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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Culture and Education

for the Committee on Budgets

on a revamped long-term budget for the Union in a changing world
(2024/2051(INI))

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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Culture and Education submits the following to the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible:

Amendment 1

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Stresses that all spending in the post-2027 MFF must be strategically aligned with the EU's political aims, adding tangible value for *the* people of the Union, with discernible net benefits compared to spending at national or sub-national level and leading to real and lasting results;

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2. Stresses that all spending in the post-2027 MFF must be strategically aligned with the EU's *core values and* political aims, adding tangible value for *all* people of the Union, with discernible net benefits compared to spending at national or sub-national level and leading to real and lasting results *that aim for inclusiveness, sustainability and transparency*;

Or. en

Amendment 2

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Underlines that a more competitive, productive and socially inclusive economy helps to generate high-quality, well-paid jobs, thus enhancing people's standard of living; emphasises that, through programmes such as the European Social Fund+ and Erasmus+, the Union budget *can play* an important role in supporting education and training systems, boosting workforce adaptability through reskilling *and* upskilling, and thus preparing people for employment in a modern economy;

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ensure unrestricted and barrier-free access for all European citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Stresses that, through a targeted budget, the EU can create more interconnected educational environments that fuel innovation and opportunities for all in the global, knowledge-based, highly competitive economy, where bridges between academia, business and government sectors can enable knowledge, skills and talents to circulate freely as EU citizens opt to study or work in other Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Emphasises that sport is a key factor in overcoming inequalities and promoting social cohesion and a healthy lifestyle for all European citizens; recognises that sport is also an important economic driver and contributes positively to the Union's competitiveness; calls for increased funding for sport in the EU budget, including increased support for the grassroots level, with a particular focus on people with physical or mental disabilities;

Amendment 5

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15

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Amendment 6

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

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15a. Points out that the current Union support to CCSIs, the Creative Europe programme, is very successful and heavily oversubscribed; stresses that the programme is an important and well-known source of funding for CCSIs and should be continued in the next MFF, with an increase in funding;

Amendment 7

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 33

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Or. en

Amendment 8

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Emphasises the importance of the Union budget in promoting and protecting democracy and the Union's values, fostering the Union's common cultural heritage and European integration, enhancing citizen engagement and youth participation and promoting fundamental rights enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights and the rule of law; points to the importance of independence of justice, the sound functioning of national institutions, support for civil society and de-oligarchisation;

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Amendment 9

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 60

Motion for a resolution

60. Stresses that the next MFF must be designed so as to simplify the lives of beneficiaries, harmonise rules wherever possible and cut unnecessary red tape and must be implemented as close to people as possible;

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Amendment 10

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 64 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64a. Considers that, in certain areas, programmes under the next MFF need adequate and automatic mechanisms for adapting grants to actual inflation levels at regular intervals, in order to avoid a substantive loss of purchasing power over time for the final beneficiaries (as happens, for example, with the individual grants under Erasmus+ and the Melina Mercouri Prize);

Amendment 11

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 77

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Or. en

**ANNEX: ENTITIES OR PERSONS
FROM WHOM THE RAPPORTEUR HAS RECEIVED INPUT**

The rapporteur for the opinion declares under his exclusive responsibility that he did not receive input from any entity or person to be mentioned in this Annex pursuant to Article 8 of Annex I to the Rules of Procedure.