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Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

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OPINION

of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

for the Committee on Budgets

on the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2014 - all sections (2013/2145(BUD))

Rapporteur: Jan Mulder

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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 decrease of 9.4% in commitments and 11.9% in payments in Heading 3 on Security and Citizenship compared to the 2013 budget, which strengthens the concept of European citizenship by creating an area of freedom, justice, security and access to basic public goods and services; this concept needs re-enforcement during these times of economic crisis and in view of the forthcoming European elections;
- 2. Considers it difficult to express its position on the draft budget when most of the legal bases of the programmes and funds are still being negotiated;
- 3. Insists that the Commission and the Member States should make every effort to ensure that the EU budget is spent in an efficient way and that anything financed with it should have a clear European added value. Member States should notably share tasks wherever possible and increase their cooperation;
- 4. Stresses that solidarity between Member States in the field of asylum and migration should be reinforced and that the EU budget should demonstrate a clear commitment in that direction, including an adequate contribution from Member States;
- 5. Insists that the Agencies should have adequate resources to implement the systems and projects which were recently approved; considers, therefore, that the budget of the Frontex Agency should be increased to provide them with sufficient resources to operate Eurosur as a pan-European border surveillance system; considers that adequate financial provisions will enable Eurosur to reduce the number of irregular migrants entering the EU undetected, reduce the number of deaths of irregular migrants lost at sea and to contribute to the prevention of cross-border crimes; considers further that the budget of Europol and of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) should be increased in order to provide for the new established European Cybercrime Centre as well as the recently adopted asylum package and the new tasks resulting thereof for the three agencies;

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	5.9.2013
Result of final vote	+: 40 -: 9 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Jan Philipp Albrecht, Edit Bauer, Emine Bozkurt, Arkadiusz Tomasz Bratkowski, Carlos Coelho, Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Frank Engel, Kinga Göncz, Nathalie Griesbeck, Sylvie Guillaume, Anna Hedh, Salvatore Iacolino, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Timothy Kirkhope, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Svetoslav Hristov Malinov, Véronique Mathieu Houillon, Anthea McIntyre, Nuno Melo, Roberta Metsola, Claude Moraes, Antigoni Papadopoulou, Georgios Papanikolaou, Jacek Protasiewicz, Carmen Romero López, Judith Sargentini, Birgit Sippel, Csaba Sógor, Renate Sommer, Rui Tavares, Nils Torvalds, Wim van de Camp, Axel Voss, Renate Weber, Josef Weidenholzer, Cecilia Wikström, Auke Zijlstra
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Andrew Henry William Brons, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Mariya Gabriel, Monika Hohlmeier, Stanimir Ilchev, Iliana Malinova Iotova, Franziska Keller, Jan Mulder, Jens Rohde, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Manfred Weber
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Davor Ivo Stier

