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Draft opinion

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on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of the Structural Reform Support Programme for the period 2017 to 2020 and amending Regulations (EU) No 1303/2013 and (EU) No 1305/2013

Proposal for a regulation

(COM(2015)0701 – C8-0373/2015 – 2015/0263(COD))

Amendment 12
Marco Zanni, Marco Valli, Jonathan Arnott

Proposal for a regulation

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Proposal for a rejection

The Committee on Budgets calls on the Committee on Regional Development, as the committee responsible, to propose rejection of the Commission proposal.

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Justification

It is proposed that the Commission proposal be rejected for two main reasons. Firstly, the diversion of EUR 142 800 000 earmarked for cohesion policy 2014-2020 to finance structural reforms in the sectors listed under Article 5 (including education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion, social security, welfare, public health and healthcare systems) appears to be totally at odds with the principles of economic, social and territorial cohesion enshrined in the TFEU (Articles 174 to 178). Furthermore, it should be noted that, within the scope of this proposal, which seeks to ‘strengthen administrative capacity’, over EUR 5 billion (EUR 6.5 billion with national cofunding) are already earmarked for thematic objective 11 under the 2014-2020 programming period. For example, Italy has earmarked over EUR 827 million for a national ‘Governance and Technical Assistance’ operational programme under the current programming period. In view of the above, the Commission proposal would appear to be a sort of pilot project paving the way for a possible, albeit undesirable, post-2020 reform likely to further undermine cohesion policy. The proposal should therefore be rejected in its entirety.

Amendment 13
Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) In accordance with Article 9 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union shall take into account requirements linked to the promotion of a high level of employment, the guarantee of adequate social protection, the fight against social exclusion, and a high level of education, training and

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Or. en

Amendment 14

Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation

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Or. el

Amendment 15
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
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Or. fr

Amendment 16
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) The nation state is the only legitimate framework for the exercise of political action.

Or. fr

Amendment 17
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1b) Member States are therefore free to adopt the economic policies that they, as fully sovereign nations, deem necessary, useful and beneficial for their citizens.

Or. fr

Amendment 18
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2) Articles 120 and 121 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union provide that Member States shall conduct their economic policies with a view to contributing to the achievement of the objectives of the Union and in the context of the broad guidelines that the Council shall formulate. Thereby, the coordination of the economic policies of the Member States is a matter of common concern.

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Amendment 19
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
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Or. el

Amendment 20
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Several Member States have been undergoing and continue to undergo adjustment processes to correct macroeconomic imbalances accumulated in the past and many are facing the challenge of low potential growth. The Union has identified the implementation of structural reforms among its policy priorities to set the recovery on a sustainable path, unlock the growth potential to strengthen the adjustment capacity, and support the process of convergence.

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Or. fr

Amendment 21
Notis Marias

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(3) Several Member States have been undergoing and continue to undergo adjustment processes and many ***of them, mainly southern European countries such as Greece, Italy, Portugal Spain and Cyprus***, are facing the challenge of low potential growth. The Union has identified the implementation of structural reforms among its policy priorities, ***which, as shown by the example of Greece, Spain and Portugal, have meant poverty, distress and social deprivation for millions.***

Or. el

Amendment 22
Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) A single market cannot be reduced to the sum of its members as it makes the members' economies like communicating vessels, where policies made in one country can directly have positive or negative effects in the others, for example; tax or wage reductions in one country can increase its competitiveness and attract companies to that country at the expense of others; a demand push in one country can find its supply in other country, indebting the first with the second; a reduced demand in one country means that country exports its oversupply. Economic policy coordination is key to promoting the overall added value of policies, and to avoiding those where one member's gains are other members' losses. Therefore, structural reforms must avoid negative spillovers and promote positive

ones.

Or. en

Amendment 23

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4) Reforms are by their very nature complex processes that require a complete chain of highly-specialised knowledge and skills. Addressing structural reforms in a variety of public policy areas is challenging since their benefits often take time to materialise. Therefore, early and efficient design and implementation is crucial, be it for crisis-struck or structurally-weak economies. In this context, the provision of support by the Union in the form of technical assistance has been crucial in supporting the economic adjustment of Greece and Cyprus in the last years.

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Or. fr

Amendment 24

Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation

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Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. el

Amendment 25
Vladimír Maňka

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 26
Eleftherios Synadinos

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

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(4) Reforms are by their very nature complex processes that require a complete chain of highly-specialised knowledge and skills. Addressing structural reforms in a variety of public policy areas is challenging since their benefits often take time to materialise *and their effectiveness is uncertain*. Therefore, early and efficient design and implementation is crucial, be it for crisis-struck or structurally-weak economies. In this context, *Commission involvement* in the form of technical assistance has been crucial *for* the economic *progress of* Greece and Cyprus in the last years.

Or. el

Amendment 27
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) *Member States may benefit from support in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. These challenges may be dependent on various factors, including limited administrative and institutional capacity or inadequate application and implementation of Union legislation.*

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Or. fr

Amendment 28
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Member States *may benefit* from support in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. *These challenges may be dependent on various factors, including limited administrative and institutional capacity or inadequate application and implementation of Union legislation.*

Amendment

(5) Member States *have not benefited* from support in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. *On the contrary, these reforms have massively swelled the ranks of the unemployed and helped social inequalities to take hold within the EU, while leaving increasing numbers of citizens destitute by the day.*

Or. el

Amendment 29
Eleftherios Synadinos

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Member States may benefit from *support* in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. These challenges may be dependent on various factors, including limited administrative and institutional capacity or inadequate application and implementation of Union legislation.

Amendment

(5) Member States may benefit from *Commission involvement* in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. These challenges may be dependent on various factors, including limited administrative and institutional capacity or inadequate application and implementation of Union legislation.

Or. el

Amendment 30
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

(6) The Union has a long-lasting experience on providing specific support to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy. The experience gained by the Union in assisting national authorities carrying out reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to Member States. Comprehensive and integrated action is indeed necessary in order to provide support to those Member States that are undertaking growth-enhancing reforms and request assistance from the Union in this respect.

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Or. fr

Amendment 31
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

(6) The Union has a long-lasting experience on providing specific support to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy. The experience gained by the Union in assisting national authorities carrying out reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to

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Or. el

Amendment 32 **Eleftherios Synadinos**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 6**

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) The Union has a long-lasting experience on ***providing specific support*** to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy. The experience gained by the Union in ***assisting*** national authorities ***carrying out*** reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to ***provide support to Member States***. Comprehensive and integrated action is indeed necessary in order to provide ***support*** to those Member States that are undertaking ***growth-enhancing*** reforms and request assistance from the Union in this respect.

Amendment

(6) The Union has a long-lasting experience in ***administering extreme situations encountered by*** national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy. The experience gained by the Union in ***administering extreme situations together with*** national authorities ***so as to carry out*** reforms should be used ***and turned to advantage*** in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide ***substantial aid*** to Member States. Comprehensive and integrated action is indeed necessary in order to provide support to those Member States that are undertaking reforms and request assistance from the Union in this respect.

Or. el

Amendment 33 **Sophie Montel**

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7) *Against this background, it is necessary to establish a Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-enhancing administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. The Programme is intended to contribute to the achievement of common goals towards obtaining economic recovery, job creation, boosting Europe's competitiveness and stimulating investment in the real economy.*

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Or. fr

Amendment 34
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

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(7) *Against this background, Structural Reform Support Programmes, such as the memorandums for Greece and Portugal in particular, are manifestly failing to contribute to growth or greater economic prosperity in the Member States and, on the contrary, are massively swelling the ranks of the unemployed, aggravating social inequalities and leaving millions of EU citizens destitute.*

Amendment 35
Eleftherios Synadinos

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

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(7) Against this background, it is necessary to establish a Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement administrative and structural reforms ***to address extreme situations***, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. The Programme is intended to contribute to the achievement of common goals towards obtaining economic recovery, job creation, boosting Europe's competitiveness and stimulating investment in the real economy ***while respecting the rights of workers***.

Amendment 36
Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
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Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 37
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8) Support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission upon request by a Member State, in areas such as budget and taxation, public function, institutional and administrative reforms, the justice system, anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering, business environment, private sector development, investment, competition, public procurement, privatization processes, access to finance, investment, trade, sustainable development, innovation, education and training, labour policies, public health, asylum, migration policies, agriculture and rural development and financial sector policies.

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Or. fr

Amendment 38
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

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(8) Under the programme, ***Member States seeking to apply to the Commission for support should always have the approval of the public and of business stakeholders.***

Or. el

Amendment 39
Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 40
Eleftherios Synadinos

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. el

Amendment 41
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) *Member States should be able to request support from the Commission under the Programme in relation to the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of Country Specific*

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Recommendations in the context of the European Semester, to actions related to the implementation of Union law, as well as in relation to the implementation of economic adjustment programmes. They should also be able to request support in relation to reforms undertaken at their own initiative, in order to achieve sustainable investment, growth and job creation.

Or. fr

Amendment 42
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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Or. el

Amendment 43
Eleftherios Synadinos

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. el

Amendment 44
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management and determine the support to be provided based on urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of socioeconomic indicators, and the general administrative capacity of the Member State. The Commission should also, in close cooperation with the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial

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contribution for such support, taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes.

Or. fr

Amendment 45
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management and *determine the support to be provided based on urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of socioeconomic indicators, and the general administrative capacity of the Member State*. The Commission should also, in close cooperation with the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support *measures* to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support, *taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes*.

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(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management and *provide immediate support*. The Commission should also, in close cooperation with the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support.

Or. el

Amendment 46
Vladimír Maňka

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

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Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 47
Eleftherios Synadinos

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. el

Amendment 48
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11) The Commission Communications ‘The EU Budget Review’¹³ and ‘A budget for Europe 2020’¹⁴ underline the importance of focusing funding on activities with clear European added value, i.e. where the Union intervention can bring additional value compared to action of Member States alone. Against this background, the support actions carried out under the Programme should ensure complementarity and synergy with other programmes and policies at national, Union and international level. The actions under the Programme should allow elaborating and implementing solutions that address national challenges which have impact on cross-border or Union-wide challenges and achieve a consistent and coherent implementation of Union law. In addition, they should contribute to further develop trust and

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promote cooperation with the Commission and among Member States. Moreover, the Union is in a better position than Member States to provide a platform for the provision and sharing of good practices from peers as well as to mobilise expertise.

¹³ COM(2010) 700 of 19 October 2010.

¹⁴ COM(2011) 500 final of 29 June 2011.

Or. fr

Amendment 49 **Eleftherios Synadinos**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 11**

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. el

Amendment 50

Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

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¹⁴ COM(2011)500 final of 29 June 2011.

Or. en

Amendment 51

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12) It is necessary to establish a financial envelope for the Programme to cover a period of four years to align its duration with that of the multiannual financial framework laid down in Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013¹⁵.

deleted

¹⁵ Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884).

Or. fr

Amendment 52

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13) The financial envelope of the Programme should consist of financial resources deducted from allocations for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission under Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁶ and Regulation (EU)

deleted

No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁷. In order to allow such deduction, it is necessary to amend those Regulations.

¹⁶ *Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).*

¹⁷ *Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487).*

Or. fr

Amendment 53
Tamás Deutsch

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13a) The financing of the Programme through the transfer of allocations for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission should only be considered as a one-off solution that should not create a precedent as regards the funding of future

initiatives in this field.

Or. en

Amendment 54

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(14) Member States that request support should be able to contribute to the financial envelope of the Programme with additional funds. Currently, Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 limits the possibility of a transfer of resources dedicated to technical assistance at the initiative of a Member State to those Member States which face temporary budgetary difficulties. Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 should therefore be amended in order to allow all Member States to participate financially to the Programme. The resources transferred to the Union budget should be used for supporting actions contributing to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth or Fund-specific purposes in the Member States concerned.

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 55

Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(14) Member States that request support should *be able to contribute* to the financial envelope of the Programme with additional funds. Currently, Regulation

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Or. el

Amendment 56 **Eleftherios Synadinos**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 14**

Text proposed by the Commission

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(14) Member States that request ***assistance*** should be able to contribute to the financial envelope of the Programme with additional funds. Currently, Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 limits the possibility of a transfer of resources dedicated to technical assistance at the initiative of a Member State to those Member States which face temporary budgetary difficulties. Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 should therefore be amended in order to allow all Member States to participate financially to the Programme. The resources transferred to the Union budget should be used for supporting actions contributing to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, ***job creation*** or Fund-specific purposes in the Member States concerned.

Or. el

Amendment 57
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(15) This Regulation should be implemented in compliance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁸ on the financial rules applicable to the annual budget of the European Union. The Commission should adopt multi-annual work programmes that set out the political objectives pursued, the expected results of the support and the funding priorities in the respective policy areas. Those elements should be further specified in annual work programmes adopted by implementing acts. *deleted*

¹⁸ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Or. fr

Amendment 58
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(16) Considering the importance of sustaining the efforts of Member States in *deleted*

pursuing and implementing structural, institutional and administrative reforms, it is necessary to allow a co-financing rate of 100% of the eligible costs in order to achieve the objectives of the Programme, whilst ensuring compliance with the principles of co-financing and no-profit.

Or. el

Amendment 59
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 60
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(17) In the event of unforeseen and duly justified grounds of urgency requiring immediate response, such as a serious disturbance in the economy or significant circumstances seriously affecting the economic or social conditions in a Member State going *deleted*

beyond its control, upon request of a Member State, the Commission should be able to adopt special measures, for a limited proportion of the annual work programme, in accordance with objectives and actions eligible under the Programme to support the national authorities in addressing the urgent needs.

Or. fr

Amendment 61

Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) In the event of unforeseen and duly justified grounds of urgency requiring immediate response, such as a serious disturbance in the economy or significant circumstances seriously affecting the economic or social conditions in a Member State going beyond its control, upon request of a Member State, the Commission should be able to adopt *special measures, for a limited proportion of the annual work programme, in accordance with objectives and actions eligible under the Programme* to support the national authorities in addressing the urgent needs.

Amendment

(17) In the event of unforeseen and duly justified grounds of urgency requiring immediate response, such as a serious disturbance in the economy or significant circumstances seriously affecting the economic or social conditions in a Member State going beyond its control, upon request of a Member State, the Commission should be able to adopt measures *and* to support the national authorities in addressing the urgent needs.

Or. el

Amendment 62

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18) *In order to ensure the efficient and coherent allocation of funds from the Union budget and the principle of sound financial management, actions under this Programme should complement and be additional to ongoing Union programmes, whilst avoiding double funding for the same expenditure. In particular, the Commission and the Member State concerned, in accordance with their respective responsibilities should ensure at Union and Member State levels, in all stages of the process, effective coordination in order to ensure consistency, complementarity and synergy between sources of funding supporting actions in the relevant Member States with close links to this Programme, specifically with measures being financed from the Union funds in the Member States.* **deleted**

Or. fr

Amendment 63
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(19) *The financial interests of the Union should be protected through proportionate measures throughout the expenditure cycle, including the prevention, detection and investigation of irregularities, the recovery of funds lost, wrongly paid or incorrectly used and, where appropriate, penalties.* **deleted**

Or. fr

Amendment 64
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) The financial interests of the Union should be protected through proportionate measures throughout the expenditure cycle, including the prevention, detection and investigation of irregularities, the recovery of funds lost, *wrongly paid or incorrectly used and, where appropriate, penalties.*

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(19) The financial interests of the Union should be protected through proportionate measures throughout the expenditure cycle, including the prevention, detection and investigation of irregularities and the recovery of funds lost.

Or. el

Amendment 65
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) *To facilitate the evaluation of the Programme, a proper framework for monitoring the results achieved by the Programme should be put in place from the very beginning. A mid-term evaluation looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, its efficiency and its added value at the European level should be carried out. A final evaluation should, in addition, deal with the long-term impact and the sustainability effects of the Programme. Those evaluations should be based on the indicators, measuring the effects of the Programme.*

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 66
Tamás Deutsch

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(20) To facilitate the evaluation of the Programme, a proper framework for monitoring the results achieved by the Programme should be put in place from the very beginning. ***An annual monitoring report on the implementation of the Programme, including an analysis of the application of the criteria for assessing the request for support,*** looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, its efficiency and its added value at the European level should be carried out. A final evaluation should, in addition, deal with the long-term impact and the sustainability effects of the Programme. Those evaluations should be based on the indicators, measuring the effects of the Programme.

Or. en

Amendment 67
Vladimír Maňka

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(20) To facilitate the evaluation of the Programme ***and the achievement of defined objectives,*** a proper framework for monitoring the results achieved by the Programme should be put in place from the very beginning. ***That framework should also take note of the lessons learned in the process.*** A mid-term evaluation looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, its efficiency and its added value at the European level should be carried out. A final evaluation should, in

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Or. en

Amendment 68
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(21) In order to adapt the list of indicators measuring the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, in the light of experience during the implementation of the Programme, the power to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the amendment of the list. It is of particular importance that the Commission carries out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level. The Commission, when preparing and drawing up delegated acts, should ensure a simultaneous, timely and appropriate transmission of relevant documents to the European Parliament and to the Council.

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Or. fr

Amendment 69
Vladimír Maňka

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 70
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) *In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation as regards the adoption of the multi-annual and annual work programmes, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission.*

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 71
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(23) *Since the objective of this Regulation, namely to contribute to the institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States alone, but can rather, by reason of their scale and effects, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective, since the scope of the support would be mutually agreed with the Member State concerned.* *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 72
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(24) *In order to allow for the prompt application of the measures provided for in this Regulation, this Regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal* *deleted*

of the European Union.

Or. fr

Amendment 73

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 1

deleted

***Establishment and duration of the
Programme***

This Regulation establishes the Structural Reform Support Programme, hereinafter referred to as ‘the Programme’ for the period from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020.

Or. fr

Amendment 74

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 2

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Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

- 1. ‘Beneficiary Member State’ means a Member State that receives support from the Union under this Programme;***
- 2. ‘Union funds’ means the European Structural and Investment funds referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the Fund***

for the European Aid to the Most Deprived, established by Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁹, the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund established by Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁰, the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management established as part of the Internal Security Fund, by Regulation (EU) No 513/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council²¹, and the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa established, as part of the Internal Security Fund, by Regulation (EU) 515/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council²².

¹⁹ Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014, on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (OJ L 72, 12.3.2014, p. 1).

²⁰ Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, amending Council Decision 2008/381/EC and repealing Decisions No 573/2007/EC and No 575/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decision 2007/435/EC (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 168).

²¹ Regulation (EU) No 513/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management and repealing Council Decision 2007/125/JHA (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 93).

²² *Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa and repealing Decision No 574/2007/EC (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 143).*

Or. fr

Amendment 75
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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*European Parliament and of the Council*²².

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²⁰ *Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, amending Council Decision 2008/381/EC and repealing Decisions No 573/2007/EC and No 575/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decision 2007/435/EC (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 168).*

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Or. fr

Amendment 76
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- 1. 'Beneficiary Member State' means a Member State that receives support from the Union under this Programme;** *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 77
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- 2. 'Union funds' means the European Structural and Investment funds referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the Fund for the European Aid to the Most Deprived, established by Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁹, the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund established by Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁰, the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management established as part of the Internal Security Fund, by Regulation (EU) No 513/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council²¹, and the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa established, as part of the Internal Security Fund, by Regulation (EU) 515/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council²².** *deleted*

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²⁰ *Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, amending Council Decision 2008/381/EC and repealing Decisions No 573/2007/EC and No 575/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decision 2007/435/EC (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 168).*

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Or. fr

Amendment 78
Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. 'sustainable investment' means investment that reduces negative externalities or increases positive externalities in a measureable way whilst generating societal benefits;

Amendment 79
Jonathan Arnott

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 3

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European added value

1. The Programme shall finance actions with European added value. To that effect, the Commission shall ensure that actions selected for funding are likely to produce results with European added value and shall monitor whether European added value is actually achieved.

2. Actions and activities of the Programme shall ensure European added value in particular through:

(a) the development and implementation of solutions that address national challenges which have impact on cross-border or Union-wide challenges;

(b) their complementarity and synergy with other Union programmes and policies at national, Union and international level;

(c) their contribution to the consistent and coherent implementation of Union law;

(d) their contribution to the sharing of good practices and to building a Union-wide platform and network of expertise;

(e) the promotion of mutual trust between Beneficiary Member States and the Commission and cooperation among Member States.

Justification

If there is to be a programme of support the resources should be used in the most pragmatic and best way possible to help the Member State concerned and its people. It should not be used only in cases that makes the EU look good or that is politically convenient for the Commission. The programme of support should put the needs of the Member State and its people first, not the EU.

Amendment 80 **Sophie Montel**

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The Programme shall finance actions with European added value. To that effect, the Commission shall ensure that actions selected for funding are likely to produce results with European added value and shall monitor whether European added value is actually achieved. *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 81 **Sophie Montel**

Proposal for a regulation **Article 3 – paragraph 2**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Actions and activities of the Programme shall ensure European added value in particular through: *deleted*

(a) the development and implementation of solutions that address national challenges which have impact on cross-border or Union-wide challenges;

(b) their complementarity and synergy with other Union programmes and policies at national, Union and

international level;

(c) their contribution to the consistent and coherent implementation of Union law;

(d) their contribution to the sharing of good practices and to building a Union-wide platform and network of expertise;

(e) the promotion of mutual trust between Beneficiary Member States and the Commission and cooperation among Member States.

Or. fr

Amendment 82
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the development and implementation of solutions that address national challenges which have impact on cross-border or Union-wide challenges;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 83
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) their complementarity and synergy with other Union programmes and policies at national, Union and international level;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 84

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) *their contribution to the consistent and coherent implementation of Union law;* ***deleted***

Or. fr

Amendment 85

Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) *the promotion of European values, in particular solidarity and respect for Fundamental Rights;*

Or. en

Amendment 86

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) *their contribution to the sharing of good practices and to building a Union-wide platform and network of expertise;* ***deleted***

Or. fr

Amendment 87
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) the promotion of mutual trust between Beneficiary Member States and the Commission and cooperation among Member States. *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 88
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 4 *deleted*

General objective

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing competitiveness, growth, jobs, and investment, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

Or. fr

Amendment 89
Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing competitiveness, growth, jobs, and investment, *in particular in the context of economic governance processes*, including through assistance for the efficient and effective *use* of the Union funds.

Amendment

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States *at their own request* by providing support to national *and regional* authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing competitiveness, growth, jobs, and *sustainable* investment, including through assistance for the efficient and effective of the Union funds.

Or. en

Amendment 90
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5

Text proposed by the Commission

[...]

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 91
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. To achieve the general objective set out in Article 4, the Programme shall have the following specific objectives: *deleted*

(a) to assist the initiatives of national authorities to design their reforms according to priorities, taking into account initial conditions and expected socio-economic impacts;

(b) to support the national authorities to enhance their capacity to formulate, develop and implement reform policies and strategies and pursue an integrated approach ensuring consistency between goals and means across sectors;

(c) to support the efforts of national authorities to define and implement appropriate processes and methodologies by taking into account good practices and lessons learned by other countries in addressing similar situations;

(d) to assist the national authorities to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of human resources management, where appropriate, through definition of clear responsibilities and increase of professional knowledge and skills.

These objectives shall be pursued in close cooperation with Beneficiary Member States

Or. fr

Amendment 92

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) to assist the initiatives of national authorities to design their reforms *deleted*

according to priorities, taking into account initial conditions and expected socio-economic impacts;

Or. fr

Amendment 93

Jonathan Arnott, Marco Zanni, Marco Valli

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) to assist the initiatives of national authorities to design their reforms according to priorities, taking into account initial conditions and expected socio-economic impacts; *deleted*

Or. en

Justification

If there is to be a programme of support it should not be used by the EU Commission to control, influence and interfere with policy creation, law making and the legislative process in the Member State concerned.

Amendment 94

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) to support the national authorities to enhance their capacity to formulate, develop and implement reform policies and strategies and pursue an integrated approach ensuring consistency between goals and means across sectors; *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 95
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) *to support the efforts of national authorities to define and implement appropriate processes and methodologies by taking into account good practices and lessons learned by other countries in addressing similar situations;* *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 96
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) *to assist the national authorities to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of human resources management, where appropriate, through definition of clear responsibilities and increase of professional knowledge and skills.* *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 97
Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) *to encourage the involvement of*

citizens in decision making through consultations and to strengthen citizenship through participatory processes;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

These objectives shall be pursued in close cooperation with Beneficiary Member States

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 99
Victor Negrescu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) measures to assist national authorities in drawing up public service training standards in line with administrative reforms;

Or. ro

Amendment 100
Victor Negrescu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

(ba) supporting efforts by national authorities to streamline and simplify procedures relating to European project funding;

Or. ro

Amendment 101
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 shall refer to policy areas related to competitiveness, growth, jobs and investment, in particular to the following:

deleted

(a) public financial management, budget process, debt management and revenue administration;

(b) institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public administration, effective rule of law, reform of the justice system and reinforcement of anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering;

(c) business environment, private sector development, investment, privatization processes, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for innovation;

(d) education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, asylum, migration and borders policies;

(e) policies for the agricultural sector and the sustainable development of rural

areas;

(f) financial sector policies and access to finance.

Or. fr

Amendment 102

Jonathan Arnott, Marco Zanni, Marco Valli

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. *The specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 shall refer to policy areas related to competitiveness, growth, jobs and investment, in particular to the following:* *deleted*

(a) public financial management, budget process, debt management and revenue administration;

(b) institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public administration, effective rule of law, reform of the justice system and reinforcement of anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering;

(c) business environment, private sector development, investment, privatization processes, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for innovation;

(d) education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, asylum, migration and borders policies;

(e) policies for the agricultural sector and the sustainable development of rural areas;

(f) financial sector policies and access

to finance.

Or. en

Justification

If there is to be a programme of support it should not be used by the EU Commission to control, influence and interfere with policy creation, law making and the legislative process in the Member State concerned.

Amendment 103
Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The *specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 shall refer to policy areas related to competitiveness, growth, jobs and investment, in particular to the following:*

Amendment

2. The *Member State shall, in consultation with regional authorities and civil society representatives, identify the policy areas it wishes to tackle in accordance with specific needs.*

Or. en

Amendment 104
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) *public financial management, budget process, debt management and revenue administration;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 105
Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) public financial management, budget process, debt management and revenue administration;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 106
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public administration, effective rule of law, reform of the justice system and reinforcement of anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 107
Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public administration, effective rule of law, reform of the justice system and reinforcement of anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 108
Eleftherios Synadinos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

b) institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public administration, effective rule of law, reform of the justice system and ***reinforcement of anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money*** laundering;

Amendment

b) institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public administration, effective rule of law ***as regards*** reform of the justice system and ***measures to combat fraud, corruption and money*** laundering;

Or. el

Amendment 109
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) ***business environment, private sector development, investment, privatization processes, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for innovation;***

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 110
Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) ***business environment, private***

Amendment

deleted

sector development, investment, privatization processes, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for innovation;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, asylum, migration and borders policies; *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 112
Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, asylum, migration and borders policies; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 113
Eleftherios Synadinos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

d) education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, ***public health and healthcare systems, asylum, migration and borders policies;***

Amendment

d) education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems;

Or. el

Amendment 114
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) ***policies for the agricultural sector and the sustainable development of rural areas;***

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 115
Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) ***policies for the agricultural sector and the sustainable development of rural areas;***

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 116
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(f) financial sector policies and access to finance. *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 117
Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(f) financial sector policies and access to finance. *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 118
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

[...] *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 119
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

With a view to pursuing the objectives set out in Articles 4 and 5, the Programme may finance in particular the following types of action: ***deleted***

Or. fr

Amendment 120
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) expertise related to policy advice, policy change, and legislative, institutional, structural and administrative reforms; ***deleted***

Or. fr

Amendment 121
Jonathan Arnott, Marco Zanni, Marco Valli

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) expertise related to policy advice, policy change, and legislative, institutional, structural and administrative reforms; ***deleted***

Or. en

Justification

If there is to be a programme of support it should not be used by the EU Commission to control, influence and interfere with policy creation, law making, administrative organisation and the legislative process in the Member State concerned.

Amendment 122
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) *the provision of expert(s)* *deleted*
(including resident experts), for a short or long period, to perform tasks in specific domains or to carry out operational activities, where necessary with interpretation, translation and cooperation support, administrative assistance and infrastructure and equipment facilities;

Or. fr

Amendment 123
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) *institutional, administrative or sectoral capacity building and related supporting actions, notably:* *deleted*
i) seminars, conferences and workshops;
ii) working visits to relevant Member States or a third country to enable officials to acquire or increase their expertise or knowledge in relevant matters;
iii) training actions and the development of online or other training modules to support the necessary professional skills and knowledge relating to the relevant reforms;

Or. fr

Amendment 124
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point c – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

i) seminars, conferences and workshops; *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 125
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point c – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

ii) working visits to relevant Member States or a third country to enable officials to acquire or increase their expertise or knowledge in relevant matters; *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 126
Victor Negrescu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point c – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) working visits to relevant Member States or a third country to enable officials to acquire or increase their expertise or knowledge in relevant matters;

(ii) working visits to relevant Member States or a third country to enable officials ***and delegation representatives*** to acquire or increase their expertise or knowledge in relevant matters:

Amendment 127

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point c – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

iii) training actions and the development of online or other training modules to support the necessary professional skills and knowledge relating to the relevant reforms; *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 128

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) collection of data and statistics; development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 129

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) organisation of local operational support in areas such as asylum, *deleted*

migration, border control;

Or. fr

Amendment 130
Eleftherios Synadinos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

e) organisation of local operational support in areas such as asylum, migration, border control; *deleted*

Or. el

Amendment 131
Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) organisation of local operational support in areas such as asylum, migration, border control; *(e) organisation of local operational support and bottom-up approaches in order to facilitate the ownership of the reforms considered;*

Or. en

Amendment 132
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(f) IT capacity building: development, maintenance, operation and quality *deleted*

control of the IT infrastructure and applications needed to implement the relevant reforms;

Or. fr

Amendment 133

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(g) studies, researches, analyses and surveys; evaluations and impact assessments; elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material; *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 134

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(h) communication projects: learning, cooperation, awareness raising, dissemination activities, and exchange of good practices; organisation of awareness-raising and information campaigns, media campaigns and events, including corporate communication; *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 135

Jonathan Arnott, Marco Zanni, Marco Valli

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(h) communication projects: learning, cooperation, awareness raising, dissemination activities, and exchange of good practices; organisation of awareness-raising and information campaigns, media campaigns and events, including corporate communication; *deleted*

Or. en

Justification

If there is to be a programme of support none of it should be used as propaganda or to promote the EU. The resources of the programme should solely be used to help the Member State concerned and its people.

Amendment 136
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) compilation and publication of materials to disseminate information as well as results of the Programme: development, operation and maintenance of systems and tools using information and communication technologies; *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 137
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point j

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(j) any other activity in support of the general and specific objectives set out in Articles 4 and 5. **deleted**

Or. fr

Amendment 138
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 7

deleted

Request for support

1. A Member State wishing to receive support under the Programme shall submit a request for support to the Commission, identifying the policy areas and the priorities for support within the scope of the Programme as set out in Article 5(2). This request shall be submitted at the latest by 31 October of each calendar year.

2. Taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management, further to a dialogue with the Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State. Taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, the Commission in close cooperation with the Member State concerned shall identify the

priority areas for support, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support.

3. The request for support may be submitted regarding the following:

(a) the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of the relevant Country Specific Recommendations issued in the context of the European Semester or of relevant actions related to the implementation of Union law;

(b) the implementation of economic adjustment programmes for Member States that receive Union financial assistance under existing instruments, in particular in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council²³ for the euro area Member States and Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002²⁴ for non-euro area Member States;

(c) the implementation of reforms by Member States, undertaken at their own initiative, notably to achieve sustainable investment, growth and job creation.

²³ Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on the strengthening of economic and budgetary surveillance of Member States in the euro area experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability (OJ L 140, 27.5.2013, p. 1).

²⁴ Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002 of 18 February 2002 establishing a facility providing medium-term financial assistance for Member States' balances of payments (OJ L 53, 23.2.2002, p. 1).

Or. fr

Amendment 139
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. A Member State wishing to receive support under the Programme shall submit a request for support to the Commission, identifying the policy areas and the priorities for support within the scope of the Programme as set out in Article 5(2). This request shall be submitted at the latest by 31 October of each calendar year. ***deleted***

Or. fr

Amendment 140
Victor Negrescu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. A Member State wishing to receive support under the Programme shall submit a request for support to the Commission, identifying the policy areas and the priorities for support within the scope of the Programme as set out in Article 5(2). This request shall be submitted at the latest by 31 October of each calendar year.

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Or. ro

Amendment 141
Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. A Member State wishing to receive support under the Programme shall submit a request for support to the Commission, identifying the policy areas and the priorities for support within the scope of the Programme as set out in Article 5(2). This request shall be submitted at the latest by 31 October of each calendar year.

Amendment

1. A Member State wishing to receive support under the Programme shall submit a request for support to the Commission, identifying the policy areas and the priorities for support within the scope of the Programme as set out in Article 5. This request shall be submitted at the latest by 31 October of each calendar year.

Or. en

Amendment 142

Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Member States shall agree with the Commission a set of policy guidelines steering the design and the content of the reform. They shall involve their parliaments and partners from regional and local authorities, economic and social partners and representatives of civil society before submitting a request for support.

Or. en

Amendment 143

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management, further to a

deleted

dialogue with the Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State. Taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, the Commission in close cooperation with the Member State concerned shall identify the priority areas for support, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support.

Or. fr

Amendment 144
Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management, further to a dialogue with the Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State. Taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds *or* other Union programmes, the Commission *in close cooperation* with the Member State concerned *shall identify*

Amendment

2. Taking into account the principles of *subsidiarity, solidarity*, transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management, further to a dialogue with the Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State. Taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds *and* other Union programmes *and instruments and based on the specific*

the priority *areas* for support, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support.

needs identified by the Member State in consultation with regional authorities and civil society representatives, the Commission *shall agree* with the Member State concerned, *in line with the agreed policy guidelines, the objectives*, the priority *actions* for support, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support.

Or. en

Amendment 145 **Eleftherios Synadinos**

Proposal for a regulation **Article 7 – paragraph 2**

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment *and* sound financial management, further to a dialogue with the Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State. Taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, the Commission in close cooperation with the Member State concerned shall identify the priority areas for support, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support.

Amendment

2. Taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment, sound financial management, *proportionality and subsidiarity*, further to a dialogue with the Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State. Taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, the Commission in close cooperation with the Member State concerned shall identify the priority areas for support, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support.

Or. el

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. *The request for support may be submitted regarding the following:* *deleted*

(a) the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of the relevant Country Specific Recommendations issued in the context of the European Semester or of relevant actions related to the implementation of Union law;

(b) the implementation of economic adjustment programmes for Member States that receive Union financial assistance under existing instruments, in particular in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council²³ for the euro area Member States and Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002²⁴ for non-euro area Member States;

(c) the implementation of reforms by Member States, undertaken at their own initiative, notably to achieve sustainable investment, growth and job creation.

²³ *Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on the strengthening of economic and budgetary surveillance of Member States in the euro area experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability (OJ L 140, 27.5.2013, p. 1).*

²⁴ *Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002 of 18 February 2002 establishing a facility providing medium-term financial assistance for Member States' balances of payments (OJ L 53, 23.2.2002, p. 1).*

Amendment 147

Jonathan Arnott, Marco Zanni, Marco Valli

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. *The request for support may be submitted regarding the following:* **deleted**

(a) *the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of the relevant Country Specific Recommendations issued in the context of the European Semester or of relevant actions related to the implementation of Union law;*

(b) *the implementation of economic adjustment programmes for Member States that receive Union financial assistance under existing instruments, in particular in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council²³ for the euro area Member States and Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002²⁴ for non-euro area Member States;*

(c) *the implementation of reforms by Member States, undertaken at their own initiative, notably to achieve sustainable investment, growth and job creation.*

²³ *Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on the strengthening of economic and budgetary surveillance of Member States in the euro area experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability (OJ L 140, 27.5.2013, p. 1).*

²⁴ *Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002 of 18 February 2002 establishing a facility providing medium-term financial*

assistance for Member States' balances of payments (OJ L 53, 23.2.2002, p. 1).

Or. en

Justification

If there is to be a programme of support the resources should be available to help the Member State and its people. It should not be available only if the Member State enforces EU policy goals.

Amendment 148
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of the relevant Country Specific Recommendations issued in the context of the European Semester or of relevant actions related to the implementation of Union law; *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 149
Eleftherios Synadinos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

α) the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of the relevant Country Specific Recommendations issued in the context of the European Semester or of relevant actions related to the implementation of Union law;

a) the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes or of relevant actions related to the implementation of Union law;

Amendment 150

Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the implementation of reforms in the context of ***economic governance processes, in particular of*** the relevant Country Specific Recommendations issued in the context of the European Semester or of relevant actions related to the implementation of Union law;

Amendment

(a) the implementation of reforms in the context of the relevant Country Specific Recommendations issued in the context of the European Semester or of relevant actions related to the implementation of Union law;

Or. en

Amendment 151

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) ***the implementation of economic adjustment programmes for Member States that receive Union financial assistance under existing instruments, in particular in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council²³ for the euro area Member States and Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002²⁴ for non-euro area Member States;***

Amendment

deleted

²³ ***Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on the strengthening of economic and budgetary surveillance of Member States in the euro area***

experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability (OJ L 140, 27.5.2013, p. 1).

²⁴ Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002 of 18 February 2002 establishing a facility providing medium-term financial assistance for Member States' balances of payments (OJ L 53, 23.2.2002, p. 1).

Or. fr

Amendment 152
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 3 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) the implementation of reforms by Member States, undertaken at their own initiative, notably to achieve sustainable investment, growth and job creation. *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 153
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 8 *deleted*

Organisation of support

1. The Commission may define the support envisaged for Beneficiary Member States in cooperation with other Member States or international organisations.

2. The Beneficiary Member State, in coordination with the Commission, may

enter into partnership with one or more other Member States which shall act as Reform Partners in respect of specific areas of reform. A Reform Partner shall, in coordination with the Commission, help formulate strategy, reform roadmaps, design high-quality assistance or oversee implementation of strategy and projects.

Or. fr

Amendment 154
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. *The Commission may define the support envisaged for Beneficiary Member States in cooperation with other Member States or international organisations.* **deleted**

Or. fr

Amendment 155
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. *The Beneficiary Member State, in coordination with the Commission, may enter into partnership with one or more other Member States which shall act as Reform Partners in respect of specific areas of reform. A Reform Partner shall, in coordination with the Commission, help formulate strategy, reform roadmaps, design high-quality assistance or oversee implementation of strategy and projects.* **deleted**

Amendment 156

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 9

deleted

Financial envelope

- 1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme shall be up to EUR 142 800 000.***
- 2. The financial allocation of the Programme may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities which are required for the management of the Programme and the achievement of its objectives, in particular studies, meetings of experts, information and communication actions, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, as far as they are related to the general objectives of this Regulation, expenses linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, together with all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the Programme.***
- 3. The budgetary authority shall authorise the available annual appropriations within the limits of the Multiannual Financial Framework established by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013.***

Amendment 157
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. *The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme shall be up to EUR 142 800 000.* *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 158
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. *The financial allocation of the Programme may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities which are required for the management of the Programme and the achievement of its objectives, in particular studies, meetings of experts, information and communication actions, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, as far as they are related to the general objectives of this Regulation, expenses linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, together with all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the Programme.* *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 159
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The budgetary authority shall authorise the available annual appropriations within the limits of the Multiannual Financial Framework established by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013. *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 160
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 10

deleted

Other financial contributions to the budget of the Programme

- 1. In addition to the financial envelope set out in Article 9, the Programme may be financed through additional contributions from Member States.**
- 2. The additional contributions referred to in paragraph 1 may consist of contributions from resources provided for technical assistance at the initiative of the Member States under Article 59 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and transferred pursuant to Article 25 of that Regulation.**
- 3. These additional contributions referred to in paragraph 1 shall be used to support actions which contribute to delivering the Union strategy for smart,**

sustainable and inclusive growth. A contribution made by a Beneficiary Member State in accordance with paragraph 2 shall be used exclusively in that Member State.

Or. fr

Amendment 161
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. In addition to the financial envelope set out in Article 9, the Programme may be financed through additional contributions from Member States. *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 162
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The additional contributions referred to in paragraph 1 may consist of contributions from resources provided for technical assistance at the initiative of the Member States under Article 59 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and transferred pursuant to Article 25 of that Regulation. *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 163
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. *These additional contributions referred to in paragraph 1 shall be used to support actions which contribute to delivering the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. A contribution made by a Beneficiary Member State in accordance with paragraph 2 shall be used exclusively in that Member State.* **deleted**

Or. fr

Amendment 164
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 11 **deleted**

No double funding

Actions financed under this Regulation may receive support from other Union programmes, instruments or funds under the Union's budget provided that the support does not cover the same cost items.

Or. fr

Amendment 165
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Actions financed under this Regulation may receive support from other Union programmes, instruments or funds under the Union's budget provided that the support does not cover the same cost items.

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Or. fr

Amendment 166
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 167
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The Commission shall implement the Programme in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 168
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- 2. *The measures of the Programme may be implemented either directly by the Commission or indirectly, by entities and persons other than Member States in accordance with Article 60 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012. In particular, Union financial support for actions provided for in Article 6 of this Regulation shall take the form of:***
- (a) *grants (including grants to the Member States' national authorities);***
- (b) *public procurement contracts;***
- (c) *reimbursement of costs incurred by external experts;***
- (d) *contributions to trust funds;***
- (e) *actions carried out in indirect management***
- deleted**

Or. fr

Amendment 169
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- (a) *grants (including grants to the Member States' national authorities);***
- deleted**

Or. fr

Amendment 170
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) *public procurement contracts;* *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 171

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

**(c) *reimbursement of costs incurred* *deleted*
*by external experts;***

Or. fr

Amendment 172

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) *contributions to trust funds;* *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 173

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

**(e) *actions carried out in indirect* *deleted*
*management***

Amendment 174

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. Grants may be awarded to Member States' national authorities, the European Investment Bank group, international organisations, public and/or private bodies and entities legally established in any of the following: *deleted*

(a) Member States;

(b) European Free Trade Agreement countries which are party to the European Economic Area Agreement, in accordance with the conditions laid down in the EEA Agreement.

The co-financing rate for grants shall be up to 100 % of the eligible costs, without prejudice to the principles of co-financing and no-profit.

Amendment 175

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) Member States *deleted*

Amendment 176
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) *European Free Trade Agreement countries which are party to the European Economic Area Agreement, in accordance with the conditions laid down in the EEA Agreement.* *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 177
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The co-financing rate for grants shall be up to 100 % of the eligible costs, without prejudice to the principles of co-financing and no-profit. *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 178
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. Support may also be provided by individual experts who may be invited to contribute to selected activities organised under the Programme wherever that is necessary for the achievement of the specific objectives set out in Articles 5. *deleted*

Amendment 179

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5. *In order to implement the Programme, the Commission shall adopt, by way of implementing acts, multi-annual work programmes. Multi-annual work programmes shall set out the policy objectives pursued through the envisaged support and the expected results, as well as funding priorities in the relevant policy areas. The multi-annual work programmes shall be further specified in annual work programmes, adopted by way of implementing acts, identifying the measures needed for their implementation, together with all the elements required by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.* **deleted**

Amendment 180

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6. *To ensure timely availability of resources, the annual work programme may indicate that in the event of unforeseen and duly justified grounds of urgency requiring an immediate response, including a serious disturbance in the economy or significant circumstances seriously affecting the economic or social* **deleted**

conditions in a Member State going beyond its control, the Commission may, on request by a Member State, adopt special measures in accordance with the objectives and actions defined in this Regulation to support the national authorities in addressing urgent needs. Such special measures may account only for a limited proportion of the annual work programme and shall not be subject to the conditions set out in Article 7.

Or. fr

Amendment 181
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 13

deleted

Coordination and complementarity

The Commission and the Beneficiary Member States, within their respective responsibilities, shall foster synergies and ensure effective coordination between the Programme and other Union programmes and instruments, and in particular with measures financed by the Union funds. To this end, they shall:

- a) ensure complementarity and synergy between different instruments at Union and national levels, in particular in relation to measures financed by Union funds, both in the planning phase and during implementation;***
- b) optimise mechanisms for coordination to avoid duplication of effort;***
- c) ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation at Union and national level to deliver***

coherent and streamlined support actions.

The relevant multi-annual and annual work programmes may serve as the coordination framework, where support is envisaged in any of the areas referred to in Article 5(2).

Or. fr

Amendment 182
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission and the Beneficiary Member States, within their respective responsibilities, shall foster synergies and ensure effective coordination between the Programme and other Union programmes and instruments, and in particular with measures financed by the Union funds. To this end, they shall:

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a) ensure complementarity and synergy between different instruments at Union and national levels, in particular in relation to measures financed by Union funds, both in the planning phase and during implementation;

b) optimise mechanisms for coordination to avoid duplication of effort;

c) ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation at Union and national level to deliver coherent and streamlined support actions.

Or. fr

Amendment 183
Sophie Montel

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

a) *ensure complementarity and synergy between different instruments at Union and national levels, in particular in relation to measures financed by Union funds, both in the planning phase and during implementation;* *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 184
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

b) *optimise mechanisms for coordination to avoid duplication of effort;* *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 185
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

c) *ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation at Union and national level to deliver coherent and streamlined support actions.* *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 186
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The relevant multi-annual and annual work programmes may serve as the coordination framework, where support is envisaged in any of the areas referred to in Article 5(2).

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Or. fr

Amendment 187
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 14

deleted

Protection of the financial interests of the Union

1. The Commission shall take appropriate measures ensuring that, when actions financed under this Regulation are implemented, the financial interests of the Union are protected by the application of preventive measures against fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities, by effective checks and, if irregularities are detected, by the recovery of the amounts wrongly paid and, where appropriate, by effective, proportionate and deterrent penalties.

2. The Commission or its representatives and the Court of Auditors shall have the power of audit, on the basis of documents and on-the-spot, over all grant beneficiaries, contractors and subcontractors who have received Union

funds under the Programme.

The European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF) may carry out on-the-spot checks and inspections on economic operators concerned directly or indirectly by such funding in accordance with the procedures laid down in Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96²⁵ with a view to establishing whether there has been fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of the Union in connection with a grant agreement or grant decision or a contract concerning Union funding.

Without prejudice to the first and second sub-paragraphs, cooperation agreements with international organisations and grant agreements and grant decisions and contracts resulting from the implementation of this Regulation shall expressly empower the Commission, the Court of Auditors and OLAF to conduct such audits, on-the-spot checks and inspections.

²⁵ Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 2).

Or. fr

Amendment 188
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The Commission shall take appropriate measures ensuring that, when

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actions financed under this Regulation are implemented, the financial interests of the Union are protected by the application of preventive measures against fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities, by effective checks and, if irregularities are detected, by the recovery of the amounts wrongly paid and, where appropriate, by effective, proportionate and deterrent penalties.

Or. fr

Amendment 189
Eleftherios Synadinos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall take appropriate measures ensuring that, when actions financed under this Regulation are implemented, the financial interests of the Union are protected by the application of preventive measures against fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities, by effective checks and, if irregularities are detected, by the recovery of the amounts wrongly paid and, where appropriate, by effective, proportionate and deterrent penalties.

Amendment

1. The Commission shall take appropriate measures ensuring that, when actions financed under this Regulation are implemented, the financial interests of the Union are protected by the application of preventive measures against fraud, corruption and any other illegal *economic* activities, by effective checks and, if irregularities are detected, by the recovery of the amounts wrongly paid and, where appropriate, by effective, proportionate and deterrent penalties.

Or. el

Amendment 190
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission or its representatives and the Court of Auditors shall have the power of audit, on the basis of documents

Amendment

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and on-the-spot, over all grant beneficiaries, contractors and subcontractors who have received Union funds under the Programme.

Or. fr

Amendment 191
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF) may carry out on-the-spot checks and inspections on economic operators concerned directly or indirectly by such funding in accordance with the procedures laid down in Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96²⁵ with a view to establishing whether there has been fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of the Union in connection with a grant agreement or grant decision or a contract concerning Union funding.

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²⁵ Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 2).

Or. fr

Amendment 192
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Without prejudice to the first and second sub-paragraphs, cooperation agreements with international organisations and grant agreements and grant decisions and contracts resulting from the implementation of this Regulation shall expressly empower the Commission, the Court of Auditors and OLAF to conduct such audits, on-the-spot checks and inspections.

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Or. fr

Amendment 193
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 15

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Monitoring and evaluation

1. The Commission shall monitor the implementation of the actions financed by the Programme and measure the achievement of the specific objectives referred to in Article 5(1) in accordance with indicators set out in the Annex.

The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 16 concerning amendments to the list of indicators set out in the Annex.

2. The Commission shall provide the European Parliament and the Council with an interim evaluation report, by mid of 2019, at the latest, and an ex-post evaluation report by end of December 2021.

3. The interim evaluation report shall include information on the achievement of the Programme's objectives, the

efficiency of the use of resources and the Programme's European added value and assessment on whether funding in areas covered by the Programme needs to be adapted or extended after 2020. It shall also address the continued relevance of all objectives and actions. The ex-post evaluation report shall include information on the longer-term impact of the Programme.

Or. fr

Amendment 194
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The Commission shall monitor the implementation of the actions financed by the Programme and measure the achievement of the specific objectives referred to in Article 5(1) in accordance with indicators set out in the Annex. *deleted*

The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 16 concerning amendments to the list of indicators set out in the Annex.

Or. fr

Amendment 195
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission shall monitor the implementation of the actions financed by the Programme and measure the *deleted*

*achievement of the specific objectives
referred to in Article 5(1) in accordance
with indicators set out in the Annex.*

Or. fr

Amendment 196
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*The Commission shall be empowered to
adopt delegated acts in accordance with
Article 16 concerning amendments to the
list of indicators set out in the Annex.* *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 197
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*2. The Commission shall provide the
European Parliament and the Council
with an interim evaluation report, by mid
of 2019, at the latest, and an ex-post
evaluation report by end of December
2021.* *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 198
Tamás Deutsch

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall provide the European Parliament and the Council with an *interim evaluation* report, *by mid of 2019, at the latest*, and an ex-post evaluation report by end of December 2021.

Amendment

2. The Commission shall provide the European Parliament and the Council with an *annual monitoring* report *on the implementation of the Programme, including an analysis of the application of the criteria referred to in Article 7(2) for assessing the requests for support submitted by Member States*, and an ex-post evaluation report by end of December 2021.

Or. en

Amendment 199
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. *The interim evaluation report shall include information on the achievement of the Programme's objectives, the efficiency of the use of resources and the Programme's European added value and assessment on whether funding in areas covered by the Programme needs to be adapted or extended after 2020. It shall also address the continued relevance of all objectives and actions. The ex-post evaluation report shall include information on the longer-term impact of the Programme.*

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 200
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16

Article 16

deleted

Exercise of the delegation

1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article.

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of four years from 1 January 2017.

3. The delegation of power referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect on the day following publication in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

4. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.

5. A delegated act adopted pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of the notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.

Or. fr

Amendment 201

Jonathan Arnott, Marco Zanni, Marco Valli

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 16

deleted

Exercise of the delegation

1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article.

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of four years from 1 January 2017.

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4. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.

5. A delegated act adopted pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of the notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both

informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.

Or. en

Amendment 202
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article. *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 203
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of four years from 1 January 2017. *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 204
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The delegation of power referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect on the day following publication in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

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Or. fr

Amendment 205

Victor Negrescu

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The delegation of power referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect on the day following publication in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

3. The delegation of power referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. ***A further delegation of power shall be possible through the issuing of a decision to this effect following suspension of the revocation decision.*** It shall take effect on the day following publication in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

Or. ro

Amendment 206

Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council. *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 207
Sophie Montel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5. A delegated act adopted pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of the notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council. *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 208
Jonathan Arnott

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 16 a

Mechanism to exit the programme

The Member State concerned may make a request to the Commission at any time to end its participation in the programme without further justification. If the Commission receives such a request it is obliged to end the programme immediately.

Or. en

Justification

This is to ensure subsidiarity is applied consistently throughout the legislation. As the Member State has the sole right to apply for the support programme, it should also have the right to withdraw from the programme.