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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on the European Social Fund, as regards an increase of the initial pre-financing amount paid to operational programmes supported by the Youth Employment Initiative

Proposal for a regulation
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Amendment 1
Siôn Simon

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) In order to address the budgetary constraints faced by Member States at the initial stage of the programming period and, taking into account the urgent need to address youth unemployment and the specific features of the YEI, it is appropriate to lay down provisions in order to complement Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, with a view to increase the level of the initial pre-financing paid to operational programmes supported by the YEI in 2015. To ensure that Member States have sufficient means to provide payments to beneficiaries responsible for the implementation of operations that target youth unemployment, an additional initial pre-financing amount from the specific allocation for the YEI should be paid in 2015 for operational programmes supported by the YEI, in order to complement the pre-financing amounts paid in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

Amendment

(3) In order to address the budgetary constraints faced by Member States at the initial stage of the programming period and, taking into account the urgent need to address youth unemployment and the specific features of the YEI, it is appropriate to lay down provisions in order to complement Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, with a view to increase the level of the initial pre-financing paid to operational programmes supported by the YEI in 2015. To ensure that Member States have sufficient means to provide payments to beneficiaries responsible for the implementation of operations that target youth unemployment, an additional initial pre-financing amount from the specific allocation for the YEI should be paid in 2015 for operational programmes supported by the YEI, in order to complement the pre-financing amounts paid in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013. ***In order to enable a prompt implementation of the operational programmes supported by the YEI, the Commission should commit itself to pay the pre-financing amount to the Member States immediately after the entry into force of this Regulation.***

Or. en

Amendment 2
Therese Comodini Cachia

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) At the same time Managing Authorities need to better prioritise ESF funding through respective regional financial envelopes in Operational Programmes 2014-2020.

Or. en

Amendment 3
Siôn Simon

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4) To ensure that the additional initial pre-financing amount is used for the immediate implementation of the YEI, it should be foreseen that this amount is reimbursed to the Commission, if the Union contribution from the YEI does not amount to an adequate level in interim payment applications submitted to the Commission 12 months after the entry into force of this Regulation.

(4) To ensure that the additional initial pre-financing amount is used for the immediate implementation of the YEI, it should be foreseen that this amount is reimbursed to the Commission, if the Union contribution from the YEI does not amount to an adequate level in interim payment applications submitted to the Commission 12 months after the entry into force of this Regulation. ***This measure is a safeguard to ensure that eligible Member States set up the required structures to promptly implement YEI. Member State action is urgently needed to deliver on YEI and combat alarming level of youth unemployment.***

Or. en

Amendment 4
Milan Zver, Andrea Bocskor, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Norbert Erdős

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) To ensure that the end-users, unemployed young people, are the ones to benefit from the pre-financing amount, an impact assessment of every YEI action should be foreseen.

Or. en

Amendment 5

Milan Zver, Andrea Bocskor, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Norbert Erdős

Proposal for a regulation

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

Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013

Article 22a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The following new point shall be inserted:

"3a. It should be foreseen that the pre-financing amount given to a certain YEI action is reimbursed to the Commission, if the YEI action had no impact on lowering of the youth unemployment level in the medium-term in the relevant region."

Or. en