



RESOLUTION:

### **Transparency and Allowances**

*Adopted at the YEPP Council Meeting in Belgrade, on 02.12.2017*

#### **Recognizing that:**

- Across Europe, elected officials have been involved in disturbing cases of corruption, misappropriation and the abuse of taxpayers' money.
- Citizens' trust in the political system, and elected politicians in particular, is under severe pressure.
- Recent research, conducted by pan-European teams of investigative journalists, has shown that there is little to no oversight on the use of the European Parliament's General Expenditure Allowance;

#### **Acknowledging that:**

- YEPP explicitly calls on policy makers to rebuild citizens' trust in the EU's political system<sup>1</sup>.
- The current rules governing the European Parliament's General Expenditure Allowance allow for non-transparent use of taxpayers' money.
- The rules regarding the use of the General Expenditure Allowance need to be clarified and improved.

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<sup>1</sup> YEPP Political Programme, paragraph "58. Rebuilding trust"

**YEPP calls on:**

- The member parties of the EPP to support the approach of EPP President Joseph Daul to immediately tackle corruption, misappropriation and the abuse of taxpayers' money by politicians.
- The MEPs to express their support for European Parliament's President Antonio Tajani to fully overhaul the rules of the General Expenditure Allowance and provide more insights into the use of these funds.
- Members of the EPP Group in the European Parliament to introduce and support meaningful measures which provide more transparency into and accountability of the workings of the European Parliament, in order to rebuild the citizens' trust.
- The leadership of the EPP and the EPP Group in the European Parliament to express their support for a uniform-controlled General Expenditure Allowance.
- The European Christian democratic and centre-right parties to unabatedly continue their battle against corruption, misappropriation and the abuse of taxpayers' money on all levels.