



Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

2017/2043(BUD)

9.6.2017

OPINION

of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

for the Committee on Budgets

on the mandate for the trilogue on the 2018 draft budget
(2017/2043(BUD))

Rapporteur: Daniel Dalton

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection calls on the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Recalls that the common market has been a core objective of economic cooperation and is a key element for economic growth in the EU;
2. Calls on the Commission to earmark the budget needed to establish the digital single market and all the measures this will entail;
3. Stresses that a well-functioning, highly integrated and unified single market, one that offers a fair environment for consumers and SMEs, is a cornerstone of stronger EU competitiveness, and calls for an adequate budgetary allocation to support the transformation to the digital era and the internationalisation and reindustrialisation processes of European industry and SMEs;
4. Considers consumer policy to be a horizontal priority in need of appropriate budgetary allocations; asks the Commission and the Member States to do their utmost to increase education about, and consumer awareness of and empowerment with regard to, consumer policy, product safety and market surveillance, in particular in the Digital Single Market, and to support consumer interest across different EU policies;
5. Underlines the great growth potential of the free movement of services, which is still underdeveloped in the single market, and calls for initiatives to boost cross-border trade in services, which in a number of service sectors remains underdeveloped owing to uncertainty and administrative complexity, and a lack of well-structured cooperation mechanisms between Member States; believes that any new initiatives need to tackle these obstacles in particular;
6. Recalls the need to support EU customs policy, and underlines that the simplification of customs procedures and effective enforcement of custom systems are essential to combat fraud and transnational crime and to drive competition; stresses that an adequate budgetary envelope is necessary to guarantee swift implementation of the Union Customs Code (UCC) and to ensure that all the interoperable IT systems required are set up in the Member States;
7. Emphasises the crucial role of SMEs and micro-enterprises in the EU economy and underlines their need for: efficient financing for innovation, scale-up, internationalisation and access to third markets in order to increase their international competitiveness; stronger support in the process of adopting circular business models; and assistance to accompany them in the digital transformation of the economy and help them better embrace the opportunities it creates; stresses the need for appropriate budget allocations for COSME and the Enterprise Europe Network;
8. Highlights the importance of standards for EU market competitiveness; stresses the importance of consumer and stakeholder involvement in the standardisation process; recalls that adequate financial support is necessary for the activities of European Standard Organisations (ESOs);

9. Calls for the reinforcement of single market tools that make consumers and business more aware of internal market rules and enable them to enforce their rights, and that allow for better cooperation between the relevant national authorities, and highlights, in particular, the importance of continuing the financial allocations for SOLVIT and FinNet, as well as of providing appropriate funding for the European Consumer Centres Network in order to support its mission of educating European citizens on their rights as consumers;
10. Encourages the Commission to increase funding in the framework of Horizon 2020 and EFSI in order to ensure better functioning of the internal market, and to support European enterprises that prioritise inclusion, job creation, research and innovation;
11. Stresses that single market policy must be a priority as part of the push for better budget spending, and that equivalent savings should be found in other areas to meet spending commitments.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	8.6.2017
Result of final vote	+: 30 -: 2 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Dita Charanzová, Carlos Coelho, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Daniel Dalton, Nicola Danti, Evelyne Gebhardt, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Robert Jarosław Iwaszkiewicz, Liisa Jaakonsaari, Antonio López-Istúriz White, Morten Løkkegaard, Jiří Pospíšil, Virginie Rozière, Christel Schaldemose, Olga Sehnalová, Igor Šoltes, Ivan Štefanec, Catherine Stihler, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Mylène Troszczynski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt
Substitutes present for the final vote	Lucy Anderson, Pascal Arimont, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg, Kaja Kallas, Julia Reda, Marc Tarabella, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Sabine Verheyen
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Georges Bach, Peter Jahr, Markus Pieper

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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ALDE	Dita Charanzová, Kaja Kallas, Morten Løkkegaard
ECR	Daniel Dalton, Anneleen Van Bossuyt
PPE	Pascal Arimont, Georges Bach, Carlos Coelho, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Peter Jahr, Antonio López-Istúriz White, Markus Pieper, Jiří Pospíšil, Ivan Štefanec, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Sabine Verheyen, Lambert van Nistelrooij
S&D	Lucy Anderson, Nicola Danti, Evelyne Gebhardt, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Liisa Jaakonsaari, Virginie Rozière, Christel Schaldemose, Olga Sehnalová, Catherine Stihler, Marc Tarabella
VERT/ALE	Julia Reda, Igor Šoltes

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EFDD	Robert Jarosław Iwaszkiewicz
ENF	Mylène Troszczynski

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention