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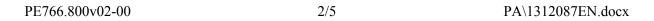
for the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

on the European Semester for economic policy coordination 2025 (2024/2112(INI))

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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Budgets submits the following to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, as the committee responsible:

Amendment 1

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Recalls that the EU is facing significant investment gaps, in particular in the areas of competitiveness, defence and the digital and green transition; believes that the lion's share of the effort will have to come from the private sector, though public investment will also have a supporting role to play; welcomes the fact that the new economic governance framework facilitates and encourages Member States to implement necessary reforms and to invest in those areas;

Or. en

Amendment 2

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Notes the fact that the net expenditure indicator excludes expenditure on programmes of the Union fully matched by Union funds and expenditure on programmes funded by the Union; considers that this approach will contribute to strengthening the synergies between the EU budget and the national budgets of the Member States, thereby reducing fragmentation and increasing the efficiency of public spending as a whole; believes that those synergies can also be increased when extensions of the

adjustment period are granted to Member States committing to a set of investments and reforms which contribute to addressing the main challenges identified in the European Semester, in particular the country-specific recommendations, and the common priorities of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Notes the fact that the consolidation in 2025 is coupled with continued growth in public investment; notes, furthermore, the significant impact of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) and EU funds in several Member States on the forecast expansion of public investment, underpinned by an acceleration of the absorption of EU funds, in particular NextGenerationEU and cohesion policy;

Or. en

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

The rapporteur for 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.