Draft amendment 5615

=== LIBE/5615===

Budget reference line : 18 01 01

<< Tabled by Gérard Deprez, Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs >>

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Article 18 01 01 Expenditure related to staff in active employment of «Area of freedom, security and justice» policy area

Amend figures as follows:

18 01 01	Budget 2006		PDB 2007		DB 2007		AMENDMENT		DB+AMENDMENT	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Appropriations	29 005 908	29 005 908	37 103 760	37 103 760	35 690 706	35 690 706	1 413 054	1 413 054	37 103 760	37 103 760
Reserves	308 324	308 324			126 080	126 080	-126 080	-126 080	0	0

Justification:

There is no technical justification for the Council's proposed cut in appropriations. A purely political stance is being taken during the budgetary procedure. The amounts requested by the Commission should be reinstated.

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18 01 02 11	Budget 2006		PDB 2007		DB 2007		AMENDMENT		DB+AMENDMENT	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Reserves	450 000	450 000								

Justification:

There is no technical justification for the Council's proposed cut in appropriations. A purely political stance is being taken during the budgetary procedure. The amounts requested by the Commission should be reinstated.

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Budget reference line : 18 02 03 02
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Item 18 02 03 02 European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders — Subsidy under Title 3

Amend figures as follows:

18 02 03 02	Budget 2006		PDB 2007		DB 2007		AMENDMENT		DB+AMENDMENT	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Appropriations	9 440 000	9 440 000	11 300 000	11 300 000	10 580 000	10 580 000	720 000	720 000	11 300 000	11 300 000
Reserves										

Justification:

The FRONTEX Agency is essential in terms of enhancing operational cooperation at the Union's external borders. There is no technical justification for the Council's proposed cuts in appropriations, which are contrary to the European Union's political priorities. The amounts proposed by the Commission should be reinstated.

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Amend figures as follows:

18 02 05	Budget 2006		PDB 2007		DB 2007		AMENDMENT		DB+AMENDMENT	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Appropriations	29 000 000	19 000 000	48 000 000	26 750 000	41 000 000	21 750 000	-9 000 000	-1 750 000	32 000 000	20 000 000
Reserves							16 000 000	6 750 000	16 000 000	6 750 000

Justification:

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Given the lack of legal bases for the following activities:

- SIS II and VIS interoperability (EUR 3 m),

- establishment of a residence permit database (EUR 5 m),

- establishment of a passport database (EUR 3 m),

- access to data for the United Kingdom and Ireland (EUR 2 m),

- border management (entry-exit) (EUR 2 m),

and given the lack of detail concerning VIS management arrangements (EUR 3 m), EUR 16 m has been entered in the reserve. It will be released, on a case-by-case basis, once the appropriate legal bases have been adopted and Parliament has been duly notified of the VIS management arrangements.

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18 03 03	Budget 2006		PDB 2007		DB 2007		AMENDMENT		DB+AMENDMENT	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Appropriations	49 632 000	50 090 000	60 000 000	60 000 000	60 000 000	55 000 000	20 000 000	-30 000 000	80 000 000	25 000 000
Reserves										

Justification:

Points out that the new framework programme entitled 'Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows' is not confined to organisational arrangements for better control of external borders, but pursues the general objective of improving the way in which Member States handle the flows of migrants arriving in their territory and of better integrating those given leave to stay there; resolves, in this connection, to increase the resources made available to the European Refugee Fund and the European Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals by, in both cases, EUR 20 m.

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there is a risk of a break in funding in this area. This must be seen, in particular, against the background of the large numbers of illegal immigrants who continue to arrive at the European Union's external borders. In addition, the linkage between the return directive and the Return Fund, which may not be established by 2008, is also a significant factor.

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Budget reference line : 18 03 10
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Article 18 03 10 European Return Fund

18 03 10	Budget 2006		PDB 2007		DB 2007		AMENDMENT		DB+AMENDMENT	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Appropriations			p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	0	0	-	-
Reserves										

Justification:

The European Return Fund will only start in 2008. This means that no expenditure from this line can be made during the budget year 2007. For technical reasons it is therefore proposed to replace the token entry (p.m.) by a dash (-).

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- assistance to Member States to enhance the reception quality and capacity, including temporary, reception of irregular migrants at arrival points, eg, by providing first aid and transport to adequate reception places, improving/increasing reception facilities and the conditions of these facilities;

Add following text:

- assistance to Member States in pooling resources to address particular pressures on their asylum systems, in particular through activities where specific expertise is needed, sharing knowledge and promoting joint approaches to address mass arrivals of asylum seekers at the external border of the EU.

Add following text:

Recipients of funding should be national authorities. Projects may include partnerships with other Member States authorities, International Organisations and NGOs.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 49(2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1).

Reference acts:

Justification:

Attempts of arriving by sea at the territory of the EU create unimaginable human tragedy. Member States finally receiving these large numbers of irregular migrants are faced with huge problems. The LIBE committee has witnessed these particularly difficult circumstances during several delegation visits (Lampedusa, Malta, etc.). It consequently requested that the EU must demonstrate solidarity to help national authorities cope with these influxes but also provide dignified reception conditions for desperate migrants. EU resources were already made available in certain cases (with the "specific (urgent) actions" within the context of the ARGO programme in 2005 and 2006 for example). However, these interventions are far below the actual needs. An urgent intervention at the beginning of 2007 is necessary before the fully fledged implementation of the Solidarity Framework Programme can take over this task.

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Draft amendment 5611

=== LIBE/5611===

Budget reference line : 18 03 13

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Add: 18 03 13 —

Amend classification: NCE

Amend type: DA

18 03 13	Budget 2006		PDB 2007		DB 2007		AMENDMENT		DB+AMENDMENT	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Appropriations							5 000 000	2 000 000	5 000 000	2 000 000
Reserves										

Heading:

Pilot project for granting financial assistance for the employment of returnee immigrants in accordance with agreements with countries of origin

Remarks:

Add following text:

This appropriation is intended to set up a pilot project for providing financial assistance for the employment, at their places of origin, of immigrants returning to countries of origin with which there are readmission agreements.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 49(2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1).

Reference acts:

Justification:

In view of the need to promote new ways of combating illegal immigration and the mafias benefiting from it, the purpose of this financial assistance, to be managed by European Union NGOs based in immigrants' countries of origin, would be to combat illegal immigration, and the mafias it benefits, in countries with readmission agreements with Union Member States.

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Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 49(2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1).

Reference acts:

Justification:

The current dramatic mass movements of illegal immigrants looking for work in Union countries could be lessened by establishing organisations providing information and guidance for applicants for immigration in their countries of origin. With proper coordination with the authorities in the countries concerned, and with the appropriate business associations, they could also serve to channel job offers arising in the Union.

In some countries of emigration, there are already Community NGOs which provide this type of service; but there are too few of them and their resources are uncertain.

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Establishing the Agency for Fundamental Rights is a priority for Parliament. There is no technical justification for the Council's proposed cut in appropriations. A purely political stance is being taken during the budgetary procedure. The amounts requested by the Commission should be reinstated.

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Amend remarks as follows:

18 04 06	Budget 2006		PDB 2007		DB 2007		AMENDMENT		DB+AMENDMENT	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Appropriations			10 600 000	5 300 000	10 098 000	5 007 000			10 098 000	5 007 000
Reserves										

Heading:

Fundamental rights and citizenship

Remarks:

After list beginning with :

This appropriation is intended to support the following areas:to promote .....respect of fundamental rights,to fight against racism, xenophobia and anti-semitism.

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and ending with :

to fight against racism, xenophobia and anti-semitism.

Amend text as follows:

In particular, this appropriation is intended to cover the following actions:

— specific actions taken by the Commission, such as, studies and research, opinion polls and surveys, formulation of indicators and common methodologies, collection, development and dissemination of data and statistics, seminars, conferences and expert meetings, organisation of public campaigns and events; development and maintenance of websites, preparation and dissemination of information material, support for and management of networks of national experts, analytical, monitoring and evaluation activities,

— specific transnational projects of Community interest presented by at least three Member States under the conditions set out in the annual work programmes,

— support to the activities of non-governmental organisations or other entities pursuing an aim of general European interest in accordance with the general objectives of the programme under the conditions set out in the annual work programmes, ***including activities related to networking of NGOs promoting children's rights,***

— an operating grant to co-finance expenditure associated with the permanent work programme of the Association of the Council of States and Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions of the European Union which pursues an objective of general European interest by promoting exchanges of views and experience on matters concerning the jurisprudence, organisation and functioning of its members in the performance of their judicial and/or advisory functions, particularly with regard to Community law.

Legal basis:

Reference acts:

Justification:

The Commission on 4 July 2006 presented a communication "Towards a European strategy on the rights of the child". This strategy aims inter alia to set up a forum on the rights of the child, in which civil society should play a major role. Furthermore the Communication underlines the importance of promoting and strengthening networking and children's representation. Civil society has a wealth of expertise in organising children's participation. The EU should therefore support networking activities of children's rights organisations especially to enable the inclusion of NGOs from all over Europe in these networking activities.

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Draft amendment 5635

=== LIBE/5635===

Budget reference line : 18 04 07
<< Tabled by Manfred Weber >>

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Article 18 04 07 Fight against violence (Daphne)

Amend figures as follows:

18 04 07	Budget 2006		PDB 2007		DB 2007		AMENDMENT		DB+AMENDMENT	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Appropriations			13 900 000	7 000 000	13 242 000	6 613 000	-3 000 000	-3 000 000	10 242 000	3 613 000
Reserves										

Justification:

The fight against terrorism is carried out to a large extent at Member State level. In keeping with the subsidiarity principle, the main objectives can still be achieved with lower funding.

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18 05 05 01	Budget 2006		PDB 2007		DB 2007		AMENDMENT		DB+AMENDMENT	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Appropriations	1 940 000	1 940 000	3 125 000	3 125 000	2 817 000	2 817 000	308 000	308 000	3 125 000	3 125 000
Reserves	260 000	260 000								

Justification:

There is no technical justification for the Council's proposed cut in appropriations. A purely political stance is being taken during the budgetary procedure. The amounts requested by the Commission should be reinstated.

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Add: 18 05 06 01 —

Amend classification: NCE

Amend type: DA

18 05 06 01	Budget 2006		PDB 2007		DB 2007		AMENDMENT		DB+AMENDMENT	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Appropriations							7 000 000	5 000 000	7 000 000	5 000 000
Reserves										

Heading:

Completion of fight against terrorism

Remarks:

Add following text:

This appropriation is intended to cover the following measure:

Add following text:

- establishment of a names-only database of individuals under observation by a national intelligence agency because their behaviour has attracted attention in the context of terrorism.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 49(2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1).

Reference acts:

Justification:

Such a database is needed because existing and/or future systems (SIS II, VIS, etc.) do not cover this target group and coordinated action at European level is essential.

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Heading:

Prevention of and fight against crime

Remarks:

After paragraph

New article

Amend text as follows:

This appropriation is intended to support the following areas:

— to promote and develop coordination, cooperation and mutual understanding among law enforcement agencies, ***and other institutions (in particular organisations active in preventing violence and crime),*** other national authorities and related Union bodies,

— to stimulate, promote and develop horizontal methods and tools necessary for strategically preventing and fighting crime, such as ***prevention of urban violence, in particular urban violence affecting minors,*** public-private partnerships, best practices in crime prevention, comparable statistics and applied criminology, and

— to promote and develop best practices for the protection of crime victims and witnesses.

Legal basis:

Reference acts:

Justification:

Riots and violent events in Europe have underscored the need to step up efforts to prevent urban violence.

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Add following text:

This appropriation is intended to finance networks of large European local authorities set-up in order to strengthen crime reduction policies. It is intended to support the following activities of these networks:

— ***exchange of experiences and best practice;***

— ***seminars and conferences;***

— ***preparation of training material.***

Add following text:

A particular focus should be measures aimed at preventing youth crime.

Legal basis:

Add following text:

Pilot project within the meaning of Article 49(2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1).

Reference acts:

Justification:

Crime and incivility in urban agglomerations is increasingly perceived as a problem by citizens. For this reason local authorities all over Europe think about means to addressing these problems. An exchange of experiences between these local authorities of several Member States could be helpful for all of them. Already very active in this field is the European Forum for Urban Safety (www.fesu.org).

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Item 18 06 04 02 Eurojust — Subsidy under Title 3

Amend figures as follows:

18 06 04 02	Budget 2006		PDB 2007		DB 2007		AMENDMENT		DB+AMENDMENT	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Appropriations Reserves	2 984 000	2 984 000	3 411 000	3 411 000	3 097 000	3 097 000	1 355 000	1 355 000	4 452 000	4 452 000

Justification:

Eurojust is the cornerstone in the process of stepping up judicial cooperation between Member States in the fight against terrorism and organised crime. There is no genuine reason, either technically or politically, for cutting the appropriations justifiably requested by Eurojust's management bodies. The purpose of the amendment is to correct this misjudgment.

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18 07 01 02	Budget 2006		PDB 2007		DB 2007		AMENDMENT		DB+AMENDMENT	
	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
Appropriations Reserves	4 197 000	4 197 000	4 069 000	4 069 000	3 790 000	3 790 000	325 000	325 000	4 115 000	4 115 000

Justification:

The reduction in the appropriations requested by the Monitoring Centre's management bodies is both petty and inappropriate. The purpose of the amendment is to correct this mistake.