

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : I-54

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Status : - **Members: Hjelm-Wallén and Lekberg**
 - **Alternates: Petersson**

2. A European law of the Council shall lay down the multiannual financial framework. The Council shall act after **consulting** ~~obtaining the consent of the European Parliament. which shall be given by a majority of its component members.~~

Explanation: The multi-annual financial framework should be set by the Council after consulting the European Parliament. This is an absolute prerequisite for any simplification of the annual budget procedure. The Governments pay to the EU-budget and should, consequently, decide on the long-term budget ceilings. Consent by the EP, combined with the proposed changes of the annual procedure, would not maintain institutional balance nor ensure budget discipline and long-term stability.