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Common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum and Migration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Border Management and Visa Instrument

Proposal for a regulation

(COM(2018)0375 – C8-0230/2018 – 2018/0196(COD))

Amendment 1
Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Horizontal principles as set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on *the* European Union ('TEU') and in Article 10 of the TFEU, including principles of subsidiarity and proportionality as set out in Article 5 of the TEU should be respected in the implementation of the Funds, taking into account the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. Member States should also respect the obligations of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and ensure accessibility in line with its article 9 and in accordance with the Union law harmonising accessibility requirements for products and services. Member States and the Commission should aim at eliminating inequalities and at promoting equality between men and women and integrating the gender perspective, as well as at combating discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation. The Funds should not support actions that contribute to any form of segregation. The objectives of the Funds should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment as set out in Article 11 and Article 191(1) *of the TFEU, taking into account the polluter pays principle. In order to protect the integrity of the internal market, operations benefitting undertakings shall comply with Union State aid rules as set out in Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU.*

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Or. pt

Amendment 2
Olle Ludvigsson

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) Horizontal financial rules adopted by the European Parliament and the Council on the basis of Article 322 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union apply to this Regulation. These rules are laid down in the Financial Regulation and determine in particular the procedure for establishing and implementing the budget through grants, procurement, prizes, indirect implementation, and provide for checks on the responsibility of financial actors. Rules adopted on the basis of Article 322 TFEU also concern the protection of the Union's budget in case of generalised deficiencies as regards the rule of law in the Member States, as the respect for the rule of law is an essential precondition for sound financial management and effective EU funding.

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Or. en

Amendment 3
Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 4 **Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 11**

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) The principle of partnership is a key feature in the implementation of the Funds, building on the multi-level governance approach and ensuring the involvement of civil society and social partners. In order to provide continuity in the organisation of partnership, Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) **No 240/2014**¹³ should continue to apply.

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¹³ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 240/2014 of 7 January 2014 on the European code of conduct on partnership in the framework of the European Structural and Investment Funds (OJ L 74, 14.3.2014, p. 1).

Or. en

Amendment 5 **Miguel Viegas**

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) 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 these reform priorities. These 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 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 Funds, the European Investment Stabilisation Function and InvestEU.

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Or. pt

Amendment 6
Markus Ferber

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 7
Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13) Member States should determine how relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) of the TFEU and relevant Council recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 148(4) of the TFEU ('CSR's) are taken into account in the preparation of programming documents. During the 2021–2027 programming period ('programming period'), Member States should regularly present to the monitoring committee and to the Commission the progress in implementing the programmes in support of the CSRs. During a mid-term review, Member States should, among other elements, consider the need for programme modifications to accommodate relevant CSRs adopted or modified since the start of the programming period.

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Amendment 8
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

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Or. en

Amendment 9
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) The Partnership Agreement, prepared by each Member State, should be a strategic document guiding the negotiations between the Commission and the Member State concerned on the design of programmes. In order to reduce the administrative burden, it should not be necessary to amend Partnership Agreements during the programming period. To facilitate the programming and

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Or. en

Amendment 10
Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(16) Each Member State should have the flexibility to contribute to InvestEU for the provision of budgetary guarantees for investments in that Member State.

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Or. pt

Amendment 11
Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(19) The Member State should carry out a mid-term review of each programme supported by the ERDF, the ESF+ and the Cohesion Fund. That review should provide a fully-fledged adjustment of programmes based on *programme performance, while also providing an opportunity to take account of new challenges and relevant CSRs issued in 2024*. In parallel, in 2024 the Commission should, together with the technical adjustment for the year 2025, review all Member States' total allocations under the

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Investment for jobs and growth goal of cohesion policy for the years 2025, 2026 and 2027, applying the allocation method set out in the relevant basic act. That review together with the outcome of the mid-term review should result in programme amendments modifying the financial allocations for the years 2025, 2026 and 2027.

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Or. pt

Amendment 12
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(20) Mechanisms to ensure a link between Union funding policies and the economic governance of the Union should be further refined, allowing the Commission to make a proposal to the Council to suspend all or part of the commitments for one or more of the programmes of the Member State concerned where that Member State fails to take effective action in the context of the economic governance process. In order to ensure uniform implementation and in view of the importance of the financial effects of measures being imposed, implementing powers should be conferred on the Council which should act on the basis of a Commission proposal. To facilitate the adoption of decisions which are required to ensure effective action in the context of the economic governance process, reversed qualified majority voting should be used.

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Or. it

Amendment 13
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Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. pt

Amendment 14
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

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Or. en

Amendment 15 **Markus Ferber**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 20**

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 16 **Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 27**

Text proposed by the Commission

(27) In order to examine the performance of the programmes, the Member State should ***set up*** monitoring committees. For the ERDF, the ESF+ and the Cohesion Fund, annual implementation reports should be replaced by an annual structured policy dialogue based on the latest information and data on programme implementation made available by the Member State.

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(27) In order to examine the performance of the programmes, the Member State should ***setup*** monitoring committees. For the ERDF, the ESF+ and the Cohesion Fund, annual implementation reports should be replaced by an annual structured policy dialogue based on the latest information and data on programme implementation made available by the Member State ***with the information given by regional and local entities.***

Or. en

Amendment 17 **Miguel Viegas**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 58**

Text proposed by the Commission

(58) Member States should also prevent, detect and deal effectively with any irregularities including fraud committed by beneficiaries. Moreover, in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013¹⁸, and Regulations (Euratom, EC) No 2988/95¹⁹ and No 2185/96²⁰ the

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European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) may carry out administrative investigations, including on-the-spot checks and inspections, with a view to establishing whether there has been fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of the Union. In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1939²¹, the European Public Prosecutor's Office may investigate and prosecute fraud and other criminal offences affecting the financial interests of the Union as provided for in Directive (EU) 2017/1371²² on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law. Member States should take the necessary measures so that any person or entity receiving Union funds fully cooperates in the protection of the Union's financial interests, grants the necessary rights and access to the Commission, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), *the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)* and the European Court of Auditors (ECA) and ensures that any third parties involved in the implementation of Union funds grant equivalent rights. Member States should report to the Commission on detected irregularities including fraud, and on their follow-up as well as on the follow-up of OLAF investigations.

¹⁸ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999 (OJ L 248, 18.9.2013, p. 1).

¹⁹ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95 of 18 December 1995 on the protection of the European Communities financial interests (OJ L 312, 23.12.1995, p. 1).

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²⁰ Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 2).

²¹ Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office ('the EPPO') (OJ L 283, 31.10.2017, p. 1).

²² Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2017 on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law (OJ L 198, 28.7.2017, p. 29).

²⁰ Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 2).

²¹ Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office ('the EPPO') (OJ L 283, 31.10.2017, p. 1).

²² Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2017 on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law (OJ L 198, 28.7.2017, p. 29).

Or. pt

Amendment 18 **Miguel Viegas**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 63**

Text proposed by the Commission

(63) Trans-European transport networks projects in accordance with Regulation (EU) No [new CEF Regulation]²⁵ will continue to be financed from the Cohesion Fund via both shared management and the direct implementation mode under the Connecting Europe Facility ('CEF').

Building on the successful approach of the 2014-2020 programming period, EUR 10 000 000 000 of the Cohesion Fund should be transferred to the CEF for this purpose.

Amendment

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²⁵ Regulation (EU) [...] of the European Parliament and of the Council of [...] on [CEF] (OJ L [...], [...], p. [...])

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Or. pt

Justification

Although it is important to improve European transport networks, it must also be borne in mind that many countries and regions, including outlying areas, need urgently to invest in national, regional, and local transport networks. Funding must never be transferred from the Cohesion Fund to the Connecting Europe Facility if this is done at the expense of vital investment in domestic transport networks.

Amendment 19
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 73 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(73a) In view of the mandatory nature of the national co-financing rate, public or equivalent structural expenditure by the public authorities through the co-financing of investments which are activated as part of EFSI funding must be deducted from the calculation of the structural deficit.

Or. it

Amendment 20
Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2.^o – paragraph 1 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1) 'relevant country specific recommendations' mean Council recommendations adopted in accordance with Article 121(2) and Article 148(4) of the TFEU relating to structural

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challenges which it is appropriate to address through multiannual investments that fall within the scope of the Funds as set out in Fund-specific Regulations, and relevant recommendations adopted in accordance with Article [XX] of Regulation (EU) [number of the new Energy Union Governance Regulation] of the European Parliament and of the Council;

Or. pt

Amendment 21

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 8 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) in the context of State *aid schemes*, *the undertaking* which receives the aid;

Amendment

(c) in the context of State, *the body* which receives the aid, *except where the aid per undertaking is less than or equal to EUR 200 000, in which case the Member State concerned may decide that the beneficiary is the body granting the aid, without prejudice to Commission Regulations (EU) No 1407/2013*, (EU) No 1408/2013** and (EU) No 717/2014*

Or. en

Justification

It allows to implement so-called umbrella projects. Rules for these projects were worked out as part of the compromise on omnibus regulation. They are needed and applied not only in the Interreg programmes but also programmes financed from ESF and ERDF.

Amendment 22

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 9

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9) 'small project fund' means an operation ***in an Interreg programme*** aimed at the selection and implementation of projects of limited financial volume;

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Or. en

Justification

There is no point in banning such a projects if they are allowed in the Interreg.

Amendment 23

Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4.º – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) a ***smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation;***

(a) a ***Union to promote real convergence and even out the inequalities in socio-economic development levels within and between Member States;***

Or. pt

Amendment 24

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) a more connected Europe by enhancing mobility and regional ICT connectivity;

(c) a more connected Europe by enhancing mobility, ***energy*** and regional ICT connectivity;

Or. en

Justification

The investments in this field are of great importance for the whole EU.

Amendment 25

Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) a more connected Europe by enhancing mobility and regional ICT connectivity;

Amendment

(c) a more connected Europe by enhancing , ***both land and maritime***, mobility and regional ICT connectivity;

Or. en

Amendment 26

Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) a Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural ***and*** coastal areas and local initiatives.

Amendment

(e) a Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural coastal ***and island*** areas, and local initiatives;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) a Europe which aims at the equal socio-economic development of all its territories.

Or. en

Amendment 28
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***a more competitive and economic resilient
Europe***

Or. en

Amendment 29
Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. The ESF+ shall contribute to all actions supporting the policy objective ‘a more social Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights’, including infrastructure.

Or. en

Justification

The project should address the problem in a comprehensive way, including human capital and infrastructure/equipment. This would be a real simplification for beneficiaries to implement one integrated project financed by ESF+ instead of several projects financed by different funds. Such solution would facilitate achieving the goals of ESF+ and significantly increase the visibility of this fund for EU citizens.

Amendment 30
Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4.º – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. Member States and the Commission shall ensure the coordination, complementarity and coherence between the Funds and other Union instruments such as the Reform Support Programme, including the Reform Delivery Tool and the Technical Support Instrument. They shall optimise mechanisms for coordination between those responsible to avoid duplication during planning and implementation.

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Or. pt

Amendment 31
Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 32
Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6.º – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. In accordance with the multi-level governance principle, the Member State shall involve those partners in the preparation of Partnership Agreements and throughout the preparation and implementation of programmes including through participation in monitoring committees in accordance with Article 34.

Amendment

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Or. pt

Amendment 33
Andrea Cozzolino

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The Partnership Agreement shall be developed by the Member States, in cooperation with the partners referred to in Article 6, in dialogue with the Commission and on the basis of procedures which are transparent for the public.

Or. it

Amendment 34
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) an analysis of disparities, development needs and growth potential

with respect to the thematic objectives and territorial challenges and taking into account the National Reform Programme, where appropriate, and relevant country-specific recommendations;

Or. it

Amendment 35
Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9.º – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall assess the Partnership Agreement and its compliance with this Regulation and with the Fund-specific rules. *In its assessment, the Commission shall, in particular, take into account relevant country-specific recommendations.*

Amendment

1. The Commission shall assess the Partnership Agreement and its compliance with this Regulation and with the Fund-specific rules.

Or. pt

Amendment 36
Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10.º

Text proposed by the Commission

[...]

Amendment

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 37
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States may allocate, in the Partnership Agreement or in the request for an amendment of a programme, the amount of ERDF, the ESF+, the Cohesion Fund and the EMFF to be contributed to InvestEU and delivered through budgetary guarantees. The amount to be contributed to InvestEU shall not exceed 5 % of the total allocation of each Fund, ***except in duly justified cases***. Such contributions shall not constitute transfers of resources under Article 21.

Amendment

1. Member States may allocate, in the Partnership Agreement or in the request for an amendment of a programme, the amount of ERDF, the ESF+, the Cohesion Fund and the EMFF to be contributed to InvestEU and delivered through budgetary guarantees. The amount to be contributed to InvestEU shall not exceed 5 % of the total allocation of each Fund. Such contributions shall not constitute transfers of resources under Article 21. ***While fully respecting the principle of territoriality in the redistribution of resources, these contributions shall also be managed in a shared way with the competent national and regional authorities.***

Or. it

Amendment 38

Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the criteria applied by the Member State to select indicators;

Amendment

(a) the criteria applied by the Member State to select indicators ***also given by regional and local entities***;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14.º – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the challenges identified in relevant country-specific recommendations adopted in 2024; *deleted*

Or. pt

Amendment 40
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

[...] *deleted*

Or. it

Amendment 41
Luigi Morgano

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

[...] *deleted*

Or. it

Amendment 42
Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15.º

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

[...] *deleted*

Or. pt

Amendment 43
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

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

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission *may* request a Member State to review and propose amendments to relevant programmes, where this is necessary to support the implementation of relevant Council Recommendations.

Amendment

The Commission *shall* request a Member State to review and propose amendments to relevant programmes, where this is necessary to support the implementation of relevant Council Recommendations.

Or. en

Amendment 44
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Such a request *may* be made for the following purposes:

Amendment

Such a request *shall* be made for the following purposes

Or. en

Amendment 45
Giuseppe Ferrandino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. *Where the Member State fails to take effective action in response to a request made in accordance with paragraph 1, within the deadlines set out in paragraphs 3 and 4, the Commission may suspend all or part of the payments for the programmes or priorities concerned in accordance with Article 91.*

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 46
Pervenche Berès

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6. Where the Member State fails to take effective action in response to a request made in accordance with paragraph 1, within the deadlines set out in paragraphs 3 and 4, the Commission may suspend all or part of the payments for the programmes or priorities concerned in accordance with Article 91.

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Or. en

Amendment 47
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6. Where the Member State fails to take effective action in response to a request made in accordance with paragraph 1, within the deadlines set out in paragraphs 3 and 4, the Commission **may** suspend all or part of the payments for the programmes or priorities concerned in accordance with Article 91.

6. Where the Member State fails to take effective action in response to a request made in accordance with paragraph 1, within the deadlines set out in paragraphs 3 and 4, the Commission **shall** suspend all or part of the payments for the programmes or priorities concerned in accordance with Article 91.

Or. en

Amendment 48
Pervenche Berès

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- 7. The Commission shall make a proposal to the Council to suspend all or part of the commitments or payments for one or more of the programmes of a Member State in the following cases:**
- (a) where the Council decides in accordance with Article 126(8) or Article 126(11) TFEU that a Member State has not taken effective action to correct its excessive deficit;**
- (b) where the Council adopts two successive recommendations in the same imbalance procedure, in accordance with Article 8(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1176/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁰ on the grounds that a Member State has submitted an insufficient corrective action plan;**
- (c) where the Council adopts two successive decisions in the same imbalance procedure in accordance with Article 10(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1176/2011 establishing non-compliance by a Member State on the grounds that it has not taken the recommended corrective action;**
- (d) where the Commission concludes that a Member State has not taken measures as referred to in Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002⁴¹ and as a consequence decides not to authorise the disbursement of the financial assistance granted to that Member State;**
- (e) where the Council decides that a Member State does not comply with the macro-economic adjustment programme referred to in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴², or with the measures requested by a Council decision adopted in accordance with Article 136(1) TFEU.**

deleted

Priority shall be given to the suspension of commitments; payments shall be suspended only when immediate action is sought and in the case of significant non-compliance. The suspension of payments shall apply to payment applications submitted for the programmes concerned after the date of the decision to suspend.

The Commission may, on grounds of exceptional economic circumstances or following a reasoned request by the Member State concerned addressed to the Commission within 10 days of adoption of the decision or recommendation referred to in the previous sub-paragraph, recommend that the Council cancel the suspension referred to in the same sub-paragraph.

⁴⁰ *Regulation (EU) No 1176/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 November 2011 on the prevention and correction of macroeconomic imbalances (OJ L 306, 23.11.2011, p. 25).*

⁴¹ *Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002 of 18 February 2002 establishing a facility providing medium-term financial assistance for Member States' balances of payments (OJ L 53, 23.2.2002).*

⁴² *Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on the strengthening of economic and budgetary surveillance of Member States in the euro area experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability (OJ L 140, 27.5.2013, p. 1).*

Or. en

Amendment 49
Giuseppe Ferrandino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall make a proposal to the Council to suspend all or part of the commitments *or payments* for one or more of the programmes of a Member State in the following cases:

Amendment

The Commission shall make a proposal to the Council ***and Parliament, by means of a delegated act***, to suspend all or part of the commitments for one or more of the programmes of a Member State in the following cases:

Or. it

Amendment 50
Markus Ferber

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall make a proposal to the Council to suspend all or part of the commitments or payments for one or more of the programmes of a Member State in the following cases:

Amendment

Irrespective of any political considerations, the Commission shall make a proposal to the Council to suspend all or part of the commitments or payments for one or more of the programmes of a Member State in the following cases:

Or. en

Justification

In order to strengthen the credibility of the EU system of economic governance, the discretion of the Commission should be limited.

Amendment 51
Giuseppe Ferrandino

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) where the Council decides in accordance with Article 126(8) or Article 126(11) TFEU that a Member State has

Amendment

deleted

not taken effective action to correct its excessive deficit;

Or. it

Amendment 52
Giuseppe Ferrandino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Priority shall be given to the suspension of commitments; payments shall be suspended only when immediate action is sought and in the case of significant non-compliance. The suspension of payments shall apply to payment applications submitted for the programmes concerned after the date of the decision to suspend.

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Or. it

Amendment 53
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Priority shall be given to the suspension of commitments; payments shall be suspended only when immediate action is sought **and** in the case of significant non-compliance. The suspension of payments shall apply to payment applications submitted for the programmes concerned after the date of the decision to suspend.

Priority shall be given to the suspension of commitments; payments shall be suspended only when immediate action is sought; in the case of significant non-compliance **payments shall be suspended automatically**. The suspension of payments shall apply to payment applications submitted for the programmes concerned after the date of the decision to suspend.

Or. en

Amendment 54
Markus Ferber

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission may, on grounds of exceptional economic circumstances or following a reasoned request by the Member State concerned addressed to the Commission within 10 days of adoption of the decision or recommendation referred to in the previous sub-paragraph, recommend that the Council cancel the suspension referred to in the same sub-paragraph.

deleted

Or. en

Justification

This provision constitutes a general empowerment to suspend key tools of economic governance. To be credible, the EU system of economic governance needs less Commission discretion.

Amendment 55
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission may, on grounds of exceptional economic circumstances or following a reasoned request by the Member State concerned addressed to the Commission within 10 days of adoption of the decision or recommendation referred to in the previous sub-paragraph, recommend that the Council **cancel the** suspension referred to in the same sub-paragraph.

The Commission may, on grounds of exceptional economic circumstances **due to an event outside the control of a Member State** or following a reasoned request by the Member State concerned addressed to the Commission within 10 days of adoption of the decision or recommendation referred to in the previous sub-paragraph, recommend that the Council **cancel the** suspension **in full or parts of it** referred to in the same sub-paragraph.

Amendment 56
Pervenche Berès

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

8. A proposal by the Commission for the suspension of commitments shall be deemed adopted by the Council unless the Council decides, by means of an implementing act, to reject such a proposal by qualified majority within one month of the submission of the Commission proposal.

deleted

The suspension of commitments shall apply to the commitments from the Funds for the Member State concerned from 1 January of the year following the decision to suspend.

The Council shall adopt a decision, by means of an implementing act, on a proposal by the Commission referred to in paragraph 7 in relation to the suspension of payments.

Or. en

Amendment 57
Giuseppe Ferrandino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 8 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

A proposal by the Commission for the suspension of commitments shall be deemed adopted by the Council unless the Council decides, by means of an implementing act, to reject such a proposal by qualified majority within one

The delegated act referred to in paragraph 7 may be rejected by the Council and Parliament within three months of the submission of the proposal.

month of the submission of the
Commission proposal.

Or. it

Amendment 58
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 8 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

In the case of a significant non-compliance the proposal by the Commission shall be deemed adopted automatically.

Or. en

Amendment 59
Giuseppe Ferrandino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 8 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Council shall adopt a decision, by means of an implementing act, on a proposal by the Commission referred to in paragraph 7 in relation to the suspension of payments.

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Or. it

Amendment 60
Pervenche Berès

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 9

9. *The scope and level of the suspension of commitments or payments to be imposed shall be proportionate, shall respect the equality of treatment between Member States and shall take into account the economic and social circumstances of the Member State concerned, in particular the level of unemployment, the level of poverty or social exclusion of the Member State concerned in relation to the Union average and the impact of the suspension on the economy of the Member State concerned. The impact of suspensions on programmes of critical importance to address adverse economic or social conditions shall be a specific factor to be taken into account.*

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Or. en

Amendment 61
Markus Ferber

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 9

9. The scope and level of the suspension of commitments or payments to be imposed shall be proportionate, shall respect the equality of treatment between Member States and shall *take into account the economic and social circumstances of the Member State concerned, in particular the level of unemployment, the level of poverty or social exclusion of the Member State concerned in relation to the Union average and the impact of the suspension on the economy of the Member State concerned. The impact of suspensions on programmes of critical importance to address adverse economic*

9. The scope and level of the suspension of commitments or payments to be imposed shall be proportionate, shall respect the equality of treatment between Member States and shall *therefore serve as an incentive to adhere to the rules of economic governance.*

or social conditions shall be a specific factor to be taken into account.

Or. en

Amendment 62
Giuseppe Ferrandino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 9

Text proposed by the Commission

9. The scope and level of the suspension of commitments *or payments* to be imposed shall be proportionate, shall respect the equality of treatment between Member States and shall take into account the economic and social circumstances of the Member State concerned, in particular the level of unemployment, the level of poverty or social exclusion of the Member State concerned in relation to the Union average and the impact of the suspension on the economy of the Member State concerned. The impact of suspensions on programmes of critical importance to address adverse economic or social conditions shall be a specific factor to be taken into account.

Amendment

9. The scope and level of the suspension of commitments to be imposed shall be proportionate, shall respect the equality of treatment between Member States and shall take into account the economic and social circumstances of the Member State concerned, in particular the level of unemployment, the level of poverty or social exclusion of the Member State concerned in relation to the Union average and the impact of the suspension on the economy of the Member State concerned. The impact of suspensions on programmes of critical importance to address adverse economic or social conditions shall be a specific factor to be taken into account.

Or. it

Amendment 63
Pervenche Berès

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 10

Text proposed by the Commission

10. *The suspension of commitments shall be subject to a maximum of 25 % of the commitments relating to the next calendar year for the Funds or 0,25 % of*

Amendment

deleted

nominal GDP whichever is lower, in any of the following cases:

(a) in the first case of non-compliance with an excessive deficit procedure as referred to under point (a) of paragraph 7;;

(b) in the first case of non-compliance relating to a corrective action plan under an excessive imbalance procedure as referred to under point b of paragraph 7;

(c) in case of non-compliance with the recommended corrective action pursuant to an excessive imbalance procedure as referred to under point (c) of paragraph 7;

(d) in the first case of non-compliance as referred to under points (d) and (e) of paragraph 7.

In case of persistent non-compliance, the suspension of commitments may exceed the maximum percentages set out in the first sub-paragraph.

Or. en

Amendment 64
Markus Ferber

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 10 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The suspension of commitments shall be subject to a maximum of **25** % of the commitments relating to the next calendar year for the Funds or **0,25** % of nominal GDP whichever is lower, in any of the following cases:

Amendment

The suspension of commitments shall be subject to a maximum of **50** % of the commitments relating to the next calendar year for the Funds or **0,5** % of nominal GDP whichever is lower, in any of the following cases:

Or. en

Justification

The sanctions must be sufficiently high to serve as a deterrent to ignoring the rules of economic governance.

Amendment 65
Giuseppe Ferrandino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 10 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

In case of persistent non-compliance, the suspension of commitments **may exceed** the maximum percentages set out in the first sub-paragraph.

Amendment

In case of persistent non-compliance, the suspension of commitments **is subject to a ceiling of twice** the maximum percentages set out in the first sub-paragraph.

Or. it

Amendment 66
Pervenche Berès

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 11

Text proposed by the Commission

11. The Council shall lift the suspension of commitments on a proposal from the Commission, in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 8, in the following cases:

(a) where the excessive deficit procedure is held in abeyance in accordance with Article 9 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1467/97⁴³ or the Council has decided in accordance with Article 126(12) TFEU to abrogate the decision on the existence of an excessive deficit;

(b) where the Council has endorsed the corrective action plan submitted by the Member State concerned in accordance with Article 8(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1176/2011 or the excessive imbalance

Amendment

deleted

procedure is placed in a position of abeyance in accordance with Article 10(5) of that Regulation or the Council has closed the excessive imbalance procedure in accordance with Article 11 of that Regulation;

(c) where the Commission has concluded that a Member State has taken appropriate measures as referred to in Regulation (EC) No 332/2002;

(d) where the Commission has concluded that the Member State concerned has taken appropriate measures to implement the adjustment programme referred to in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 or the measures requested by a decision of the Council in accordance with Article 136(1) TFEU.

After the Council has lifted the suspension of commitments, the Commission shall re-budget the suspended commitments in accordance with Article [8] of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) [[...] (MFF regulation)].

Suspended commitments may not be re-budgeted beyond the year 2027.

The decommitment time limit for the re-budgeted amount in accordance with Article 99 shall start from the year in which the suspended commitment has been re-budgeted.

A decision concerning the lifting of the suspension of payments shall be taken by the Council on a proposal by the Commission where the applicable conditions set out in in the first subparagraph are fulfilled.

⁴³ *Council Regulation (EC) No 1467/97 of 7 July 1997 on speeding up and clarifying the implementation of the excessive deficit procedure (OJ L 209, 2.8.1997, p. 6).*

Amendment 67
Giuseppe Ferrandino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 11 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The **Council** shall **lift** the suspension of commitments **on a proposal from the Commission**, in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 8, in the following cases:

Amendment

The **Commission** shall **submit a delegated act lifting** the suspension of commitments in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 8, in the following cases:

Or. it

Amendment 68
Giuseppe Ferrandino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 11 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

After the **Council has lifted** the suspension of commitments, the Commission shall re-budget the suspended commitments in accordance with Article [8] of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) [[...] (MFF regulation)].

Amendment

After the **lifting of** the suspension of commitments, the Commission shall re-budget the suspended commitments in accordance with Article [8] of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) [[...] (MFF regulation)].

Or. it

Amendment 69
Giuseppe Ferrandino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 11 – subparagraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

A decision concerning the lifting of the suspension of payments shall be taken by the Council on a proposal by the

Amendment

deleted

Commission where the applicable conditions set out in in the first subparagraph are fulfilled.

Or. it

Amendment 70
Giuseppe Ferrandino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

11a. The procedure set out in paragraphs 7 to 10 shall be applied only where:

(a) application of the relevant instruments of economic governance with regard to points (b) to (e) of paragraph 7 has been requested in advance,

(b) the Commission has demonstrated, by means of an impact assessment, that the persistence of excessive macroeconomic imbalances is caused by insufficient implementation of these instruments, and

(c) one of the cases referred to in points (b) to (e) of paragraph 7 is putting cohesion policy expenditure in that Member State at risk.

Or. it

Amendment 71
Pervenche Berès

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 12

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

12. The Commission shall keep the European Parliament informed of the implementation of this Article. In

deleted

particular, the Commission shall, when one of the conditions set out in paragraph 7 is fulfilled for a Member State, immediately inform the European Parliament and provide details of the Funds and programmes which could be subject to a suspension of commitments.

The European Parliament may invite the Commission for a structured dialogue on the application of this Article, having regard to the transmission of the information referred to in the first subparagraph.

The Commission shall transmit the proposal for suspension of commitments or the proposal to lift such a suspension, to the European Parliament and to the Council.

Or. en

Amendment 72

Giuseppe Ferrandino

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 12 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall keep the European Parliament informed of the **implementation of this Article**. In particular, the Commission shall, **when one of the conditions set out in paragraph 7 is fulfilled for a Member State, immediately inform the European Parliament and provide** details of the Funds and programmes which could be subject to a suspension of commitments.

Amendment

The Commission shall keep the European Parliament **and the Council continuously** informed **in the course** of the **procedure referred to in paragraph 7**. In particular, the Commission shall **immediately submit to the European Parliament the reasons for its proposal, accompanied by an impact analysis pursuant to point (b) of paragraph 11a, and by an analysis of the expected impact of the suspension on the economy of the Member State, and** details of the Funds and programmes which could be subject to a suspension of commitments **for the purpose of the structured dialogue to ensure a meaningful debate and facilitate a transparent implementation process**.

Amendment 73
Giuseppe Ferrandino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 12 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The European Parliament may invite the Commission for a structured dialogue on the application of this Article, having regard to the transmission of the information referred to in the first subparagraph.

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 74
Giuseppe Ferrandino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 12 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission shall transmit the proposal for suspension of commitments or the proposal to lift such a suspension, to the European Parliament and to the Council.

The Commission shall transmit the proposal for suspension of commitments or the proposal to lift such a suspension to the European Parliament and to the Council *immediately after its adoption, stating the reasons for the proposal.*

Or. it

Amendment 75
Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

For programmes supported by the AMIF, the ISF and the BMVI, a programme shall consist of specific objectives.

For programmes supported by the AMIF, the ISF and the BMVI, a programme shall consist of specific objectives. ***In the case of AMIF specifically, EU peripheral and island regions falling under the scope of Article 174 TFEU, and that are being hit by the immigration challenge, are to be given utmost priority.***

Or. en

Amendment 76
Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) economic, social and territorial disparities, except for programmes supported by the EMFF;

(i) economic, social and territorial disparities, except for programmes supported by the EMFF, ***as well as territorial challenges based on permanent natural or demographic handicaps as referred to in Article 174 TFEU;***

Or. en

Amendment 77
Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17.^o – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iii) challenges identified in relevant country-specific recommendations and other relevant Union recommendations addressed to the Member State;

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 78
Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point d – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) specific territories targeted, including the planned use of integrated territorial investment, community-led local development or other territorial tools;

(iv) specific territories targeted, including ***arrangements to address key challenges of insular and peripheral regions*** and the planned use of integrated territorial investment, community-led local development or other territorial tools;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6. For ERDF, ESF+ and Cohesion Fund programmes submitted in accordance with Article 16, the table referred to in paragraph (3)(f)(ii) shall include the amounts for the years 2021 to 2025 only.

deleted

Or. en

Justification

This provision should be deleted, as it undermines the 7-years financial perspective for the EFRR/ FS, which enables to implement many infrastructural projects, mainly of strategic importance, under single OP. The programming period should not be divided in two phases (5 + 2), it should last 7 years, as it is now. Programming the intervention only for 5 years (before the mid-term review), and the remaining 2 years in 2025, threatens the stability of the Funds implementation system.

Amendment 80
Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation
Article 18.º – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall assess the programme and its compliance with this Regulation and with the Fund-specific Regulations, as well as its consistency with the Partnership Agreement. ***In its assessment, the Commission shall, in particular, take into account relevant country-specific recommendations.***

Amendment

1. The Commission shall assess the programme and its compliance with this Regulation and with the Fund-specific Regulations, as well as its consistency with the Partnership Agreement.

Or. pt

Amendment 81
Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States may request the transfer of up to **5** % of programme financial allocations from any of the Funds to any other Fund ***under shared management*** or to any instrument under direct or indirect management.

Amendment

1. Member States may request the transfer of up to **10** % of programme financial allocations from any of the Funds to any other Fund or to any instrument under direct or indirect management.

Or. en

Justification

The limits of possible transfers between the Funds should be increased as it will provide more flexibility for implementation of programmes.

Amendment 82
Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Member *States may* request the transfer of up to 5 % of programme financial allocations from any of the Funds to any other Fund under shared management or to any instrument under direct or indirect management.

1. *A Member State may, upon its voluntary decision,* request the transfer of up to 5 % of programme financial allocations from any of the Funds to any other Fund under shared management or to any instrument under direct or indirect management.

Or. en

Amendment 83
Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. Support may be provided for the preparation and design of territorial strategies.

Amendment

5. Support may be provided for the preparation and design of territorial strategies, *especially as regards technical assistance towards geographical areas which suffer from permanent natural or demographic handicaps as referred to in Article 174 TFEU.*

Or. en

Amendment 84
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 32 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

In addition to Article 31, the Member State may propose to undertake additional technical assistance actions to reinforce the capacity of Member State authorities, beneficiaries and relevant partners necessary for the effective administration and use of the Funds.

Amendment

In addition to Article 31, the Member State may propose to undertake additional technical assistance actions to reinforce the *institutional capacity and efficiency of public authorities and public services and the* capacity of Member State authorities, beneficiaries and relevant partners necessary for the effective administration and use of the Funds.

Amendment 85

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 32 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Support for such actions shall be implemented by financing not linked to costs in accordance with Article 89.

Amendment

Support for such actions shall be implemented by financing not linked to costs in accordance with Article 89.
Without prejudice to Article 89 financing not linked to costs for technical assistance of Member States shall take the form of a part of a programme or of a request for its amendment or a specific operational programme, or all these three forms.

Or. en

Justification

The CPR should provide legal framework for implementation of TA in the form of a separate operational programme. Such option is very important, especially for the Member States where many OPs are implemented. Such system demands a lot of coordination tasks. Experience shows that the most efficient way of supporting these tasks by TA is a separate dedicated TA OP.

Amendment 86

Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation

Article 35.º – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the contribution of the programme to tackling the challenges identified in the relevant country-specific recommendations;

Amendment

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 87
Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation
Article 37 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The managing authority shall electronically transmit to the Commission cumulative data for each programme by 31 January, 31 **March, 31 May, 31 July, 30 September** and 30 November of each year in accordance with the template set out in Annex VII.

Amendment

The managing authority shall electronically transmit to the Commission cumulative data for each programme by 31 January, 31 July, and 30 November of each year in accordance with the template set out in Annex VII.

Or. en

Amendment 88
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a regulation
Article 43 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Each managing authority shall identify a communication officer for each programme ('programme communication officer').

Amendment

2. Each managing authority shall identify a communication officer for each programme ('programme communication officer'). ***The communication officer shall take into account all the official and co-official languages of the Member State, or the official languages of the regional and/or local entity or entities, where the programme is to be implemented.***

Or. en

Amendment 89
Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation
Article 52.^o – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Financial instruments shall not replace non-repayable aid and may be used only to complement it.

Or. pt

Amendment 90

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 58 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) value added tax ('VAT'), **except for operations the total cost of which is below EUR 5 000 000.**

Amendment

(c) **recoverable** value added tax ('VAT').

Or. en

Justification

The rules from 2014-2020 may apply. Alternatively, VAT may be ineligible if the levels of the EU co-financing are higher.

Amendment 91

Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation

Article 60.^o – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Expenditure supporting relocation as defined in Article 2(26) shall not be eligible for a contribution from the Funds.

Amendment

1. Expenditure **directly or indirectly** supporting relocation as defined in Article 2(26) shall not be eligible for a contribution from the Funds. **The managing authority shall ensure that: (a) no contribution is granted to a beneficiary which has carried out a relocation in the five years preceding the application for a contribution; and (b) the beneficiary undertakes to refrain from relocating within five years after it has received a contribution from the Funds. Where a beneficiary carries out a relocation within**

five years after receiving a contribution, the managing authority shall ensure that the contribution is paid back in full.

Or. pt

Amendment 92
Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation
Article 60.^o – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. *The managing authority shall ensure that where this Article has been infringed, the contribution which the beneficiary has received is paid back in full.*

Or. pt

Amendment 93
Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation
Article 62 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5a. *Operations financed under the programs covered by this Regulation shall be considered as complying with EU state aid rules.*

Or. en

Amendment 94
Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation
Article 63 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Member States shall ensure the legality and regularity of expenditure included in the accounts submitted to the Commission and shall take all required actions to prevent, detect and correct and report on irregularities including fraud. **deleted**

Or. en

Justification

These are specific responsibilities of MAs, and as such are included in art. 68.1 d and e, annex XV (management declaration). Any other institutions of MS are not automatically obliged to fulfil these requirements. It is unclear what other institutions (outside the system) shall be obliged to confirm legality and regularity. This may lead to financial responsibility of the central government for systemic irregularities that occurred in regional governments.

Amendment 95

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 64 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Commission audits shall be carried out up to **three** calendar years following the **acceptance of the accounts in which the expenditure concerned was included**. This period shall not apply to operations where there is a suspicion of fraud.

2. Commission audits shall be carried out up to **two** calendar years following the **final payment for the beneficiary**. This period shall not apply to operations where there is a suspicion of fraud.

Or. en

Justification

Adoption of such a solution is a considerable simplification for the beneficiaries, as only one deadline is set to carry out an audit of all expenditures of a given project. In addition, it would simplify the process of project closure

These time limits were just agreed in omnibus compromise. There is no reason for changing them. The limits introduced by Omnibus haven't been in force yet, so there is no evidence they are to strict.

Amendment 96
Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation
Article 64 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission may extend the time limits referred in points (c) and (d) by an additional three months. **deleted**

Or. en

Justification

These time limits have been just agreed in omnibus compromise. There is no reason for changing them, as they haven't been in force yet, so there is no evidence they are too strict.

Amendment 97
Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation
Article 67 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Upon request of the Commission, the managing authority shall **consult** the Commission **and take its comments into account** prior to the initial submission of the selection criteria to the monitoring committee and before any subsequent changes to those criteria.

2. Upon request of the Commission, the managing authority shall **inform** the Commission prior to the initial submission of the selection criteria to the monitoring committee and before any subsequent changes to those criteria.

Or. en

Justification

There is an evidence, that even if managing authority consults criteria with the Commission as a good practice it slows down selection procedure. The Commission should be informed, but not consulted, because this may be burdensome for the Commission. Alternatively the Commission may receive voting right in the Committee and part of responsibility on clear rules.

Amendment 98

Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation

Article 79

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 79

deleted

Adjustment during the programming period

1. Where the Commission or the audit authority conclude, based on the audits carried out and the annual control report, that the conditions set out in Article 78 are no longer fulfilled, the Commission shall request the audit authority to carry out additional audit work in accordance with Article 63(3) and take remedial actions.

2. Where the subsequent annual control report confirms that the conditions continue not to be fulfilled, thus limiting the assurance provided to the Commission on the effective functioning of the management and control systems and of the legality and regularity of expenditure, the Commission shall request the audit authority to carry out system audits.

3. The Commission may, after having given to the Member State the opportunity to present its observations, inform the Member State that the enhanced proportionate arrangements set out in Article 77 shall no longer be applied.

Or. pt

Amendment 99

Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) 2021: **0.5** %;

(a) 2021: **3.5** %;

Or. en

Amendment 100

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) 2021: **0.5** %;

(a) 2021: **3** %;

Or. en

Justification

Here and sqq: The level of pre-financing from the proposal of the regulation is insufficient to ensure financial liquidity for programmes and pre-financing for beneficiaries, which was one of the factors of success of the funds in Poland. Alternatively, the level of pre-financing may be lower in case the decommitment rule is extended to n+3.

Amendment 101

Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) 2022: **0.5** %;

(b) 2022: **3.5** %;

Or. en

Amendment 102

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) 2022: **0.5** %;

(b) 2022: **3** %;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) 2022: **0.5** %;

(b) 2022: **0.7** %;

Or. it

Amendment 104
Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation
Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) 2023: **0.5** %;

(c) 2023: **3.5** %;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) 2023: **0.5** %;

(c) 2023: **1** %;

Or. it

Amendment 106

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) 2023: **0.5** %;

(c) 2023: **3** %;

Or. en

Amendment 107

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) 2024: **0.5** %;

(d) 2024: **3** %;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) 2024: **0.5** %;

(d) 2024: **1.5** %;

Or. it

Amendment 109

Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) 2024: **0.5** %;

(d) 2024: **3.5** %;

Or. en

Amendment 110

Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) 2025: **0.5** %;

(e) 2025: **3.5** %;

Or. en

Amendment 111

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) 2025: **0.5** %;

(e) 2025: **3** %;

Or. en

Amendment 112

Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) 2025: **0.5** %;

(e) 2025: **2** %;

Or. it

Amendment 113

Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(f) 2026: **0.5 %**

(f) 2026: **3.5 %**

Or. en

Amendment 114

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(f) 2026: **0.5 %**

(f) 2026: **3 %**

Or. en

Amendment 115

Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(f) **2026: 0.5 %**

(f) 2026: **2 %**

Or. it

Amendment 116

Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation

Article 91.^o – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) there is a reasoned opinion by the Commission in respect of an infringement under Article 258 of the TFEU that puts at risk the legality and regularity of expenditure *deleted*

Or. pt

Amendment 117
Luigi Morgano

Proposal for a regulation
Article 91 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) the Member State has failed to take the necessary action in accordance with Article 15(6). *deleted*

Or. it

Amendment 118
Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation
Article 91.º – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) the Member State has failed to take the necessary action in accordance with Article 15(6). *deleted*

Or. pt

Amendment 119
Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation
Article 99 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall decommit any amount in a programme which has not been used for pre-financing in accordance with Article 84 or for which a payment application has not been submitted in accordance with Articles 85 and 86 by **26** December of the *second* calendar year following the year of the budget commitments for the years 2021 to 2026.

Amendment

1. The Commission shall decommit any amount in a programme which has not been used for pre-financing in accordance with Article 84 or for which a payment application has not been submitted in accordance with Articles 85 and 86 by **31** December of the *third* calendar year following the year of the budget commitments for the years 2021 to 2026.

Or. en

Justification

Rule from the 2014-2020 programming period. It ensures necessary time for regular implementation of difficult projects and thoughtful spending.

Amendment 120

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 102 – paragraph 1**

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The ERDF, the ESF+ and the Cohesion Fund shall support the Investment for jobs and growth goal in all regions corresponding to level 2 of the common classification of territorial units for statistics ('NUTS level 2 regions') established by Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 868/2014.

Amendment

1. The ERDF, the ESF+ and the Cohesion Fund shall support the Investment for jobs and growth goal in all regions corresponding to level 2 of the common classification of territorial units for statistics ('NUTS level 2 regions') established by Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 868/2014 **as well as by Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/2066.**

Or. en

Justification

There is an amendment to the Regulation establishing common classification of territorial units for statistics adopted in 2016. This new classification should be taken into account in CPR as it provides the most updated picture of the social and economic situation in the Member States.

Amendment 121
Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation
Article 104 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Rules applicable for the transport sector under Regulation (EU) [new CEF Regulation] shall apply to the specific calls referred to in the first subparagraph. 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 to the CEF.

Amendment

Rules applicable for the transport sector under Regulation (EU) [new CEF Regulation] shall apply to the specific calls referred to in the first subparagraph. Until 31 December 2023, the selection of projects eligible for financing shall respect the national allocations under the Cohesion Fund with regard to **100%** of the resources transferred to the CEF.

Or. en

Amendment 122
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 105 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission may accept a proposal by a Member State in its submission of the Partnership Agreement or in the context of the mid-term review, for a transfer:

Amendment

1. The Commission may accept a proposal by a Member State in its submission of the Partnership Agreement or in the context of the mid-term review, for a transfer ***from the envelopes for more developed regions to transition regions or less developed regions.***

Or. it

Amendment 123
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 105 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) of not more than 15 % of the total allocations for less developed regions to transition regions or more developed regions and from transition regions to more developed regions; *deleted*

Or. it

Amendment 124
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 105 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) from the allocations for more developed regions or transition regions to less developed regions. *deleted*

Or. it

Amendment 125
Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation
Article 106.^o – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) 70 % for the less developed regions;

(a) 85 % for the less developed regions;

Or. pt

Amendment 126
Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation
Article 106 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) 70 % for the less developed regions;

(a) 85 % for the less developed regions;

Or. en

Justification

Here and sqq: In the project of regulation the co-financing rates have been lowered in comparison with current programming period while more regions qualify to the category of the more developed regions, due to lowered threshold. The co-financing rate for Interreg projects at the level of 70% would be discouraging for beneficiaries. The Interreg projects are usually difficult ones, demanding co-operation of different partners.

Amendment 127

Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation

Article 106 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) 70 % for the less developed regions;

(a) 90 % for the less developed regions;

Or. en

Amendment 128

Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation

Article 106.^o – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) 55 % for the transition regions;

(b) 75 % for the transition regions;

Or. pt

Amendment 129

Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation

Article 106 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) 55 % for the transition regions;

(b) 75 % for the transition regions;

Or. en

Amendment 130

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 106 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) 55 % for the transition regions;

(b) 65 % for the transition regions;

Or. en

Amendment 131

Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation

Article 106 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) 40 % for the more developed regions.

(c) 60 % for the more developed regions.

Or. en

Amendment 132

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 106 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) 40 % for the more developed regions.

(c) 50 % for the more developed regions.

Or. en

Amendment 133

Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation

Article 106 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The co-financing rates for all island and outermost regions falling under Articles 174 and 349 TFEU shall not be higher than 90%.

Or. en

Amendment 134

Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation

Article 106 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The co-financing rate for the Cohesion Fund at the level of each priority shall not be higher than **70** %.

The co-financing rate for the Cohesion Fund at the level of each priority shall not be higher than **90** %.

Or. en

Amendment 135

Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation

Article 106 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The co-financing rate for the Cohesion Fund at the level of each priority shall not be higher than **70** %.

The co-financing rate for the Cohesion Fund at the level of each priority shall not be higher than **85** %.

Or. en

Amendment 136
Miguel Viegas

Proposal for a regulation
Article 106.^o – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

The co-financing rate for the Cohesion Fund at the level of each priority shall not be higher than **70** %.

Amendment

The co-financing rate for the Cohesion Fund at the level of each priority shall not be higher than **85** %.

Or. pt

Amendment 137
Alfred Sant

Proposal for a regulation
Article 106 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The co-financing rate for Interreg programmes shall be no higher than **70** %.

Amendment

The co-financing rate for Interreg programmes shall be no higher than **90** %.

Or. en

Amendment 138
Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation
Article 106 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The co-financing rate for Interreg programmes shall be no higher than **70** %.

Amendment

The co-financing rate for Interreg programmes shall be no higher than **85** %.

Or. en

Amendment 139
Andrea Cozzolino

Proposal for a regulation
Article 106 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5a. Public or equivalent structural expenditure undertaken by the public administration by way of co-financing of investments activated as part of EFSI funding will be deducted from the calculation of the structural deficit in the definition of the specific medium-term objectives for the country within the framework of EU Regulation 1466/97, and will equally be deducted for the purpose of assessing compliance with the preventive arm of the Stability and Growth Pact within the framework of EU Regulation 1467/97.

Or. it

Amendment 140
Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation
Annex XXIV – point 10 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

a) for Member States whose average GNI per capita (in PPS) is under **60%** of the EU-27 average: 2,3% of their GDP

a) for Member States whose average GNI per capita (in PPS) is under **65%** of the EU-27 average: 2,3% of their GDP

Or. en

Justification

The proposed thresholds of GNI per capita determining the maximum level of transfer (capping) result in drastic reductions in allocations for some which are not related in any way to the thesis put forward by the EU that “certain countries/regions develop, and other countries/regions stagnate”

Amendment 141
Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation
Annex XXIV – point 10 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

b) for Member States whose average GNI per capita (in PPS) is equal to or above **60%** and below **65%** of the EU-27 average: 1,85% of their GDP

Amendment

b) for Member States whose average GNI per capita (in PPS) is equal to or above **65%** and below **70%** of the EU-27 average: 1,85% of their GDP

Or. en

Amendment 142
Stanisław Ożóg, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk

Proposal for a regulation
Annex XXIV – point 10 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

c) for Member States whose average GNI per capita (in PPS) is equal to or above **65%** of the EU-27 average: 1,55% of their GDP.

Amendment

c) for Member States whose average GNI per capita (in PPS) is equal to or above **70%** of the EU-27 average: 1,55% of their GDP.

Or. en