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Establishing the Connecting Europe Facility

Proposal for a regulation

(COM(2018)0438 – C8-0255/2018 – 2018/0228(COD))

Amendment 8
Indrek Tarand

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) Article 8 TFEU lays down the principle of gender mainstreaming in all EU activities. A proper implementation of gender mainstreaming requires transparency in the budget allocations dedicated to promote gender equality and to combat gender discrimination.

Or. en

Amendment 9
Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement, and the commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Regulation should therefore mainstream climate action and lead to the achievement of an overall target of 25 % of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives¹⁸. Actions under this Programme are expected to contribute 60% of the overall financial envelope of the Programme to climate objectives, based inter alia on the following Rio markers: i) 100 % for the expenditures relating to railway infrastructure, alternative fuels, clean urban transport, electricity transmission, electricity storage, smart grids, CO2 transportation and renewable energy; ii) 40 % for inland

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waterways and multimodal transport, **and gas infrastructure - if enabling increased use of renewable hydrogen or bio-methane**. Relevant actions will be identified during the Programme's preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review processes. In order to prevent that infrastructure is vulnerable to potential long term climate change impacts and to ensure that the cost of greenhouse gas emissions arising from the project is included in the project's economic evaluation, projects supported by the Programme should be subject to climate proofing in accordance with guidance that should be developed by the Commission coherently with the guidance developed for other programmes of the Union where relevant.

¹⁸ COM(2018) 321, page 13.

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¹⁸ COM(2018) 321, page 13.

Or. es

Amendment 10

Nils Torvalds

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

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¹⁸ COM(2018) 321, page 13

Or. en

Amendment 11

Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) In order to improve the completion of transport projects in less developed parts of the network, ***a Cohesion Fund allocation should be transferred to the Programme to finance transport projects***

Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 12
Inese Vaidere

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

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Or. en

Amendment 13
Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) The Communication on "Connectivity for a Competitive Digital Single Market - Towards a European Gigabit Society"³⁰ (the Gigabit Society Strategy) sets out strategic objectives for 2025, in view of optimising investment in digital connectivity infrastructure. Directive (EU) 2018/XXX [European Electronic Communications Code] aims inter alia at creating a regulatory environment which incentivises private investments in digital connectivity networks. It is nevertheless clear that network deployments will remain commercially non-viable in many areas throughout the Union, due to various factors such as remoteness and territorial or geographical specificities, low population density, various socio-economic factors. The Programme should therefore be adjusted to contribute to the achievement of these strategic objectives set out in the Gigabit Society Strategy, complementing the support provided for the deployment of very high capacity networks by other programmes, in particular ***the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Cohesion Fund and the InvestEU fund.***

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contributions which strengthen the Union's own resources and the Member States' contributions.

³⁰ COM(2016) 587.

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Or. es

Amendment 14
Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 32

Text proposed by the Commission

(32) The policy objectives of this Programme will be also addressed through ***financial instruments and budgetary guarantee*** under the policy window(s) [...] of the InvestEU Fund. The Programme's actions should be used to address market failures or sub-optimal investment situations, in a proportionate manner, ***without duplicating or crowding out private financing*** and have a clear European added value.

Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 15
Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 35

Text proposed by the Commission

(35) At Union level, the European Semester of economic policy coordination is the framework to identify national reform priorities and monitor their implementation. Member States develop their own national multiannual investment

Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 16

Nicola Caputo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Programme has the general objective to develop and modernise the trans-European networks in the fields of transport, energy and digital and to facilitate cross-border cooperation in the field of renewable energy, taking into account the long-term decarbonisation commitments and with emphasis on synergies among sectors.

Amendment

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Or. it

Amendment 17

Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) to contribute to the development of projects of common interest relating to efficient and interconnected networks and infrastructure for smart, sustainable, inclusive, safe and secure mobility;

Amendment

(i) to contribute to the development of projects of common interest relating to efficient and interconnected networks and infrastructure for smart, sustainable, inclusive, safe and secure mobility ***that is accessible to persons with disabilities, and which satisfy public acceptance criteria, including stakeholder mappings and feasibility studies;***

Or. en

Amendment 18

Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) ***to adapt the TEN-T networks to military mobility needs;***

Amendment

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 19

Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) ***to adapt the TEN-T networks to military mobility needs;***

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 20
Inese Vaidere

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) to adapt the TEN-T networks to military mobility needs;

Amendment

(ii) to adapt the TEN-T networks to military mobility needs ***by filling the missing infrastructure gaps, including upgrades to the existing infrastructure or building new transport infrastructure for dual civilian-military uses;***

Or. en

Amendment 21
Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point a – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) up to ***EUR 30,615,493,000*** for the specific objectives referred to in Article 3(2)(a), of which:

Amendment

(a) up to EUR ***24,115,493,000*** for the specific objectives referred to in Article 3(2)(a), of which:

Or. es

Amendment 22
Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) EUR 12,830,000,000 from the European Strategic Investment cluster;

Amendment

(i) EUR 12,830,000,000 from the European Strategic Investment cluster, ***which in real terms represents a decrease of 8% in comparison to the 2014-2020 MFF;***

Justification

The Commission is not being upfront about the actual cuts they are proposing to the budget for this funding period. By depicting the figures in real terms, we see the actual extent of this cut.

Amendment 23**Liadh Ní Riada****Proposal for a regulation****Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point a – point ii***Text proposed by the Commission*

(ii) EUR 11,285,493,000 transferred from the Cohesion Fund to be spent in line with this Regulation exclusively in Member States eligible for funding from the Cohesion Fund;

Amendment

(ii) EUR 11,285,493,000 transferred from the Cohesion Fund to be spent in line with this Regulation exclusively in Member States eligible for funding from the Cohesion Fund, ***which in real terms represents a decrease of 13% in comparison with the 2014-2020 MFF;***

Or. en

Justification

The Commission is not being upfront about the actual cuts they are proposing to the budget for this funding period. By depicting the figures in real terms, we see the actual extent of this cut.

Amendment 24**Xabier Benito Ziluaga****Proposal for a regulation****Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point a – point ii***Text proposed by the Commission*

(ii) EUR 11,285,493,000 transferred from the ***Cohesion Fund to be spent in line with this Regulation exclusively in Member States eligible for funding from the Cohesion Fund;***

Amendment

(ii) EUR 11,285,493,000 transferred from the ***European Union budget, which should come from resources used to date for military or security purposes;***

Amendment 25
Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point a – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iii) EUR 6,500,000,000 from the **deleted**
Defence cluster for the specific objective
referred to in Article 3(2)(a)(ii);

Amendment 26
Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point a – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iii) EUR 6,500,000,000 from the
Defence cluster *for the specific objective*
referred to in Article 3(2)(a)(ii);

(iii) EUR 6,500,000,000 from the
Defence cluster *will be redirected to*
civilian purposes in line with the
***objectives* referred to in Article 3(2)(a)(i).**
As in Article 41 (2) of the Treaty on
European Union (TEU) ‘expenditure
arising from operations having military or
defence implications’ is prohibited from
being charged to the EU budget;

Amendment 27
Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) up to EUR 8,650,000,000 for the specific objectives referred to in Article 3(2)(b), out of which up to **10%** for the cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy

(b) up to EUR 8,650,000,000 for the specific objectives referred to in Article 3(2)(b), out of which up to **20%** for the cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy

Or. es

Amendment 28
Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

8. As regards the amounts transferred from the Cohesion Fund, 30 % of these amounts shall be made available immediately to all Member States eligible for funding from the Cohesion Fund to finance transport infrastructure projects in accordance with this Regulation, with priority to cross-border and missing links. Until 31 December 2023, the selection of projects eligible for financing shall respect the national allocations under the Cohesion Fund with regard to 70 % of the resources transferred. As of 1 January 2024, resources transferred to the Programme which have not been committed to a transport infrastructure project shall be made available to all Member States eligible for funding from the Cohesion Fund to finance transport infrastructure projects in accordance with this Regulation.

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Or. es

Amendment 29
Inese Vaidere

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 30

Indrek Tarand, Petri Sarvamaa

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Justification

The amendment strives for speeding up the implementation of the high EU added cross-border and missing links transport projects and hence the completion of the TEN-T network (incl. its adaptation to dual use needs).

Amendment 31 **Urmas Paet**

Proposal for a regulation **Article 4 – paragraph 8**

Text proposed by the Commission

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Regulation.

Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 32

Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Given the nature of the future relationship between Britain and the EU is not yet agreed, the Programme shall prepare mitigation measures to ensure the connectivity of the countries most affected by Brexit

Or. en

Amendment 33

Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The Programme may provide funding in any of the forms laid down in the Financial Regulation, in particular grants and procurement. ***It may also provide financing in the form of financial instruments within blending operations.*** Blending operations decided under this Programme shall be implemented in accordance with the InvestEU Regulation and Title X of the Financial Regulation.

2. The Programme may provide funding in any of the forms laid down in the Financial Regulation, in particular grants and procurement. Blending operations decided under this Programme shall be implemented in accordance with the InvestEU Regulation and Title X of the Financial Regulation.

Or. es

Amendment 34

Indrek Tarand

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 6a

The Programme shall be implemented to achieve the Union's and international climate objectives, with overall climate action targets not lower than 30%. In order to address the European Court of Auditors recommendations, compulsory climate action targets shall be laid out in programme specific legislations and require ex-ante earmarking in all programming and planning processes rather than ex-post accounting. Climate mainstreaming and climate proofing mechanisms shall be unified by reforming, expanding and centralizing the Rio Marker system, in order to differentiate between mitigation and adaptation, and between sectors; and by 'Energy Efficiency first' assessments during infrastructure investment planning, as set out in the Regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union, as well as clear exclusion criteria. Performance frameworks shall be based on adequate and detailed output and result indicators, showing the level of ambition and putting results into perspective of national needs, objectives and opportunities.

Or. en

**Amendment 35
Xabier Benito Ziluaga**

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy shall involve at least two Member States and shall be included in a cooperation agreement or any other kind of arrangement between Member States or arrangements between Member States and third countries as set out in Articles 6, 7, 9 or 11 of Directive 2009/28/EC. These projects shall be identified in accordance with the criteria and procedure laid down in Part IV of the Annex to this Regulation.

1. Cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy shall involve at least two Member States, ***or fewer in a Member State where the impact of the project will be considerable and advantageous for the other Member States***, and shall be included in a cooperation agreement or any other kind of arrangement between Member States or arrangements between Member States and third countries as set out in Articles 6, 7, 9 or 11 of Directive 2009/28/EC. These projects shall be identified in accordance with the criteria and procedure laid down in Part IV of the Annex to this Regulation.

Or. es

Amendment 36
Urmas Paet

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) Under the specific objective referred to in Article 3(2)(a)(ii): actions, or specific activities within an action, supporting transport infrastructure on the TEN-T Network in order to adapt it to military mobility requirements with the purpose of enabling a civilian-military dual-use of the infrastructure.

Amendment

(c) Under the specific objective referred to in Article 3(2)(a)(ii): actions, or specific activities within an action, supporting ***new and existing*** transport infrastructure on the TEN-T Network in order to adapt it to military mobility requirements with the purpose of enabling a civilian-military dual-use of the infrastructure.

Or. en

Amendment 37
Xabier Benito Ziluaga

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) *economic, social and*
environmental impact (*benefits and costs*);

(a) *climate, environmental, social and*
economic viability impact, *including an*
assessment throughout the lifetime of the
projects;

Or. es

Amendment 38
Liadh Ní Riada

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) innovation, safety, interoperability
and accessibility aspects;

(b) innovation, safety, interoperability
and accessibility aspects *particularly for*
persons with disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Xabier Benito Ziluaga

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) *cross-border dimension*;

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 40
Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Positive discrimination shall apply to the award of grants for projects located in peripheral regions to prevent further isolation from centres of economic activity. Regional authorities and local government structures shall be consulted for the definition of core and comprehensive networks, and to identify where EU transport funding is most required.

Or. en

Amendment 41
Indrek Tarand

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) for works relating to the specific objectives referred to in Article 3 (2) (a), the amount of Union financial assistance shall not exceed 30 % of the total eligible cost. The co-financing rates may be increased to a maximum of 50 % for actions relating to cross-border links under the conditions specified in point (c) of this paragraph, for actions supporting telematic applications systems, for actions supporting new technologies and innovation, for actions supporting improvements of infrastructure safety in line with relevant Union legislation and for actions located in outermost regions;

Amendment

(a) for works relating to the specific objectives referred to in Article 3 (2) (a), the amount of Union financial assistance shall not exceed 30 % of the total eligible cost. The co-financing rates may be increased to a maximum of 50 % for actions relating to cross-border links under the conditions specified in point (c) of this paragraph, for actions supporting telematic applications systems, for actions supporting new technologies and innovation, for actions supporting improvements of infrastructure safety in line with relevant Union legislation and for actions located in outermost regions; ***the co-financing rates may be increased to a maximum of 65% for the specific objective referred to in Article 3 (2) (a) (ii) in case of Member States benefitting from the transfer from the Cohesion Fund;***

Or. en

Justification

The amendment strives for speeding up the implementation of the high EU added cross-border and missing links transport projects and hence the completion of the TEN-T network (incl. its adaptation to dual use needs). Introducing additional competition between projects provides for increased funding opportunities for each Member State having projects of clear EU added value. The quality of infrastructure in the Cohesion Member States is relatively lower and thus, the new military mobility budget should take this into account as well by increasing the maximum co-funding rate for the Cohesion Member States.

Amendment 42 **Urmas Paet**

Proposal for a regulation **Article 14 – paragraph 2 – point a**

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 43 **Xabier Benito Ziluaga**

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) as regards the amounts transferred from the Cohesion Fund, the maximum co-financing rates shall be those applicable to the Cohesion Fund as referred to in the Regulation (EU) XXX [CPR]. These co-financing rates may be increased to a maximum of 85 % for actions relating to cross-border links under the conditions specified in point (c) of this paragraph;

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Or. es

Amendment 44

Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Grants may be used for combination with financing from the European Investment Bank or National Promotional Banks or other development and public financial institutions as well as from private-sector finance institutions and private-sector investors, including through Public Private Partnerships.

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Or. es

Amendment 45

Xabier Benito Ziluaga

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Grants may not be combined with funds granted to Energy Community projects.

Or. es

Amendment 46

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Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The grant agreement may be terminated on the basis of the grounds specified in paragraph 1.

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