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# **AMENDMENTS**

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### **Draft opinion**

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Specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments

Proposal for a regulation

(COM(2018)0374 – C8-0229/2018 – 2018/0199(COD))



**Amendment 44**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) Article 176 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') provides that the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF') is intended to help to redress the main regional imbalances in the Union. Under that Article and the second and third paragraphs of Article 174 of the TFEU, the ERDF is to contribute to reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and to reducing the backwardness of the least favoured regions, among which particular attention is to be paid to certain categories of regions, among which cross-border regions are explicitly listed.

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(1) Article 176 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') provides that the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF') is intended to help to redress the main regional imbalances in the Union. Under that Article and the second and third paragraphs of Article 174 of the TFEU, the ERDF is to contribute to reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and to reducing the backwardness of the least favoured regions, among which particular attention is to be paid to certain categories of regions, among which ***rural areas, areas affected by industrial transition, and regions which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps such as the northernmost regions with very low population density and island, cross-border and mountain*** regions are explicitly listed.

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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Parliament and of the Council<sup>22</sup> sets out provisions concerning the specific objectives and the scope of the ERDF support. It is now necessary to adopt specific provisions in relation to the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) where one or more Member States ***and one or more third countries*** cooperate across borders with regard to effective programming including provisions on technical assistance, monitoring, evaluation, communication, eligibility, management and control, as well as financial management.

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<sup>21</sup> [Reference]

<sup>22</sup> [Reference]

Or. en

#### **Amendment 46** **Dubravka Šuica**

#### **Proposal for a regulation** **Recital 3**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) In order to support the harmonious development of the Union's territory at different levels, the ERDF should support cross-border cooperation, transnational cooperation, maritime cooperation, outermost regions' cooperation and interregional cooperation under the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg).

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(3) In order to ***foster prosperity and*** support the harmonious development of the Union's territory at different levels, the ERDF should support cross-border cooperation, transnational cooperation, maritime cooperation, outermost regions' cooperation and interregional cooperation under the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg).

Or. en

#### **Amendment 47** **Tonino Picula**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### Recital 4

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(4) The cross-border cooperation component should aim to tackle common challenges identified jointly in the border regions, and to exploit the untapped growth potential in border areas ***as evidenced in the Communication of the Commission 'Boosting Growth and Cohesion in EU Border Regions'***<sup>23</sup> ('Border Regions Communication'). ***Consequently, the cross-border component should be limited to cooperation on land borders and cross-border cooperation on maritime borders should be integrated into the transnational component.***

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<sup>23</sup> *Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament 'Boosting growth and cohesion in EU border regions' - COM(2017) 534 final, 20.9.2017.*

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(4) The cross-border cooperation component should aim to tackle common challenges identified jointly in the ***land and maritime*** border regions, and to exploit the untapped growth potential in border areas.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 48** **Helmut Scholz**

#### **Proposal for a regulation** **Recital 4**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(4) The cross-border cooperation component should aim to tackle common challenges identified jointly in the border regions, and to exploit the untapped growth potential in border areas as evidenced in the Communication of the Commission 'Boosting Growth and Cohesion in EU Border Regions'<sup>23</sup> ('Border Regions Communication'). ***Consequently, the cross-border component should be limited to cooperation on land borders and cross-***

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(4) The cross-border cooperation component should aim to tackle common challenges identified jointly in the border regions, and to exploit the untapped growth potential in border areas as evidenced in the Communication of the Commission 'Boosting Growth and Cohesion in EU Border Regions'<sup>23</sup> ('Border Regions Communication'). Cross-border cooperation ***should support regions along land or sea*** borders.

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Or. en

## **Amendment 49** **Dubravka Šuica**

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(4) The cross-border cooperation component should aim to tackle common challenges identified jointly in the border regions, and to exploit the untapped growth potential in border areas as evidenced in the Communication of the Commission 'Boosting Growth and Cohesion in EU Border Regions'<sup>23</sup> ('Border Regions Communication'). Consequently, the cross-border component should *be limited to* cooperation on land borders and cross-border cooperation *on* maritime borders *should be integrated into the transnational component.*

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<sup>23</sup> Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament 'Boosting growth and cohesion in EU border regions' - COM(2017) 534 final, 20.9.2017.

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Raffaele Fitto**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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(4) The cross-border cooperation component should aim to tackle common challenges identified jointly in the border regions, and to exploit the untapped growth potential in border areas as evidenced in the Communication of the Commission 'Boosting Growth and Cohesion in EU Border Regions'<sup>23</sup> ('Border Regions Communication'). ***Nevertheless, cross-border maritime cooperation has also achieved important results, and it is therefore considered that cross-border cooperation should be implemented in both land and maritime border areas;***

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<sup>23</sup> Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament 'Boosting growth and cohesion in EU border regions' - COM(2017) 534 final, 20.9.2017.

Or. it

**Amendment 51**  
**Georgios Epitideios**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(5) The cross-border cooperation component should also involve cooperation between one or more Member States ***and one or more countries or other territories outside the Union.*** Covering internal and external cross-border cooperation under this Regulation should result in a major

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Or. el

## **Amendment 52**

**Tonino Picula**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(5) The cross-border cooperation component should also involve cooperation between one or more Member States and one or more countries ***or other territories outside the Union***. Covering internal and external cross-border cooperation under this Regulation should result in a major simplification and streamlining of applicable provisions for the programme authorities in the Member States and for the partner authorities and beneficiaries outside the Union compared to the programming period 2014-2020.

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(5) The cross-border cooperation component should also involve cooperation between one or more Member States and one or more ***third*** countries. Covering internal and external cross-border cooperation under this Regulation should result in a major simplification and streamlining of applicable provisions for the programme authorities in the Member States and for the partner authorities and beneficiaries outside the Union compared to the programming period 2014-2020.

Or. en

## **Amendment 53**

**Urmas Paet**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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development linked to the Union's cohesion policy priorities, ***and should also include maritime cross-border cooperation***. Transnational cooperation should cover larger territories on the mainland of the Union, whereas maritime cooperation should cover territories around sea-basins ***and integrate cross-border cooperation on maritime borders during the programming period 2014-2020***. Maximum flexibility ***should*** be given to continue implementing previous maritime cross-border cooperation within a larger maritime cooperation framework, in particular by defining the territory covered, the specific objectives for such cooperation, the requirements for a project partnership and the setting-up of sub-programmes and specific steering committees.

development linked to the Union's cohesion policy priorities. Transnational cooperation should cover larger territories on the mainland of the Union, whereas maritime cooperation should cover territories around sea-basins ***that extend geographically beyond those covered by cross-border programmes***. Maximum flexibility ***may*** be given to continue implementing previous maritime cross-border cooperation within a larger maritime cooperation framework, in particular by defining the territory covered, the specific objectives for such cooperation, the requirements for a project partnership and the setting-up of sub-programmes and specific steering committees.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 54** **Helmut Scholz**

#### **Proposal for a regulation** **Recital 6**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) ***The transnational*** cooperation ***and maritime cooperation component*** should aim to strengthen cooperation by means of actions conducive to integrated territorial development linked to the Union's cohesion policy priorities, and should also include maritime cross-border cooperation. Transnational cooperation should cover larger territories on the mainland of the Union, whereas maritime cooperation should cover territories around sea-basins and integrate cross-border cooperation on maritime borders during the programming period 2014-2020. Maximum flexibility should be given to continue implementing previous maritime cross-border

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(6) ***Any cross-border*** cooperation ***whether it be land or maritime borders***, should aim to strengthen cooperation by means of actions conducive to integrated territorial development linked to the Union's cohesion policy priorities, and should also include maritime cross-border cooperation. Transnational cooperation should cover larger territories on the mainland of the ***European Union, in full respect of subsidiarity***, whereas maritime cooperation should cover territories around sea-basins and integrate cross-border cooperation on maritime borders during the programming period 2014-2020. Maximum flexibility should be given to

cooperation within a larger maritime cooperation framework, in particular by defining the territory covered, the specific objectives for such cooperation, the requirements for a project partnership and the setting-up of sub-programmes and specific steering committees.

continue implementing previous maritime cross-border cooperation within a larger maritime cooperation framework, in particular by defining the territory covered, the specific objectives for such cooperation, the requirements for a project partnership and the setting-up of sub-programmes and specific steering committees.

Or. en

## **Amendment 55**

### **Georgios Epitideios**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 6**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) The transnational cooperation and maritime cooperation component should aim to strengthen cooperation by means of actions conducive to integrated territorial development linked to the Union's cohesion policy priorities, and should also include maritime cross-border cooperation. Transnational cooperation should cover larger territories on the mainland of the Union, whereas maritime cooperation should cover territories around sea-basins and integrate cross-border cooperation on maritime borders during the programming period 2014-2020. Maximum flexibility should be given to continue implementing previous maritime cross-border cooperation within a larger maritime cooperation framework, in particular by defining the territory covered, the specific objectives for such cooperation, the requirements for a project partnership and the setting-up of sub-programmes and specific steering committees.

##### *Amendment*

(6) The transnational cooperation and maritime cooperation component should aim to strengthen cooperation by means of actions conducive to integrated territorial development linked to the Union's cohesion policy priorities, and should also include maritime cross-border cooperation ***where geographical configuration allows***. Transnational cooperation should cover larger territories on the mainland of the Union, whereas maritime cooperation should cover territories around sea-basins and integrate cross-border cooperation on maritime borders during the programming period 2014-2020. Maximum flexibility should be given to continue implementing previous maritime cross-border cooperation within a larger maritime cooperation framework, in particular by defining the territory covered, the specific objectives for such cooperation, the requirements for a project partnership and the setting-up of sub-programmes and specific steering committees.

Or. el

**Amendment 56**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 8**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(8) Based on the experience with the interregional cooperation programmes under Interreg and the lack of such cooperation within programmes under the Investment for jobs and growth goal during the programming period 2014-2020, ***the interregional cooperation component should focus more specifically on boosting the effectiveness of cohesion policy. That component should therefore be limited to two programmes, one to enable all kind of experience, innovative approaches and capacity building for programmes under both goals and to promote European groupings of territorial cooperation ('EGTCs') set up or to be set up pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1082/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>24</sup> and one to improve the analysis of development trends. Project-based cooperation throughout the Union should be integrated into the new component on interregional innovation investments and closely linked to the implementation of the Communication from the Commission 'Strengthening Innovation in Europe's Regions: Strategies for resilient, inclusive and sustainable growth'<sup>25</sup>, in particular to support thematic smart specialisation platforms on fields such as energy, industrial modernisation or agrifood. Finally, integrated territorial development focusing on functional urban areas or urban areas should be concentrated within programmes under the Investment for jobs and growth goal and in one accompanying instrument, the 'European Urban Initiative'. The two programmes***

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(8) Based on the ***positive*** experience with the interregional cooperation programmes under Interreg, ***on the one hand***, and the lack of such cooperation within programmes under the Investment for jobs and growth goal during the programming period 2014-2020, ***on the other***, interregional cooperation ***among cities and regions is an important component with a view to finding common solutions in the cohesion policy field and building lasting partnerships. Existing programmes and, in particular, promotion of project-based cooperation, including promoting*** European groupings of territorial cooperation ('EGTCs'), ***should therefore be continued. Through early measures for regional networking and coordination ahead of the programming process, support should be provided for interregional cooperation*** under the 'Investment for jobs and growth' goal. ***The*** programmes under the interregional cooperation component should cover the whole Union and should also be open for the participation of third countries.

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<sup>24</sup> *Regulation (EC) No 1082/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 on a European grouping of territorial cooperation (EGTC) (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 19).*

<sup>25</sup> *Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions 'Strengthening Innovation in Europe's Regions: Strategies for resilient, inclusive and sustainable growth' - COM(2017) 376 final, 18.7.2017.*

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Raffaele Fitto**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 8**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(8) Based on the experience with the interregional cooperation programmes under Interreg and the lack of such cooperation within programmes under the Investment for jobs and growth goal during the programming period 2014-2020, the interregional cooperation component should focus more specifically on boosting the effectiveness of cohesion policy. That component should therefore be limited to two programmes, one to enable all kind of experience, innovative approaches and capacity building for programmes under both goals and to promote European groupings of territorial cooperation ('EGTCs') set up or to be set up pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1082/2006 of the

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European Parliament and of the Council<sup>24</sup> and one to improve the analysis of development trends. Project-based cooperation throughout the Union should be integrated into the new component on interregional innovation investments and closely linked to the implementation of the Communication from the Commission 'Strengthening Innovation in Europe's Regions: Strategies for resilient, inclusive and sustainable growth'<sup>25</sup>, in particular to support thematic smart specialisation platforms on fields such as energy, industrial modernisation or agrifood. Finally, integrated territorial development focusing on functional urban areas or urban areas should be concentrated within programmes under the Investment for jobs and growth goal and in one accompanying instrument, the 'European Urban Initiative'. The two programmes under the interregional cooperation component should cover the whole Union and should also be open for the participation of third countries.

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<sup>25</sup> Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions 'Strengthening Innovation in Europe's Regions: Strategies for resilient, inclusive and sustainable growth' - COM(2017) 376 final, 18.7.2017.

Or. it

**Amendment 58**  
**Georgios Epitideios**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 10**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(10) It is necessary to continue supporting or, as appropriate, to establish cooperation in all its dimensions with the Union's neighbouring third countries, as such cooperation is an important regional development policy tool and should benefit the regions of the Member States which border third countries. To that effect, the ERDF and the external financing instruments of the Union, IPA<sup>27</sup>, NDICI<sup>28</sup> and OCTP<sup>29</sup>, should support programmes under cross-border cooperation, transnational cooperation and maritime cooperation, outermost regions' cooperation and interregional cooperation. The support from the ERDF and from the external financing instruments of the Union should be based on reciprocity and proportionality. However, for IPA III CBC and NDICI CBC, the ERDF support should be complemented by at least equivalent amounts under IPA III CBC and NDICI CBC, subject to a maximum amount set out in the respective legal act, that is to say, up to 3 % of the financial envelope under IPA III and up to 4 % of the financial envelope of the Neighbourhood geographic programme under Article 4(2)(a) of the NDICI.

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<sup>27</sup> Regulation (EU) XXX establishing the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (OJ L xx, p. y).

<sup>28</sup> Regulation (EU) XXX establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (OJ L xx, p. y).

*Amendment*

(10) It is necessary to continue supporting or, as appropriate, to establish cooperation in all its dimensions with the Union's neighbouring third countries, as such cooperation is an important regional development policy tool and should benefit the regions of the Member States which border third countries. To that effect, the ERDF and the external financing instruments of the Union, IPA<sup>27</sup>, NDICI<sup>28</sup> and OCTP<sup>29</sup>, should support programmes under cross-border cooperation, transnational cooperation and maritime cooperation, outermost regions' cooperation and interregional cooperation, ***while constantly bearing in mind the interests of the neighbouring Member States***. The support from the ERDF and from the external financing instruments of the Union should be based on reciprocity and proportionality. However, for IPA III CBC and NDICI CBC, the ERDF support should be complemented by at least equivalent amounts under IPA III CBC and NDICI CBC, subject to a maximum amount set out in the respective legal act, that is to say, up to 3 % of the financial envelope under IPA III and up to 4 % of the financial envelope of the Neighbourhood geographic programme under Article 4(2)(a) of the NDICI.

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<sup>28</sup> Regulation (EU) XXX establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (OJ L xx, p. y).

<sup>29</sup> Council Decision (EU) XXX on the association of the Overseas Countries and Territories with the European *Inion* including relations between the European Union on the one hand and Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark on the other (OJ L xx, p. y).

<sup>29</sup> Council Decision (EU) XXX on the association of the Overseas Countries and Territories with the European *Union* including relations between the European Union on the one hand and Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark on the other (OJ L xx, p. y).

Or. el

**Amendment 59**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 12**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(12) With regard to NDICI assistance, the Union should develop a special relationship with neighbouring countries, aiming to establish an area of prosperity and good neighbourliness, ***founded on the values of the Union and characterised by close and peaceful relations based on cooperation.*** This Regulation and the NDICI should therefore support the internal and external aspects of relevant macro-regional strategies. Those initiatives are strategically important and offer meaningful political frameworks for deepening relations with and among partner countries, based on the principles of mutual accountability, shared ownership and responsibility.

*Amendment*

(12) With regard to NDICI assistance, the ***European*** Union should develop a special relationship with neighbouring countries, aiming to establish an area of prosperity and good neighbourliness ***with respect to the principles of subsidiarity, international solidarity and co-operation.*** This Regulation and the NDICI should therefore support the internal and external aspects of relevant macro-regional strategies. Those initiatives are strategically important and offer meaningful political frameworks for deepening relations with and among partner countries, based on the principles of mutual accountability, shared ownership and responsibility.

Or. en

**Amendment 60**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 15**

(15) It is necessary to set out the resources allocated to each of the different components of Interreg, including each Member State's share of the global amounts for the cross-border cooperation, the transnational cooperation and maritime cooperation, the outermost regions' cooperation and the interregional cooperation, the potential available to Member States concerning flexibility between those components. ***Compared to the programming period 2014-2020, the share for cross-border cooperation should be reduced, while the share for transnational cooperation and maritime cooperation should be increased because of the integration of maritime cooperation, and a new outermost regions' cooperation component should be created.***

(15) It is necessary to set out the resources allocated to each of the different components of Interreg, including each Member State's share of the global amounts for the cross-border cooperation, the transnational cooperation and maritime cooperation, the outermost regions' cooperation and the interregional cooperation, the potential available to Member States concerning flexibility between those components.

Or. en

**Amendment 61**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 19**

(19) This Regulation should add ***two Interreg-specific objectives, one to support*** an Interreg-specific objective strengthening institutional capacity, enhancing legal and administrative cooperation, in particular where linked to implementation of the Border Regions Communication, ***intensify cooperation between citizens and institutions*** and the development and coordination of macro-regional and sea-basin strategies, ***and one to address specific external cooperation issues such as safety, security, border crossing management and migration.***

(19) This Regulation should add an Interreg-specific objective ***on*** strengthening institutional capacity, enhancing legal and administrative cooperation, in particular where linked to implementation of the Border Regions Communication and the development and coordination of macro-regional and sea-basin strategies.



**Amendment 62****Tonino Picula****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 24***Text proposed by the Commission*

(24) Due to the involvement of more than one Member State, and the resulting higher administrative costs, in particular in respect of controls and translation, the ceiling for technical assistance expenditure should be higher than that under the Investment for jobs and growth goal. In order to offset the higher administrative costs, Member States should be encouraged to reduce the administrative burden with regard to the implementation of joint projects wherever possible. In addition, Interreg programmes with limited Union support or external cross-border cooperation programmes should receive a certain minimum amount for technical assistance to ensure sufficient funding for effective technical assistance activities.

*Amendment*

(24) Due to the involvement of more than one Member State **and one or more third countries**, and the resulting higher administrative costs, in particular in respect of controls and translation, the ceiling for technical assistance expenditure should be higher than that under the Investment for jobs and growth goal. In order to offset the higher administrative costs, Member States should be encouraged to reduce the administrative burden with regard to the implementation of joint projects wherever possible. In addition, Interreg programmes with limited Union support or external cross-border cooperation programmes should receive a certain minimum amount for technical assistance to ensure sufficient funding for effective technical assistance activities.

Or. en

**Amendment 63****Fabio Massimo Castaldo****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 35***Text proposed by the Commission*

(35) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the adoption or amendment of Interreg programmes, **implementing powers should be conferred on** the Commission. However, external cross-border cooperation programmes should

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(35) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the adoption or amendment of Interreg programmes, **a multiannual strategy document shall be adopted by the Commission by means of a delegated act**. However, external cross-border

respect, where applicable, Committee procedures established under Regulations (EU) [IPA III] and [NDICI] with regard to the first approval decision of those programmes.

cooperation programmes should respect, where applicable, Committee procedures established under Regulations (EU) [IPA III] and [NDICI] with regard to the first approval decision of those programmes.

Or. en

**Amendment 64**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 36**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(36) In order to supplement or amend certain non-essential elements of this Regulation, ***the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the TFEU should be delegated to the Commission to amend the Annex on the template for Interreg programmes.*** It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level, and that those consultations be conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making. In particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and the Council receive all documents at the same time as Member States' experts, ***and their experts systematically have access to meetings of Commission expert groups dealing with the preparation of delegated acts.***

*Amendment*

(36) In order to supplement or amend certain non-essential elements of this Regulation, it is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level, and that those consultations be conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making. In particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and the Council receive all documents at the same time as Member States' experts.

Or. en

**Amendment 65**  
**Dubravka Šuica**

**Proposal for a regulation**

### Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) internal cross-border cooperation between adjacent land border regions of two or more Member States or between adjacent land border regions of at least one Member State and one or more third countries listed in Article 4(3); or

*Amendment*

(a) internal cross-border cooperation between adjacent land ***and maritime*** border regions of two or more Member States or between adjacent land ***and maritime*** border regions of at least one Member State and one or more third countries listed in Article 4(3); or

Or. en

### Amendment 66 Raffaele Fitto

#### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point a a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(aa) internal maritime cross-border cooperation between maritime border regions of two or more adjacent Member States or between adjacent maritime border regions of at least one Member State and one or more third countries listed in Article 4(3);***

Or. it

### Amendment 67 Dubravka Šuica

#### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point b – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(b) external cross-border cooperation, between adjacent land border regions of at least one Member State and of one or more of the following:

(b) external cross-border cooperation, between adjacent land ***and maritime*** border regions of at least one Member State and of one or more of the following:

**Amendment 68**

**Urmaz Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point b – point iii a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(iiia) exchange of experience concerning the identification, transfer and dissemination of good practices in relation to sustainable urban development, including urban-rural linkages between partners throughout the Union;**

Or. en

**Amendment 69**

**Raffaele Fitto**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point b a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(ba) external cross-border cooperation, between adjacent maritime border regions of at least one Member State and of one or more of the following:**

**(i) IPA beneficiaries; or**

**(ii) partner countries supported by NDICI; or**

**(iii) the Russian Federation, for the purpose of enabling its participation in cross-border cooperation also supported by NDICI;**

Or. it

**Amendment 70**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(5) interregional innovation investments through the commercialisation and scaling up of interregional innovation projects ***having the potential to encourage the development of European value chains ('component 5').***

*Amendment*

(5) interregional innovation investments through the commercialisation and scaling up of interregional innovation projects.

Or. en

**Amendment 71**  
**Raffaele Fitto**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 4 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Regions on maritime borders which are connected over the sea by a fixed ***link*** shall also be supported under cross-border cooperation.

*Amendment*

2. Regions on maritime borders which are connected over the sea by a fixed ***economic, social, cultural, historical and environmental links*** shall also be supported under cross-border cooperation.

Or. it

**Amendment 72**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 4 – paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***4a. Internal cross-border cooperation  
Interreg programmes will pay attention to the mountainous border areas and specially will be given to rural areas;***

**Amendment 73**

**Raffaele Fitto**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 5 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. For transnational cooperation and maritime cooperation, the regions to be supported by the ERDF shall be the NUTS level 2 regions of the Union ***covering contiguous functional areas***, taking into account, where applicable, macro-regional strategies or sea basin strategies.

*Amendment*

1. For transnational cooperation and maritime cooperation, the regions to be supported by the ERDF shall be the NUTS level 2 regions of the Union, taking into account, where applicable, macro-regional strategies or sea basin strategies.

Or. it

**Amendment 74**

**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 7 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. For any component 4 Interreg programme ***or for interregional innovation investments under component 5***, the entire territory of the Union shall be supported by the ERDF.

*Amendment*

1. For any component 4 Interreg programme the entire territory of the Union shall be supported by the ERDF. ***Third countries may participate, provided that they make a funding contribution in the form of externally allocated revenue.***

Or. en

**Amendment 75**

**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 9 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The ERDF resources for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) shall amount **to EUR 8 430 000 000** of the global resources available for budgetary commitment from the ERDF, ESF+ and the Cohesion Fund for the 2021-2027 programming period and set out in Article [102(1)] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR].

*Amendment*

1. The ERDF resources for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) shall amount **for components 1 to 4 referred to in Article 3 to 3 % (i.e. a total of EUR xx xxxxxx xxx)** of the global resources available for budgetary commitment from the ERDF, ESF+ and the Cohesion Fund for the 2021-2027 programming period and set out in Article [103(1)] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR].

Or. en

**Amendment 76**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 9 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The ERDF resources for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) **shall amount to EUR 8 430 000 000 of** the global resources available for budgetary **commitment** from the ERDF, ESF+ and the Cohesion Fund for the 2021-2027 programming period and set out in Article [102(1)] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR].

*Amendment*

1. The ERDF resources for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg), **taken from** the global resources available for **the** budgetary **commitments** from the ERDF, ESF+ and the Cohesion Fund for the 2021-2027 programming period and set out in Article[102(1)] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR], **will be at least equivalent to those for the period 2014-2020.**

Or. en

**Amendment 77**  
**Raffaele Fitto**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 9 – paragraph 2 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The resources referred to in

*Amendment*

2. The resources referred to in

paragraph 1 shall be allocated as follows:

paragraph 1 shall be allocated *to components 1-4* as follows:

Or. it

#### **Amendment 78**

**Raffaele Fitto**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 9 – paragraph 2 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) **52.7 %** (i.e., a total of EUR **4 440 000 000**) for *cross-border* cooperation (component 1);

*Amendment*

(a) **75%** (i.e. a total of EUR *x xxx xxx xxx*) for *transnational land and maritime* cooperation (component 1);

Or. it

#### **Amendment 79**

**Raffaele Fitto**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 9 – paragraph 2 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) **31.4 %** (i.e., a total of EUR **2 649 900 000**) for transnational cooperation and maritime cooperation (component 2);

*Amendment*

(b) **18 %** (i.e. a total of EUR *x xxx xxx xxx*) for transnational cooperation and maritime cooperation (component 2);

Or. it

#### **Amendment 80**

**Raffaele Fitto**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 9 – paragraph 2 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) **3.2 %** (i.e., a total of EUR **270 100 000**) for outermost regions' cooperation

*Amendment*

(c) **2%** (i.e. a total of EUR *xxx xxx xxx*) for outermost regions' cooperation



(component 3);

(component 3);

Or. it

## **Amendment 81**

**Raffaele Fitto**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 9 – paragraph 2 – point d**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(d) **1.2 %** (i.e., a total of EUR **100 000 000**) for interregional cooperation (component 4);

(d) **5 %** (i.e. a total of EUR **xxx xxx xxx**) for interregional cooperation (component 4);

Or. it

## **Amendment 82**

**Raffaele Fitto**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 9 – paragraph 2 – point e**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(e) **11.5 %** (i.e., a total of EUR **970 000 000**) for interregional innovation investments (component 5).

**deleted**

Or. it

## **Amendment 83**

**Raffaele Fitto**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 9 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

4. Each Member State may transfer up to **15%** of its financial allocation for each of components 1, 2 and 3 from one of those

4. Each Member State may transfer up to **20%** of its financial allocation for each of components 1, 2 and 3 from one of those

components to one or more of the others.

components to one or more of the others.

Or. it

#### **Amendment 84**

**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 10 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

The Commission shall adopt *an implementing* act setting out the multi-annual strategy document with regard to external cross-border Interreg programmes supported by the ERDF and the NDICI or IPA III. *That implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 63(2).*

##### *Amendment*

The Commission shall adopt *a delegated* act setting out the multi-annual strategy document with regard to external cross-border Interreg programmes supported by the ERDF and the NDICI or IPA III.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 85**

**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 10 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

With regard to Interreg programmes supported by the ERDF and the NDICI, that *implementing* act shall set out the elements referred to in Article 12(2) of Regulation (EU) [NDICI].

##### *Amendment*

With regard to Interreg programmes supported by the ERDF and the NDICI, that *delegated* act shall set out the elements referred to in Article 12(2) of Regulation (EU) [NDICI].

Or. en

#### **Amendment 86**

**Charles Tannock**

on behalf of the ECR Group

## Proposal for a regulation

### Article 10 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

Support from the ERDF shall be granted to individual external cross-border Interreg programmes provided that equivalent amounts are provided by IPA III CBC and NDICI CBC under the relevant strategic programming document. That ***equivalence*** shall be subject to a maximum amount set out in the IPA III or NDICI legislative act.

#### *Amendment*

Support from the ERDF shall be granted to individual external cross-border Interreg programmes provided that ***at least*** equivalent amounts are provided by IPA III CBC and NDICI CBC under the relevant strategic programming document. That ***contribution*** shall be subject to a maximum amount set out in the IPA III or NDICI legislative act.

Or. en

## Amendment 87

Raffaele Fitto

## Proposal for a regulation

### Article 13 – paragraph 1

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

The co-financing rate at the level of each Interreg programme shall be not higher than 70 %, unless, with regard to external cross-border or component 3 Interreg programmes, a higher percentage is fixed in Regulations (EU) [IPA III], [NDICI] or Council Decision (EU) [OCTP] respectively or in any act adopted thereunder.

#### *Amendment*

The co-financing rate at the level of each Interreg programme shall be not higher than 70 %, unless, with regard to external cross-border or component 3 Interreg programmes, a higher percentage is fixed in Regulations (EU) [IPA III], [NDICI] or Council Decision (EU) [OCTP] respectively or in any act adopted thereunder; ***national co-funding shall therefore be excluded from the calculation of the Stability Pact to make the implementation of each programme truly efficient and effective and fully guarantee the principle of additionality;***

Or. it

## Amendment 88

Helmut Scholz

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 13 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The co-financing rate at the level of each Interreg programme shall be not higher than **70 %**, *unless, with regard to external cross-border or component 3 Interreg programmes, a higher percentage is fixed in Regulations (EU) [IPA III], [NDICI] or Council Decision (EU) [OCTP] respectively or in any act adopted thereunder.*

*Amendment*

The co-financing rate at the level of each Interreg programme shall be not higher than **85 %**.

Or. en

**Amendment 89**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 14 – paragraph 3 – point e**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(e) promoting social inclusion and tackling poverty, including by enhancing equal opportunities **and** combating discrimination across borders.

*Amendment*

(e) promoting social inclusion and tackling poverty, including by enhancing equal opportunities, **gender equality**, combating discrimination across borders **and support for marginalised communities**.

Or. en

**Amendment 90**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 14 – paragraph 3 – point e a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(ea) improve cultural cooperation by increasing cooperation in cultural and educational matters between cross-border areas that share the same cultural and**

*linguistic heritage.*

Or. en

**Amendment 91**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 14 – paragraph 4 – point a – point ii**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(ii) enhance efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens and institutions, in particular, with a view to resolving legal and other obstacles in border regions;

*Amendment*

(ii) enhance efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens, ***civil society actors*** and institutions, in particular, with a view to resolving legal and other obstacles in border regions;

Or. en

**Amendment 92**  
**Charles Tannock**  
on behalf of the ECR Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 14 – paragraph 4 – point a – point ii a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(iia) enhance the security of the EU, including military mobility;***

Or. en

**Amendment 93**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 14 – paragraph 4 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(c) under external cross-border and component 2 and 3 Interreg programmes supported by the Interreg funds, in addition to points (a) and (b): building up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions, by enhancing sustainable democracy and by supporting civil society actors and their role in reforming processes and democratic transitions;

(c) under external cross-border and component 2 and 3 Interreg programmes supported by the Interreg funds, in addition to points (a) and (b): building up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions, by enhancing sustainable democracy and by supporting ***independent media and*** civil society actors and their role in reforming processes and democratic transitions;

Or. en

**Amendment 94**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 14 – paragraph 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**5. Under external cross-border and component 2 and 3 Interreg programmes the ERDF and, where applicable, the external financing instruments of the Union shall also contribute to the external Interreg-specific objective 'a safer and more secure Europe', in particular by actions in the fields of border crossing management and mobility and migration management, including the protection of migrants.**

**deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 95**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 14 – paragraph 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

5. *Under external cross-border and component 2 and 3 Interreg programmes the ERDF and, where applicable, the external financing instruments of the Union shall also contribute to the external Interreg-specific objective 'a safer and more secure Europe', in particular by actions in the fields of border crossing management and mobility and migration management, including the protection of migrants.*

5. *Interreg cross-border cooperation programs will not be subject to cooperation on migration issues, such as border management, readmission agreements or the promotion of the militarization of the borders of the European Union.*

Or. en

**Amendment 96**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 15 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. An additional **15%** of the ERDF and, where applicable, of the external financing instruments of the Union allocations under priorities other than for technical assistance to each Interreg programme under components 1, 2 and 3, shall be allocated on the Interreg-specific objective of 'a better Interreg governance' *or on the external Interreg-specific objective of 'a safer and more secure Europe'.*

*Amendment*

2. An additional **10%** of the ERDF and, where applicable, of the external financing instruments of the **European** Union allocations under priorities other than for technical assistance to each Interreg programme under components 1, 2 and 3, shall be allocated on the Interreg-specific objective of 'a better Interreg governance'.

Or. en

**Amendment 97**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 15 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. *An additional 15%* of the ERDF

*Amendment*

2. *Up to 15 %* of the ERDF and,

and, where applicable, of the external financing instruments of the Union allocations under priorities other than for technical assistance to each Interreg programme under components 1, 2 and 3, **shall** be allocated on the Interreg-specific objective of 'a better Interreg governance' or on the external Interreg-specific objective of 'a safer and more secure Europe'.

where applicable, of the external financing instruments of the Union allocations under priorities other than for technical assistance to each Interreg programme under components 1, 2 and 3, **may** be allocated on the Interreg-specific objective of 'a better Interreg governance' or, **where applicable**, on the external Interreg-specific objective of 'a safer and more secure Europe'.

Or. en

## **Amendment 98**

### **Urmas Paet**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 16 – paragraph 1**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) shall be implemented through Interreg programmes under shared management with the exception of component 3, which may be implemented as a whole or partially under indirect management, **and of component 5 which shall be implemented under direct or indirect management.**

##### *Amendment*

1. The European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) shall be implemented through Interreg programmes under shared management with the exception of component 3, which may be implemented as a whole or partially under indirect management.

Or. en

## **Amendment 99**

### **Urmas Paet**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 19 – paragraph 1**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

1. **The Member State hosting** the managing authority **may** submit a motivated request for an amendment of an Interreg programme together with the

##### *Amendment*

1. **On the basis of the monitoring committee decision** the managing authority **shall** submit a motivated request for an amendment of an Interreg programme



amended programme, setting out the expected impact of that amendment on the achievement of the objectives.

together with the amended programme, setting out the expected impact of that amendment on the achievement of the objectives.

Or. en

## **Amendment 100**

### **Urmas Paet**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 19 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

The **Member State may** transfer during the programming period an amount of up to 5% of the initial allocation of a priority and no more than 3% of the programme budget to another priority of the same Interreg programme.

##### *Amendment*

The **monitoring committee may decide to** transfer during the programming period an amount of up to 5% of the initial allocation of a priority and no more than 3% of the programme budget to another priority of the same Interreg programme.

Or. en

## **Amendment 101**

### **Urmas Paet**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 22 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

Where all or part of an operation is implemented outside the programme area [inside or outside the Union], the selection of that operation shall require the explicit approval by the **managing authority in the** monitoring committee or, where applicable, the steering committee.

##### *Amendment*

Where all or part of an operation is implemented outside the programme area [inside or outside the Union], the selection of that operation shall require the explicit approval by the monitoring committee or, where applicable, the steering committee.

Or. en

## **Amendment 102**

Helmut Scholz

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 22 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

For the selection of operations, the monitoring committee or, where applicable, the steering committee shall establish and apply criteria and procedures which are non-discriminatory and transparent, ensure gender equality and take account of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the principle of sustainable development and of the Union policy on the environment in accordance with Article 11 and Article 191(1) of the TFEU.

*Amendment*

For the selection of operations, the monitoring committee or, where applicable, the steering committee shall establish and apply criteria and procedures which are non-discriminatory and transparent, ensure gender equality and take account of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, ***the European Convention of Human Rights*** and the principle of sustainable development and of the ***European*** Union policy on the environment in accordance with Article 11 and Article 191(1) of the TFEU.

Or. en

**Amendment 103**

Urmas Paet

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 22 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

***3. The managing authority shall consult the Commission and take its comments into account prior to the initial submission of the selection criteria to the monitoring committee or, where applicable, the steering committee. The same shall apply for any subsequent changes to those criteria.***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 104**

Urmas Paet

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 22 – paragraph 4 – point e**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(e) ensure that selected operations which fall under the scope of Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>36</sup> are subject to an environmental impact assessment or a screening procedure, on the basis of the requirements of that Directive as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>37</sup>.**

**deleted**

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<sup>36</sup> Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (OJ L 26, 28.1.2012, p. 1).

<sup>37</sup> Directive 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 amending Directive 2011/92/EU (OJ L 124, 25.4.2014, p. 1).

Or. en

**Amendment 105**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 22 – paragraph 4 – point j a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(ja) Ensure that selected operations apply criteria and procedures which are non-discriminatory, ensure gender equality and take account of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, the European Convention of Human Rights and the principle of sustainable development and of the European Union policy on the**

*environment in accordance with Article 11 and Article 191(1) of the TFEU.*

Or. en

**Amendment 106**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 24 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The beneficiary of a small project fund shall be a cross-border legal body *or* an EGTC.

*Amendment*

2. The beneficiary of a small project fund shall be a cross-border legal body, *a Euroregion, an EGTC or managing authority or existing institution in one country in accordance with agreement between countries or regions participating in the programme.*

Or. en

**Amendment 107**  
**Charles Tannock**  
on behalf of the ECR Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 24 – paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**6a. The threshold of EUR 200 000 which is set out in art. 48 (1) (new CPR) and point b of art. 48 (2) (new CPR) should be applied for a small project.**

Or. en

**Amendment 108**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**

## Article 27 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***The monitoring committee shall be chaired by a representative of the Member State hosting the managing authority or of the managing authority.***

***deleted***

Or. en

## Amendment 109

Urmas Paet

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 27 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Where the rules of procedure of the monitoring committee establish a rotating chair, the monitoring committee may be chaired by a representative of a third country, partner country or OCT, and co-chaired by a representative of the Member State or of the managing authority, and vice-versa.***

***deleted***

Or. en

## Amendment 110

Urmas Paet

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 27 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***3. Each member of the monitoring committee shall have the right to vote.***

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 111**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 28 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The composition of the monitoring committee of each Interreg programme shall be agreed by the Member States and, where applicable, by the third countries, partner countries and OCTs participating in that programme and shall ensure a balanced representation of the relevant authorities, *intermediate bodies* and representatives of the programme partners referred to in Article [6] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR] from Member States, third countries, partner countries and OCTs.

*Amendment*

The composition of the monitoring committee of each Interreg programme shall be agreed by the Member States and, where applicable, by the third countries, partner countries and OCTs participating in that programme and shall ensure a balanced representation of the relevant authorities and representatives of the programme partners referred to in Article [6] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR] from Member States, third countries, partner countries and OCTs.

Or. en

**Amendment 112**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 29 – paragraph 2 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) the methodology and criteria used for the selection of operations, *including any changes thereto, after consultation with the Commission pursuant to Article 22(2)*, without prejudice to [points (b), (c) and (d) of Article 27(3)] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR];

*Amendment*

(a) the methodology and criteria used for the selection of operations without prejudice to [points (b), (c) and (d) of Article 27(3)] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR];

Or. en

**Amendment 113**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 29 – paragraph 2 – point d a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(da) the MC shall approve the document setting out the conditions for support to small project fund set up according to Article 24 (3);***

Or. en

**Amendment 114**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 29 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Project application and implementation rules of the programme;***

Or. en

**Amendment 115**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 30**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Article 30***

***deleted***

***Review***

***1. A review may be organised by the Commission to examine the performance of Interreg programmes.***

***The review may be carried out in writing.***

***2. At the request of the Commission, the managing authority shall, within one month, provide the Commission with the information on the elements listed in***

**Article 29(1):**

- (a) progress in programme implementation and in achieving the milestones and targets, any issues affecting the performance of the respective Interreg programme and the actions taken to address them;**
  - (b) progress made in carrying out evaluations, syntheses of evaluations and any follow-up given to findings**
  - (c) the progress in the administrative capacity building of public authorities and beneficiaries.**
- 3. The outcome of the review shall be recorded in agreed minutes.**
- 4. The managing authority shall follow-up issues raised by the Commission and inform the Commission within three months of the measures taken.**

Or. en

**Amendment 116**  
**Georgios Epitideios**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 30 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The review may be carried out in writing.

*Amendment*

The review may be carried out in writing,  
***either at the request of the Commission or  
on the basis of a reasoned initiative of at  
least one-third of the EU Member States.***

Or. el

**Amendment 117**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**



*Text proposed by the Commission*

Each managing authority shall electronically transmit to the Commission cumulative data for the respective Interreg programme by 31 January, 31 **March, 31 May, 31 July, 30 September** and 30 **November** of each year in accordance with the template in Annex [VII] to Regulation (EU) [new CPR].

*Amendment*

Each managing authority shall electronically transmit to the Commission cumulative data for the respective Interreg programme by 31 January, 31 **May** and 30 **October** of each year in accordance with the template in Annex [VII] to Regulation (EU) [new CPR].

Or. en

**Amendment 118**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 35 – paragraph 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

6. Where the beneficiary does not comply with its obligations under Article [42] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR] or paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, the **Member State** shall apply a financial correction by cancelling up to 5% of the support from the Funds to the **operation** concerned.

*Amendment*

6. Where the beneficiary does not comply with its obligations under Article [42] of Regulation (EU) [new CPR] or paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, the **managing authority** shall apply a financial correction by cancelling up to 5% of the support from the Funds to the concerned **activity of operation**.

Or. en

**Amendment 119**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 36 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

However, where an Interreg programme selects operations based on calls for proposals, those additional rules shall be adopted before **the first** call for proposals is published. In all other cases, those

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 120**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 44 – paragraph 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. With regard to an Interreg programme under component 2B or under component 1 where the latter covers long borders with heterogenous development challenges and needs, Member States and, where applicable, third countries, partner countries and OCTs participating in an Interreg programme may define sub-programme areas.

*Amendment*

5. With regard to an Interreg programme under component 2B or under component 1, ***or under component 3*** where the latter covers long borders with heterogenous development challenges and needs, Member States and, where applicable, third countries, partner countries and OCTs participating in an Interreg programme may define sub-programme areas.

Or. en

**Amendment 121**  
**Charles Tannock**  
on behalf of the ECR Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 45 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1a. Where the managing authority does not carry out verification under point (a) of Article 68 (1) of Regulation (EU) (new CPR) throughout the whole programme area, each Member State shall designate the body or person responsible for carrying out such verification in relation to beneficiaries on its territory.***

**Amendment 122**  
**Charles Tannock**  
on behalf of the ECR Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 49 – paragraph 2 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) 2021: **1%**;

*Amendment*

(a) 2021: **3%**;

Or. en

**Amendment 123**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 49 – paragraph 2 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) 2021: **1%**;

*Amendment*

(a) 2021: **2%**;

Or. en

**Amendment 124**  
**Charles Tannock**  
on behalf of the ECR Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 49 – paragraph 2 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) 2022: **1%**;

*Amendment*

(b) 2022: **3%**;

Or. en

**Amendment 125**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 49 – paragraph 2 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(c) 2023: 1%;

(c) 2023: 6%;

Or. en

**Amendment 126**  
**Charles Tannock**  
on behalf of the ECR Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 49 – paragraph 2 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(c) 2023: 1%;

(c) 2023: 3%;

Or. en

**Amendment 127**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 49 – paragraph 2 – point d**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(d) 2024: 1%;

(d) 2024: 7%;

Or. en

**Amendment 128**  
**Charles Tannock**  
on behalf of the ECR Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 49 – paragraph 2 – point d**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(d) 2024: 1%;

(d) 2024: 3%;

Or. en

**Amendment 129**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 49 – paragraph 2 – point e**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(e) 2025: 1%;

(e) 2025: 5%;

Or. en

**Amendment 130**  
**Charles Tannock**  
on behalf of the ECR Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 49 – paragraph 2 – point e**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(e) 2025: 1%;

(e) 2025: 3%;

Or. en

**Amendment 131**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 49 – paragraph 2 – point f**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(f) 2026: 1%.

(f) 2026: 5%.

Or. en

**Amendment 132**  
**Charles Tannock**  
on behalf of the ECR Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 49 – paragraph 2 – point f**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(f) 2026: 1%.

(f) 2026: 3%.

Or. en

**Amendment 133**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 49 – paragraph 2 – point f a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(fa) 2027: 1%

Or. en

**Amendment 134**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 49 – paragraph 2 – point f b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(fb) 2028: 1%

Or. en

**Amendment 135**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 61**

***Article 61***

***deleted***

***Interregional innovation investments***

***At the initiative of the Commission, the ERDF may support interregional innovation investments, as set out in point 5 of Article 3, bringing together researchers, businesses, civil society and public administrations involved in smart specialisation strategies established at national or regional levels.***

Or. en