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DRAFT AMENDMENT

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SECTION III: Commission

TYPE OF AMENDMENT	Amend line	Preparatory action		
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HEADING	1. Single Market, Innovation and Digital			
LINE	PA	03	20	04
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LINE TITLE

Preparatory action - EU Tax and Money Laundering Observatory - Capacity building to support Union policymaking in the area of taxation and anti-money laundering

	Commission - DB 2021		Council - 2021		New amounts	
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Appropriation	p.m.	900 000	0	0	1 200 000	1 500 000
<i>Reserve</i>						
<i>Difference</i>	+ 1 200 000	+ 600 000	+ 1 200 000	+ 1 500 000	<input type="checkbox"/> Restore DB	

REMARKS

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The abundance of tax evasion and avoidance revelations over the last few years has significantly shaken the confidence of European citizens, businesses and trade unions in the robustness and fairness of EU rules against tax evasion, tax avoidance and money laundering. When 3 out of 4 citizens expect the European Union to do more on taxation, it is essential to ensure that public interests and interests of all stakeholders are taken into account in designing initiatives aiming at strengthening European rules against tax evasion and tax avoidance.

This preparatory action will create a specialised and independent observatory on EU tax and financial crime matters, its main functions being to:

- create a publicly-accessible repository of data on tax evasion and tax avoidance in the EU and the effects of policy reform in these domains;
- disseminate the available data in a user-friendly manner and inform the wider public of issues relating to

JUSTIFICATION *(This must be filled in - Max. 500 characters)*

It is important to have a body with a specific mandate to follow EU decision-making in the area of taxation and money laundering, that provides for new elements of information and represents voices which are currently absent from the debate. This proposal for a Preparatory Action is a continued project from a PA approved in the Budget 2020.

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