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European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)

Proposal for a regulation
(COM(2018)0382 – C8-0232/2018 – 2018/0206(COD))

Amendment 15
Patricija Šulin

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1 a) Synergies between the European Social Fund Plus, the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, the European Investment Stabilisation Function, InvestEU and the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund should be exploited.

Or. en

Amendment 16
Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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

(2) At Union level, Article 151 TFEU and the rights provided for in the European Social Charter establish the framework for the priorities of the Union's and Member States' strategies for implementing the ESF+. These strategies should also serve to use Union funding in a coherent manner and to maximise the added value of the financial support to be received notably from the programmes supported by the Union under the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the European Investment Stabilisation Function and InvestEU, where relevant.

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Or. fr

Amendment 17
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) On 20 June 2017, the Council endorsed the Union response to the 'UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' - a sustainable European future. The Council underlined the importance of achieving sustainable development across the three dimensions (economic, social and environmental), in a balanced and integrated way. It is vital that sustainable development is mainstreamed into all Union internal and external policy areas, and that the Union is ambitious in the policies it uses to address global challenges. The Council welcomed the Commission Communication on "Next steps for a sustainable European future" of 22 November 2016 as a first step in mainstreaming the Sustainable Development Goals and applying sustainable development as an essential guiding principle for all Union policies, including through its financing instruments.

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reducing inequality.

Or. en

Amendment 18
Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) The Union is confronted with structural challenges arising from economic globalisation, the ***management of migration flows and the increased security threat, clean energy transition***, technological change and an increasingly ageing workforce and growing skills and labour shortages in some sectors and regions, experienced especially by SMEs. Taking into account the changing realities of the world of work, the Union should be prepared for the current and future challenges by investing in relevant skills, making growth more inclusive and by improving employment and social policies, including in view of labour mobility.

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Amendment 19
Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 20
Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13a) Member States should commit to gender budgeting, with fixed target values (share of programme funds allocated to women) in the context of budget management and the evaluation of their operational programmes. Gender budgeting is an important instrument in equal opportunities policy for making gender gaps in ESF+ participation transparent.

Or. fr

Amendment 21
Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14

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(14) The ESF+ should provide support to improving the quality, effectiveness and labour market relevance of education and training systems in order to facilitate the acquisition of key competences notably as regards digital skills which all individuals need for personal fulfilment and development, employment, social inclusion and active citizenship. The ESF+ should help progression within education and training and transition to work, support lifelong learning and employability, and contribute to competitiveness and societal and economic innovation by supporting scalable and sustainable initiatives in these fields. This could be achieved for example through work-based learning and apprenticeships, lifelong guidance, skills anticipation in cooperation with industry, up-to-date training materials, forecasting and graduate tracking, training of educators, validation of learning outcomes and recognition of qualifications.

(14) ***As a main instrument in the EU's promotion of social, economic and territorial cohesion,*** the ESF+ should provide support to improving the quality, effectiveness and labour market relevance of education and training systems in order to facilitate the acquisition of key competences notably as regards digital skills which all individuals need for personal fulfilment and development, employment, social inclusion and active citizenship. The ESF+ should help progression within education and training and transition to work, support lifelong learning and employability, and contribute to competitiveness and societal and economic innovation by supporting scalable and sustainable initiatives in these fields. This could be achieved for example through work-based learning and apprenticeships, lifelong guidance, skills anticipation in cooperation with industry, up-to-date training materials, forecasting and graduate tracking, training of educators, validation of learning outcomes and recognition of qualifications.

Or. en

Amendment 22

Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

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their age, including children, marginalised communities such as the Roma, and the working poor. The ESF+ should promote the active inclusion of people far from the labour market with a view to ensuring their socio-economic integration. The ESF+ should be also used to enhance timely and equal access to affordable, sustainable and high quality services such as healthcare and long-term care, in particular family and community-based care services. The ESF+ should contribute to the modernisation of social protection systems with a view in particular to promoting their accessibility.

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Or. en

Amendment 23 Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) The ESF+ should contribute to the reduction of poverty by supporting national schemes aiming to alleviate food and material deprivation and promote social integration of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion and the most deprived. ***With a view that at Union level at least 4% of the resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management supports the most deprived,*** Member States should allocate at least **2%** of their national resources of the ESF+ strand under shared management to address the forms of extreme poverty with the greatest social exclusion impact, such as homelessness, child poverty and food deprivation. Due to the nature of the operations and the type of end recipients, it is necessary that simpler rules apply to support which addresses material deprivation of the most deprived.

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Proposal for a regulation
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Or. en

Justification

Allocation for the most deprived within the ESF+ should not replace the efforts of Member States to maintain an appropriate level of basic social security for their citizens within their national social security schemes.

Amendment 26 **Marie-Pierre Vieu**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 21**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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should ensure coherence, coordination and complementarity between the shared-management and Health strands of ESF+ and the Reform Support Programme, including the Reform Delivery Tool and the Technical Support Instrument. In particular, the Commission and the Member State should ensure, in all stages of the process, effective coordination in order to safeguard the consistency, coherence, complementarity and synergy among sources of funding, including technical assistance thereof.

Or. fr

Amendment 27

Alfred Sant

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Amendment 28
Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 29
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Amendment 30
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 22 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(22 a) In light of the high levels of child poverty and social exclusion in the EU (26.4% in 2017), and the European Pillar of Social Rights which states that children have the right to protection from poverty, and children from disadvantaged backgrounds have the rights to specific measures to enhance equal opportunities, Member States should allocate at least 10% of ESF+ resources under shared management to European Child Guarantee scheme for the eradication of child poverty and social exclusion. Investing early in children yields significant returns for children and society as a whole. Supporting children to develop skills and capabilities enables them to develop their full potential, become active members of society and increase their chances on the labour market as young people.

Or. en

Amendment 31
Karine Gloanec Maurin

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 32

Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 33
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 28

Text proposed by the Commission

(28) The Member States and the Commission should ensure that ESF+ contributes to the promotion of equality between women and men in accordance with Article 8 TFEU to foster equality of treatment and opportunities between women and men in all areas, including regarding participation in the labour market, terms and conditions of employment and career progression. **They** should also ensure that the ESF+ promotes equal opportunities for all, without discrimination in accordance with Article 10 TFEU and promotes the inclusion in society of persons with disabilities on equal basis with others and contributes to the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. These principles should be taken into account in all dimensions and in all stages of the preparation, monitoring, implementation and evaluation of programmes, in a timely and consistent manner while ensuring that specific actions are taken to promote gender equality and equal opportunities. The ESF+ should also promote the transition from residential/institutional care to family and community-based care, in particular for those who face multiple discrimination. The ESF+ should not support any action that contributes to segregation or to social exclusion. Regulation (EU) No [future CPR] provides that rules on eligibility of expenditure are to be established at national level, with certain exceptions for which it is necessary to lay down specific provisions with regard to the ESF+ strand under shared management.

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Amendment 34
Patricija Šulin

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 32

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 37
Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 46

Text proposed by the Commission

(46) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Regulation will contribute to mainstream climate action in the Union's policies and to the achievement of an overall target of **25** % of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. Relevant actions will be identified during the preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the mid-term evaluation.

Amendment

(46) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Regulation will contribute to mainstream climate action in the Union's policies and to the achievement of an overall target of **30** % of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. Relevant actions will be identified during the preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the mid-term evaluation.

Or. en

Justification

The European Parliament in its resolution of 14 March 2018 on the next MFF: Preparing the Parliament's position on the MFF post-20206 (2017/2052(INI)) called for a 30 % target for the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives to be reached as soon as possible and at the latest by 2027.

Amendment 38
Karine Gloanec Maurin

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 50 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(50a) It is important to ensure sound and fair financial management of the Fund to guarantee that it is implemented in such a way as to make it as clear and easy to use as possible, while guaranteeing legal certainty and ensuring that the instrument is accessible to all participants. As ESF+ activities are carried out under shared management,

the Member States are urged not to add additional rules or amend the rules as they go, as that would complicate the use of the funds for the beneficiary and may lead to a delay in the payment of invoices.

Or. fr

Amendment 39
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The ESF+ aims to support Member States to achieve high employment levels, fair social protection and a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the future world of work, in line with the principles set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights proclaimed by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on 17 November 2017.

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The ESF+ aims to support Member States to achieve high employment levels, fair social protection and a skilled and resilient workforce ready for the future world of work, in line with the principles set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights proclaimed by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on 17 November 2017. ***The ESF+ shall also contribute to fulfilling the commitment of the Union and its Member States to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.***

Or. en

Amendment 40
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Or. en

Amendment 41
Nicola Caputo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The ESF+ shall support, complement and add value to the policies of the Member States to ensure equal opportunities, access to the labour market, fair working conditions, social protection ***and*** inclusion, and a high level of human health protection.

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Amendment 42
Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) improving access to employment of all jobseekers, in particular youth and long-term unemployed, and of inactive people, promoting self-employment and the social economy;

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(i) improving access to employment of all jobseekers, in particular youth and long-term unemployed, ***students approaching the end of their study cycle,*** and of inactive people, promoting self-employment and the social economy;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) improving access to employment of all jobseekers, in particular youth and long-term unemployed, **and of** inactive people, promoting self-employment and the social economy;

Amendment

(i) improving access to employment of all jobseekers, in particular youth and long-term unemployed, inactive people **and disadvantaged groups**, promoting **employment**, self-employment and the social economy;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Patricija Šulin

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) improving access to employment of all jobseekers, in particular youth and long-term unemployed, and of inactive people, promoting self-employment and the social economy;

Amendment

(i) improving access to **quality** employment of all jobseekers, in particular youth and long-term unemployed, and of inactive people, promoting self-employment and the social economy;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Nicola Caputo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point vii

Text proposed by the Commission

(vii) fostering active inclusion with a view to promoting equal opportunities and active participation, and improving employability;

Amendment

(vii) fostering active inclusion with a view to promoting equal opportunities, **non-discrimination** and active participation, and improving employability;

Or. it

Amendment 46

Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point vii

Text proposed by the Commission

(vii) fostering active inclusion with a view to promoting equal opportunities and active participation, and improving employability;

Amendment

(vii) fostering active ***social and economic*** inclusion with a view to promoting equal opportunities and active participation, and improving employability;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall concentrate the ESF+ resources under shared management on interventions that address the challenges identified in their national reform programmes, in the European Semester as well as in the relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU, and take into account principles and rights set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights.

Amendment

Member States shall concentrate the ESF+ resources under shared management on interventions that address the challenges identified in their national reform programmes, in the European Semester as well as in the relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU, and take into account principles and rights set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights ***and the Sustainable Development Goals***.

Or. en

Amendment 48

Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall concentrate the ESF+ resources under shared management on interventions that address the challenges identified in their national reform programmes, in the European Semester as well as in the relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU, and **take into** account principles and rights set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights.

Amendment

Member States shall concentrate the ESF+ resources under shared management on interventions that address the challenges identified in their national reform programmes, in the European Semester as well as in the relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU, and **ensure the implementation of the** account principles and rights set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights.

Or. en

Amendment 49

Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall concentrate the ESF+ resources under shared management on interventions that address the challenges identified in **their national reform programmes, in the European Semester as well as in the relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU**, and take into account principles and rights set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights.

Amendment

Member States shall concentrate the ESF+ resources under shared management on interventions that address the challenges identified in **the partnership agreement and operation programme based on official data and statistics and specific goals set at the level of European Union**, and take into account principles and rights set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights.

Or. en

Amendment 50

Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Member States and, where appropriate the Commission, shall foster synergies and ensure coordination, complementarity and coherence between the ESF+ and other Union funds, programmes and instruments such as Erasmus, the Asylum and Migration Fund *and the Reform Support Programme, including the Reform Delivery Tool and the Technical Support Instrument*, both in the planning phase and during implementation. Member States and, where appropriate the Commission, shall optimise mechanisms for coordination to avoid duplication of effort and ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation to deliver coherent and streamlined support actions.

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Or. fr

Amendment 51 **Marie-Pierre Vieu**

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Member States shall allocate an appropriate amount of their ESF+ resources under shared management to address challenges identified in relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU and in the European Semester falling within the scope of the ESF+ as set out in Article 4.

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Or. fr

Amendment 52 **Ivana Maletić**

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

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States shall allocate an appropriate amount of their ESF+ resources under shared management to address challenges identified in relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU and in the European Semester falling within the scope of the ESF+ as set out in Article 4.

Amendment

2. Member States shall allocate an appropriate amount of their ESF+ resources under shared management to address challenges identified in relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU and Article 148(4) TFEU and in the European Semester falling within the scope of the ESF+ as set out in Article 4, ***if all funds available under the Reform Support Programme for the Member State are absorbed.***

Or. en

Amendment 53
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3 a. Member States shall allocate at least 10% of their ESF+ resources under shared management to implement the European Child Guarantee in order to ensure children's equal access to free healthcare, free education, free childcare, decent housing and adequate nutrition

Or. en

Amendment 54
Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Member States shall allocate at least 2% of their ESF+ resources under shared management to the specific objective of addressing material deprivation set out in

In addition to the minimum allocation of 30% of ESF+ resources under shared management to objectives (vii) to (x) of Article 4(1), Member States shall allocate

point (xi) of Article 4(1).

at least **4%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management to the specific objective of ***social inclusion of the most disadvantaged and/or*** addressing material deprivation ***as*** set out in ***points (x) and*** (xi) of Article 4(1).

Or. fr

Amendment 55
Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall allocate at least **2%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management to the specific objective of addressing material deprivation set out in point (xi) of Article 4(1).

Amendment

Member States shall allocate at least **4%** of their ESF+ resources under shared management to the specific objective of addressing material deprivation set out in point (xi) of Article 4(1).

Or. fr

Amendment 56
Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

In duly justified cases, the resources allocated to the specific objective set out in point (x) of Article 4(1) and targeting the most deprived may be taken into account for verifying compliance with the minimum allocation of at least 2% set out in the first subparagraph of this paragraph.

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 57

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Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

In duly justified cases, the resources allocated to the specific objective set out in point (x) of Article 4(1) and targeting the most deprived may be taken into account for verifying compliance with the minimum allocation of at least **2%** set out in the first subparagraph of this paragraph.

Amendment

In duly justified cases, the resources allocated to the specific objective set out in point (x) of Article 4(1) and targeting the most deprived may be taken into account for verifying compliance with the minimum allocation of at least **4%** set out in the first subparagraph of this paragraph.

Or. fr

Amendment 58

Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

In duly justified cases, the resources allocated to the specific objective set out in point (x) of Article 4(1) and targeting the most deprived ***may*** be taken into account for verifying compliance with the minimum allocation of at least 2% set out in the first subparagraph of this paragraph.

Amendment

The resources allocated to the specific objective set out in point (x) of Article 4(1) and targeting the most deprived ***can*** be taken into account for verifying compliance with the minimum allocation of at least 2% set out in the first subparagraph of this paragraph.

Or. en

Amendment 59

Karine Gloanec Maurin

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States having a rate of young people aged 15 to 29 not in employment, education or training above the Union average in 2019 on the basis of Eurostat

Amendment

Member States having a rate of young people aged 15 to 29 not in employment, education or training above the Union average in 2019 on the basis of Eurostat

data, shall allocate at least 10% of their ESF+ resources under shared management for the years 2021 to 2025 to targeted actions and structural reforms to support youth employment and school-to-work transition, pathways to reintegrate into education or training and second chance education, in particular in the context of implementing Youth Guarantee schemes.

data, shall allocate at least 10% of their ESF+ resources under shared management for the years 2021 to 2025 to targeted actions and structural reforms to support youth employment and school-to-work transition, pathways to reintegrate into education or training, ***arrangements based on active involvement and volunteering*** and second chance education, in particular in the context of implementing Youth Guarantee schemes.

Or. fr

Amendment 60
Karine Gloanec Maurin

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

In ESF+ co-financed operational programmes, particular attention should be paid to rural areas, areas affected by industrial transition and regions which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps, in connection with Article 174 TFEU.

Or. fr

Amendment 61
Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Member States shall allocate ***an appropriate amount*** of ESF+ resources under shared management in each programme for the capacity building of social partners and civil society organisations.

2. Member States shall allocate ***at least 2%*** of ESF+ resources under shared management in each programme for the capacity building of ***local and regional authorities***, social partners and civil society organisations ***at national and European levels***.

Amendment 62
Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The resources referred to in Article 7(4) shall be programmed under a dedicated priority or programme.

Amendment

The resources referred to in Article 7(4) shall be programmed under a dedicated priority or programme. ***The co-financing rate for this priority or programme is set at 85%.***

Amendment 63
Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The actions addressing the challenges identified in relevant country-specific recommendations and in the European Semester as referred to in Article 7(2) shall be programmed under one or more dedicated priorities.

Amendment

The actions addressing the challenges identified in relevant country-specific recommendations and in the European Semester as referred to in Article 7(2) shall be programmed under one or more dedicated priorities, ***ensuing coherence with the European Pillar of Social Rights and the Sustainable Development Goals.***

Amendment 64
Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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identified in relevant country-specific recommendations and in the European Semester as referred to in Article 7(2) shall be programmed under one or more dedicated priorities.

identified in relevant country-specific recommendations and in the European Semester as referred to in Article 7(2) shall be programmed under one or more dedicated priorities ***taking into account actions envisaged to be financed from Reform Delivery Tool.***

Or. en

Amendment 65
Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall support actions of social innovation and social experimentations, or strengthen bottom-up approaches based on partnerships involving public authorities, the private sector, and civil society such as the Local Action Groups designing and implementing community-led local development strategies.

Amendment

1. Member States shall support actions of social innovation and social experimentations, or strengthen bottom-up approaches based on partnerships involving public authorities, the private sector, ***social entrepreneurs*** and civil society such as the Local Action Groups designing and implementing community-led local development strategies, ***as well as thematic actions focused on addressing the needs of targeted groups.***

Or. en

Amendment 66
Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Each Member State shall dedicate at least one priority to the implementation of paragraphs 1 or 2 or to both. The maximum co-financing rate for these priorities may be increased to 95% for the allocation of maximum **5%** of the national ESF+ allocation under shared management

Amendment

4. Each Member State shall dedicate at least one priority to the implementation of paragraphs 1 or 2 or to both. The maximum co-financing rate for these priorities may be increased to 95% for the allocation of maximum **10%** of the national ESF+ allocation under shared management

to such priorities.

to such priorities.

Or. en

Amendment 67
Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. At least 5% of ESF+ resources at national level, with the exception of technical assistance, shall be allocated to the priorities established in this article.

Or. fr

Amendment 68
Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) the costs of accompanying measures undertaken by or on behalf of beneficiaries and declared by the beneficiaries delivering the food and/or basic material assistance to the most deprived persons at a **flat-** rate of 5% of the costs referred to in point (a).

(e) the costs of accompanying measures undertaken by or on behalf of beneficiaries and declared by the beneficiaries delivering the food and/or basic material assistance to the most deprived persons at a **minimum** rate of 5% of the costs referred to in point (a).

Or. fr

Amendment 69
Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

d) to provide specific support services to employers and job-seekers with a view to the development of integrated European labour markets, ranging from pre-recruitment preparation to post-placement assistance to fill vacancies in certain sectors, professions, countries, border regions or for particular groups (e.g. vulnerable people);

d) to provide specific support services to employers and job-seekers, ***as well as students approaching the end of their study cycle***, with a view to the development of integrated European labour markets, ranging from pre-recruitment preparation to post-placement assistance to fill vacancies in certain sectors, professions, countries, border regions or for particular groups (e.g. vulnerable people);

Or. en

Amendment 70
Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 – paragraph 2 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) 2a. Eligible actions by cross-border partnerships or the stakeholders referred to in paragraph 2 shall be co-financed by the Union at 95% of the total eligible expenditure. Additional financial support will only be granted in the case of exceptional and sufficiently reasoned circumstances.

Or. fr