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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Nikos Androulakis
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Guidelines for the 2021 Budget - Section III
(2019/2213(BUD))

Amendment 1
Lars Patrick Berg

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls for an ***ambitious*** 2021 budget that will enable the EU to ***rise to*** the external policy challenges ***and strive towards the goal of achieving strategic autonomy***;

Amendment

1. Calls for an ***realistic*** 2021 budget that will enable the EU to ***meet*** the external policy challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Charlie Weimers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls for ***an ambitious*** 2021 budget that will enable the EU to rise to the external policy challenges ***and strive towards the goal of achieving strategic autonomy***;

Amendment

1. Calls for ***a lean, efficient, and limited*** 2021 budget that will enable the EU to rise to the external policy challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls for an ambitious 2021 budget that will enable the EU to rise to the external policy challenges and strive towards the goal of achieving strategic autonomy;

Amendment

1. Calls for an ambitious 2021 budget that will enable the EU to rise to the external policy challenges, ***fulfil its objectives*** and strive towards the goal of achieving strategic autonomy;

Amendment 4
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Underlines that climate change is changing the geopolitical landscape as well as increasing humanitarian needs in many parts of the world; notes that if governments are unable to mitigate climate change the risks of conflict and instability will increase, and become more difficult to manage; underlines that climate change already overburdens states and regions which are already fragile and conflict prone; insists that the next budget should help the Union meet its obligations under the Paris Agreement, should be fully aligned with the objective of limiting global warming to under 1.5 °C, and should contribute to reversing the decline in biodiversity; underlines in this regard also the importance of effective climate and biodiversity proofing of the budget; stresses that every effort should be made to ensure that the overall climate mainstreaming target is reached over the whole period 2021-2027;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Charlie Weimers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Emphasises the need to increase the funding for the Western Balkan

deleted

countries and the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood in order to support political and economic reforms, with a focus on the most committed partners;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Charlie Weimers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Emphasises the need to ***increase*** the funding for the Western Balkan countries and the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood in order to ***support political and economic reforms, with a focus on the most committed partners;***

Amendment

2. Emphasises the need to ***decrease*** the funding for the Western Balkan countries and the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood in order to ***have a balanced budget after Brexit that does not increase the burden on net contributors;***

Or. en

Amendment 7
Lars Patrick Berg

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Emphasises the need to ***increase*** the funding for the Western Balkan countries and the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood ***in order to support political and economic reforms,*** with a focus on the most committed partners;

Amendment

2. Emphasises the need to ***monitor*** the funding for the Western Balkan countries and the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood, with a focus on ***supporting*** the most committed partners;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Emphasises the need to increase the funding for the Western Balkan countries and the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood in order to support political and economic reforms, with a focus on the most committed partners;

Amendment

2. ***Underlines the strategic importance of enlargement policy in the Western Balkans and of its neighbourhood policy;*** emphasises the need to increase the funding for the Western Balkan countries and the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood in order to support political and economic reforms, with a focus on the most committed partners;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Michael Gahler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Emphasises the need to increase the funding for the Western Balkan countries and the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood in order to support political and economic reforms, with a focus on the most committed partners;

Amendment

2. Emphasises the need to increase the funding for the ***strategic European neighbourhood, namely*** Western Balkan countries and the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood in order to support political and economic reforms, with a focus on the most committed partners ***following the principle of "more for more and less for less"; reminds of the need to implement strict conditionality in regard to financial support;***

Or. en

Amendment 10
Klemen Grošelj

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Emphasises the need to increase the funding for the Western Balkan countries and the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood in order to support political and economic reforms, with a focus on the most committed partners;

Amendment

2. Emphasises the need to increase the funding for the Western Balkan countries and the countries of the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood in order to support political and economic reforms, with a focus on the most committed partners; ***stresses the need to particularly support pro-European and pro-democratic forces in these regions, thereby fostering the development of EU values and respect for the rule of law;***

Or. en

Amendment 11
Nikos Androulakis, Tonino Picula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Believes that the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III) should focus its funding in the areas of functioning of democratic institutions, rule of law, good governance and public administration; recalls that the European Commission has recommended opening accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia and calls for adequate financial provisions in order to support political reforms and alignment with the acquis;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Robert Biedroń, Raphaël Glucksmann

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Recalls that gender mainstreaming is the (re)organisation, improvement, development and evaluation of policy processes, so that a gender equality perspective is incorporated in all policies at all levels and at all stages, by the actors involved in policy-making.

Or. en

**Amendment 13
Charlie Weimers**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Calls for better enforcing the existing rules to ensure that no EU funding, either directly or indirectly, may be diverted to terrorist organisations or activities;

Or. en

**Amendment 14
Nathalie Loiseau, Christophe Grudler, Urmas Paet, Bernard Guetta, Katalin Cseh,
Hilde Vautmans**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Stresses the importance of maintaining Parliament's position regarding the amount of the European Defence Fund and the amount earmarked for military mobility.

Or. en

Amendment 15

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Calls on the EU to increase its financial contribution to UNRWA in 2021, with a view to allowing the Agency to carry out its critically important mandate;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Nikos Androulakis, Tonino Picula

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 b. Underlines that financial allocations under the IPA III should be conditional on the respect of European values such as the rule of law, independence of the judiciary, democratic process, respect to fundamental values and good neighbourly relations; calls on the Commission to follow the implementation of conditionality; asks the Commission to use the funds currently allocated under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III) to support, via direct management by the EU, Turkey's civil society, human rights defenders and journalists and to increase opportunities for people-to-people contacts, academic dialogue, access for Turkish students to European universities, and media platforms for journalists with the objective of protecting and promoting democratic values and

principles, human rights and the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 b. Recalls that the Paris Agreement compels parties to “make financial flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development”; calls for the insertion of the do-no harm principle in the next MFF, in line with the political declarations of all three institutions; stresses that projects financed by the EU budget shall be screened to determine if they have an environmental or climate impact and if so, shall be subject to climate and environmental, including biodiversity, proofing with a view to minimise detrimental impacts and maximise benefits on climate and environment;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 c. Deplores the continued destruction and confiscation of EU-funded humanitarian assistance in the West

Bank; notes that according to EU sources, Israeli authorities demolished or seized 97 structures worth €480.000 in 2019, that had been built with EU or Member States' funds; notes that this constitutes a 90% increase compared to the previous year; is concerned by the lack of resolve of the EEAS and the Commission, as highlighted by the European Court of Auditors, to secure compensation from the Israeli authorities, as requested by the European Parliament in its resolution of September 2018; requests the Commission to deduct in the next draft budget under which EU-Israel programmes are funded the amount corresponding to the cost of demolished EU-funded projects ;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Nikos Androulakis, Tonino Picula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 c. Insists that the budget for the Common Foreign and Security Policy should focus on priority areas, both geographically and thematically, and on areas where EU action can bring most added-value;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 d. *Stresses the need for proper indicators and a specific methodology, as well as regular monitoring, to analyse the impact of the EU budget on gender equality; stresses the need of a specific increase in the budget to ensure the presence of gender advisers in EU delegations and CSDP missions and operations;*

Or. en

Amendment 21

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 e. *Believes that the EU should strictly refrain from assistance through budget support in countries which grossly fail to meet international standards in the field of human rights and democracy or which fall short from demonstrating their commitment to fighting corruption;*

Or. en

Amendment 22

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 f. *Reiterates its call for a profound and comprehensive review of its relations with Egypt, notably its assistance programme; as stressed in its resolution of October 2019, considers that the human rights situation in Egypt requires*

a serious revision of the Commission's budget support operations and calls for EU assistance to be restricted to primarily supporting civil society;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 g. Recalling the Treaty obligation of the EU institutions to respect the principles of the United Charter and international law in their external dealings, calls on the Commission to ensure that its programmes that benefit countries that are occupying third territories, strictly exclude the latter from their activities; in this regard, calls on the Commission to develop horizontal policy guidance for ensuring that EU funding to countries related to situations of occupation or annexation, is in line with international law;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Lars Patrick Berg

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Reiterates its support for ***funding dedicated to supporting*** human rights worldwide, with a particular focus on the protection of human rights defenders; ***highlights the importance of election***

3. Reiterates its support for ***a*** human rights ***policy that is both realistic and in the interests of the European Union Member States, and does not contradict the foreign policy interests of those***

observation missions and calls for an appropriate level of funding;

European Union Member States:

Or. en

Amendment 25

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Reiterates its support for funding dedicated to supporting human rights worldwide, with a particular focus on the protection of human rights defenders; highlights the importance of election observation missions and calls for an appropriate level of funding;

Amendment

3. Reiterates its support for funding dedicated to supporting human rights worldwide, with a particular focus on the protection of human rights defenders; ***stresses in this regard the need to continue the Human Rights Defenders Mechanism (Protectdefenders.eu) and to increase the funding dedicated to it;*** highlights the importance of election observation missions, ***notably by local civil society groups***, and calls for an appropriate level of funding;

Or. en

Amendment 26

Nikos Androulakis, Tonino Picula

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Reiterates ***its support for*** funding dedicated to supporting human rights worldwide, with a particular focus on the protection of human rights defenders; highlights the importance of election observation missions and calls for an appropriate level of funding;

Amendment

3. ***Recalls that human rights are an integral part of the EU's external action policy;*** reiterates ***the need for sufficient*** funding dedicated to supporting human rights worldwide, with a particular focus on the protection of human rights defenders, ***in particular those most at risk*** ; highlights the importance of election observation missions and calls for an

appropriate level of funding;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Charlie Weimers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Reiterates its support for funding dedicated to supporting human rights worldwide, with a particular focus on the protection of human rights defenders; highlights the importance of election observation missions and calls for an appropriate level of funding;

Amendment

3. Reiterates its support for funding dedicated to supporting human rights worldwide, with a particular focus on the protection of human rights defenders, ***persons persecuted for their religious belief or those belonging to minorities***; highlights the importance of election observation missions and calls for an appropriate level of funding;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Michael Gahler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Reiterates its support for funding dedicated to supporting human rights worldwide, with a particular focus on the protection of human rights defenders; highlights the importance of election observation missions and calls for an appropriate level of funding;

Amendment

3. Reiterates its support for funding dedicated to supporting human rights worldwide, with a particular focus on the protection of human rights defenders; highlights the importance of election observation missions, ***including local observers***, and calls for an appropriate level of funding;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Özlem Demirel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Asks to increase the funding for UNRWA in 2021, recognizing the essential role the Agency plays in the region by supporting stability and strengthening the resilience of Palestine refugees, at a time of great political uncertainty in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Christophe Grudler, Hilde Vautmans, Bernard Guetta, Frédérique Ries, Urmas Paet, Nathalie Loiseau

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Stresses the importance of maintaining Parliament's position regarding the amount of the European Space programme which strengthens Europe's role as a global player and is a strong asset for its security and defence.

Or. en

Amendment 31
Robert Biedroń

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Highlights the fact that only the improvement of the geopolitical and gender balance in the EEAS can assure

our European ownership of the foreign action.

Or. en

Amendment 32
Charlie Weimers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Reiterates that the new EFI architecture should enhance *coherence*, accountability, efficiency and democratic oversight; *emphasises the need for a greater role for the European Parliament in the strategic steering of the new instruments; expects to be involved from an early stage in the (pre-)programming of the new instruments;*

Amendment

5. Reiterates that the new EFI architecture should enhance accountability, efficiency, and democratic oversight;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Lars Patrick Berg

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Reiterates that the new EFI architecture should enhance coherence, accountability, efficiency and democratic oversight; emphasises the need for a *greater* role for the European Parliament in the strategic steering of the new instruments; expects to be involved from an early stage in the (pre-)programming of the new instruments;

Amendment

5. Reiterates that the new EFI architecture should enhance coherence, accountability, efficiency and democratic oversight; emphasises the need for a role for the European Parliament in the strategic steering of the new instruments; expects to be involved from an early stage in the (pre-)programming of the new instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Reiterates that the new EFI architecture should enhance coherence, accountability, efficiency and democratic oversight; emphasises the need for a greater role for the European Parliament in the strategic steering of the new instruments; expects to be involved from an early stage in the (pre-)programming of the new instruments;

Amendment

5. Reiterates that the new EFI architecture should enhance coherence, accountability, **transparency**, efficiency and democratic oversight; emphasises the need for a greater role for the European Parliament in the strategic steering of the new instruments; expects to be involved from an early stage in the (pre-)programming of the new instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Klemen Grošelj

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. calls for increased transparency and scrutiny of EFI funding in recipient countries, so as to ensure that financial resources are used to the most efficient and effective degree possible; calls for increased cooperation and consultation with local beneficiaries throughout the budgetary planning and implementation phases; stresses the need to promote the visibility of EFIs by raising awareness of their positive impact and benefits;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Nikos Androulakis, Tonino Picula

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. *Emphasises the importance of providing adequate financial support to frame a genuine European Defence Union and to promote strategic autonomy; stresses that continued support to and enhanced coordination of defence-related policy and actions under EDA, PESCO, EDF and other initiatives should be ensured; calls on the Council to reverse its decision to withdraw the budgetary function for the EDA and PESCO from Parliament;*

Or. en

Amendment 37

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. *Reiterates its call on the Commission to ensure that the next MFF fully complies with the objective to keep global warming to under 1,5 °C and to halt and reverse biodiversity loss, and stresses the urgent need for another quantum leap in political and financial efforts in order to achieve those objectives;*

Or. en

Amendment 38

Robert Biedroń, Raphaël Glucksmann

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. *Welcomes the proposal made by the European Commission President - Ursula von der Leyen to create a “Geopolitical Commission”; reiterates, however, the need to ensure the fulfilment of other European Union priorities and values, such as the protection of human rights, gender equality, the protection of the environment and minority rights; highlights therefore the need to protect the above-mentioned while building a new “geopolitical” EU;*

Or. en

Amendment 39
Michael Gahler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. *Recalls that various European political leaders have highlighted the importance of significantly advancing the relations with the African continent, and hence stresses the need to adequately match words with deeds and provide adequate funding in order to address the many joint short-, medium-, and long-term challenges and opportunities which Europe and Africa can only tackle together;*

Or. en

Amendment 40
Robert Biedroń, Raphaël Glucksmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

6 b. *Highlights the importance of the flagship project of the European External Action Service's East Strat Com Task Force - EU vs. Disinfo in the fight against disinformation, propaganda and foreign influence on our geopolitical scene; calls for appropriate funding for this body.*

Or. en

Amendment 41

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Urges the Commission to present a differentiated budget nomenclature for the new external financing instruments, notably by including at least one budget line for each third country receiving significant amounts of EU assistance; stresses that in the context of a more streamlined set of instruments, the budget structure needs to be sufficiently detailed to allow Parliament to carry out its budgetary functions effectively and fulfil its oversight role.

Amendment

7. Urges the Commission to present a differentiated budget nomenclature for the new external financing instruments, notably by including at least one budget line for each third country receiving significant amounts of EU assistance; stresses that in the context of a more streamlined set of instruments, the budget structure needs to be sufficiently detailed to allow Parliament to carry out its budgetary functions effectively and fulfil its oversight role; ***calls for more transparency regarding the use of EU funds and for regular exchanges between the European Parliament and the Commission that would allow the European Parliament to evaluate in detail the use of the budget;***

Or. en

Amendment 42

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Urges the Commission to present a differentiated budget nomenclature for the new external financing instruments, notably by including at least one budget line for each third country receiving significant amounts of EU assistance; stresses that in the context of a more streamlined set of instruments, the budget structure needs to be sufficiently detailed to allow Parliament to carry out its budgetary functions effectively and fulfil its oversight role.

Amendment

7. Urges the Commission to present a differentiated budget nomenclature for the new external financing instruments, notably by including at least one budget line for each third country receiving significant amounts of EU assistance; stresses that in the context of a more streamlined set of instruments, the budget structure needs to be sufficiently detailed **and transparent** to allow Parliament to carry out its budgetary functions effectively and fulfil its oversight role.

Or. en

Amendment 43

Nikos Androulakis, Tonino Picula

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. In view of the greater uncertainty and instability following the unveiling of the US Middle East plan, calls on the Commission to step up its financial support for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in 2021, in order to preserve uninterrupted basic services to millions of Palestine refugees;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Radosław Sikorski

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. Urges the Commission to provide for the funding of the administrative and the operating expenditures of the European Defence Agency and Permanent Structured Cooperation from the Union budget, thereby restoring the budgetary function of the EP as provided for by the Article 41 TEU.

Or. en

Amendment 45

Urmaz Paet

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. Requests that the Commission come up with a comprehensive EU Arctic Strategy that takes into account all the geopolitical and geostrategic aspects as well as the rapid climate change in the region; asks the Commission to include the Arctic in the 2020 Work Programme;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Nikos Androulakis, Tonino Picula

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 b. Recalls the worrying developments in the countries in the Southern neighbourhood, including the continuing conflicts in Syria and Libya, the rise of extremism, and refugee and migrant waves; calls on the Commission to dedicate adequate financial resources for

*the countries in the Southern
Neighbourhood under the new EFIs
structure;*

Or. en

Amendment 47

Urmas Paet

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

**7 b. *Stresses the need for sufficient
funding for the EU's security and defence
policy to enforce the EU's stronger role
on the global level;***

Or. en

Amendment 48

Urmas Paet

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

**7 c. *Highlights the importance of
investing in the visibility of the Union's
external action in order to strengthen the
impact of funding and enhance EU public
diplomacy;***

Or. en

Amendment 49

Urmas Paet

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 d. Asks for increased funding for democracy, rule of law and human rights instruments to protect the EU's core values;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Urmas Paet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 e. Calls for further funding for strategic communication actions to counter disinformation campaigns, which are increasingly used to undermine the democratic order in the Union and in countries in the Union's near neighbourhood;

Or. en