

AMENDMENTS 001-004

by the Committee on Regional Development

Report

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Provisions relating to financial management for certain Member States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability and to the decommitment rules for certain Member States

Proposal for a regulation (COM(2013)0301 – C7-0143/2013 – 2013/0156(COD))

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) The unprecedented global financial crisis and economic downturn have seriously damaged economic growth and financial stability and provoked a strong deterioration in financial **and** economic conditions in **several** Member States. In particular, certain Member States are experiencing serious difficulties or are threatened with such difficulties, notably with problems in their economic growth and financial stability and with a deterioration in their deficit and debt position, also as a result of the international economic and financial environment.

Amendment

(1) The unprecedented **enduring** global financial crisis and economic downturn have seriously damaged economic growth and financial stability and provoked a strong deterioration in financial, economic **and social** conditions in **the** Member States. In particular, certain Member States are experiencing serious difficulties or are threatened with such difficulties, notably with problems in their economic growth and financial stability and with a deterioration in their deficit and debt position, also as a result of the international economic and financial environment.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 1 – subpoints a (new) and b (new)

Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006

Article 77 – paragraphs 2 and 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) **In** Article 77, paragraph 6 is deleted.

Amendment

(1) Article 77 **is amended as follows:**

(a) In paragraph 2, the introductory part is amended as follows:

"2. By way of derogation from Article 53(2), from the second sentence of Article 53(4) and from the ceilings set out in Annex III, interim payments and payments of the final balance shall be increased by an amount corresponding to 10 percentage points above the co-financing rate applicable to each priority

axis, but not exceeding 100 %, to be applied to the amount of eligible expenditure newly declared in each certified statement of expenditure submitted *after the date on [...]* which a Member State meets one of the following conditions *and until the end of the programming period*: "

(b) Paragraph 6 is deleted.

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point 1 - subpoint c (new)

Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006

Article 77 – paragraph 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) The following paragraph is added:

"11a. By way of derogation from paragraph 10 and in order to ensure a sound closure of the operational programme, the Union contribution, through payments of the final balance, shall not deviate, at priority level, by more than 10% of the maximum amount of assistance from the Funds as stated in the financing plan of the latest decision approved by the Commission. The maximum amount of assistance at programme level shall not be affected by a deviation at priority level."

Justification

In order to avoid large programme amendments at the end of the programming period and to allow for efficient absorption of funds, a 10%-flexibility between priorities is proposed (as it was the case in the period 2000 - 2006).