations;
14. Welcomes the role of EU funding in fostering solidarity among Member States and with third countries in the area of migration and asylum.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	31.5.2012
Result of final vote	+: 48 -: 5 0: 4
Members present for the final vote	Jan Philipp Albrecht, Mario Borghezio, Rita Borsellino, Emine Bozkurt, Arkadiusz Tomasz Bratkowski, Simon Busuttil, Philip Claeys, Carlos Coelho, Ioan Enciu, Cornelia Ernst, Monika Flašíková Beňová, Hélène Flautre, Kinga Göncz, Nathalie Griesbeck, Anna Hedh, Salvatore Iacolino, Sophia in 't Veld, Lívia Járóka, Timothy Kirkhope, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Baroness Sarah Ludford, Svetoslav Hristov Malinov, Véronique Mathieu, Anthea McIntyre, Jan Mulder, Georgios Papanikolaou, Jacek Protasiewicz, Carmen Romero López, Judith Sargentini, Birgit Sippel, Csaba Sógor, Renate Sommer, Rui Tavares, Wim van de Camp, Axel Voss, Renate Weber, Cecilia Wikström, Auke Zijlstra
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Alexander Alvaro, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Birgit Collin-Langen, Dimitrios Droutsas, Evelyne Gebhardt, Stanimir Ilchev, Iliana Malinova Iotova, Franziska Keller, Ádám Kósa, Juan Andrés Naranjo Escobar, Hubert Pirker, Zuzana Roithová, Salvador Sedó i Alabart, Marie-Christine Vergiat
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Adam Bielan, Françoise Castex, Marielle Gallo, Esther Herranz García, Seán Kelly