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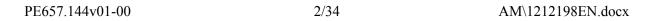
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# AMENDMENTS 1 - 55

Draft opinion Andżelika Anna Możdżanowska (PE653.814v01-00)

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

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# Amendment 1 Monika Vana on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

# Draft opinion Paragraph 1

### Draft opinion

1. Recognises the need for the EU budget to continue to support recovery, convergence, fair and inclusive sustainable growth and competitiveness of the European economy and other EU priorities such as social, economic and territorial cohesion and regional development, climate action, digitalisation and innovation, security and the management of migration, while acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided a new and unexpected challenge that the EU and its Member States need to respond determinedly and provide solutions at the EU level:

#### Amendment

1. Recognises the need for the EU budget to continue to support recovery, convergence, fair and inclusive sustainable growth and competitiveness of the European economy and other EU priorities such as social, economic and territorial cohesion and regional development, climate action, digitalisation and innovation, while acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided a new and unexpected challenge that the EU and its Member States need to respond determinedly and provide solutions at the EU level;

Recognises cohesion policy as a key to make the European Green Deal a success, to fight climate change and to enable the Union to fulfill its commitments under the Paris Agreement as all Union policies should be consistent with the objective of limiting global warming to under 1,5 °C and with the objective of halting and reversing biodiversity loss; calls for 50 % of climate-related spending across the programmes and the immediate phasing out fossil fuels;

Asks for an ambitious, climate-proofed, bottom-up and gender responsive Union cohesion policy, reinforced with fresh resources, as the main Union investment policy and recovery tool benefiting all regions and abolishing macroeconomic conditionalities.

Or. en

# Amendment 2 Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Martina Michels on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

#### Draft opinion

1. **Recognises the need** for the **EU** budget to continue to support recovery, convergence, *fair and* inclusive sustainable growth and competitiveness of the European economy and other EU priorities such as social, economic and territorial cohesion and regional development, climate action, digitalisation and innovation, security and the management of migration, while acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided a new and unexpected *challenge* that the EU and its Member States need to respond determinedly and provide solutions at *the* **EU** level:

#### Amendment

Calls for a strong and ambitious Union budget for the 2021 to mitigate the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis and support the recovery of the Union, enhance economic, social and regional convergence, cohesion and resilience, support fair, inclusive and sustainable growth and accelerate the implementation of core Union priorities and objectives, such as social, economic and territorial cohesion and regional development, climate action, the European Green Deal, the Paris Agreement, the "do no significant harm" principle, the just transition to a carbon-neutral economy by 2050, the Sustainable Development Goals, the European Pillar of Social Rights, digital transformation, innovation and the management of migration on the basis of solidarity, cooperation and shared responsibility; stresses that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided *multiple* new and unexpected socio-economic challenges that the Union and its Member States need to respond determinedly and provide *fair* and effective solutions at both Union and Member State level;

Or. en

Amendment 3 Tomislav Sokol, Krzysztof Hetman, Pascal Arimont, Peter Pollák, Maria Spyraki, Stelios Kympouropoulos

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- 1. Recognises the need for the EU budget to continue to support recovery, convergence, fair and inclusive sustainable growth and competitiveness of the European economy and other EU priorities such as social, economic and territorial cohesion and regional development, climate action, digitalisation and innovation, security and the management of migration, while acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided a new and unexpected challenge that the EU and its Member States need to respond determinedly and provide solutions at the EU level;
- Recognises the need for the EU budget to continue to support recovery, convergence, reforms, fair and inclusive sustainable *long-term* growth and competitiveness of the European economy to address structural weaknesses of the economies and strengthen their resilience and other EU priorities such as social, economic and territorial cohesion and regional development, climate action, green transition, digitalisation and innovation, security and the management of migration, to avoid widening of the divergence in the Union, while acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided a new and unexpected challenge on economic and health sector that the EU and its Member States need to respond determinedly and provide *efficient* solutions at the EU level;

Or. en

# Amendment 4 Daniel Buda

# Draft opinion Paragraph 1

### Draft opinion

1. Recognises the need for the EU budget to continue to support recovery, convergence, fair and inclusive sustainable growth and competitiveness of the European economy and other EU priorities such as social, economic and territorial cohesion and regional development, climate action, digitalisation and innovation, security and the management of migration, while acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided a new and unexpected challenge that the EU and its Member States need to respond determinedly and provide solutions at the EU level;

#### Amendment

Recognises the need for the EU budget to continue to support recovery, convergence, fair and inclusive sustainable growth and competitiveness of the European economy and other EU priorities such as social, economic and territorial cohesion and regional development, climate action, digitalisation and innovation, security and the management of migration, while acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided a new and unexpected challenge that the EU and its Member States need to respond determinedly and provide solutions at the EU level; accordingly seeks the introduction of a Union crisis

# Amendment 5 Mathilde Androuët

# Draft opinion Paragraph 1

### Draft opinion

1. Recognises the need for the EU budget to continue to support recovery, convergence, fair and inclusive sustainable growth and competitiveness of the European economy and other EU priorities such as social, economic and territorial cohesion and regional development, climate action, digitalisation and innovation, security and the management of migration, while acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided a new and unexpected challenge that the EU and its Member States need to respond determinedly and provide solutions at the EU level;

#### Amendment

Recognises the need for the EU budget to continue to support recovery, convergence, fair and sustainable growth and *the* competitiveness of the European economy and other EU priorities such as social, economic and territorial cohesion and regional development, climate action, digitalisation and innovation, security and the management of migration, including tighter controls at the EU's external borders, while acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided a new and unexpected challenge that the EU and its Member States need to respond to determinedly and provide solutions at EU level:

Or. fr

# Amendment 6 Laurence Farreng

# Draft opinion Paragraph 1

#### Draft opinion

1. Recognises the need for the EU budget to continue to support recovery, convergence, fair and inclusive sustainable growth and competitiveness of the European economy and other EU priorities such as social, economic and territorial cohesion and regional development,

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climate action, digitalisation and innovation, security and the management of migration, while acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided a new and unexpected challenge that the EU and its Member States need to respond determinedly and provide solutions at the EU level;

climate action, digitalisation and innovation, *culture*, *education*, security and the management of migration, while acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided a new and unexpected challenge that the EU and its Member States need to respond *to* determinedly and provide solutions at the EU level:

Or fr

# Amendment 7 Mauri Pekkarinen, Ondřej Knotek, Laurence Farreng, Susana Solís Pérez

# Draft opinion Paragraph 1

### Draft opinion

Recognises the need for the EU 1. budget to continue to support recovery, convergence, fair and inclusive sustainable growth and competitiveness of the European economy and other EU priorities such as social, economic and territorial cohesion and regional development, climate action, digitalisation and innovation, security and the management of migration, while acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided a new and unexpected challenge that the EU and its Member States need to respond determinedly and provide solutions at the EU level;

#### Amendment

Recognises the need for the EU 1. budget to continue to support recovery, convergence, fair and inclusive sustainable growth and competitiveness of the European economy and other EU priorities such as social, economic and territorial cohesion and regional development, climate action, digitalisation, research and innovation, security and the management of migration, while acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided a new and unexpected challenge that the EU and its Member States need to respond determinedly and provide solutions at the EU level;

Or. en

Amendment 8 Tamás Deutsch

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

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Amendment

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- 1. Recognises the need for the EU budget to continue to support recovery, convergence, fair and inclusive sustainable growth and competitiveness of the European economy and other EU priorities such as social, economic and territorial cohesion and regional development, climate action, digitalisation and innovation, security, while acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided a new and unexpected challenge that the EU and its Member States need to respond determinedly and provide solutions at the EU level;

Or. en

Amendment 9 Erik Bergkvist

# Draft opinion Paragraph 1

### Draft opinion

1. Recognises the need for the EU budget to continue to support recovery, convergence, fair and inclusive sustainable growth and competitiveness of the European economy and other EU priorities such as social, economic and territorial cohesion and regional development, climate action, digitalisation and innovation, security and the management of migration, while acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided a new and unexpected challenge that the EU and its Member States need to respond determinedly and provide solutions at the EU level;

#### Amendment

1. Recognises the need for the EU budget to continue to support recovery, convergence, fair and inclusive sustainable growth and competitiveness of the European economy and other EU priorities such as social, economic and territorial cohesion and regional development, climate action, digitalisation and innovation, security and the management of migration, while acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided a new challenge that the EU and its Member States need to respond determinedly and provide solutions at *Union*, *national* and *regional* level;

Or. en

Amendment 10 Francesca Donato

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# Draft opinion Paragraph 1

### Draft opinion

1. Recognises the need for the EU budget to continue to support recovery, convergence, fair and inclusive sustainable growth and competitiveness of the European economy and other EU priorities such as social, economic and territorial cohesion and regional development, climate action, digitalisation and innovation, security and the management of migration, while acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided a new and unexpected challenge that the EU and its Member States need to respond determinedly and provide solutions at the EU level;

#### Amendment

1. Recognises the need for the EU budget to continue to support recovery, fair and inclusive growth and competitiveness of the European economy and other EU priorities such as social, economic and territorial cohesion and regional development, climate action, digitalisation and innovation, security and the management of migration, while acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic has provided a new and unexpected challenge that the EU and its Member States need to respond determinedly and provide solutions at the EU level:

Or. it

Amendment 11 Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Martina Michels on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

### Amendment

1 a. Reiterates its position for a 2021 budget of EUR 192,1 billion in current prices in commitment appropriations and its call for major additional appropriations on top of this position in order to respond to the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis; deplores, in this regard, the lack of ambition and decisiveness shown by the Commission in its 2021 Draft Budget proposal, which represents a reduction of 9,8 % compared to the 2020 budget in terms of commitments and incorporates significant cuts to core Union policies and

programmes, such as cohesion, regional development, agriculture, SMEs support, health, research and innovation; underlines that these cuts cannot be considered counter-balanced by the Next Generation EU top-ups and calls for the significant enhancement of the above policies and programmes in the 2021 budget;

Or en

Amendment 12 Tomislav Sokol, Krzysztof Hetman, Pascal Arimont, Peter Pollák, Maria Spyraki, Stelios Kympouropoulos

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

#### Draft opinion

2. Reminds that cohesion is a shared competence between the EU and Member States and that as a main public investment policy it will play a major role in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; emphasises that cohesion policy is based on a solidarity and its goal is to reduce economic, social and territorial disparities between Member States and within the EU and regions; emphasizes in that context that programmes managed under European Structural and Investments (ESI) Funds support and contribute significantly to sustainable solutions for fair and inclusive economic growth, investments and competitiveness, as well as high quality, safe and secure working and living conditions of the citizens, including equal opportunities, social justice and nondiscrimination;

#### Amendment

Reminds that cohesion is a shared competence between the EU and Member States and that as a main public investment policy it will play a major role in mitigating the economic and social impact and it will also play a crucial role in the recovery *path* from the COVID-19 pandemic consequences; emphasises that cohesion is fundamental and most recognised policy that has shaped the Union we know today, based on a solidarity and its goal is to reduce economic, social and territorial disparities between Member States along with strengthening economic, territorial and social resilience within the EU and regions for a more harmonious development that will help the Union to remain globally competitive; emphasises in that context that programmes managed under European Structural and Investments (ESI) Funds support and contribute significantly to sustainable solutions for fair and long-term inclusive economic growth, investments and competitiveness, as well as high quality, safe and secure working and living conditions of the citizens, including equal

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opportunities, social justice and nondiscrimination; in order to maximise the impact of ESI Funds, it is essential that Member State authorities at all levels work closely with each other and in partnership with employers, trade unions, academics, non-governmental organisations and other stakeholders;

Or. en

Amendment 13 Monika Vana on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

# Draft opinion Paragraph 2

### Draft opinion

2. Reminds that cohesion is a shared competence between the EU and Member States and that as a main public investment policy it will play a major role in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; emphasises that cohesion policy is based on a solidarity and its goal is to reduce economic, social and territorial disparities between Member States and within the EU and regions; emphasizes in that context that programmes managed under European Structural and Investments (ESI) Funds support and contribute significantly to sustainable solutions for fair and inclusive economic growth, investments and competitiveness, as well as high quality, safe and secure working and living conditions of the citizens, including equal opportunities, social justice and nondiscrimination;

#### Amendment

Reminds that cohesion is a shared competence between the EU and Member States and that as a main public investment policy it will play a major role in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; emphasises that cohesion policy is based on a solidarity and its goal is to reduce economic, social and territorial disparities between Member States and within the EU and regions; emphasizes in that context that programmes managed under European Structural and Investments (ESI) Funds support an innovative and smart economic transformation and ecological transition, to a green, energy and resource efficient and zero-carbon Union; to contribute significantly to sustainable solutions for fair and inclusive economic growth, as well as high quality, decent working and living conditions of the citizens, including equal opportunities, social justice and nondiscrimination; as well as a Union which is more connected aiming to secure longterm, high quality and sustainable employment with respect to gender equality and non-discrimination, and based on the partnership principle;

calls for the shifting of all kinds of investments towards sustainable investment as ESI Funds have to be used for sustainable mobility, ecoentrepreneurs, green infrastructure and phasing out fossil fuels to avoid doing any harm to the environment and climate.

Or. en

Amendment 14 Mathilde Androuët

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

### Draft opinion

**Reminds** that cohesion is a shared competence between the EU and Member States and that as a main public investment policy it will play a major role in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; emphasises that cohesion policy is based on a solidarity and its goal is to reduce economic, social and territorial disparities between Member States and within the EU and regions; emphasizes in that context that programmes managed under European Structural and Investments (ESI) Funds support and contribute significantly to sustainable solutions for fair and inclusive economic growth, investments and competitiveness, as well as high quality, safe and secure working and living conditions of the citizens, including equal opportunities, social justice and nondiscrimination;

#### Amendment

**Reiterates** that cohesion is a shared competence between the EU and Member States and that as a main public investment policy it will play a major role in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; emphasises that cohesion policy is based on solidarity and its goal is to reduce economic, social and territorial disparities between Member States and within the EU and regions; *emphasises* in that context that programmes managed under the European Structural and Investment Funds **(ESIF)** support and contribute significantly to sustainable solutions for inclusive economic growth and investments, as well as *high-quality*, safe and secure working and living conditions for citizens, including equal opportunities, social justice and non-discrimination; maintains that the competitiveness of businesses and farms is based on due protection for national economies and balanced international trade;

Or. fr

Amendment 15 Mauri Pekkarinen, Ondřej Knotek, Laurence Farreng, Susana Solís Pérez

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# Draft opinion Paragraph 2

### Draft opinion

2. Reminds that cohesion is a shared competence between the EU and Member States and *that as a main* public investment policy it will play a major role in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; emphasises that cohesion policy is based on a solidarity and its goal is to reduce economic, social and territorial disparities between Member States and within the EU and regions; emphasizes in that context that programmes managed under European Structural and Investments (ESI) Funds support and contribute significantly to sustainable solutions for fair and inclusive economic growth, investments and competitiveness. as well as high quality, safe and secure working and living conditions of the citizens, including equal opportunities, social justice and non-discrimination;

#### Amendment

2. Reminds that cohesion is a shared competence between the EU and Member States and as an effective public investment policy it will play a major role in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; emphasises that cohesion policy is based on solidarity and its goal is to reduce economic, social and territorial disparities between Member States and their regions; notes, however, that the regional differences in all Member States have not narrowed in the desired way; emphasises in that context that programmes managed under *ESI* Funds support and contribute significantly to sustainable solutions for fair, sustainable and inclusive economic growth, investments and competitiveness, as well as high quality, safe and secure working and living conditions of the citizens, including equal opportunities, social justice and non-discrimination;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Martina Michels
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

# Draft opinion Paragraph 2

### Draft opinion

2. **Reminds** that cohesion is a shared competence between the EU and Member States and **that as** a main public investment policy **it** will play a major role in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; emphasises that cohesion policy is based on **a** solidarity and its goal is to reduce economic, social and territorial disparities

### Amendment

2. *Underlines* that cohesion is a shared competence between the EU and Member States and *constitutes* a main public investment policy *that* will play a major role in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; emphasises that cohesion policy is based on solidarity and its goal is to reduce economic, social and

between Member States and within the EU and regions; emphasizes in that context that programmes managed under European Structural and Investments (ESI) Funds support and contribute significantly to sustainable solutions for fair *and* inclusive economic growth, investments *and competitiveness*, as well as high quality, safe and secure working and living conditions of the citizens, including equal opportunities, social justice and non-discrimination;

territorial disparities between Member States and within the EU and regions; emphasizes in that context that programmes managed under European Structural and Investments (ESI) Funds support and contribute significantly to sustainable solutions for fair, inclusive and resilient economic growth and investments, as well as high quality, safe and secure working and living conditions of the citizens, including equal opportunities, social justice and non-discrimination; rejects, in this regard, the massive cuts to cohesion in the 2021 Draft Budget proposed by the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 17 Daniel Buda

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

### Draft opinion

2 Reminds that cohesion is a shared competence between the EU and Member States and that as a main public investment policy it will play a major role in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; emphasises that cohesion policy is based on a solidarity and its goal is to reduce economic, social and territorial disparities between Member States and within the EU and regions; emphasizes in that context that programmes managed under European Structural and Investments (ESI) Funds support and contribute significantly to sustainable solutions for fair and inclusive economic growth, investments and competitiveness, as well as high quality, safe and secure working and living conditions of the citizens, including equal opportunities, social justice and nondiscrimination;

#### Amendment

Reminds that cohesion is a shared competence between the EU and Member States and that as a main public investment policy it will play a major role in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; emphasises that cohesion policy is based on a solidarity and its goal is to reduce economic, social and territorial disparities between Member States and within the EU and regions, something that can only be achieved with the appropriate funding; emphasizes in that context that programmes managed under European Structural and Investments (ESI) Funds support and contribute significantly to sustainable solutions for fair and inclusive economic growth, investments and competitiveness, as well as high quality, safe and secure working and living conditions of the citizens, including equal opportunities, social justice and non-

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# Amendment 18 Erik Bergkvist

# Draft opinion Paragraph 2

### Draft opinion

Reminds that cohesion is a shared 2. competence between the EU and Member States and that as a main public investment policy it will play a major role in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; emphasises that cohesion policy is based on a solidarity and its goal is to reduce economic, social and territorial disparities between Member States and within the EU and regions; emphasizes in that context that programmes managed under European Structural and Investments (ESI) Funds support and contribute significantly to sustainable solutions for fair and inclusive economic growth, investments and competitiveness, as well as high quality, safe and secure working and living conditions of the citizens, including equal opportunities, social justice and nondiscrimination;

#### Amendment

Reminds that cohesion is a shared 2. competence between the EU and Member States and that as a main public investment policy it will play a major role in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; emphasises that cohesion policy is based on a solidarity and its goal is to reduce economic, social and territorial disparities between Member States and within the EU and regions; emphasizes in that context that programmes managed under European Structural and Investments (ESI) Funds support and contribute significantly to sustainable solutions for fair and inclusive economic growth, the European Green **Deal**, investments and competitiveness, as well as high quality, safe and secure working and living conditions of the citizens, including equal opportunities, social justice and non-discrimination;

Or. en

Amendment 19 Erik Bergkvist

# Draft opinion Paragraph 3

#### Draft opinion

3. Notes that the budget for the year 2021 starts the new programming period 2021-2027 and that it should reflect the

#### Amendment

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principles and priorities of an updated and reoriented Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and contribute effectively to the mitigation of the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, while carefully considering available resources as well as budgetary rules and principles that will ensure realistic, immediate and satisfactory implementation;

principles and priorities of an updated and reoriented Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and contribute effectively to the mitigation of the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, while carefully considering available resources as well as budgetary rules and principles that will ensure realistic, immediate and satisfactory implementation without transfers from cohesion policy to other EU policies to ensure that cohesion policy has enough financial means to fulfil its tasks and objectives enshrined in the treaties;

Or. en

Amendment 20 Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Martina Michels on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

# Draft opinion Paragraph 3

### Draft opinion

3. Notes that the budget for the year 2021 starts the new programming period 2021-2027 and that it should reflect the principles and priorities of an updated and reoriented Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and contribute effectively to the mitigation of the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, while carefully considering available resources as well as budgetary rules and principles that will ensure realistic, immediate and *satisfactory* implementation;

#### Amendment

3. Notes that the budget for the year 2021 starts the new programming period 2021-2027 and that it should reflect the principles and priorities of an updated and reoriented Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and contribute effectively to the mitigation of the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic *in a fair, inclusive, sustainable and resilient way*, while carefully considering available resources as well as budgetary rules and principles that will ensure *ambitious*, realistic, immediate and *effective* implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 21 Daniel Buda

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# Draft opinion Paragraph 3

# Draft opinion

3. Notes that the budget for the year 2021 starts the new programming period 2021-2027 and that it should reflect the principles and priorities of an updated and reoriented Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and contribute effectively to the mitigation of the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, while carefully considering available resources as well as budgetary rules and principles that will ensure realistic, immediate and satisfactory implementation;

#### Amendment

3. Notes that the budget for the year 2021 starts the new programming period 2021-2027 and that it should reflect the principles and priorities of an updated and reoriented Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and contribute effectively to the mitigation of the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, while carefully considering available resources as well as budgetary rules and principles that will ensure realistic, immediate and satisfactory implementation *that is tailored to the specific needs of the regions*;

Or. ro

# Amendment 22 Tomislav Sokol, Krzysztof Hetman, Pascal Arimont, Peter Pollák, Stelios Kympouropoulos

# Draft opinion Paragraph 3

#### Draft opinion

3. Notes that the budget for the year 2021 starts the new programming period 2021-2027 and that it should reflect the principles and priorities of an updated and reoriented Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and contribute effectively to the mitigation of the social *and* economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, while carefully considering available resources as well as budgetary rules and principles that will ensure realistic, immediate and satisfactory implementation;

#### Amendment

3. Notes that the budget for the year 2021 starts the new programming period 2021-2027 and that it should reflect the principles and priorities of an updated and reoriented Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and contribute effectively to the mitigation of the social, economic *and health* impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, while carefully considering available resources, *including new own resources*, as well as budgetary rules and principles that will ensure realistic, immediate and satisfactory implementation;

Or. en

# Amendment 23 Andżelika Anna Możdżanowska

# Draft opinion Paragraph 3

### Draft opinion

3. Notes that the budget for the year 2021 starts the new programming period 2021-2027 and that it should reflect the principles and priorities of an updated and reoriented Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and contribute effectively to the mitigation of the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, while *carefully* considering *available resources as well as* budgetary rules and principles that will ensure *realistic*, immediate and satisfactory implementation;

#### Amendment

3. Notes that the budget for the year 2021 starts the new programming period 2021-2027 and that it should reflect the principles and priorities of an updated and reoriented Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and contribute effectively to the mitigation of the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, while considering budgetary rules and principles that will ensure immediate and satisfactory implementation;

Or. en

# Amendment 24 Mauri Pekkarinen, Ondřej Knotek, Laurence Farreng

# Draft opinion Paragraph 3

#### Draft opinion

3. Notes that the budget for the year 2021 *starts* the new programming period 2021-2027 and that it should reflect the principles and priorities of *an updated and reoriented* Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and contribute effectively to the mitigation of the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, while carefully considering available resources as well as budgetary rules and principles that will ensure realistic, immediate and satisfactory implementation;

#### Amendment

3. Notes that the budget for the year 2021 is the first year of the new programming period 2021-2027 and that it should reflect the principles and priorities of revised Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and contribute effectively to the mitigation of the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, while carefully considering available resources as well as budgetary rules and principles that will ensure realistic, immediate and satisfactory implementation;

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Amendment 25
Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Martina Michels on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Stresses the need for enhanced and targeted emergency measures to swiftly and effectively support citizens, workers, the self-employed and sectors hit harder by the COVID-19 crisis in order to avoid even wider divergences among Member States and regions; calls for significantly increasing resources to fight social and gender inequalities, poverty and unemployment, paying particular attention to the youth and vulnerable groups;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Martina Michels
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. Acknowledges the European Council agreement on the European Union Recovery Instrument (Next Generation EU) as an important first step towards a fair, inclusive, sustainable and resilient recovery of the Union; deplores, however, the massive cuts to the grant component of the Next Generation EU in the final agreement that seriously upset the balance between grants and loans and have led to massive cuts to the top-ups for

Horizon Europe, InvestEU, Rural Development (EAFRD), REACT-EU and the Just Transition Fund (JTF), the withdrawal of top-ups for EU4Health, the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) and humanitarian aid, as well as the complete cancellation of the Solvency Support Instrument; stresses that these cuts will seriously undermine the recovery efforts;

Or. en

### Amendment 27 Andželika Anna Moždžanowska

# Draft opinion Paragraph 4

### Draft opinion

4. Underlines the necessity to provide a sufficient level of payment appropriations in the budget for the year 2021 in order to avoid the accumulation of unpaid claims from MFF 2014-2020; notes that due to the delays in implementation of the programming period 2014-2020 most of the refunds will be done in years 2021-2022;

#### Amendment

4. Underlines the necessity to provide a sufficient level of payment appropriations in the budget for the year 2021 in order to avoid the accumulation of unpaid claims from MFF 2014-2020 and to finance the frontloading of expenditure related to COVID-19 pandemic; notes that due to the delays in implementation of the programming period 2014-2020 most of the refunds will be done in years 2021-2022; underlines the increased accuracy of the Member States forecasts which need to be fully taken into account in the budget for the year 2021. Therefore, a credible payments plan for the whole MFF 2021-2027 is needed, providing for a sufficient payments in its first years with possibility to carry unused payments forward to the next years with the help of special instruments placed over and above the MFF payments ceilings.

Or. en

# Amendment 28 Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Martina Michels on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

# Draft opinion Paragraph 4

# Draft opinion

4. Underlines the necessity to provide a sufficient level of payment appropriations in the budget for the year 2021 in order to avoid the accumulation of unpaid claims from MFF 2014-2020; notes that due to the delays in implementation of the programming period 2014-2020 most of the *refunds* will be *done* in years 2021-2022;

#### Amendment

4. Underlines the necessity to provide a sufficient level of payment appropriations in the budget for the year 2021 that will take into account the volume of outstanding commitments at the end of **2020** in order to avoid the accumulation of unpaid claims from MFF 2014-2020 and a new payment crisis, especially in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic; notes that due to the delays in implementation of the programming period 2014-2020 most of the *relevant payments* will be *settled* in years 2021-2022; stresses, however, that this should not hinder the launch of new programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Martina Michels
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

4 a. Reiterates that the revision of the EU's own resources system and the introduction of a basket of new own resources as of 1 January 2021, based on a legally binding timetable, is extremely essential to meet the increased financial needs of supporting the recovery and delivering other Union priorities and objectives; urges Member States to swiftly agree on an increase of the own resources ceilings and to adopt rapidly the legislative proposals that will introduce

Or en

Amendment 30 Mauri Pekkarinen, Ondřej Knotek, Laurence Farreng, Susana Solís Pérez

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Underlines that for timely and effective absorption of 2021 budget allocation, the necessary regulation and follow up documents must be adopted as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 31 Mathilde Androuët

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the enhanced flexibility in cohesion policy – increased cofinancing, anti-crisis use of EU funds - introduced in March and April 2020 and believes that it - *should* be maintained *also* in MFF 2021-2027;

#### Amendment

5. Welcomes the enhanced flexibility in cohesion policy – increased cofinancing, anti-crisis use of EU funds – introduced in March and April 2020, and believes that it should also be maintained in MFF 2021-2027; would like the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) to provide a greater degree of cohesion among countries via the redistribution of the funds, including by making all European regions eligible for all the funds;

Or. fr

**Amendment 32** 

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# Monika Vana on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

# Draft opinion Paragraph 5

# Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the enhanced flexibility in cohesion policy – increased cofinancing, anti-crisis use of EU funds - introduced in March and April 2020 and believes that it - should be maintained also in MFF 2021-2027;

#### Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of a temporary character of the flexibility and simplification measures imposed by the CRII and CRII+ regulations and the need to revert to normal rules and strategic approach geared towards the sustainable investments when the crisis is over thus safeguarding the high-standards and criteria in Cohesion policy, especially in the field of climate proofing, thematic concentration and fight against irregularities and fraud;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Martina Michels on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

# Draft opinion Paragraph 5

### Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the enhanced flexibility in cohesion policy – increased cofinancing, anti-crisis use of EU funds - introduced in March and April 2020 and believes that it - should be maintained also in MFF 2021-2027;

#### Amendment

5. Welcomes the enhanced flexibility in cohesion policy – increased cofinancing, anti-crisis use of EU funds - introduced in March and April 2020 and believes that it should be maintained also in MFF 2021-2027, while ensuring full respect of the applicable rules for the sound management of the resources and for the transparency of their spending;

Or. en

Amendment 34 Tomislav Sokol, Krzysztof Hetman, Pascal Arimont, Peter Pollák, Maria Spyraki,

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### **Stelios Kympouropoulos**

# Draft opinion Paragraph 5

### Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the enhanced flexibility in cohesion policy – increased cofinancing, anti-crisis use of EU funds - introduced in March and April 2020 and believes that it - should be maintained also in MFF 2021-2027;

#### Amendment

5. Welcomes the enhanced flexibility in cohesion policy – increased cofinancing, anti-crisis use of EU funds - introduced in March and April 2020 and believes that it - should be maintained also in MFF 2021-2027 as a mechanism that will act as a safeguard of the Union economy during turbulent and unpredictable times;

Or. en

# Amendment 35 Laurence Farreng, Irène Tolleret, Stéphane Bijoux, Sandro Gozi

# Draft opinion Paragraph 5

### Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the enhanced flexibility in cohesion policy – increased cofinancing, anti-crisis use of EU funds - introduced in March and April 2020 *and* believes that it - *should* be maintained *also* in MFF 2021-2027;

#### Amendment

5. Welcomes the enhanced flexibility in cohesion policy – increased cofinancing, anti-crisis use of EU funds – introduced in March and April 2020, believes that it *should also* be maintained in MFF 2021-2027 *in line with core cohesion policy principles and goals*;

Or. fr

Amendment 36 Mauri Pekkarinen, Ondřej Knotek

# Draft opinion Paragraph 5

### Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the enhanced flexibility

#### Amendment

5. Welcomes the enhanced flexibility

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in cohesion policy – increased cofinancing, anti-crisis use of EU funds introduced in March and April 2020 and believes that it - should be maintained also in MFF 2021-2027; in cohesion policy – increased cofinancing, anti-crisis use of EU funds introduced in March and April 2020 and believes that it - should be maintained also in MFF 2021-2027 *in relation to COVID-*19 recovery measures;

Or. en

Amendment 37 Daniel Buda

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

#### Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the enhanced flexibility in cohesion policy – increased cofinancing, anti-crisis use of EU funds - introduced in March and April 2020 and believes that it - should be maintained also in MFF 2021-2027;

#### Amendment

5. Welcomes the enhanced flexibility *and simplified programmes* in cohesion policy – increased co-financing, anti-crisis use of EU funds - introduced in March and April 2020 and believes that it - should be maintained also in MFF 2021-2027;

Or. ro

Amendment 38 Erik Bergkvist

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

### Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the enhanced flexibility in cohesion policy – increased cofinancing, anti-crisis use of EU funds - introduced in March and April 2020 and believes that *it - should* be maintained also in MFF 2021-2027;

# Amendment

5. Welcomes the enhanced flexibility in cohesion policy—increased co-financing, anti-crisis use of EU funds - introduced in March and April 2020 and believes that *some parts could* be maintained also in MFF 2021-2027;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 39**

# Monika Vana on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

# Draft opinion Paragraph 6

### Draft opinion

6. Welcomes the measures already approved by the European Parliament such as the extension of the EU Solidarity Fund to cover public health emergencies that will make available almost EUR 800 million in 2020 and the Corona Response Investment Initiative (CRII and CRII+) that aim at providing €8 billion of liquidity to accelerate up to EUR 37 billion of European public investment in order to support citizens, regions and countries hit hard by the Coronavirus pandemic;

#### Amendment

6. Welcomes the measures already approved by the European Parliament such as the extension of the EU Solidarity Fund to cover public health emergencies that will make available almost EUR 800 million in 2020 and the Corona Response Investment Initiative (CRII and CRII+) that aim at providing €8 billion of liquidity to accelerate up to EUR 37 billion of European public investment in order to support citizens, regions and countries hit hard by the Coronavirus pandemic;

Stresses the need for a significant increase of resources if Cohesion policy is to become a substantial tool for financing the current crisis and recovery that will inevitably lead to diminished resources available to address other most urgent regional needs such as fight against global warming and climate change, thus contributing to the Green Deal, Just Transition and the Paris Agreement objectives; points to the lessons learnt from the 2008/2009 crisis that show how much it is worth to invest in the European Green Deal areas;

Or. en

Amendment 40 Mauri Pekkarinen, Ondřej Knotek, Susana Solís Pérez

# Draft opinion Paragraph 6

# Draft opinion

6. Welcomes the measures already approved *by the European Parliament* such as the extension of the EU Solidarity

# Amendment

6. **Takes note of the recovery measures approved and** welcomes the measures already approved such as the

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Fund to cover public health emergencies that will make available almost EUR 800 million in 2020 and the Corona Response Investment Initiative (CRII and CRII+) that aim at providing €8 billion of liquidity to accelerate up to EUR 37 billion of European public investment in order to support citizens, regions and countries hit hard by the Coronavirus pandemic;

extension of the EU Solidarity Fund to cover public health emergencies that will make available almost EUR 800 million in 2020 and the Corona Response Investment Initiative (CRII and CRII+) that aim at providing €8 billion of liquidity to accelerate up to EUR 37 billion of European public investment in order to support citizens, regions and countries hit hard by the Coronavirus pandemic;

Or. en

Amendment 41 Ondřej Knotek

Draft opinion Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

6 a. Underlines the necessity of fostering the continuity and development of the EU Space agency (including Galileo and EGNOS programmes) through financial support;

Or. en

Amendment 42 Daniel Buda

Draft opinion Paragraph 7

#### Draft opinion

7. Welcomes the legislative resolution of 17 April 2020 that approved specific measures to provide exceptional flexibility for the use of the ESI Funds in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; notes that this will result in the acceleration of their implementation and therefore in increased needs of payment appropriations which need to be reflected in the budget for the

#### Amendment

7. Welcomes the legislative resolution of 17 April 2020 that approved specific measures to provide exceptional flexibility for the use of the ESI Funds in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; notes that this will result in the acceleration of their implementation and therefore in increased needs of payment appropriations which need to be reflected in the budget for the

year 2021;

year 2021; takes the view that specific measures producing tangible results should continue to be taken;

Or. ro

Amendment 43 Erik Bergkvist

Draft opinion Paragraph 7

### Draft opinion

7. **Welcomes** the legislative resolution of 17 April 2020 that approved specific measures to provide exceptional flexibility for the use of the ESI Funds in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; notes that this will result in the acceleration of their implementation and therefore in increased needs of payment appropriations which need to be reflected in the budget for the year 2021;

#### Amendment

7. Acknowledges that the legislative resolution of 17 April 2020 that approved specific measures to provide exceptional flexibility for the use of the ESI Funds in response to the COVID-19 outbreak was an important measure to take; notes that this will result in the acceleration of their implementation and therefore in increased needs of payment appropriations which need to be reflected in the budget for the year 2021;

Or. en

Amendment 44 Andżelika Anna Możdżanowska

# Draft opinion Paragraph 8

# Draft opinion

8. Welcomes the Commission's proposal not to claim from the Member States the reimbursement of unspent prefinancing paid at the start of the year, i.e. the provision that Member States would not need to return the funds remaining from the planned expenditures to the Commission, while acknowledging that it may create a financial gap in the 2020 budget (pre-financing constitutes the

# Amendment

8. Welcomes the Commission's proposal not to claim from the Member States the reimbursement of unspent prefinancing paid at the start of the year, i.e. the provision that Member States would not need to return the funds remaining from the planned expenditures to the Commission, while acknowledging that it may create a financial gap in the 2020 budget (pre-financing constitutes the

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assigned revenue for the EU budget) and in consequence may result in increased need of payment appropriations in the budget for the year 2021;

assigned revenue for the EU budget) and in consequence may result in increased need of payment appropriations in the budget for the year 2021; underlines the need for sufficient pre-financing for the cohesion programmes of MFF 2014-2020 at the level of 3 % stemming from legislative acts in force.

Or. en

Amendment 45 Daniel Buda

Draft opinion Paragraph 8

### Draft opinion

8. Welcomes the Commission's proposal not to claim from the Member States the reimbursement of unspent prefinancing paid at the start of the year, i.e. the provision that Member States would not need to return the funds remaining from the planned expenditures to the Commission, while acknowledging that it may create a financial gap in the 2020 budget (pre-financing constitutes the assigned revenue for the EU budget) and in consequence may result in increased need of payment appropriations in the budget for the year 2021;

#### Amendment

Welcomes the Commission's proposal not to claim from the Member States the reimbursement of unspent prefinancing paid at the start of the year, i.e. the provision that Member States would not need to return the funds remaining from the planned expenditures to the Commission, since this could adversely affect the implementation of projects under way, while acknowledging that it may create a financial gap in the 2020 budget (pre-financing constitutes the assigned revenue for the EU budget) and in consequence may result in increased need of payment appropriations in the budget for the year 2021;

Or. ro

Amendment 46 Josianne Cutajar

Draft opinion Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 a. Underlines the importance of mainstreaming the gender dimension into the EU budget, including cohesion policy, since it is an effective way to bridge the gap women still suffer from in our society, including their participation in the labour market; calls for the development of gender budgeting tools at Union level;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Martina Michels on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 a. Welcomes the proposal for the creation of the REACT-EU programme that will make additional funds available to the ERDF and the ESF as well as to the FEAD in the fight against the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; calls for the rapid implementation of the programme and for payments to start as early as possible in 2021;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Martina Michels on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 b. Welcomes the activation of the general escape clause to suspend the Growth and Stability Pact that allows for further flexibility as well as the introduction of the State aid Temporary

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Framework in the context of COVID-19; points out, however, the uneven capacity of Member States to provide financial support to citizens and sectors hit harder by the pandemic, which could lead to even wider divergences among Member States; calls for specific measures to minimise such side-effects;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Martina Michels on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 8 c (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

Calls for the rapid implementation 8 c. of the Recovery and Resilience Facility, which aims to address the multiple socioeconomic challenges faced by the Member States; calls for the increase of grants and a flexible conditionality for loans; calls for the Facility to support investments that promote fair, inclusive and sustainable growth and enhance convergence, cohesion and resilience, in line with the objectives of the European Green Deal, the Paris Agreement, the "do no significant harm" principle, the Sustainable Development Goals, the European Pillar of Social Rights and the objective of a just transition to a carbonneutral economy by 2050 at the latest; calls for payments to start the soonest possible in 2021; deplores the macroeconomic conditionalities attached to the Facility, the exclusion of the European Parliament from its governance, which moves away from the community method and endorses an intergovernmental approach, and the emergency brake procedure adopted by the European Council, which could lead to detrimental delays; stresses the need for transparency

and scrutiny in the distribution and use of the funds that will be provided through the Facility;

Or. en

Amendment 50 Monika Vana on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 9

### Draft opinion

9. Calls on *the* Member States to share clearly and determinedly their post-crisis plans, ambitions and expectations as well as acknowledge their shared role in preparation for a coordinated EU approach.

#### Amendment

Calls on Member States to share 9. clearly and determinedly their post-crisis plans, ambitions and expectations as well as acknowledge their shared role in preparation for a coordinated EU approach that leads to innovative means of production, manufacturing, research, education and re-skilling/up-skilling that foster cohesion among all EU regions, allowing them to accomplish a fair, inclusive and sustainable economic prosperity, therefore supporting the local development and local economies more strongly as well. Calls for the alignment of the economy with the principles of sustainable development and achieving the EU climate neutrality by 2040 with an integrated approach and gearing up all EU policies toward this objective. Reiterates that the sufficient funds are necessary in order to achieve the ambitious goal of a fair, smooth and inclusive transition as well as a climate neutral Europe by 2040.

Or. en

Amendment 51 Mathilde Androuët

**Draft opinion** 

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### Paragraph 9

### Draft opinion

9. Calls on the Member States to share clearly and determinedly their post-crisis plans, ambitions and expectations as well as acknowledge their shared role in preparation for a coordinated EU approach.

#### Amendment

9. Calls on the Member States to share clearly and determinedly their post-crisis plans, ambitions and expectations as well as acknowledge their shared role in preparation for a coordinated EU approach, resulting in improved distribution of European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) among Member States.

Or. fr

Amendment 52 Tomislav Sokol, Krzysztof Hetman, Pascal Arimont, Peter Pollák, Maria Spyraki, Stelios Kympouropoulos

# Draft opinion Paragraph 9

#### Draft opinion

9. Calls on the Member States to share clearly and determinedly their post-crisis plans, ambitions and expectations as well as acknowledge their shared role in preparation for a coordinated EU approach.

#### Amendment

9. Calls on the Member States to share clearly and determinedly their post-crisis plans, *strategies*, ambitions and expectations as well as acknowledge their shared role in preparation for a coordinated EU approach, *which will enable high-quality and measurable results that will lead to long-term sustainable growth*;

Or. en

Amendment 53 Francesca Donato

# Draft opinion Paragraph 9

### Draft opinion

9. Calls on the Member States to share clearly and determinedly their post-crisis *plans, ambitions and* expectations as well

#### Amendment

9. Calls on the Member States to share clearly and determinedly their post-crisis expectations as well as acknowledge

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their shared role in preparation for a coordinated EU approach.

Or. it

Amendment 54 Monika Vana on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

9 a. Calls for the the strengthening of the gender mainstreaming in the Budget 2021 and inclusion of the Gender impact assessment in the spending of the European Structural and Investment Funds

Or. en

Amendment 55 Monika Vana on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 9 b (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

9 b. Calls for more direct funding for European cities as important drivers of recovery and tackling climate-related issues.

Or. en

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