

Resolution as adopted

Stop the austerity and say no to the backward looking EU budget (2014-2020)!

Background

In the coming weeks (probably November 20th), the final adoption of the MFF regulation is expected to take place in the European Parliament and it will give to the backward looking budget deal a legal force for the next 7 years letting the next Parliament and the new Commission bound for the totality of their term by a decision taken by outgoing MEPs.

Although on May 12th, the European Green Party adopted a resolution rejecting the MFF agreement as it did not respond to the urgency nor to the structural problems of the EU budget and supporting the Greens-EFA MEPs on the attempts to build a steady majority against a conservative and backward looking EU budget deal, on June 27th, Martin Schulz, José Manuel Barroso and Enda Kenny agreed behind closed doors on the same MFF than the one which had been adopted by the Head of States and Governments 4 months earlier.

Moreover on July the 3rd by a resolution voted in Plenary, the 3 biggest political parties of the European Parliament (EPP, S&D and ALDE) endorsed this backward EU budget deal while they failed to modify the volume, the content and the way to finance the EU budget.

The European Green Party Council in Brussels,

- rejects completely the political agreement on the forthcoming Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 made by Martin Schulz, José Manuel Barroso and Enda Kenny on the 27th of June and endorsed by the 3 biggest political parties of the European Parliament (EPP, S&D and ALDE).
- affirms that this agreement does not fulfil the conditions set out by the European Green Party in its resolution adopted in Madrid on May the 12th nor those from the European Parliament as defined in its own resolution voted on March the 13th.
- insists on calling for a substantial increase for the EU budget compare to the initial Commission proposal as well as for a future oriented EU budget as it is one of the key EU driver for investing in green technologies and sectors, strengthening the solidarities among EU countries and regions, increasing the international solidarity towards the poorest;
- considers therefore that the EP should not give its consent and calls on the 3 EU institutions to continue negotiating on the MFF in order to reach a better balanced deal which will put an end to the austerity policies across Europe, recover from the crisis, strengthen the solidarity among EU countries and regions as well as among EU and third countries, bridge the gap between the EU institutions and the EU citizens as well as re-launch the European integration.
- Calls on the Greens-EFA MEPs to build the strongest opposition to that backward looking EU budget agreement.