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OPINION

of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

for the Committee on Budgets

on the interim report in the interests of achieving a positive outcome of the
Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 approval
procedure(COM(2011)0398 – 2011/0177(APP))

Rapporteur: Monika Hohlmeier

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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 report:

1. Takes note of the new structure of Heading 3 on Security and Citizenship; considers that the inclusion of food safety, the European Food Safety Agency, the Community Plant Variety Office and the European Medicines Agency in the new Heading 3 is questionable and does not echo the overall objective of Security and Citizenship; suggests changing the title, in line with Parliament's resolution of 8 June 2011 on 'Investing in the future: a new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for a competitive, sustainable and inclusive Europe'¹, to 'Citizenship, freedom, security and justice';
2. Takes the view that the overall amount dedicated to the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice does not adequately reflect the strengthening of this area with the Lisbon Treaty and its growing tasks and challenges;
3. Emphasises the need for ensuring efficient use and good management of the funds, in order to avoid Member States pursuing their own national interests;
4. Stresses that the simplification of the funding structures, while providing flexibility, must maintain predictability and reliability, and that an adequate share must be ensured for each objective of the specific funds;
5. Stresses the need for the funded activities to provide a European added value, and for there to be an adequate balance between policy objectives in all funds and programmes;
6. Welcomes the simplification of funding structures brought about by the establishment of the Asylum and Migration Fund and the Internal Security Fund, as well as the generally applicable rules on programming, management, control and reporting, provided a balance is maintained between the different priorities within the funds; points out that the simplification of the Home Affairs instruments will reduce the number of legal bases and their implementing rules and allow for a better understanding of the rules by all stakeholders;
7. Considers that a fair share of financial resources should be allocated under the Asylum and Migration Fund, in particular so as to support the objectives of the current Refugee Fund and Integration Fund; takes note of the particular emphasis on resettlement and relocation measures; stresses the need for the funded activities to provide a European added value, and for there to be an adequate balance of policy objectives;
8. Reiterates that new elements such as the EU PNR system or the 'smart borders package' are already planned; takes the view that the Internal Security Fund should have adequate financial resources to allow it to fulfil its objectives, while emphasising that all of its actions must comply fully with the Charter of Fundamental Rights; calls for funding for

¹ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2011)0266.

the development of protection-sensitive border controls which fully respect migrants' fundamental rights;

9. Stresses the need for spending on the Internal Security Fund to reflect the aim of strengthening the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice and ensuring coordination between Member States as regards the development of a uniform and high-quality external border control system; believes, furthermore, that investment in infrastructure, equipment, means of transport and IT systems should contribute to satisfying common security standards and to the efficiency of the joint operations coordinated by FRONTEX;
10. Emphasises that the Justice Programme receives adequate funding; stresses the need for an adequate balance between the funds attributed to the different objectives;
11. Is of the opinion that children's rights and child protection efforts should be made visible in specific funding lines so that allocations can be traced and monitored and their effectiveness assessed;
12. Welcomes the proposal for the Rights and Citizenship Programme; emphasises that the simplification of the funding structure should not result in a reduction in the level of financial resources compared to that available in the current 2007-2013 programmes, and therefore deplores the Commission's proposal to reduce funding; calls for an increased budget for promoting and protecting fundamental rights and combating racism, xenophobia and all forms of discrimination, especially in the context of the growing intolerance and social unrest experienced in Europe as a consequence of the current financial crisis;
13. Deplores the static approach to the funding of agencies in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice, which does not reflect any increase or discontinuation of tasks;
14. Considers that, in particular, the budget for FRONTEX, the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) and the European Police Office (Europol) is not in line with their substantially increased tasks; points, in this connection, to the recently amended mandate of FRONTEX, the start of and foreseen activities of EASO, and the establishment of the European Cybercrime Centre within Europol;
15. Stresses the need for a proper evaluation of the existing measures, and emphasises that proper impact assessments must be obligatorily carried out before new legislative proposals are made.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	19.9.2012
Result of final vote	+: 51 -: 4 0: 3
Members present for the final vote	Jan Philipp Albrecht, Sonia Alfano, Roberta Angelilli, Edit Bauer, Rita Borsellino, Arkadiusz Tomasz Bratkowski, Simon Busuttil, Philip Claey, Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Ioan Enciu, Frank Engel, Cornelia Ernst, Tanja Fajon, Monika Flašíková Beňová, Kinga Gál, Kinga Göncz, Nathalie Griesbeck, Anna Hedh, Salvatore Iacolino, Sophia in 't Veld, Lívia Járóka, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Timothy Kirkhope, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Baroness Sarah Ludford, Monica Luisa Macovei, Svetoslav Hristov Malinov, Véronique Mathieu, Anthea McIntyre, Louis Michel, Antigoni Papadopoulou, Georgios Papanikolaou, Jacek Protasiewicz, Carmen Romero López, Judith Sargentini, Birgit Sippel, Csaba Sógor, Valdemar Tomaševski, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides, Wim van de Camp, Axel Voss, Renate Weber, Josef Weidenholzer, Cecilia Wikström, Tatjana Ždanoka, Auke Zijlstra
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Alexander Alvaro, Michael Cashman, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Dimitrios Droutsas, Ana Gomes, Monika Hohlmeier, Franziska Keller, Jean Lambert, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Antonio Masip Hidalgo, Hubert Pirker
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Erik Bánki