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OPINION

of the Committee on Regional Development

for the Committee on Budgets

on Negotiations on the MFF 2014-2020: lessons to be learned and the way forward
(2014/2005(INI))

Rapporteur: Jan Olbrycht

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Regional Development calls on the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Considers it necessary to differentiate between the discussions on the MFF and those on the single legal basis for EU policies, including those for cohesion policy, given the provisions of the Treaties and the role of the European Parliament in both processes;
2. Is of the opinion that the work on the MFF should under no circumstances interfere in the work on the regulations defining the scope of support and the rules of implementation of each fund, and should thus respect the role of the European Parliament in the negotiations on the legal basis for cohesion policy; deeply regrets the fact that the negotiations on the MFF 2014-2020 did not follow this principle, which resulted in the work on the MFF having a substantial influence on the legislative negotiations on the regulations for cohesion policy in terms of both content and timeframe;
3. Stresses that the discussion about the resources for cohesion policy should be based on an analysis of the needs and take account of the evaluation of the implementation of the policy in the previous programming period; recalls that cohesion policy is a pro-growth investment policy, fighting the crisis and will therefore gain importance as an EU instrument for boosting sustainable growth, creating jobs, stimulating public investment, reducing social inequities and poverty, stimulating the shift towards a low-carbon economy and combating climate change, with a view to achieving the Europe 2020 strategy objectives;
4. Points out that the division of the resources between individual years of the MFF (definition of the ceilings) should take into consideration the dynamics of cohesion policy, in particular the programming and implementation processes and the time of the final closure of the programmes, in order to ensure the most accurate level of payments for each year;
5. Is deeply concerned at the fact that the amount of unpaid bills at the end of the year is constantly growing and considers that cohesion policy is the most affected by the gap in the EU budget; concludes that the leftover effects of the period 2007-2013 are not solved in the MFF 2014-2020; calls therefore for further reform of the EU budget, including the reform of own resources.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	24.2.2014
Result of final vote	+: 29 -: 0 0: 1
Members present for the final vote	Luís Paulo Alves, Francesca Barracciu, Catherine Bearder, Victor Boştinaru, Nikos Chrysogelos, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Brice Hortefeux, Danuta Maria Hübner, Vincenzo Iovine, María Irigoyen Pérez, Seán Kelly, Constanze Angela Krehl, Iosif Matula, Erminia Mazzoni, Jens Nilsson, Jan Olbrycht, Younous Omarjee, Markus Pieper, Ovidiu Ioan Silaghi, Nuno Teixeira, Kerstin Westphal, Joachim Zeller
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Karima Delli, Ivars Godmanis, James Nicholson, Maurice Ponga, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Elisabeth Schroedter, Patrice Tirolien, Giommara Uggias