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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report

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Draft amending budget no 4 to the general budget 2024 - update of revenue (own resources) and adjustments to some decentralised agencies (2024/0185(BUD))

Amendment 1

Julien Sanchez, Angéline Furet

Motion for a resolution

Citation 3

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012¹, and in particular **Article 44** thereof,

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1, ELI:
<http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1046/oj>.

Amendment

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¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1, ELI:
<http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1046/oj>.

Or. en

Amendment 2

Dick Erixon, Charlie Weimers, Beatrice Timgren, Kristoffer Storm

Motion for a resolution

Citation 7

Motion for a resolution

– **having regard to Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053 EU of 14 December 2020 on the system of own resources of the European Union and repealing Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom⁵,**

⁵ OJ L 424, 15.12.2020, p. 1, ELI:
<http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2020/2053/oj>.

Amendment

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Amendment 3
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas additional fresh, new and preferably genuine own resources and other revenue sources for the EU budget beyond the IIA are needed to limit potential yearly increases in the GNI contributions;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Julien Sanchez, Angéline Furet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Takes note that the decrease in the amount of own resources other than GNI (in particular with respect to customs duties) and in the size of the UK contribution to the budget results in an increase in GNI contributions of EUR 5,63 billion;

2. Calls on the European Commission to prioritise the reduction of non-essential expenditure, instead of increasing Member States' contributions based on GNI, which places a significant burden on the affected Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Julien Sanchez, Angéline Furet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Calls on the European Commission to present customs duties, both in this draft amending budget no. 4 and in all their future budget proposals, in a three-column format indicating their gross amount, the amount of 75% returned by the Member States, and, above all, in the name of the principles of budgetary accuracy and transparency as recalled in Article 6 of the Financial Regulation, the amount of 25% that the collecting Member States retain as their recovery costs; further requests the European Court of Auditors to conduct an accurate assessment of custom duties amounts;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Julien Sanchez, Angéline Furet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 b. Notes with regret that the customs duties forecasts for 2024 have been revised downwards by 18.3%, indicating inadequate budgetary estimates, which results in a substantial loss of own resources for the Union, estimated at approximately 4.5 billion euros; emphasises that this decline necessitates an increase in contributions based on Member States' GNI, thereby imposing an additional burden on European citizens; calls for more rigorous management of the EU budget's own resources and for more reliable and accurate forecasting;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Underlines that, with Draft amending budget No 4/2024, GNI lump-sum reductions for the five beneficiary Member States amount to just under EUR 5,4 billion net; stresses that these rebates are inflation-linked and have therefore increased at a higher rate than the MFF ceilings, which are adjusted annually on the basis of the 2 % deflator; underlines that this anomaly increases the burden on the other Member States;

Amendment

3. Underlines that, with Draft amending budget No 4/2024, GNI lump-sum reductions for the five beneficiary Member States amount to just under EUR 5,4 billion net; stresses that these rebates are inflation-linked and have therefore increased at a higher rate than the MFF ceilings, which are adjusted annually on the basis of the 2 % deflator; underlines that this anomaly increases the burden on the other Member States; ***is deeply concerned about the impact of the inherent uncertainty for the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI) interest line for the annual budgets; notes that the annual GNI lump-sum reductions coincide with NGEU borrowing costs much higher than forecast;***

Or. en

Amendment 8
Dick Erixon, Charlie Weimers, Beatrice Timgren, Kristoffer Storm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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compensate for high per capita contributions of the net-paying Member States into the EU budget and must absolutely be maintained;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Nikolas Farantouris

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 10
Anouk Van Brug, Joachim Streit

Motion for a resolution
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Or. en

Amendment 11

Dick Erixon, Charlie Weimers, Beatrice Timgren, Kristoffer Storm

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Urges the Council to adopt swiftly the Commission proposals on own resources in order to increase the own resources available to the Union budget; recalls its long-standing position that fines and fees should be used as supplementary revenue for the Union budget;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 12

Fabienne Keller, Lucia Yar, Olivier Chastel

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

4. Strongly urges the Council to adopt swiftly the Commission proposals on own resources in order to increase the own resources available to the Union budget; highlights that the Union budget has been considerably stretched to respond to various crises these past few years; recalls its long-standing position that fines and fees should be used as supplementary

revenue for the Union budget;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Rasmus Nordqvist
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Urges the Council to adopt swiftly the Commission proposals on own resources in order to increase the own resources available to the Union budget; recalls its long-standing position that fines and fees should be used as supplementary revenue for the Union budget;

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Or. en

Amendment 14
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

4 a. Underlines that the EU needs budgetary discipline in the following years to be able to cope with unforeseen events and major provocations; highlights that, over recent years, the EU has only added new political priorities, while keeping the same budgetary resources;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 b. *Recalls its position on the amended Commission proposals, which endorses the introduction of new own resources; considers that the introduction of fresh genuine revenue sources, in line with the roadmap in the interinstitutional agreement, would serve to cover the additional budgetary burden arising from NextGenerationEU borrowing and would thereby shield the margins and flexibility mechanisms, which in turn would facilitate budgetary decision-making on unforeseen needs as well as new strategic foresight initiatives;*

Or. en

Amendment 16
Fabienne Keller, Lucia Yar, Olivier Chastel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Notes the series of adjustments to the budgets of decentralised agencies, primarily in accordance with tasks assigned to them under recently adopted legislation; ***underlines*** that, in several cases, additional resources for a decentralised agency entail a corresponding reduction in the programme envelope;

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Or. en

Amendment 17
Rasmus Nordqvist
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 18
Julien Sanchez, Angéline Furet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Regrets the lack of transparency in the negotiation of the sublease contract for the former headquarters of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) in London with the company WeWork, a renegotiation which has led to substantial revenue losses for the EMA; regrets the EU's balancing contribution to the EMA to compensate for the decrease in rental income from the building, due to this questionable and opaque renegotiation; calls on the European Court of Auditors to carefully examine the compliance of this renegotiated rental contract, particularly in light of the principles of sound financial management and transparency, as well as the conditions

under which it was drafted;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Calls on the European Commission to present an extensive report on why the own resources, interest rates and customs duties forecasts did not correspond to the actual budgetary situation and explain how these types of situations could be avoided in the future in order to maintain the credibility of EU institutions and predictability in terms of budgetary planning;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 b. Calls on the European Commission to present an extensive report about the legal responsibilities related to the fact that the contract for the European Medicines Agency headquarters in London did not have an early exit clause which would cover Brexit and therefore the EU has to continue to pay rent until 2039; calls on the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) to investigate this issue;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Dick Erixon, Charlie Weimers, Beatrice Timgren, Kristoffer Storm

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. **Regrets** that, in the current multiannual financial framework (MFF), a total of EUR 1,5 billion has so far been, or is proposed to be, redeployed from programmes to decentralised agencies; underlines that the ***magnitude of the redeployments is symptomatic of the stretched resources available to the Union budget;***

Amendment

6. **Accepts** that, in the current multiannual financial framework (MFF), a total of EUR 1,5 billion has so far been, or is proposed to be, redeployed from programmes to decentralised agencies; underlines that the ***limited redeployments are symptomatic of the stretched ambitions of the EU federalist agenda;***

Or. en

Amendment 22

Rasmus Nordqvist

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that Draft amending budget No 4/2024 entails an increase of EUR 2 million for Eurojust owing to inflationary pressure; considers that, with inflation running above the annual 2% deflator by which the MFF ceilings increase and staff and operating costs for decentralised agencies under substantial pressure as a result, the current treatment of decentralised agencies' budgets as separate from administrative spending under Heading 7 requires further reflection as part of the Commission's preparations for the post-2027 MFF;

Amendment

7. Notes that Draft amending budget No 4/2024 entails an increase of EUR 2 million for Eurojust owing to inflationary pressure, ***which is clearly a challenge not only for all agencies, but also for all Union institutions and bodies;*** considers that, with inflation running above the annual 2% deflator by which the MFF ceilings increase and staff and operating costs for decentralised agencies under substantial pressure as a result, the current treatment of decentralised agencies' budgets as separate from administrative spending under Heading 7 requires further reflection as part of the Commission's preparations for the post-2027 MFF, ***including flexibility to adjust for changes***

in the mandates and tasks of the agencies during an MFF ;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Dick Erixon, Charlie Weimers, Beatrice Timgren, Kristoffer Storm

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

7. Notes that Draft amending budget No 4/2024 entails an increase of EUR 2 million for Eurojust owing to inflationary pressure; considers that, with inflation running above the annual 2% deflator by which the MFF ceilings increase and staff and operating costs for decentralised agencies under substantial pressure as a result, the *number of EU decentralised agencies must be drastically reduced given the economic hardships of the bloc*;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Julien Sanchez, Angéline Furet, Auke Zijlstra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Regrets that the Flexibility Instrument, designed to be used as a last resort, is being mobilised with increasing frequency; strongly urges the Commission to look for more sustainable and structured budgetary solutions, in order to avoid systematically resorting to exceptional mechanisms to address

budgetary challenges;

Or. en