Amendment 163
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Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) At Union level, the European Semester of economic policy coordination is the framework to identify national reform priorities and monitor their implementation. Member States develop their own national multiannual investment strategies in support of those reform priorities. Those strategies should be presented alongside the yearly National Reform Programmes as a way to outline and coordinate priority investment projects to be supported by national and/or Union funding. They should also serve to use Union funding in a coherent manner and to maximise the added value of the financial support to be received notably from the programmes supported by the Union under the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the European Investment Stabilisation Function and InvestEU, where relevant.

Amendment

(2) The EU structural funds, including the ESF+, should not be subjected to any form of political or economic conditionality. The mechanisms represent an illicit way of controlling public expenditures of Member States and constitute an attack against the freedom and independence of European nations.
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Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(20) In light of the persistent need to enhance efforts to address the management of the migration flows in the Union as a whole and in order to ensure a coherent, strong and consistent support to the solidarity and responsibility-sharing efforts, the ESF+ should provide support to promote the socio-economic integration of third country nationals complementary to the actions financed under the Asylum and Migration Fund.

Or. en
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Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission
Amendment

(20 a) The scope of the integration measures provided for by this Fund should focus on citizens legally residing in a Member State. Under no circumstances should the ESF+ be used to promote, directly or indirectly, new migratory flows to the Union.

Or. en

Justification

The ESF+ measures are aimed at all citizens legally resident in the Union, regardless of their nationality and ethnicity. Positive discrimination is a factor of ghettoization and segregation contrary to the social inclusion purposes of the ESF+. 
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Proposal for a regulation
Recital 25 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission
(25 a) The particular structural conditions of rural, mountain and insular areas require a targeted and specific ESF+ commitment to promote, in close cooperation with national, regional and local authorities, the employment, training and competitiveness of those areas and prevent their depopulation.

Amendment

Or. en
(26) Efficient and effective implementation of actions supported by the ESF+ depends on good governance and partnership between all actors at the relevant territorial levels and the socio-economic actors, in particular the social partners and civil society. It is therefore essential that Member States encourage the participation of social partners and civil society in the implementation of the ESF+ under shared management.

(26) The efficient and effective implementation of the ESF+ objectives and access to its resources in the Member States are still problematic. It is therefore necessary both to ensure high standards of transparency and accountability for the ESF+, and to reduce the bureaucratic burdens that impede access to this Fund by national authorities and SMEs, in order to successfully support young people and fight against long-term unemployment.

Or. en
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