

Amendment 437**Steeve Briois**

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Report**A8-0043/2019****Andrey Novakov**

Common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and financial rules for those

(COM(2018)0375 – C8-0230/2018 – 2018/0196(COD))

Proposal for a regulation**Recital 5***Text proposed by the Commission**Amendment*

(5) Horizontal principles as set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on the European Union ('TEU') and in Article 10 of the TFEU, including principles of subsidiarity and proportionality as set out in Article 5 of the TEU should be respected in the implementation of the Funds, taking into account the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. Member States should also respect the obligations of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and ensure accessibility in line with its article 9 and in accordance with the Union law harmonising accessibility requirements for products and services. Member States and the Commission should aim at eliminating inequalities and at promoting equality between men and women and integrating the gender perspective, as well as at combating discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation. The Funds should not support actions that contribute to any form of segregation. The objectives of the Funds should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment

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as set out in Article 11 and Article 191(1) of the TFEU, taking into account the polluter pays principle. In order to protect the integrity of the internal market, operations benefitting undertakings shall comply with Union State aid rules as set out in Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU.

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(6) Horizontal financial rules adopted by the European Parliament and the Council on the basis of Article 322 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union apply to this Regulation. These rules are laid down in the Financial Regulation and determine in particular the procedure for establishing and implementing the budget through grants, procurement, prizes, indirect implementation, and provide for checks on the responsibility of financial actors. ***Rules adopted on the basis of Article 322 TFEU also concern the protection of the Union's budget in case of generalised deficiencies as regards the rule of law in the Member States, as the respect for the rule of law is an essential precondition for sound financial management and effective EU funding.***

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Proposal for a regulation**Recital 12***Text proposed by the Commission**Amendment*

(12) ***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 these reform priorities. These 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 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 Funds, the European Investment Stabilisation Function and InvestEU.

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Proposal for a regulation

Recital 12 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(12 a) The European Semester makes country-specific recommendations to Member States to address macroeconomic imbalances within the European Union. Under no circumstances should the integration of these recommendations into national policy-making be a prerequisite for obtaining European funds, which are also fully funded by national contributions from the Member States.

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Recital 12 b (new)

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(12 b) Cohesion policy aims to reduce intra- and inter-regional disparities within the Union through the European Structural and Investment Funds. Penalising potential beneficiaries just because the national authorities would not meet the Commission's expectations is in total contradiction with the objectives of cohesion policy. In this context, it is therefore necessary to reject any form of macroeconomic conditionality that gives the Commission the discretion to suspend commitment and payment credits to Member States that are unwilling to implement the structural reforms recommended by the European Semester.

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(13) Member States should determine how relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) of the TFEU and relevant Council recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 148(4) of the TFEU ('CSRs') are taken into account in the preparation of programming documents. During the 2021–2027 programming period ('programming period'), Member States should regularly present to the monitoring committee and to the Commission the progress in implementing the programmes in support of the CSRs. During a mid-term review, Member States should, among other elements, consider the need for programme modifications to accommodate relevant CSRs adopted or modified since the start of the programming period.

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