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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **54 - 96**

### **Draft opinion**

**Eleni Theocharous**

(PE628.552v01-00)

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

Proposal for a regulation

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



**Amendment 54**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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

*Amendment*

(3) In order to support the harmonious development of the Union's territory at different levels, ***in a context where economic disparities between territories are tending to increase***, the ERDF should support cross-border cooperation, transnational cooperation, maritime cooperation, outermost regions' cooperation and interregional cooperation under the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg).

Or. fr

**Amendment 55**  
**Maria Heubuch**

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*Amendment*

(3) In order to support the harmonious development of the Union's territory at different levels, the ERDF should support cross-border cooperation, transnational cooperation, maritime cooperation, outermost regions' cooperation and interregional cooperation under the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg). ***The principles on multi-level governance and partnership should be taken into account, and place-based approaches should be strengthened as well as the principle of non-discrimination.***

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Maria Heubuch**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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

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

*Amendment*

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

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

Or. en

*Justification*

*Putting maritime borders' cooperation into a new interreg strand is not in the interest of simplification and increased user-friendliness.*

**Amendment 57**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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Or. fr

## **Amendment 58**

### **Maria Heubuch**

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

#### **Recital 6**

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

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

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

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Or. en

**Amendment 59**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) Based on the experience with cross-border and transnational cooperation during the programming period 2014-2020 in outermost regions, where the combination of both components within a single programme per cooperation area has not brought about sufficient simplification for programme authorities and beneficiaries, a specific outermost regions' component should be established in order to enable outermost regions to cooperate with their neighbouring countries and territories in the most effective and simple way.

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(7) Based on the experience with cross-border and transnational cooperation during the programming period 2014-2020 in outermost regions, where the combination of both components within a single programme per cooperation area has not brought about sufficient simplification for programme authorities and beneficiaries, a specific outermost regions' component should be established in order to enable outermost regions to cooperate with their neighbouring countries and territories in the most effective and simple way, ***while taking into account the particular features connected with these regions' specific situation and their geographic remoteness;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 60**  
**Maria Heubuch**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(8) Based on the experience with the interregional cooperation programmes under Interreg and the lack of such cooperation within programmes under the Investment for jobs and growth goal during

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

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## **Amendment 61**

**Cécile Kashetu Kyenge**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 8**

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

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Or. en

## Amendment 62 György Hölvényi

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 11

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(11) IPA III assistance should mainly focus on assisting the IPA beneficiaries to strengthen democratic institutions and the rule of law, reform the judiciary and public administration, respect fundamental rights and promote **gender** equality, tolerance, social inclusion and non-discrimination. IPA assistance should continue to support the efforts of the IPA beneficiaries to advance regional, macro-regional and cross-border cooperation as well as territorial development, including through the implementation of Union macro-regional strategies. In addition, IPA assistance should address security,

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migration and border management, ensuring access to international protection, sharing relevant information, enhancing border control and pursuing common efforts in the fight against irregular migration *and* migrant smuggling.

migration and border management, ensuring access to international protection, sharing relevant information, enhancing border control and pursuing common efforts in the fight against irregular migration, migrant smuggling *and trafficking of human beings*.

Or. en

**Amendment 63**  
**Cécile Kashetu Kyenge**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 11**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(11) IPA III assistance should mainly focus on assisting the IPA beneficiaries to strengthen democratic institutions and the rule of law, reform the judiciary and public administration, respect fundamental rights and promote gender equality, tolerance, social inclusion and non-discrimination. IPA assistance should continue to support the efforts of the IPA beneficiaries to advance regional, macro-regional and cross-border cooperation as well as territorial development, including through the implementation of Union macro-regional strategies. In addition, IPA assistance should address security, migration and border management, ensuring access to international protection, sharing relevant information, enhancing border control and pursuing common efforts in the fight against irregular migration and migrant smuggling.

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Or. en

**Amendment 64**  
**György Hölvényi**

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

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

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Or. en

**Amendment 65**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 14**

(14) In view of the specific situation of ***outmost*** regions of the Union, it is necessary to adopt measures concerning the conditions under which those regions may have access to structural funds. Consequently, certain provisions of this Regulation should be adapted to the specificities of the outermost regions in order to simplify and foster cooperation with their ***neighbors***, while taking into account the Communication from the Commission 'A stronger and renewed strategic partnership with the EU's outermost regions'<sup>31</sup>.

(14) In view of the specific situation of ***the outermost*** regions of the Union, ***regions that are particularly vulnerable given their exposure to various climate-related and other natural hazards***, it is necessary to adopt measures concerning the conditions under which those regions may have access to structural funds. Consequently, certain provisions of this Regulation should be adapted to the specificities of the outermost regions in order to simplify and foster cooperation with their ***neighbours***, while taking into account the Communication from the Commission 'A stronger and renewed

strategic partnership with the EU's outermost regions<sup>31</sup>.

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<sup>31</sup> Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank 'A stronger and renewed strategic partnership with the EU's outermost regions', - COM(2017) 623 final, 24.10.2017.

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<sup>31</sup> Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank 'A stronger and renewed strategic partnership with the EU's outermost regions', - COM(2017) 623 final, 24.10.2017.

Or. fr

**Amendment 66**  
**Maria Heubuch**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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

*Amendment*

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

Or. en

**Amendment 67**  
**Maria Heubuch**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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

*Amendment*

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

Or. en

**Amendment 68**  
**Cécile Kashetu Kyenge**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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*Amendment*

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

*change, disaster risk reduction and resilience.*

Or. en

**Amendment 69**  
**Maria Heubuch**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 22**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(22) The provisions on the criteria for operations to be considered as genuinely joint and cooperative, on the partnership within an Interreg operation and on the obligations of the lead partner as set out during the programme period 2014-2020 should on be continued. However, Interreg partners should cooperate in ***all four*** dimensions (development, implementation, staffing ***and*** financing) and, under outermost regions' cooperation, in three out of four, as it should be simpler to combine support from the ERDF and external financing instruments from the Union both on the level of programmes and operations.

*Amendment*

(22) The provisions on the criteria for operations to be considered as genuinely joint and cooperative, on the partnership within an Interreg operation and on the obligations of the lead partner as set out during the programme period 2014-2020 should on be continued. However, Interreg partners should cooperate in ***at least three*** dimensions (development, implementation, staffing ***or*** financing) and, under outermost regions' cooperation, in three out of four, as it should be simpler to combine support from the ERDF and external financing instruments from the Union both on the level of programmes and operations.

Or. en

**Amendment 70**  
**Maria Heubuch**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 26 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(26 a) Member States may not introduce additional rules which complicate the access to funds for the beneficiaries.***

Or. en

**Amendment 71**  
**Maria Heubuch**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 30 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(30 a) It is appropriate to encourage financial discipline. At the same time, arrangements for de-commitment of budgetary commitments should take into account of the complexity of Interreg programmes and their implementation.***

Or. en

**Amendment 72**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 33**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(33) Based on the experience during the programming period 2014-2020 with large infrastructure projects within cross-border cooperation programmes under the European Neighbourhood Instrument, the procedures should be simplified. ***However, the Commission should retain certain*** rights concerning the selection of such projects.

(33) Based on the experience during the programming period 2014-2020 with large infrastructure projects within cross-border cooperation programmes under the European Neighbourhood Instrument, the procedures should be simplified. ***In particular, the Commission's*** rights concerning the selection of such projects ***should be restricted.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 73**  
**Maria Heubuch**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(a) internal cross-border cooperation between adjacent land border regions of

(a) internal cross-border cooperation between adjacent land ***or maritime*** border

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

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

Or. en

**Amendment 74**  
**Maria Heubuch**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point b – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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

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

Or. en

**Amendment 75**  
**Cécile Kashetu Kyenge**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 4 – point a – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(a) exchange of experiences, innovative approaches and capacity building in relation to:

(a) exchange of experiences, innovative approaches, ***good practices*** and capacity building in relation to:

Or. en

**Amendment 76**  
**Maria Heubuch**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2. Regions on maritime borders**

***deleted***



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

Or. en

**Amendment 77**  
**Maria Heubuch**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. For external cross-border cooperation, the regions to be supported by IPA III or NDICI shall be NUTS level 3 regions of the respective partner country or, in the absence of NUTS classification, equivalent areas along all **land** borders between Member States and partner countries eligible under IPA III or NDICI.

*Amendment*

4. For external cross-border cooperation, the regions to be supported by IPA III or NDICI shall be NUTS level 3 regions of the respective partner country or, in the absence of NUTS classification, equivalent areas along all borders between Member States and partner countries eligible under IPA III or NDICI.

Or. en

**Amendment 78**  
**Maria Heubuch**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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

*Amendment*

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

Or. en

**Amendment 79**  
**Cécile Kashetu Kyenge**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) enhancing the effectiveness of labour markets and improving access to quality employment across borders;

*Amendment*

(a) enhancing the effectiveness of labour markets and improving access to quality employment across borders, *especially for young people*;

Or. en

**Amendment 80**  
**Cécile Kashetu Kyenge**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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

*Amendment*

(e) promoting social inclusion, *gender equality, respect of the rights of minorities* and tackling poverty, including by enhancing equal opportunities and combating *every form of* discrimination across borders.

Or. en

**Amendment 81**  
**Maria Heubuch**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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

*Amendment*

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

**Amendment 82**  
**György Hölvényi**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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

*Amendment*

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

Or. en

**Amendment 83**  
**Maria Heubuch**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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

*Amendment*

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

Or. en

**Amendment 84**  
**Cécile Kashetu Kyenge**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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*Amendment*

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

administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens, ***civil society*** and institutions, in particular, with a view to resolving legal and other obstacles in border regions;

Or. en

**Amendment 85**  
**György Hölvényi**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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

*Amendment*

(c) under external cross-border and component 2 and 3 Interreg programmes supported by the Interreg funds, in addition to points (a) and (b): building up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions, by enhancing sustainable democracy and ***promoting fundamental rights and freedoms in line with and as recognized by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union*** and by supporting civil society ***organisations and non-state*** actors, ***including NGOs, Churches and religious communities and associations, think-tanks and other social groups***, and their role in ***resilience, peacebuilding, reconciliation***, reforming processes and democratic transitions ***and by promoting good governance including fighting against corruption***

Or. en

**Amendment 86**  
**Maria Heubuch**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 87**  
**György Hölvényi**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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

*Amendment*

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

Or. en

**Amendment 88**  
**Maria Heubuch**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. An additional **15%** of the ERDF and, where applicable, of the external

*Amendment*

2. An additional **10%** of the ERDF and, where applicable, of the external

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

financing instruments of the Union allocations under priorities other than for technical assistance to each Interreg programme under components 1, 2 and 3, shall be allocated on the Interreg-specific objective of 'a better Interreg governance'.

Or. en

**Amendment 89**  
**György Hölvényi**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 22 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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

*Amendment*

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

Or. en

**Amendment 90**  
**Maria Heubuch**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 24 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The contribution from the ERDF or, where applicable, an external financing instrument of the Union, to a small project

*Amendment*

The contribution from the ERDF or, where applicable, an external financing instrument of the Union, to a small project

fund within an Interreg programme shall not exceed **EUR 20 000 000 or 15%** of the total allocation of the Interreg programme, **whichever is lower**.

fund within an Interreg programme shall not exceed **20 %** of the total allocation of the Interreg programme.

Or. en

**Amendment 91**  
**Maria Heubuch**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 44 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2. The managing authority and the audit authority shall be located in the same Member State.**

**deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 92**  
**Maria Heubuch**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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

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

Or. en

**Amendment 93**  
**Maria Heubuch**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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

(b) 2022: **2%**;

Or. en

**Amendment 94**  
**Maria Heubuch**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) 2023: 1%;

*Amendment*

(c) 2023: 2%;

Or. en

**Amendment 95**  
**Maria Heubuch**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(d) 2024: 1%;

*Amendment*

(d) 2024: 1,5%;

Or. en

**Amendment 96**  
**Maria Heubuch**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 50 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 50 a*

*Decommitments*

*By way of derogation from Article 99.1 of Regulation (EU) [new CPR], the Commission shall decommit any amount in an Interreg programme which has not been used for pre-financing in accordance with Article 49 or for which a payment application has not been submitted by 26 December of the third calendar year following the year of the budget commitments of the years 2021 to*



*2026.*

Or. en