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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

Karlo Ressler

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General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2021 - all sections
(2020/1998(BUD))

Amendment 1

Fabienne Keller, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Jan-Christoph Oetjen, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Nathalie Loiseau, Malik Azmani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Abir Al-Sahlani, Michal Šimečka

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Pernando Barrena Arza

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Or. en

Amendment 3
Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield

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Or. en

Amendment 4 **Domènec Ruiz Devesa**

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Or. en

Amendment 5

Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Calls on the Commission to develop budget lines in respect of the future Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and the future Border Management and Visa Instrument based on the specific objectives of those funds in order to facilitate the work of the Budgetary Authority in scrutinising implementation of the Funds, helping to ensure a fair and

transparent distribution of funding between the Funds different objectives and provide better readability and transparency regarding how the financial resources are allocated annually; calls to strengthen the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund by increasing the commitment and payment appropriations by 14%, and reinforcing the Common European Asylum System, legal migration, integration and solidarity objectives of the fund;

Or. en

Amendment 6

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

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Amendment

1 a. Recalls that independent and qualitative investigative journalism is an essential component of a well-functioning democracy, by bringing quality fact-based information, combating disinformation, raising awareness to citizens, and revealing wrongdoings or crimes; stresses that journalism across Europe faces strong challenges, in particular the lack of financial resources, hence threatening their independence or survival; calls for ambitious funding programmes in the European budget in this field;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Pernando Barrena Arza

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Calls, in line with the European Parliament first reading position of 13 March 2019 on the proposal for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, to create separate budget lines for each specific objective of this fund to increase transparency, ensure adequate financing of each separate objective and guarantee a better budgetary scrutiny;

Or. en

**Amendment 8
Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Considers that the budget lines under AMIF should be separated to facilitate greater transparency regarding how the financial resources of the Fund are allocated to the different specific objectives of that Fund;

Or. en

**Amendment 9
Pernando Barrena Arza**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 b. Regrets the proposal to disproportionately increase the Border Management and Visa Instrument Fund while other budget lines such as rights and values are being cut and in light of increased evidence of fundamental rights violations; calls, therefore, for this

appropriation to be restored to its level of 2020 and for the Commission to use its powers to ensure that EU funding is being used in full respect of fundamental rights;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 b. Is of the opinion that, instead of the current ad-hoc decision-making, a more long-term approach to search and rescue operations is necessary; proposes, therefore, a new budget line for an EU Search and Rescue Fund to encourage Member States to provide their assets for such operation;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Notes the small increase by 3% of commitment and payment appropriations of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL); requests an additional funding increase from EUR 10 400 000 to EUR **17 100 000** and additional **23** posts in the Agency establishment plan; ***stresses*** that the ***requested*** additional ***funding will*** allow the Agency to keep up with the ***constantly growing*** demands of Member States;

2. Notes the small increase by 3% of commitment and payment appropriations of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL); requests an additional funding increase from EUR 10 400 000 to EUR **15 429 951** and additional **18** posts in the Agency establishment plan; ***considers*** that the additional ***resources should*** allow the agency to ***strengthen training in diversity and to*** keep up with the demands of Member States;

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Notes the small increase (+0.5%) of commitment and payment appropriations of the Justice programme; requests, in line with position of the Parliament on the financial envelope for the Justice programme included in the European Parliament resolution of 14 November 2018 on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027, to further increase the funding of that programme in 2021 by a total of EUR 6 800 000 to EUR 50 500 000;

Amendment

3. Notes the small increase (+0.5%) of commitment and payment appropriations of the Justice programme; requests, in line with position of the Parliament on the financial envelope for the Justice programme included in the European Parliament resolution of 14 November 2018 on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027, to further increase the funding of that programme in 2021 by a total of EUR 6 800 000 to EUR 50 500 000; ***stresses that Justice is a key component of a Security Union as defended by the President of the European Commission, and that judicial cooperation should be strengthened with the help of European JHA agencies, in particular to fight organised crime and terrorism;***

Or. en

Amendment 13

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Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3 a. Is concerned by the reduction (-10,2%) of the commitment appropriations for the Asylum and Migration Fund

(AMF), at a time where the pressure on national authorities for asylum remains very high, with huge gaps in terms of proper reception of asylum seekers and major delays in the procedures for asylum in the Member States; recalls the importance of providing adequate financial capacities to support the development of a Common European Asylum System, to bring concrete solidarity to Member States most exposed to migration and asylum flows, as well as to ensure efficient and fair asylum and return procedures; requests a budget increase for the AMF commitment appropriations to at least the level of 2020, i.e. 1 228,7 million euros;

Or. en

Amendment 14

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Paragraph 3 b (new)

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Amendment

3 b. Is deeply concerned by the continuing loss of lives in the Mediterranean in the absence of functioning SAR capacities; believes that SAR is a state responsibility that cannot be left to non-state actors; calls on the Commission to urgently create a fund to support the setting up of a EU Search and Rescue mission for the Mediterranean;

Or. en

Amendment 15

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4. Considers that the small funding increase (+1.8%) proposed for the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction will not be sufficient to comply with its legal obligations deriving from the Staff Regulations as well as its rental contracts; emphasises, moreover, that additional funding should be provided for the Centre to fully deploy its operational capacity and to effectively respond to the most recent developments of the drug phenomenon, including effects of Covid-19 outbreak; requests, therefore, to increase the Centre's budget to EUR 18 100 000;

Amendment

4. Considers that the small funding increase (+1.8%) proposed for the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction will not be sufficient to comply with its legal obligations deriving from the Staff Regulations as well as its rental contracts; emphasises, moreover, that additional funding should be provided for the Centre to fully deploy its operational capacity and to effectively respond to the most recent developments of the drug phenomenon, including effects of Covid-19 outbreak; ***highlights that the drug retail value in Europe is estimated at 30 billion euros per year, and that 100 tonnes of cocaine were seized in the EU in 2019;*** requests, therefore, to increase the Centre's budget to EUR 18 100 000;

Or. en

Amendment 16

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5. Takes note of the proposal to increase the appropriations of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) by 11.5% while leaving the number of statutory staff unchanged; reminds that ***the Agency*** is requested to provide increased operational support to Member States and, upon request, has recently launched new initiatives such as the European Financial and Economic Crime Centre and the Innovation Lab which require additional

Amendment

5. Takes note of the proposal to increase the appropriations of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) by 11.5% while leaving the number of statutory staff unchanged; reminds that ***Europol*** is requested to provide increased ***analysis and operational support, tools and innovation*** to Member States' ***law enforcement authorities, in areas such as countering terrorism and its financing, radicalisation and extremism, migrant***

funding; expects Agency's tasks to be further extended in 2021 with the upcoming revision of the Agency mandate; considers, therefore, that EUR 184 900 000 should be provided to the Agency in line with its request; requests to add further 63 posts to the Agency establishment plan;

smuggling, drugs trafficking or cybercrime, and, upon request, has recently launched new initiatives such as the European Financial and Economic Crime Centre and the Innovation Lab which require additional funding; ***also stresses the increase of criminal activities during the pandemic, such as cyberattacks and cybercrimes, online child abuse and exploitation, goods counterfeiting, and the surge of new activities in the recent years like environmental crimes, showing the adaptability and flexibility of criminals and the need for Europol to adapt likewise***; expects Agency's tasks to be further extended in 2021 with the upcoming revision of the Agency mandate; considers, therefore, that EUR 184 900 000 should be provided to the Agency in line with its request; requests to add further 63 posts to the Agency establishment plan;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Tomas Tobé

Draft opinion
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should be provided to the Agency in line with its request; requests to add further 63 posts to the Agency establishment plan;

should be provided to the Agency in line with its request; requests to add further 63 posts to the Agency establishment plan; ***considers that sufficient resources should be allocated to Europol to enable the agency to combat organised property crime; states that Europol should set up a new centre in order to prevent organised property crime in Europe;***

Or. en

Amendment 18
Sabrina Pignedoli, Laura Ferrara

Draft opinion
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Draft opinion

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Amendment

5. Takes note of the proposal to increase the appropriations of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) by 11.5% while leaving the number of statutory staff unchanged; ***in particular, it is concerned by the lack of increase of human resources for Europol, which will undermine Europol's development and operational activities in 2021;*** reminds that the Agency is requested to provide increased operational support to Member States and, upon request, has recently launched new initiatives such as the European Financial and Economic Crime Centre and the Innovation Lab which require additional funding; expects Agency's tasks to be further extended in 2021 with the upcoming revision of the Agency mandate; considers, therefore, that EUR 184 900 000 should be provided to the Agency in line with its request; requests to add further 63 posts to the Agency establishment plan;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Domènec Ruiz Devesa

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Or. en

Amendment 20
Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield

Draft opinion
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5. Takes note of the proposal to increase the appropriations of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) by 11.5% ***while leaving*** the number of statutory staff unchanged; ***reminds*** that the Agency is requested to provide increased operational support to Member States and, ***upon request***, has recently launched new

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initiatives such as the European Financial and Economic Crime Centre and the Innovation Lab *which require additional funding; expects Agency's tasks to be further extended in 2021 with the upcoming revision of the Agency mandate; considers, therefore, that EUR 184 900 000 should be provided to the Agency in line with its request; requests to add further 63 posts to the Agency establishment plan;*

the European Financial and Economic Crime Centre and the Innovation Lab; *also notes that Europol's tasks might be further extended in 2021 with the upcoming revision of the Agency mandate and recalls that any possible extension of Europol's mandate should go hand-in-hand with increased parliamentary scrutiny;*

Or. en

Amendment 21
Pernando Barrena Arza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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Or. en

Amendment 22

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses the importance of integrated border management to ensure the functioning of the Schengen area; highlights the important role of the European Border and Coast Guard **Agency** (Frontex) in this regard **and** calls for a significant budget increase for 2021 to EUR 838 000 000 to allow the Agency to build and train its standing corps as well as to purchase own equipment, thereby allowing a successful deployment and operational support to the Member States at the external borders;

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of integrated border management to ensure the functioning of the Schengen area; **notes that the Covid-19 outbreak showed to which extent borders management has implications in various areas, not only in security and migration, but also in mobility**; highlights the important role of the European Border and Coast Guard (Frontex) in this regard; **regrets that Commission's proposal is below the anticipated budget in the financial statement of the Agency's regulation, hence putting at risk the ability of Frontex to deliver the European standing corps of border by 2024, as requested by the President of the European Commission; underlines that the recruitment, training and deployment of 10,000 border and coats guards requires exceptional resources that cannot be reduced**; calls for a significant budget increase for 2021 to EUR 838 000 000 to allow the Agency to build and train its standing corps as well as to purchase own equipment, thereby allowing a successful **and timely** deployment and operational support to the Member States at the external borders;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. ***Stresses the importance of***

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integrated border management to ensure the functioning of the Schengen area; highlights the important role of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) in *this regard and* calls for a *significant* budget increase for 2021 to EUR 838 000 000 to allow the Agency to build and train its standing corps as well as to purchase own equipment, thereby allowing a successful deployment and operational support to the Member States at the external borders;

Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) in *coordinating and developing an integrated border management*; calls *therefore* for a budget increase for 2021 to EUR 770 365 795 to allow the Agency to build and train its standing corps as well as to purchase own equipment, thereby allowing a successful deployment and operational support to the Member States at the external borders; *stresses that this task requires compliance with fundamental rights; regrets that the number of deaths at sea keeps increasing in light of the absence of SAR assets in the Mediterranean; suggests that any boost in resources should also be used for rescuing lives at sea and strengthen the Frontex fundamental rights monitors*;

Or. en

Amendment 24 Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield

Draft opinion Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses the importance of integrated border management to ensure the functioning of the Schengen area; highlights the *important* role of the European Border and Coast Guard *Agency* (Frontex) in this regard and *calls for a significant budget increase for 2021 to EUR 838 000 000 to allow the Agency to build and train its standing corps as well as to purchase own equipment, thereby allowing a successful deployment and operational support to the Member States at the external borders*;

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of integrated border management to ensure the functioning of the Schengen area; highlights the role of the European Border and Coast Guard (Frontex) in this regard and *reminds that it is by large the agency that has been receiving more significant budget increases in the last years*;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Pernando Barrena Arza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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6. *Stresses the importance of integrated border management to ensure the functioning of the Schengen area; highlights the important role of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) in this regard and calls for a significant budget increase for 2021 to EUR 838 000 000 to allow the Agency to build and train its standing corps as well as to purchase own equipment, thereby allowing a successful deployment and operational support to the Member States* at the external borders;

Amendment

6. *Expresses concerns regarding the increased violations of fundamental rights at the EU's external borders; believes that the considerable budget FRONTEX has been allocated over the years should rather be spent to providing safe and legal ways to access the European Union as well as in the short term a pan-European Search and Rescue operation in order to save people's lives at sea;*

Or. en

Amendment 26
Karlo Ressler

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Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of integrated border management to ensure the functioning *and further integration* of the Schengen area; highlights the important role of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) in this regard and calls for a significant budget increase for 2021 to EUR 838 000 000 *in order* to allow the Agency to build and train its standing corps as well as to purchase own equipment, thereby allowing a successful deployment and operational support to the Member States at the external borders;

Or. en

Amendment 27

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

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Amendment

6 a. Takes note of the decrease in commitment appropriations (-5%) and the increase in payment appropriations (12%) for eu-LISA; highlights the important role of the Agency in the proper implementation and operational management of EU large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (EES, ETIAS, ECRIS-TCN, EURODAC, VIS, SIS) and to provide interoperability between these systems for faster and more reliable data to border management and law enforcement authorities; regrets that Commission's proposal does not meet eu-LISA's request in terms of staff; requests 14 additional staff to support the securing information networks and databases, the project for the extension of the operational sites of the Agency and the activities of the management board;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Sabrina Pignedoli, Laura Ferrara

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. Highlights the crucial role played by Europol to ensure the security of EU citizens and the support to national law enforcement authorities in fighting ever evolving security threats; notes the impact of the COVID 19 crisis on the European organised crime landscape and the surge

of criminal activities in specific areas, such as child sexual abuse online and goods counterfeiting. Underlines that post-COVID economic recovery efforts calls for the highest level of vigilance to prevent and fight criminal infiltrations in the legal economy; believes that, as part of an EU coordinated approach, the EU agencies and bodies, such as Europol, EPPO, Eurojust and OLAF, can contribute to combat organised crime activities and potential fraud of the EU recovery budget.

Or. en

Amendment 29
Pernando Barrena Arza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. *Calls for a new budget line to support Search and Rescue operations to guarantee access to international protection in accordance with the obligations contracted by the Member States in the field of human rights and maritime law, including the right to life and the principle of non-refoulement;*

Or. en

Amendment 30
Fabienne Keller, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Jan-Christoph Oetjen, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Nathalie Loiseau, Malik Azmani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Michal Šimečka

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Amendment

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EPPO') that it will process information equivalent to 4,300 cases and 2,000 investigations in its first year of operation; expects the workload to increase further during the coming years; reminds that the EPPO is a prosecution office with mandatory competences; *notes with concern* the low funding level proposed in the Draft EU Budget 2021; stresses that a substantial funding increase to EUR 55 000 000 will be required to allow the EPPO to meet its legal obligation to translate a huge volume of documents that are transmitted to judges at national level and to provide it with the requested 140 European Delegated Prosecutors and 219 staff members;

EPPO') that it will process information equivalent to 4,300 cases and 2,000 investigations in its first year of operation; expects the workload to increase further during the coming years, *as up to 3700 in 2027, due to the overall increase of EU financial interests in the next MFF and the Recovery Plan*; reminds that the EPPO is a prosecution office with mandatory competences; *is deeply concerned with* the low funding level proposed in the Draft EU Budget 2021 *and the amount of staff representing only half of what has been requested by EPPO*; *considers that such a proposal would significantly affect the ability of the new agency to start its activities and deliver its mandate* stresses that a substantial funding increase to EUR 55 000 000 will be required to allow the EPPO to meet its legal obligation to translate a huge volume of documents that are transmitted to judges at national level and to provide it with the requested 140 European Delegated Prosecutors and 219 staff members;

Or. en

Amendment 31 Karlo Ressler

Draft opinion Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 32

Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 33

Fabienne Keller, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Jan-Christoph Oetjen, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Nathalie Loiseau, Malik Azmani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Abir Al-Sahlani, Michal Šimečka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. *Stresses that the Recovery plan is a new opportunity for criminals to make profits and misappropriate funds intended to saving jobs and supporting the legal economy in Europe; considers that the fight against fraud to EU's budget, corruption, money laundering, criminal financing should be strengthened in 2021; in this context, stresses the importance of adequate funding for European JHA agencies, in particular Europol, EPPO, CEPOL, OLAF and Eurojust;*

Or. en

Amendment 34

Fabienne Keller, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Jan-Christoph Oetjen, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Nathalie Loiseau, Malik Azmani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Abir Al-Sahlani, Michal Šimečka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 b. *Welcomes the new Security Union Strategy published by the Commission on 24 July, focusing on critical infrastructure protection, the fight against cybercrime, responding to hybrid threats and organised crime; also notes the three action plans presented on online sexual abuse against children, on firearms and on drugs; considers therefore that adequate funding is necessary in the Union's budget and for the European JHA agencies to pursue these objectives;*

Or. en

Amendment 35

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Regrets the reduction of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights' budget by 0.4%; **requests instead** to increase Agency's commitment and payment appropriations to EUR 24 600 000; calls for adding two AD6 and two contractual agent function group IV posts to the Agency establishment plan; highlights that without adequate financial and staff resources, the Agency may not be able to implement projects that respond to identified needs;

Amendment

9. **Deeply** regrets the reduction of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (**FRA**)' budget by 0.4%; **urges** to increase **the** Agency's commitment and payment appropriations to **at least the Agency's initial request** (EUR 24 600 000) **and to also take into account the considerable extra efforts made by FRA to closely monitor the impact of fundamental rights during the COVID-19; deplores the fact that the budget for FRA has barely increased in the last years, and underlines that this can affect the quality of work that FRA provides, which has proved to be extremely valuable for EU policy**; calls for adding two AD6 and two Contractual agent function group IV posts to the Agency establishment plan; highlights that without adequate financial and staff resources, the Agency may not be able to implement projects that respond to identified needs;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 37

Fabienne Keller, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Jan-Christoph Oetjen, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Nathalie Loiseau, Anna Júlia Donáth, Abir Al-Sahlani, Michal Šimečka

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Or. en

Amendment 38

Pernando Barrena Arza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Regrets the reduction of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights' budget by 0.4%; requests instead to increase Agency's commitment and payment appropriations to EUR **24 600 000**; calls for adding **two** AD6 and two contractual agent function group IV posts to the Agency establishment plan; highlights that without adequate financial and staff resources, the Agency may not be able to implement projects that respond to identified needs;

Amendment

9. Regrets the reduction of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights' budget by 0.4%; requests instead to increase Agency's commitment and payment appropriations to EUR **26 679 000**; calls for adding **six** AD6 and two contractual agent function group IV posts to the Agency establishment plan; highlights that without adequate financial and staff resources, the Agency may not be able to implement projects that respond to identified needs **and monitor adequately fundamental rights in the EU**;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Fabienne Keller, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Jan-Christoph Oetjen, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Nathalie Loiseau, Malik Azmani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Abir Al-Sahlani, Michal Šimečka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Considers the proposed increase of appropriations for the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) insufficient in light of the challenges faced by the Agency with regard to digitalisation and the continuously growing caseload; requests to provide the Agency with **17** additional posts and to increase its budget accordingly to EUR 43 800 000;

Amendment

10. Considers the proposed increase of appropriations for the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) insufficient in light of the challenges faced by the Agency with regard to digitalisation and the continuously growing caseload; requests to provide the Agency with **21** additional posts and to increase its budget accordingly to EUR 43 800 000;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Considers the proposed increase of appropriations for the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) insufficient in light of the challenges faced by the Agency with regard to **digitalisation and** the continuously growing caseload; requests to provide the Agency with 17 additional posts and to increase its budget accordingly to EUR 43 800 000;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 41

Fabienne Keller, Ramona Strugariu, Olivier Chastel, Jan-Christoph Oetjen, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Nathalie Loiseau, Malik Azmani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Abir Al-Sahlani, Michal Šimečka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

11. Welcomes the proposed increase of the European Asylum Support Office's commitment and payment appropriations by 16.5% but regrets that the number of posts in its establishment plan have not been increased accordingly; requests therefore to reinforce the establishment plan of the Office by an additional 50 posts; recalls that Office plans to keep the same level of staff as requested for 2021 throughout the new programming period but stresses that additional staff will be needed if the new Regulation on the European Union Agency for Asylum is adopted; highlights that the additional staff will reinforce field operations, development and delivery of trainings, information and analysis, practical tools,

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governance activities and administrative functions.

Member States for the reception of asylum seekers and the processing of asylum procedures, in particular in EU hotspots; stresses that EASO has also been tasked with a number of new missions, in the fields of disembarkation or relocation; highlights that the additional staff will reinforce field operations, development and delivery of trainings, information and analysis, practical tools, governance activities and administrative functions, ***while the pressure on EU migration and asylum systems remains high.***

Or. en

Amendment 42
Pernando Barrena Arza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

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EASO puts in place safeguards to ensure their staff is not involved in fundamental rights violations in the course of the operational support it provides to Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

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Or. en

Amendment 44
Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11 a (new)

11 a. Urges the Commission, the Council and the Member States to implement gender budgeting in all public expenditure; recalls that gender budgeting should be an integral part of the budgetary procedure at all its stages and budget lines;

Or. en