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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Csaba Sógor
(PE587.440v01-00)

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
on the establishment of the Structural Reform Support Programme for the
period 2017 to 2020 and amending Regulations (EU) No 1303/2013 and (EU)
No 1305/2013

Proposal for a regulation
(COM(2015)0701 – C8-0373/2015 – 2015/0263(COD))

Amendment 58**Laura Agea, Tiziana Beghin, Marco Zanni, Rosa D'Amato, Daniela Aiuto****Proposal for a regulation**

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Proposal for a rejection

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Regional Development, as the committee responsible, to propose rejection of the Commission proposal.

Or. it

Justification

Given that, in Italy, rules deriving from ‘EU legislation’ and ‘international obligations’ are placed on an active footing comparable to that of rules deriving from the Constitution (Art. 117 of the Constitution), the provisions of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of the Structural Reform Support Programme for the period 2017 to 2020 and amending Regulations (EU) No 1303/2013 and (EU) No 1305/2013 must be ruled inadmissible, since they effectively seek to remove sovereignty from the Member States.

Amendment 59**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto****Proposal for a regulation**

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Proposal for a rejection

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Regional Development, as the committee responsible, to propose rejection of the Commission proposal.

Or. fr

Amendment 60**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 1**

(1) *In accordance with Article 9 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union shall take into account requirements linked to the promotion of a high level of employment, the guarantee of adequate social protection, the fight against social exclusion, and a high level of education, training and protection of human health. In addition, as set out in Article 11 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, environmental protection requirements must be integrated in the Union policies with a view to promoting sustainable development.*

(1) *Although its ostensible aim is to put an end to macroeconomic imbalances, the European Union is in fact seeking to set up a support programme giving it the right to exercise scrutiny over Member State activities in areas that come within the exclusive competences of national governments.*

Or. fr

Amendment 61

Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1

(1) In accordance with Article 9 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union ***shall*** take into account requirements linked to the promotion of a high level of employment, the guarantee of adequate social protection, the fight against social exclusion, and a high level of education, training and protection of human health. In addition, as set out in Article 11 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, environmental protection requirements must be integrated in the Union policies with a view to promoting sustainable development.

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with a view to promoting sustainable development.

Or. el

Amendment 62

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) In accordance with Article 9 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union shall take into account requirements linked to the promotion of a high level of employment, the guarantee of adequate social protection, the fight against social exclusion, and a high level of education, training and protection of human health. In addition, as set out in Article 11 of the of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, environmental protection requirements must be integrated in the Union policies with a view to promoting sustainable development.

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Or. en

Amendment 63

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) *Articles 120 and 121 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union provide that Member States shall conduct their economic policies with a view to contributing to the achievement of the objectives of the Union and in the context of the broad guidelines that the Council shall formulate. Thereby, the coordination of the economic policies of the Member States is a matter of common concern.*

Amendment

(2) *Although the European Union is claiming that they are, the imbalances are not the result of delays in implementation, but stem instead from:*

a. internal imbalances caused by the economic crisis (fall-off in tax revenue and increase in public spending)

b. external imbalances resulting from disparities in competitiveness between Member States, which cannot be corrected in the euro zone, in which exchange rate variations between national currencies no longer exist.

Or. fr

Amendment 64
Neoklis Sylikiotis

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(2) Articles 120 and 121 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union provide that Member States shall conduct their economic policies with a view to contributing to the achievement of the objectives of the Union and in the context of the broad guidelines that the Council shall formulate. *Unfortunately, economic coordination has so far resulted in recession and economic stagnation in the Member States, while transferring the burden of reforms to those in the lowest income brackets.*

Amendment 65

Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. el

Amendment 66

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) ***Several Member States have been undergoing and continue to undergo adjustment processes to correct macroeconomic imbalances accumulated in the past and many are facing the challenge of low potential growth. The Union has identified the implementation of structural reforms among its policy priorities to set the recovery on a sustainable path, unlock the growth potential to strengthen the adjustment capacity, and support the process of***

Amendment

(3) ***The only way for jobs to be created and unemployment to be properly addressed in each Member State is for national measures tailored specifically to the needs of each country to be implemented.***

convergence.

Or. fr

Amendment 67

Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Several Member States have been undergoing and continue to undergo adjustment processes *to correct macroeconomic imbalances accumulated in the past* and many are facing the challenge of low potential growth. The Union has identified the implementation of structural reforms among its policy priorities *to set the recovery on a sustainable path, unlock the growth potential to strengthen the adjustment capacity, and support the process of convergence.*

Amendment

(3) Several Member States have been undergoing and continue to undergo adjustment processes and many *of them, mainly southern European countries such as Greece, Italy, Portugal Spain and Cyprus*, are facing the challenge of low potential growth. The Union has identified the implementation of structural reforms among its policy priorities, *which, as shown by the example of Greece, Spain and Portugal, have meant poverty, distress and social deprivation for millions.*

Or. el

Amendment 68

Neoklis Sylikiotis

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

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(3) Several Member States have been undergoing and continue to undergo adjustment processes to correct macroeconomic imbalances accumulated in the past and many are facing the challenge of low potential growth. The *entire euro area has been affected by sluggish growth rates and public investment is therefore necessary to create new, decent and*

sustainable *path*, *unlock the growth potential to strengthen the adjustment capacity*, and *support the process of convergence*.

sustainable *jobs*, and *reinvigorate the welfare state*.

Or. el

Amendment 69
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Several Member States have been undergoing and continue to undergo adjustment processes to correct macroeconomic imbalances accumulated in the past and many are *facing the challenge of* low potential growth. The Union *has identified the implementation of structural reforms among its* policy priorities to set the recovery on a sustainable path, unlock the growth potential to strengthen the adjustment capacity, and support the process of convergence.

Amendment

(3) Several Member States have been undergoing and continue to undergo adjustment processes to correct macroeconomic imbalances accumulated in the past and many are *suffering from* low potential growth, *high unemployment rates and a severe crisis affecting their main production systems. There is therefore a need for socially responsible structural reforms that boost growth and social cohesion, which should be among* the Union's policy priorities to set the recovery on a sustainable path, unlock the growth potential to strengthen the adjustment capacity, *create jobs, foster investment* and support the process of *upward* convergence.

Or. es

Amendment 70
Terry Reintke
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

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undergoing and continue to undergo adjustment processes to correct ***social and*** macroeconomic imbalances accumulated in the past and many are facing the challenge of low potential growth, ***high unemployment, increased risk of poverty, shrinking social protection and widening disparities***. The Union has identified the implementation of ***sustainable inclusive*** structural reforms among its policy priorities to set the recovery on a sustainable path, unlock the growth potential to strengthen the adjustment capacity, and ***develop comprehensive and sustainable inclusion policies to*** support the process of convergence ***in line with smart, sustainable and inclusive growth***.

Or. en

Amendment 71
Lampros Fountoulis

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(3) Several Member States have been undergoing and continue to undergo adjustment processes to correct macroeconomic imbalances accumulated in the past ***as a result of mistaken policy decisions by both Member States and European institutions and*** many are facing the challenge of low potential growth. The Union has identified the implementation of structural reforms among its policy priorities to set the recovery on a ***genuinely*** sustainable path, unlock the growth potential to strengthen the adjustment capacity, and support the process of convergence, ***while taking account of the difficulties being encountered by many European citizens***.

Or. el

Amendment 72
Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Several Member States have been undergoing and continue to undergo adjustment processes to correct macroeconomic imbalances accumulated in the past and many are facing the challenge of low potential growth. The Union has identified the implementation of structural reforms among its policy priorities to set the recovery on a sustainable path, unlock the growth potential to strengthen the adjustment capacity, and support the process of convergence.

Amendment

(3) Several Member States have been undergoing and continue to undergo adjustment processes to correct macroeconomic imbalances accumulated in the past and many are facing the challenge of low potential growth, ***in particular as a result of a lack of investment***. The Union has identified the implementation of structural reforms among its policy priorities to set the recovery on a sustainable path, unlock the growth potential to strengthen the adjustment capacity, ***increase investment*** and support the process of convergence. ***To win back the confidence of its citizens, the EU must initiate adjustment processes whilst meeting the requirements laid down in Article 9 TFEU. In particular, that should involve a proactive public investment policy.***

Or. fr

Amendment 73
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) ***Reforms are by their very nature complex processes that require a complete chain of highly-specialised knowledge and skills. Addressing structural reforms in a variety of public policy areas is challenging since their benefits often take***

Amendment

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time to materialise. Therefore, early and efficient design and implementation is crucial, be it for crisis-struck or structurally-weak economies. In this context, the provision of support by the Union in the form of technical assistance has been crucial in supporting the economic adjustment of Greece and Cyprus in the last years.

Or. fr

Amendment 74
Neoklis Sylikiotis

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4) Reforms are by their very nature complex processes that require a complete chain of highly-specialised knowledge and skills. Addressing structural reforms in a variety of public policy areas is challenging since their benefits often take time to materialise. Therefore, early and efficient design and implementation is crucial, be it for crisis-struck or structurally-weak economies. In this context, the provision of support by the Union in the form of technical assistance has been crucial in supporting the economic adjustment of Greece and Cyprus in the last years.

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Or. el

Amendment 75
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Reforms are by their very nature complex processes that ***require a complete chain of highly-specialised knowledge and skills. Addressing structural reforms in a variety of public policy areas is challenging since their benefits often take time to materialise. Therefore, early and efficient design and implementation is crucial, be it for crisis-struck or structurally-weak economies. In this context, the provision of support by the Union in the form of technical assistance has been crucial in supporting the economic adjustment of Greece and Cyprus in the last years.***

Amendment

(4) Reforms are by their very nature complex processes ***and should be socially balanced and for that reason, account should always be taken of the needs of the public and of local and professional stakeholders before their entry into force.***

Or. el

Amendment 76

Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Reforms are by their very nature complex processes that require a complete chain of highly-specialised knowledge and skills. Addressing structural reforms in a variety of public policy areas is challenging since their benefits often take time to materialise. Therefore, early and efficient design and implementation is crucial, be it for crisis-struck or structurally-weak economies. In this context, the provision of support by the Union in the form of technical assistance ***has been crucial in supporting the economic adjustment of Greece and Cyprus in the last years.***

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Or. fr

Amendment 77
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Reforms are by their very nature complex processes that require a complete chain of highly-specialised knowledge and skills. Addressing structural reforms in a variety of public policy areas is challenging since their benefits often take time to materialise. Therefore, early and efficient design and implementation is crucial, be it for crisis-struck or structurally-weak economies. In this context, the provision of support by the Union in the form of technical assistance has been **crucial** in supporting the economic adjustment of **Greece and Cyprus in the last years**.

Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 78
Marian Harkin

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Reforms are by their very nature complex processes that require a complete chain of highly-specialised knowledge and skills. Addressing structural reforms in a

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variety of public policy areas is challenging since their benefits often take time to materialise. Therefore, early and efficient design and implementation is crucial, be it for crisis-struck or structurally-weak economies. In this context, the provision of support by the Union in the form of technical assistance **has been crucial in supporting** the economic adjustment of Greece and Cyprus in the last years.

administrative resources, and a complete chain of highly-specialised knowledge and skills. Addressing structural reforms in a variety of public policy areas is challenging since their benefits often take time to materialise. Therefore, early and efficient design and implementation is crucial, be it for crisis-struck or structurally-weak economies. In this context, the provision of support by the Union in the form of technical assistance **must take into account the lessons learned from the programmes that aimed to support the** economic adjustment of Greece and Cyprus in the last years.

Or. en

Amendment 79

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Reforms are by their very nature complex processes that require a complete chain of highly-specialised knowledge and skills. Addressing structural reforms in a variety of public policy areas is challenging since their **benefits** often take time to materialise. Therefore, early and efficient design and implementation **is** crucial, be it for crisis-struck or structurally-weak economies. In this context, the provision of support by the Union in the form of technical assistance has been **crucial in supporting** the economic adjustment of Greece and Cyprus in the last years.

Amendment

(4) Reforms are by their very nature complex processes that require a complete chain of highly-specialised knowledge and skills. Addressing structural reforms in a variety of public policy areas is challenging since their **consequences** often take time to materialise. Therefore, early and efficient design and implementation, **stakeholder involvement and social impact assessments are** crucial, be it for crisis-struck or structurally-weak economies. In this context, the provision of support by the Union in the form of technical assistance has been **accompanying** the economic adjustment of Greece and Cyprus in the last years.

Or. en

Amendment 80
Lampros Fountoulis

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Reforms are by their very nature complex processes that require a complete chain of highly-specialised knowledge and skills. Addressing structural reforms in a variety of public policy areas is challenging since their benefits often take time to materialise. Therefore, early and efficient design and implementation is crucial, be it for crisis-struck or structurally-weak economies. In this context, the provision of support by the Union in the form of technical assistance has been crucial in supporting the economic adjustment of Greece and Cyprus in the last years.

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Or. el

Amendment 81
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) Recalls that, as part of the European Semester, the European Parliament^{1a} has defined socially responsible reforms as reforms based on solidarity, integration, social justice and a fair distribution of wealth, i.e. a model able to ensure equality and social protection, protect vulnerable groups and improve the living standards of all citizens.

Or. es

Amendment 82

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***(4a) As it was recognised in the
European Court of Auditors' Special
Report No 19/2015 entitled "More
attention to results needed to improve the
delivery of technical assistance to
Greece", the delivery of technical
assistance to Member States should be
based on a strategy with well-defined
objectives and should improve ownership
and effectiveness.***

Or. en

Amendment 83

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***(5) Member States may benefit from
support in addressing challenges as
regards the design and implementation of
structural reforms. These challenges may
be dependent on various factors,
including limited administrative and
institutional capacity or inadequate***

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application and implementation of Union legislation.

Or. fr

Amendment 84
Neoklis Sylikiotis

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Member States may benefit from support in *addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. These challenges may be dependent on various factors, including limited administrative and institutional capacity or inadequate application and implementation of Union legislation.*

Amendment

(5) Member States may benefit from support *and succeed* in *launching programmes strengthening the welfare state and promoting public investment for the creation of new, decent and sustainable jobs, social development and economic growth.*

Or. el

Amendment 85
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Member States *may benefit* from support in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. *These challenges may be dependent on various factors, including limited administrative and institutional capacity or inadequate application and implementation of Union legislation.*

Amendment

(5) Member States *have not benefited* from support in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. *On the contrary, the reforms have massively swelled the ranks of the unemployed and helped social inequalities to take hold within the EU, while leaving increasing numbers of citizens destitute by the day.*

Or. el

Amendment 86
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Member States may benefit from support in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. These challenges may be dependent on various factors, including limited administrative and institutional capacity or inadequate application and implementation of Union legislation.

Amendment

(5) Member States may benefit from support in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms ***in line with the EU's economic and social objectives***. These challenges may be dependent on various factors, including limited administrative and institutional capacity or inadequate application and implementation of Union legislation, ***which could have caused reforms to be poorly conceived and thus incapable of meeting these objectives***.

Or. es

Amendment 87
Lampros Fountoulis

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Member States may benefit from support in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. These challenges may be dependent on various factors, including limited administrative and institutional capacity or inadequate application and implementation of Union legislation.

Amendment

(5) Member States may benefit from support in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. These challenges may be dependent on various factors, including limited administrative and institutional capacity or inadequate application and implementation of Union legislation. ***At the same time, some of the structural reforms proposed should be reviewed, since they have not, in the final analysis, produced the expected benefits.***

Or. el

Amendment 88
Anthea McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Member States may benefit from support in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. These challenges may be dependent on various factors, including limited administrative and institutional capacity or inadequate application and implementation of Union legislation.

Amendment

(5) Member States may benefit from support in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. These challenges may be dependent on various factors, including limited administrative and institutional capacity or inadequate application and implementation of Union legislation. ***Such facts in turn can affect the long-term growth potential of some Member States with knock on effects for social welfare provision and job creation.***

Or. en

Amendment 89
Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Member States may benefit from support in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. These challenges may be dependent on various factors, including limited administrative and institutional capacity or inadequate application and implementation of Union legislation.

Amendment

(5) Member States may benefit from support in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. These challenges may be dependent on various factors, including limited administrative and institutional capacity or inadequate application and implementation of Union legislation ***designed to support growth.***

Or. fr

Amendment 90

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Member States may benefit from support in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. These challenges may be dependent on various factors, including limited administrative and institutional capacity or inadequate application and implementation of Union legislation.

Amendment

(5) Member States may benefit from support in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of **sustainable** structural reforms. These challenges may be dependent on various factors, including limited administrative and institutional capacity or inadequate application and implementation of Union legislation.

Or. en

Amendment 91

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) *The Union has a long-lasting experience on providing specific support to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy. The experience gained by the Union in assisting national authorities carrying out reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to Member States. Comprehensive and integrated action is indeed necessary in order to provide support to those Member States that are undertaking growth-enhancing reforms*

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and request assistance from the Union in this respect.

Or. fr

Amendment 92

Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) The Union has *a* long-lasting experience on providing specific support to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy. *The experience gained by the Union in assisting national authorities carrying out reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to Member States. Comprehensive and integrated action is indeed necessary in order to provide support to those Member States that are undertaking growth-enhancing reforms and request assistance from the Union in this respect.*

Amendment

(6) The *way in which the* Union has *been operating over the years shows that it has no* long-lasting experience on providing specific support to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy.

Or. el

Amendment 93

Marian Harkin

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

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*Union in assisting national and/or subnational authorities carrying out reforms related to capacity building in national administrations, local and regional authorities and other Member State authorities, and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to **small-** and medium-sized enterprises), should be used. Action to support those Member States that are undertaking reforms to enhance sustainable growth, social well-being, and the accessibility of healthcare and education, and that request assistance from the Union in this respect, might be necessary if these reforms are not already eligible for other technical assistance programmes. These support measures will be based on an integrated approach, taking into account the links between the different areas of structural reforms, and the ability of all levels of government to work together as partners – while respecting each Member State's institutional framework and also involving all stakeholders.*

Or. en

Amendment 94
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

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national authorities carrying out reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to Member States. Comprehensive and integrated action is indeed necessary in order to provide support to those Member States that are undertaking **growth-enhancing** reforms and request assistance from the Union in this respect.

national authorities **designing and** carrying out reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to Member States. Comprehensive and integrated action is indeed necessary in order to provide support to those Member States that are undertaking reforms **so that such reforms are truly able to promote sustainable growth, create quality jobs and strengthen our industry and production systems and social cohesion and** request assistance from the Union in this respect. **These support measures must be based on an integrated approach taking into account the links between the different areas covered by reforms.**

Or. es

Amendment 95 Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) The Union **has** a long-lasting experience on providing specific support to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy. The experience gained by the Union in assisting national authorities carrying out reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to Member States. Comprehensive and integrated action is indeed necessary in order to provide support to those Member States that are undertaking growth-enhancing reforms and request assistance

Amendment

(6) The Union's **institutions and bodies have** a long-lasting experience on providing specific support to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy. The experience gained by the Union's **institutions and bodies** in assisting national authorities carrying out reforms **together with experience of Member States** should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to **interested** Member States. Comprehensive and integrated action is indeed necessary in order to provide support to those Member States that are undertaking growth-

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enhancing reforms and request assistance
from the Union in this respect.

Or. en

Amendment 96

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) The Union has a long-lasting experience on providing specific support to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy. The experience gained by the Union in assisting national authorities carrying out reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to Member States. Comprehensive and integrated action is indeed necessary in order to provide support to those Member States that are undertaking **growth-enhancing** reforms and request assistance from the Union in this respect.

Amendment

(6) The Union has a long-lasting experience on providing specific support to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy. The experience gained by the Union in assisting national **and regional** authorities carrying out reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to Member States. Comprehensive and integrated action is indeed necessary in order to provide support to those Member States that are undertaking **inclusive sustainable** reforms and request assistance from the Union in this respect.

Or. en

Amendment 97

Neoklis Sylikiotis

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) The Union has a long-lasting experience on providing specific support to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy. The experience gained by the Union in assisting national authorities carrying out reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to Member States. Comprehensive and integrated action is indeed necessary in order to provide support to those Member States that are undertaking growth-enhancing reforms and request assistance from the Union in this respect.

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(6) The Union has a long-lasting experience on providing specific support to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy. The experience gained by the Union in assisting national authorities carrying out reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to Member States. Comprehensive and integrated action is indeed necessary in order to provide support to those Member States that are undertaking growth-enhancing reforms *in social terms* and request assistance from the Union in this respect.

Or. el

Amendment 98
Anthea McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) The Union has a long-lasting experience on providing specific support to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy. The experience gained by the Union in assisting national authorities carrying out reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to

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(6) The Union has a long-lasting experience on providing specific support to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy. The experience gained by the Union in assisting national authorities carrying out reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to

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Member States *to help improve their growth potential*. Comprehensive and integrated action is indeed necessary in order to provide support to those Member States that are undertaking growth-enhancing reforms and request assistance from the Union in this respect.

Or. en

Amendment 99
Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) The Union has a long-lasting experience on providing specific support to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy. The experience gained by the Union in assisting national authorities carrying out reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to Member States. Comprehensive and integrated action is indeed necessary in order to provide support to those Member States that are undertaking growth-enhancing reforms and request assistance from the Union in this respect.

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(6) The Union has a long-lasting experience on providing specific support to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy. The experience gained by the Union in assisting national authorities carrying out reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to Member States. Comprehensive and integrated action is indeed necessary in order to provide support to those Member States that are undertaking growth-enhancing reforms and request assistance from the Union in this respect. ***At all events, the purpose of assistance must be to improve social well-being by helping to increase employment rates, combating exclusion and poverty and promoting high levels of social protection and high-quality health and education services.***

Or. fr

Amendment 100
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) *The European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 19/2015 entitled 'More attention to results needed to improve the delivery of technical assistance to Greece' includes useful recommendations on how the Commission can lend support to Member States which should be taken into account in the implementation of the support under the programme and in learning from the errors of the past.*

Or. es

Amendment 101
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7) *Against this background, it is necessary to establish a Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-enhancing administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. The Programme is intended to contribute to the achievement of common goals towards obtaining economic recovery, job creation, boosting Europe's competitiveness and stimulating investment in the real economy.*

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Or. fr

Amendment 102

Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Against this background, *it is necessary to establish a Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-enhancing administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. The Programme is intended to contribute to the achievement of common goals towards obtaining economic recovery, job creation, boosting Europe's competitiveness and stimulating investment in the real economy.*

Amendment

(7) Against this background, Structural Reform Support *Programmes such as the memorandums have demonstrated, especially in Greece and Portugal, that they are failing to contribute to growth or greater economic prosperity in the Member States and are, on the contrary, massively swelling the ranks of the unemployed, aggravating social inequalities and leaving millions of EU citizens destitute.*

Or. el

Amendment 103

Neoklis Sylikiotis

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Against this background, it is necessary to establish a Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-enhancing *administrative and structural* reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. The Programme is intended to contribute to the achievement of common

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goals towards obtaining economic recovery, **job** creation, boosting **Europe's competitiveness** and stimulating investment in the real economy.

economic recovery, **the** creation **of stable quality employment**, boosting **the welfare state** and stimulating **public** investment in the real economy.

Or. el

Amendment 104

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Against this background, it is necessary to establish a Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement **growth-enhancing** administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. The Programme is intended to contribute to the achievement of common goals towards obtaining economic recovery, job creation, boosting Europe's competitiveness and stimulating investment in the real economy.

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(7) Against this background, it is necessary to establish a Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States **and regional authorities** to prepare and implement **sustainable** administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. The Programme is intended to contribute to the achievement of common goals towards obtaining economic recovery, job creation, **social inclusion**, boosting Europe's competitiveness and stimulating **sustainable** investment in the real economy **towards quality job creation**.

Or. en

Amendment 105

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

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Support Programme ('the Programme') with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to ***design***, prepare and implement ***sustainable*** growth-enhancing administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds, ***in particular the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds)***. The Programme is intended to contribute to the achievement of common goals towards obtaining economic recovery, job creation, boosting Europe's competitiveness and stimulating investment in the real economy ***and economic and social cohesion***. ***The Programme is not intended as an incentive mechanism but as a support for Member States in their reform agenda.***

Or. es

Amendment 106
Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Against this background, it is necessary to establish a Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-enhancing administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. The Programme is intended to contribute to the achievement of common goals towards obtaining economic recovery, job creation, boosting Europe's competitiveness and stimulating investment in the real economy.

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investment in the real economy.

Or. fr

Amendment 107
Lampros Fountoulis

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Against this background, it is necessary to establish a Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-enhancing administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. The Programme is intended to contribute to the achievement of common goals towards obtaining economic recovery, job creation, boosting Europe's competitiveness and stimulating investment in the real economy.

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(7) Against this background, it is necessary to establish a Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-enhancing administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. The Programme is intended to contribute to the achievement of common goals towards obtaining economic recovery, job creation, boosting Europe's competitiveness and stimulating investment in the real economy, ***while constantly respecting the acquired status and the rights of workers and preventing any further deterioration of living standards, which would, in the long run, undermine the economy.***

Or. el

Amendment 108
Marian Harkin

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 109
Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7a) It is necessary to provide for the eligible actions by which the objective of the Programme is to be achieved.

Or. en

Amendment 110
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8) Support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission upon request by a Member State, in areas such as budget and taxation, public function, institutional and administrative reforms, the justice system, anti-fraud,

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anti-corruption and anti-money laundering, business environment, private sector development, investment, competition, public procurement, privatization processes, access to finance, investment, trade, sustainable development, innovation, education and training, labour policies, public health, asylum, migration policies, agriculture and rural development and financial sector policies.

Or. fr

Amendment 111

Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) *Support* under the Programme should *be provided by the Commission upon request by a Member State, in areas such as budget and taxation, public function, institutional and administrative reforms, the justice system, anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering, business environment, private sector development, investment, competition, public procurement, privatization processes, access to finance, investment, trade, sustainable development, innovation, education and training, labour policies, public health, asylum, migration policies, agriculture and rural development and financial sector policies.*

Amendment

(8) Under the programme, *Member States seeking to apply for Commission support* should *always have the support of the public and* business stakeholders.

Or. el

Amendment 112

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) Support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission upon request by a Member State, in areas ***such as budget and taxation, public function, institutional and administrative reforms, the justice system, anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering, business environment, private sector development, investment, competition, public procurement, privatization processes, access to finance, investment, trade, sustainable development, innovation, education and training, labour policies, public health, asylum, migration policies, agriculture and rural development and financial sector policies.***

Amendment

(8) Support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission upon request by a Member State, in ***policy*** areas ***where specific needs have been identified by the Member State in consultation with regional authorities and stakeholders.***

Or. en

Amendment 113
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) Support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission upon request by a Member State, in areas such as budget and taxation, public function, institutional and administrative reforms, the justice system, anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering, business environment, private sector development, investment, competition, public procurement, ***privatization processes***, access to finance, investment, trade, sustainable development, innovation, education and training, labour policies,

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public health, asylum, migration policies, agriculture and rural development and financial sector policies.

asylum, migration policies, agriculture and rural development and financial sector policies. ***Member States wishing to avail themselves of the Programme must involve, where appropriate, local and regional authorities, the social partners, civil society and other stakeholders in the process of drawing up the application, based on the code of conduct of the applicable partnership, as required by cohesion policy.***

Or. es

Amendment 114

Marian Harkin

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) Support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission upon request by a Member State, in areas such as budget and taxation, public function, institutional and administrative reforms, the justice system, anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering, business environment, private sector development, investment, competition, public procurement, privatization processes, access to finance, investment, trade, sustainable development, innovation, education and training, labour policies, public health, asylum, migration policies, agriculture and rural development and financial sector policies.

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Amendment 115
Lampros Fountoulis

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) Support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission upon request by a Member State, in areas such as budget and taxation, public function, institutional and administrative reforms, the justice system, anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering, business environment, private sector development, investment, competition, public procurement, privatization processes, access to finance, investment, trade, sustainable development, innovation, education and training, labour policies, public health, asylum, migration policies, agriculture and rural development and financial sector policies.

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(8) Support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission upon request by a Member State, in areas such as budget and taxation, public function, institutional and administrative reforms, the justice system, anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering, business environment, private sector development, investment, competition, public procurement, privatization processes, access to finance, investment, trade, sustainable development, innovation, education and training, labour policies, public health, asylum, migration policies, agriculture and rural development and financial sector policies. ***In any case, it is the Member States that best know their own economic circumstances and they should accordingly retain the right to modify or not to implement specific proposed reforms.***

Or. el

Amendment 116
Claude Rolin

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) Support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission upon request by a Member State, in areas

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such as budget and taxation, public function, institutional and administrative reforms, the justice system, anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering, ***action against undeclared and under-declared work and against letterbox companies***, business environment, private sector development, investment, competition, public procurement, privatization processes, access to finance, investment, trade, sustainable development, innovation, education and training, labour policies, ***action to combat poverty and promote social inclusion***, public health, asylum, migration policies, agriculture and rural development and financial sector policies.

Or. fr

Amendment 117 **Georgi Pirinski**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 8**

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) Support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission upon request by a Member State, in areas such as budget and taxation, public function, institutional and administrative reforms, the justice system, anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering, business environment, private sector development, investment, competition, public procurement, privatization processes, access to finance, investment, trade, sustainable development, innovation, education and training, labour policies, public health, asylum, migration policies, agriculture and rural development and financial sector policies.

Amendment

(8) ***The Commission should implement the Programme through direct management.*** Support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission upon request by a Member State, in areas such as budget and taxation, public function, institutional and administrative reforms, the justice system, anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering, business environment, private sector development, investment, competition, public procurement, privatization processes, access to finance, investment, trade, sustainable development, innovation, education and training, labour policies, public health, asylum, migration policies, agriculture and rural development and financial sector

policies.

Or. en

Amendment 118
Anthea McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) Support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission upon request by a Member State, in areas such as budget and taxation, public function, institutional and administrative reforms, the justice system, anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering, business environment, private sector development, investment, competition, public procurement, privatization processes, access to finance, investment, trade, sustainable development, innovation, education and training, labour policies, public health, asylum, migration policies, agriculture and rural development and financial sector policies.

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Or. en

Amendment 119
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) *Member States should be able to request support from the Commission under the Programme in relation to the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of Country Specific*

Amendment

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Recommendations in the context of the European Semester, to actions related to the implementation of Union law, as well as in relation to the implementation of economic adjustment programmes. They should also be able to request support in relation to reforms undertaken at their own initiative, in order to achieve sustainable investment, growth and job creation.

Or. fr

Amendment 120
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9) Member States should be able to request support from the Commission under the Programme in relation to the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of Country Specific Recommendations in the context of the European Semester, to actions related to the implementation of Union law, as well as in relation to the implementation of economic adjustment programmes. They should also be able to request support in relation to reforms undertaken at their own initiative, in order to achieve sustainable investment, growth and job creation.

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Or. el

Amendment 121
Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Member States should be able to request support from the Commission under the Programme in relation to the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of Country Specific Recommendations in the context of the European Semester, to actions related to the implementation of Union law, as well as in relation to the implementation of economic adjustment programmes. They should also be able to request support in relation to reforms undertaken at their own initiative, in order to achieve sustainable investment, ***growth and job creation***.

Amendment

(9) Member States should be able to request support from the Commission under the Programme in relation to the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of Country Specific Recommendations in the context of the European Semester, to actions related to the implementation of Union law, ***policies and strategies***, as well as in relation to the implementation of economic adjustment programmes. They should also be able to request support in relation to reforms undertaken at their own initiative, in order to achieve sustainable investment, ***high level of employment, adequate social protection and cohesion***.

Or. en

Amendment 122

Marian Harkin

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Member States should be able to request support from the Commission under the Programme in relation to the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of Country Specific Recommendations in the context of the European Semester, to actions related to the implementation of Union law, as well as in relation to the implementation of economic adjustment programmes. They should also be able to request support in relation to reforms undertaken at their own initiative, in order to achieve sustainable investment, ***growth*** and job creation.

Amendment

(9) Member States should be able to request support from the Commission under the Programme in relation to the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of Country Specific Recommendations in the context of the European Semester, to actions related to the implementation of Union law, as well as in relation to the implementation of economic adjustment programmes. They should also be able to request support in relation to reforms undertaken at their own initiative, in order to achieve sustainable investment and job creation ***and inclusive growth***.

Amendment 123**Terry Reintke**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation**Recital 9***Text proposed by the Commission*

(9) Member States should be able to request support from the Commission under the Programme in relation to the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of Country Specific Recommendations in the context of the European Semester, to actions related to the implementation of Union law, as well as in relation to the implementation of economic adjustment programmes. They should also be able to request support in relation to reforms undertaken at their own initiative, in order to achieve sustainable investment, growth and job creation.

Amendment

(9) Member States should be able to request support from the Commission under the Programme in relation to the implementation of **sustainable** reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of **relevant** Country Specific Recommendations in the context of the European Semester, to actions related to the implementation of Union law, as well as in relation to the implementation of economic adjustment programmes. They should also be able to request support in relation to **sustainable** reforms undertaken at their own initiative, in order to achieve sustainable investment, **inclusive** growth and job creation. **Member States should involve their Parliament and their partners from regional and local authorities, social partners and representatives of civil society before submitting a request.**

Or. en

Amendment 124**Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 9***Text proposed by the Commission*

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under the Programme in relation to the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, ***for example in order to prioritise investment, growth, employment and socially progressive policies***, in particular ***the implementation*** of Country Specific Recommendations in the context of the European Semester, ***which should take account of those priorities***, to actions related to the implementation of Union law, as well as in relation to the implementation of economic adjustment programmes. They should also be able to request support in relation to reforms undertaken at their own initiative, in order to achieve sustainable investment, growth and job creation ***or social inclusion***.

Or. fr

Amendment 125

Anthea McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Member States should be able to request support from the Commission under the Programme in relation to the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of Country Specific Recommendations in the context of the European Semester, to actions related to the implementation of Union law, as well as in relation to the implementation of economic adjustment programmes. They should also be able to request support in relation to reforms undertaken at their own initiative, in order to achieve sustainable investment, growth and job creation.

Amendment

(9) Member States should be able to request support from the Commission under the Programme in relation to the implementation of reforms ***to be taken by national authorities***, in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of Country Specific Recommendations in the context of the European Semester, to actions related to the implementation of Union law, as well as in relation to the implementation of economic adjustment programmes. They should also be able to request support in relation to reforms undertaken at their own initiative, in order to achieve sustainable investment, growth and job creation.

Or. en

Amendment 126

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management and determine the support to be provided based on urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of socioeconomic indicators, and the general administrative capacity of the Member State. The Commission should also, in close cooperation with the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support, taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes.

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Or. fr

Amendment 127

Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

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(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission should analyse the request,

taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management and **determine the support to be provided based on urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of socioeconomic indicators, and the general administrative capacity of the Member State**. The Commission should also, in close cooperation with the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support **measures** to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support, **taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes**.

taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management and **provide immediate** support. The Commission should also, in close cooperation with the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support.

Or. el

Amendment 128
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, **including in the context of the European Semester**, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management and determine the support to be provided based on urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of socioeconomic indicators, and the general administrative capacity of the Member State. **The Commission should also, in close cooperation with** the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial

Amendment

(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment, **partnership** and sound financial management and determine the support to be provided based on urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of socioeconomic indicators, **the reform's positive effects on society** and the general administrative capacity of the Member State. **The national authorities must have informed their parliaments of the request prior to making it. What is more, taking into account existing initiatives and activities financed by Union funds or**

contribution for such support, *taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes.*

other Union programmes, the Commission and the Member State concerned should identify the priority areas, the objectives, an indicative timeline, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support, to be set out in a cooperation and support plan. The European Parliament should be fully informed of the receipt of a request for support under the Programme and of the analysis undertaken by the Commission. The Commission should provide the cooperation and support plan to the European Parliament as soon as possible.

Or. es

Amendment 129

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management and determine the support to be provided based on urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of socioeconomic indicators, and the general administrative capacity of the Member State. *The Commission should also, in close cooperation with the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support, taking into account the existing actions and measures*

Amendment

(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of **subsidiarity**, transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management and determine the support to be provided based on urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of socioeconomic indicators, and the general administrative capacity of the Member State. **Based on the specific needs identified by the Member State concerned, in consultation with regional authorities, the social partners and civil society, the Member State should agree with the Commission on the objectives, the priority actions, the scope of the support measures**

financed by Union funds *or* other Union programmes.

to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support, taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds *and* other Union programmes *and instruments*.

Or. en

Amendment 130
Marian Harkin

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management and determine the support to be provided based on urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of socioeconomic indicators, and the general administrative capacity of the Member State. The Commission should also, in *close cooperation* with the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support, taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes.

Amendment

(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of *subsidiarity*, transparency, equal treatment, *partnership* and sound financial management and determine the support to be provided based on urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of socioeconomic indicators, and the general administrative capacity of the Member State. *With a view to the entry into force of the Programme, the Union should draw up a single strategic document to improve the institutional and administrative capacity of public authorities at all levels of government, transparently and fairly setting criteria to be adopted so as to determine which measures under the Programme are to be prioritised and how available resources are to be allocated, as well as criteria and mechanisms to coordinate measures at Union, national, regional and local level.* The Commission should also, in *agreement* with the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global

financial contribution for such support, taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes; ***in so doing, the Commission and the Member State concerned should take into account the current division of powers between the different levels of government – which often provides for an important role for local and regional authorities – as well as the fact that some Country Specific Recommendations are addressed to local and regional authorities.***

Or. en

Amendment 131
Romana Tomc

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management and determine the support to be provided based on urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of socioeconomic indicators, and the general administrative capacity of the Member State. The Commission should ***also***, in close cooperation with the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support, taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes.

Amendment

(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management and determine the support to be provided based on urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of socioeconomic indicators, and the general administrative capacity of the Member State. The Commission should, in close cooperation with the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support, taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes. ***The Commission should also monitor and supervise the implementation***

of the measures and adjust them where necessary.

Or. sl

Amendment 132

Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management and determine the support to be provided based on urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of socioeconomic indicators, and the general administrative capacity of the Member State. The Commission should also, in close cooperation with the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support, taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes.

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(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management and determine the support to be provided based on urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of socioeconomic indicators, and the general administrative capacity of the Member State. The Commission should also, in close cooperation with the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support, taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes. ***The decision for providing support under the Programme should take the form of a Support Agreement between the Commission and the requesting Member State. The measures and activities included in the Support Agreement should be implemented by a Reform Partner selected by the Commission and the Beneficiary Member State after call for proposals or call for tenders procedure.***

Or. en

Amendment 133
Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management and determine the support to be provided based on urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of socioeconomic indicators, and the general administrative capacity of the Member State. The Commission should also, in close cooperation with the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support, taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes.

Amendment

(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, ***which should prioritise investment, growth, employment and socially progressive policies***, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of transparency, ***respect for the role of the social partners***, equal treatment and sound financial management and determine the support to be provided based on urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of socioeconomic indicators, and the general administrative capacity of the Member State. The Commission should also, in close cooperation with the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support, taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes.

Or. fr

Amendment 134
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10a) Once a Member State's request for

assistance has been approved, the content of the conclusions of such technical assistance must be disclosed to the public, including details of any partners, objectives and priorities, as well as the parties responsible for providing such assistance (organisations, companies or individuals) and a breakdown of funds allocated. This information shall be forwarded to the national parliaments, the relevant consultative committees and the social partners.

Or. es

Amendment 135
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10b) The Member State wishing to receive support may, for a specific area or areas of support, enter into a partnership with one or more Member States as reform partners to help devise strategies and roadmaps for reform, design high-quality assistance or oversee the implementation of strategies and projects. The European Parliament and the national parliaments should be kept fully informed about the participation of a reform partner and its role in the cooperation and support plan.

Or. es

Amendment 136
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

(11) The Commission Communications ‘The EU Budget Review’¹³ and ‘A budget for Europe 2020’¹⁴ underline the importance of focusing funding on activities with clear European added value, i.e. where the Union intervention can bring additional value compared to action of Member States alone. Against this background, the support actions carried out under the Programme should ensure complementarity and synergy with other programmes and policies at national, Union and international level. The actions under the Programme should allow elaborating and implementing solutions that address national challenges which have impact on cross-border or Union-wide challenges and achieve a consistent and coherent implementation of Union law. In addition, they should contribute to further develop trust and promote cooperation with the Commission and among Member States. Moreover, the Union is in a better position than Member States to provide a platform for the provision and sharing of good practices from peers as well as to mobilise expertise.

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¹³ COM(2010) 700, 19 October 2010.

¹⁴ COM(2011) 500 final, 29 June 2011.

Or. fr

Amendment 137
Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

‘The EU Budget Review’¹³ and ‘A budget for Europe 2020’¹⁴ underline the importance of focusing funding on activities with clear European added value, i.e. where the Union intervention can bring additional value compared to action of Member States alone. Against this background, the support actions carried out under the Programme should ensure complementarity and synergy with other programmes and policies at national, Union and international level. The actions under the Programme should allow elaborating and implementing solutions that address national challenges which have impact on cross-border or Union-wide challenges and achieve a consistent and coherent implementation of Union law. In addition, *they should contribute to further develop trust and promote cooperation with the Commission and among Member States. Moreover, the Union is in a better position than Member States to provide a platform for the provision and sharing of good practices from peers as well as to mobilise expertise.*

¹³ COM(2010)700 of 19 October 2010.

¹⁴ COM(2011)500 final of 29 June 2011.

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¹³ COM(2010)700 of 19 October 2010.

¹⁴ COM(2011)500 final of 29 June 2011.

Or. en

Amendment 138

Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

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importance of focusing funding on activities with clear European added value, i.e. where the Union intervention can bring additional value compared to action of Member States alone. Against this background, the support actions carried out under the Programme should ensure complementarity and synergy with other programmes and policies at national, Union and international level. The actions under the Programme should allow elaborating and implementing solutions that address national challenges which have impact on cross-border or Union-wide challenges and achieve a consistent and coherent implementation of Union law. In addition, they should contribute to further develop trust and promote cooperation with the Commission and among Member States. Moreover, the Union is in a better position than Member States to provide a platform for the provision and sharing of good practices from peers as well as to mobilise expertise.

¹³ COM(2010) 700 final, 19 October 2010.

¹⁴ COM(2011) 500 final, 29 June 2011.

importance of focusing funding on activities with clear European added value, i.e. where the Union intervention can bring additional value compared to action of Member States alone. Against this background, the support actions carried out under the Programme should ensure complementarity and synergy with other programmes and policies at national, Union and international level. The actions under the Programme should allow elaborating and implementing solutions that address national challenges which have impact on cross-border or Union-wide challenges and achieve a consistent and coherent implementation of Union law. In addition, they should contribute to further develop *citizens' trust in the European project* and promote cooperation with the Commission and among Member States. Moreover, the Union is in a better position than Member States to provide a platform for the provision and sharing of good practices from peers as well as to mobilise expertise.

¹³ COM(2010) 700 final, 19 October 2010.

¹⁴ COM(2011) 500 final, 29 June 2011.

Or. fr

Amendment 139

Marian Harkin

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

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¹³ COM(2010)700 of 19 October 2010.

¹⁴ COM(2011)500 final of 29 June 2011.

Member States alone. Against this background, the support actions carried out under the Programme should ensure complementarity and synergy with other programmes and policies at national, ***regional, local***, Union and international level. The actions under the Programme should allow elaborating and implementing solutions that address national challenges which have impact on cross-border or Union-wide challenges and achieve a consistent and coherent implementation of Union law. In addition, they should contribute to further develop trust and promote cooperation with the Commission and among Member States. Moreover, the Union is in a better position than Member States to provide a platform for the provision and sharing of good practices from peers as well as to mobilise expertise ***so as to develop solutions tailored to the specific situation in the requesting Member States.***

¹³ COM(2010)700 of 19 October 2010.

¹⁴ COM(2011)500 final of 29 June 2011.

Or. en

Amendment 140

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) The Commission Communications ‘The EU Budget Review’¹³ and ‘A budget for Europe 2020’¹⁴ underline the importance of focusing funding on activities with clear European added value, i.e. where the Union intervention can bring additional value compared to action of Member States alone. Against this background, the support actions carried out

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under the Programme should ensure complementarity and synergy with other programmes and policies at national, Union and international level. The actions under the Programme should allow elaborating and implementing solutions that address national challenges which have impact on cross-border or Union-wide challenges and achieve a consistent and coherent implementation of Union law. In addition, they should contribute to further develop trust and promote cooperation with the Commission and among Member States. Moreover, the Union is in a better position than Member States to provide a platform for the provision and sharing of good practices from peers as well as to mobilise expertise.

¹³ COM(2010) 700 final, 19 October 2010.

¹⁴ COM(2011) 500 final, 29 June 2011.

under the Programme should ensure complementarity and synergy with other programmes and policies at national, **regional, local**, Union and international level. The actions under the Programme should allow elaborating and implementing solutions that address national challenges which have impact on cross-border or Union-wide challenges and achieve a consistent and coherent implementation of Union law. In addition, they should contribute to further develop trust and promote cooperation with the Commission and among Member States. Moreover, the Union is in a better position than Member States to provide a platform for the provision and sharing of good practices from peers as well as to mobilise expertise.

¹³ COM(2010) 700 final, 19 October 2010.

¹⁴ COM(2011) 500 final, 29 June 2011.

Or. es

Amendment 141

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) The Commission Communications ‘The EU Budget Review’¹³ and ‘A budget for Europe 2020’¹⁴ underline the importance of focusing funding on activities with clear European added value, i.e. where the Union intervention can bring additional value compared to action of Member States alone. Against this background, the support actions carried out under the Programme should ensure complementarity and synergy with other programmes and policies at national, Union and international level. The actions

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¹³ COM(2010)700 of 19 October 2010.

¹⁴ COM(2011)500 final of 29 June 2011.

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¹³ COM(2010)700 of 19 October 2010.

¹⁴ COM(2011)500 final of 29 June 2011.

Or. en

Amendment 142

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) It is necessary to establish a financial envelope for the Programme to cover a period of four years to align its duration with that of the multiannual financial framework laid down in Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013¹⁵.

¹⁵ ***Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884).***

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Or. fr

Amendment 143
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13) *The financial envelope of the Programme should consist of financial resources deducted from allocations for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission under Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁶ and Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁷. In order to allow such deduction, it is necessary to amend those Regulations.* *deleted*

¹⁶ Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

¹⁷ Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487).

Or. fr

Amendment 144
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13a) The funding source for this programme should not constitute a precedent for any future proposals. As part of the mid-term review, the Commission and the Court of Auditors must conduct a rigorous analysis of the relevance of the programme, its European added value and whether other sources of funding can be considered.

Or. es

Amendment 145
Georgi Pirinski, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13a) The funding source for this particular Programme should not constitute a precedent for any future proposals irrespectively whether for this or other programmes and instruments. MFF remains the relevant framework for programming of the EU budget.

Or. en

Amendment 146
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(14) Member States that request support should be able to contribute to the financial envelope of the Programme with additional funds. Currently, Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 limits the possibility of a transfer of resources dedicated to technical assistance at the initiative of a Member State to those Member States which face temporary budgetary difficulties. Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 should therefore be amended in order to allow all Member States to participate financially to the Programme. The resources transferred to the Union budget should be used for supporting actions contributing to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth or Fund-specific purposes in the Member States concerned.

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Or. fr

Amendment 147

Georgi Pirinski, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

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actions contributing to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth or Fund-specific purposes in the Member States concerned.

Or. en

Amendment 148

Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) Member States that request support should *be able to contribute to* the financial envelope of the Programme with additional funds. Currently, Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 limits the possibility of a transfer of resources dedicated to technical assistance at the initiative of a Member State to those Member States which face temporary budgetary difficulties. *Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 should therefore be amended in order to allow all Member States to participate financially to the Programme. The* resources transferred to the Union budget should be used for supporting actions contributing to *smart, sustainable and inclusive growth or Fund-specific purposes in the Member States concerned.*

Amendment

(14) Member States that request support should *obtain it immediately and unconditionally from* the financial envelope of the Programme with additional funds. Currently, Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 limits the possibility of a transfer of resources dedicated to technical assistance at the initiative of a Member State to those Member States which face temporary budgetary difficulties. The resources transferred to the Union budget should be used for supporting actions contributing to *health, education, the environment, etc.*

Or. el

Amendment 149

Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

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Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 should therefore be amended in order to allow all Member States to participate financially to the Programme. The resources transferred to the Union budget should be used for supporting actions contributing to smart, sustainable growth **that leaves room for social inclusion**, or **for** Fund-specific purposes in the Member States concerned.

Or. fr

Amendment 150

Marian Harkin

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) Member States that request support should **be able** to contribute to the financial envelope of the Programme with additional funds. Currently, Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 limits the possibility of a transfer of resources dedicated to technical assistance at the initiative of a Member State to those Member States which face temporary budgetary difficulties.

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 should therefore be amended in order to allow all Member States to participate financially to the Programme. The resources transferred to the Union budget should be used for supporting actions contributing to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth or Fund-specific purposes in the Member States concerned.

Amendment

(14) Member States that request support should **have the option** to contribute to the financial envelope of the Programme with additional funds. Currently, Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 limits the possibility of a transfer of resources dedicated to technical assistance at the initiative of a Member State to those Member States which face temporary budgetary difficulties. Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 should therefore be amended in order to allow all Member States to participate financially to the Programme. The resources transferred to the Union budget should be used for supporting actions contributing to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth or Fund-specific purposes in the Member States concerned.

Or. en

Amendment 151

Romana Tomc

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. sl

Amendment 152

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) This Regulation should be implemented in compliance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁸ on the financial rules applicable to the annual budget of the European Union. The Commission should

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adopt multi-annual work programmes that set out the political objectives pursued, the expected results of the support and the funding priorities in the respective policy areas. Those elements should be further specified in annual work programmes adopted by implementing acts.

¹⁸ *Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).*

Or. fr

Amendment 153
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) This Regulation should be implemented in compliance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012¹⁸ of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the annual budget of the European Union. The Commission should adopt multi-annual work programmes that set out the **political** objectives pursued, the expected results of the support and the funding priorities in the respective policy areas. Those elements should be further specified in annual work programmes adopted by implementing acts.

Amendment

(15) This Regulation should be implemented in compliance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012¹⁸ of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the annual budget of the European Union. The Commission should ***be delegated, pursuant to Article 290 of the TFEU, the powers to adopt delegated acts by laying down*** multi-annual work programmes that set out the ***social and economic*** objectives pursued, the expected results of the support and the funding priorities in the respective policy areas. Those elements should be further specified in annual work programmes adopted by implementing acts.

¹⁸ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

¹⁸ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Or. es

Amendment 154
Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) This Regulation should be implemented in compliance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁸ on the financial rules applicable to the annual budget of the European Union. The Commission should adopt multi-annual work programmes that set out the *political* objectives pursued, the expected results of the support and the funding priorities in the respective policy areas. Those elements should be further specified in annual work programmes adopted by implementing acts.

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Or. fr

Amendment 155

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) This Regulation should be implemented in compliance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁸ on the financial rules applicable to the annual budget of the European Union. The Commission should adopt multi-annual work programmes that set out the political objectives pursued, the expected results of the support and the funding priorities in the respective policy areas. Those elements should be further specified in annual work programmes adopted by implementing acts.

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Amendment

(15) This Regulation should be implemented in compliance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁸ on the financial rules applicable to the annual budget of the European Union. The Commission should ***be empowered to adopt delegated acts providing for*** multi-annual work programmes that set out the political objectives pursued, the expected results of the support and the funding priorities in the respective policy areas. Those elements should be further specified in annual work programmes adopted by implementing acts.

¹⁸ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

Or. en

Amendment 156

Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) ***Considering the importance of sustaining the efforts of Member States in***

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pursuing and implementing structural, institutional and administrative reforms, it is necessary to allow a co-financing rate of 100% of the eligible costs in order to achieve the objectives of the Programme, whilst ensuring compliance with the principles of co-financing and no-profit.

Or. el

Amendment 157

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(16) Considering the importance of sustaining the efforts of Member States in pursuing and implementing structural, institutional and administrative reforms, it is necessary to allow a co-financing rate of 100% of the eligible costs in order to achieve the objectives of the Programme, whilst ensuring compliance with the principles of co-financing and no-profit.

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Or. fr

Amendment 158

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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(16) Considering the importance of sustaining the efforts of Member States in pursuing and implementing ***socially responsible*** structural, institutional and administrative reforms, it is necessary to allow a co-financing rate of 100% of the eligible costs in order to achieve the

whilst ensuring compliance with the principles of co-financing and no-profit.

objectives of the Programme, whilst ensuring compliance with the principles of co-financing and no-profit.

Or. es

Amendment 159

Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) Considering the importance of sustaining the efforts of Member States in pursuing and implementing structural, institutional and administrative reforms, it is necessary to allow a co-financing rate *of* 100% of the eligible costs in order to achieve the objectives of the Programme, whilst ensuring compliance with the principles of co-financing and no-profit.

Amendment

(16) Considering the importance of sustaining the efforts of Member States in pursuing and implementing structural, institutional and administrative reforms, it is necessary to allow a co-financing rate *for grants of up to* 100% of the eligible costs in order to achieve the objectives of the Programme, whilst ensuring compliance with the principles of co-financing and no-profit.

Or. en

Amendment 160

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) Considering the importance of sustaining the efforts of Member States in pursuing and implementing structural, institutional and administrative reforms, it is necessary to allow a co-financing rate of 100% of the eligible costs in order to achieve the objectives of the Programme, whilst ensuring compliance with the principles of co-financing and no-profit.

Amendment

(16) Considering the importance of sustaining the efforts of Member States in pursuing and implementing *sustainable* structural, institutional and administrative reforms, it is necessary to allow a co-financing rate of 100% of the eligible costs in order to achieve the objectives of the Programme, whilst ensuring compliance with the principles of co-financing and no-

profit.

Or. en

Amendment 161

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(17) In the event of unforeseen and duly justified grounds of urgency requiring immediate response, such as a serious disturbance in the economy or significant circumstances seriously affecting the economic or social conditions in a Member State going beyond its control, upon request of a Member State, the Commission should be able to adopt special measures, for a limited proportion of the annual work programme, in accordance with objectives and actions eligible under the Programme to support the national authorities in addressing the urgent needs.

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Or. fr

Amendment 162

Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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Or. el

Amendment 163

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) In the event of unforeseen and duly justified grounds of urgency requiring immediate response, such as a serious disturbance in the economy or significant circumstances seriously affecting the economic or social conditions in a Member *State going beyond its control*, upon request of a Member State, the Commission should be able to adopt special measures, for a limited proportion of the annual work programme, in accordance with objectives and actions eligible under the Programme to support the national authorities in addressing the urgent needs.

Amendment

(17) In the event of unforeseen and duly justified grounds of urgency requiring immediate response, such as a serious disturbance in the economy or significant circumstances seriously affecting the economic or social conditions in a Member, upon request of a Member State, the Commission should be able to adopt special measures, for a limited proportion of the annual work programme, in accordance with objectives and actions eligible under the Programme to support the national authorities in addressing the urgent needs.

Or. en

Amendment 164

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) In the event of unforeseen and duly justified grounds of urgency requiring immediate response, such as a serious disturbance in the economy or significant circumstances seriously affecting the economic or social conditions in a Member State going beyond its control, upon request of a Member State, the Commission should be able to adopt special measures, for a limited proportion of the annual work programme, in accordance with objectives and actions eligible under the Programme to support the national authorities in addressing the urgent needs.

Amendment

(17) In the event of unforeseen and duly justified grounds of urgency requiring immediate response, such as a serious disturbance in the economy or significant circumstances seriously affecting the economic or social conditions in a Member State going beyond its control, ***uniquely*** upon ***the*** request of a Member State, the Commission ***and the Member State*** should be able to adopt special measures, for a limited proportion of the annual work programme ***for no longer than six months***, in accordance with objectives and actions eligible under the Programme to support the national authorities in addressing the urgent needs. ***The European Parliament should be fully informed about the adoption of such measures.***

Or. es

Amendment 165
Lampros Fountoulis

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) In the event of unforeseen and duly justified grounds of urgency requiring immediate response, such as a serious disturbance in the economy or significant circumstances seriously affecting the economic or social conditions in a Member State going beyond its control, upon request of a Member State, the Commission should be able to adopt special measures, for a limited proportion of the annual work programme, in accordance with objectives and actions eligible under the Programme to support the national authorities in addressing the urgent needs.

Amendment

(17) In the event of unforeseen and duly justified grounds of urgency requiring immediate response, such as a serious disturbance in the economy or significant circumstances seriously affecting the economic or social conditions in a Member State going beyond its control, upon request of a Member State ***and in cooperation with it, ,*** the Commission should be able to adopt special measures, for a limited proportion of the annual work programme, in accordance with objectives and actions eligible under the Programme to support the national authorities in addressing the urgent needs.

Amendment 166

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18) *In order to ensure the efficient and coherent allocation of funds from the Union budget and the principle of sound financial management, actions under this Programme should complement and be additional to ongoing Union programmes, whilst avoiding double funding for the same expenditure. In particular, the Commission and the Member State concerned, in accordance with their respective responsibilities should ensure at Union and Member State levels, in all stages of the process, effective coordination in order to ensure consistency, complementarity and synergy between sources of funding supporting actions in the relevant Member States with close links to this Programme, specifically with measures being financed from the Union funds in the Member States.* *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 167

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18) In order to ensure the efficient and coherent allocation of funds from the Union budget and the principle of sound

(18) In order to ensure the efficient and coherent allocation of funds from the Union budget and the principle of sound

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financial management, actions under this Programme should complement and be additional to ongoing Union programmes, whilst avoiding double funding for the same expenditure. In particular, the Commission and the Member State concerned, ***in close cooperation with their regional and local authorities and*** in accordance with their respective responsibilities, should ensure at Union and Member State levels, in all stages of the process, effective coordination in order to ensure consistency, complementarity and synergy between sources of funding supporting actions in the relevant Member States with close links to this Programme, specifically with measures being financed from the Union funds in the Member States. ***It is of particular importance that the Commission does all it its power to ensure complementarity and synergies with support provided by other relevant international organisations.***

Or. es

Amendment 168

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) In order to ensure the efficient and coherent allocation of funds from the Union budget and the principle of sound financial management, actions under this Programme should complement and be additional to ongoing Union programmes, whilst avoiding double funding for the same expenditure. In particular, the Commission and the Member State concerned, in accordance with their respective responsibilities should ensure at Union and Member State levels, in all

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stages of the process, effective coordination in order to ensure consistency, complementarity and synergy between sources of funding supporting actions in the relevant Member States with close links to this Programme, specifically with measures being financed from the Union funds in the Member States.

stages of the process, effective coordination in order to ensure consistency, complementarity and synergy between sources of funding supporting actions in the relevant Member States with close links to this Programme, specifically with measures being financed from the Union funds ***and other Union programmes and instruments*** in the Member States.

Or. en

Amendment 169

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) The financial interests of the Union should be protected through proportionate measures throughout the expenditure cycle, including the prevention, detection and investigation of irregularities, the recovery of funds lost, wrongly paid or incorrectly used and, where appropriate, penalties.

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Or. fr

Amendment 170

Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) The financial interests of the Union should be protected through proportionate measures throughout the expenditure cycle, including the prevention, detection and investigation of irregularities, the recovery of funds lost, *wrongly paid or incorrectly*

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(19) The financial interests of the Union should be protected through proportionate measures throughout the expenditure cycle, including the prevention, detection and investigation of irregularities *and* the recovery of funds lost.

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Or. el

Amendment 171

Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) The financial interests of the Union should be protected through proportionate measures throughout the expenditure cycle, including the prevention, detection and investigation of irregularities, the recovery of funds lost, ***wrongly*** paid or incorrectly used and, where appropriate, penalties.

Amendment

(19) The financial interests of the Union should be protected through proportionate measures throughout the expenditure cycle, including the prevention, detection and investigation of irregularities, the recovery of funds lost, ***unduly*** paid or incorrectly used and, where appropriate, ***administrative and financial*** penalties ***in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.***

Or. en

Amendment 172

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) To facilitate the evaluation of the Programme, a proper framework for monitoring the results achieved by the Programme should be put in place from the very beginning. A mid-term evaluation looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, its efficiency and its added value at the European level should be carried out. A final evaluation should, in addition, deal with the long-term impact and the sustainability effects of the Programme. Those evaluations

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*should be based on the indicators,
measuring the effects of the Programme.*

Or. fr

Amendment 173
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) To facilitate the evaluation of the Programme, a proper framework for monitoring the results achieved by the Programme should be put in place from the very beginning. A mid-term evaluation looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, its efficiency and its added value at the European level should be carried out. A final evaluation should, in addition, deal with the long-term impact and the sustainability effects of the Programme. Those evaluations should be based on the indicators, measuring the effects of the Programme.

Amendment

(20) To facilitate the evaluation of the Programme, a proper framework for monitoring the results achieved by the Programme should be put in place from the very beginning. ***An annual monitoring report on the implementation of the programme, including an analysis of how the criteria for assessing the support request were applied and a justification for requests that were refused, and a*** mid-term evaluation looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, its efficiency and its added value at the European level should be carried out. A final evaluation should, in addition, deal with the long-term impact and the sustainability effects of the Programme. Those evaluations should be based on the indicators, measuring the effects of the Programme.

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Amendment 174
Romana Tomc

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

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Programme, a proper framework for ***supervising implementation of the actions*** and monitoring the results achieved by the Programme should be put in place from the very beginning. A mid-term evaluation looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, its efficiency and its added value at the European level should be carried out. A final evaluation should, in addition, deal with the long-term impact and the sustainability effects of the Programme. Those evaluations should be based on the indicators, measuring the effects of the Programme. ***On the basis of the evaluation, the Commission would set out further actions.***

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Amendment 175
Anthea McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) To facilitate the evaluation of the Programme, a proper framework for monitoring the results achieved by the Programme should be put in place from the very beginning. A mid-term evaluation looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, its efficiency and its added value at the European level should be carried out. A final evaluation should, in addition, deal with the long-term impact and the sustainability effects of the Programme. Those evaluations should be based on the indicators, measuring the effects of the Programme.

Amendment

(20) To facilitate the evaluation of the Programme, a proper framework for monitoring the results achieved by the Programme should be put in place from the very beginning. A mid-term evaluation looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, its efficiency and its added value ***in policy areas related to competitiveness, growth, jobs and investment*** at the European level should be carried out. A final evaluation should, in addition, deal with the long-term impact and the sustainability effects of the Programme. Those evaluations should be based on the indicators, measuring the effects of the Programme.

Or. en

Amendment 176
Lampros Fountoulis

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) To facilitate the evaluation of the Programme, a proper framework for monitoring the results achieved by the Programme should be put in place from the very beginning. A mid-term evaluation looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, its efficiency and its added value at the European level should be carried out. A final evaluation should, in addition, deal with the long-term impact and the sustainability effects of the Programme. Those evaluations should be based on the indicators, measuring the effects of the Programme.

Amendment

(20) To facilitate the evaluation of the Programme, a proper framework for ***continuously*** monitoring the results achieved by the Programme should be put in place from the very beginning. A mid-term evaluation looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, its efficiency and its added value at the European level should be carried out. A final evaluation should, in addition, deal with the long-term impact and the sustainability effects of the Programme. Those evaluations should be based on the indicators, measuring the effects of the Programme.

Or. el

Amendment 177
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) In order to adapt the list of indicators measuring the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, in the light of experience during the implementation of the Programme, the power to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the amendment of the list. It is of particular importance that the Commission carries out appropriate consultations during its

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preparatory work, including at expert level. The Commission, when preparing and drawing up delegated acts, should ensure a simultaneous, timely and appropriate transmission of relevant documents to the European Parliament and to the Council.

Or. fr

Amendment 178

Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) In order to adapt the list of indicators measuring the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, in the light of experience during the implementation of the Programme, the power to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the amendment of the list. It is of particular importance that the Commission carries out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level. The Commission, when preparing and drawing up delegated acts, should ensure a simultaneous, timely and appropriate transmission of relevant documents to the European Parliament and to the Council.

Amendment

(21) In order to adapt the list of indicators measuring the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, in the light of experience during the implementation of the Programme, the power to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the amendment of the list. It is of particular importance that the Commission carries out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level. The Commission, when preparing and drawing up delegated acts, should ensure a simultaneous, timely and appropriate transmission of relevant documents to the European Parliament and to the Council, *in particular where investment, employment, education, health and the fight against poverty are concerned.*

Or. fr

Amendment 179

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 21 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(21a) In order to supplement and amend certain non-essential elements of the Regulation, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 TFEU should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the multi-annual work programmes.

Or. en

Amendment 180

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(22) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation as regards the adoption of the multi-annual and annual work programmes, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission.

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Or. fr

Amendment 181

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(22) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation as regards the adoption of the

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Or. en

Amendment 182
Lampros Fountoulis

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation as regards the adoption of the multi-annual and annual work programmes, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission.

Amendment

(22) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation as regards the adoption of the multi-annual and annual work programmes, *specific and clearly defined* implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission.

Or. el

Amendment 183
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) *Since the objective of this Regulation, namely to contribute to the institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States alone, but can rather, by reason of their scale and effects, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in*

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accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective, since the scope of the support would be mutually agreed with the Member State concerned.

Or. fr

Amendment 184

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely to contribute to the institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States alone, but can rather, by reason of their scale and effects, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective, since the scope of the support would be mutually agreed with the Member State concerned.

Amendment

(23) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely to contribute to the **sustainable** institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national **and regional** authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States alone, but can rather, by reason of their scale and effects, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective, since the scope of the support would be mutually agreed with the Member State concerned.

Amendment 185

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(24) In order to allow for the prompt application of the measures provided for in this Regulation, this Regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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Or. fr

Amendment 186

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

This Regulation establishes the Structural Reform Support Programme, hereinafter referred to as ‘the Programme’ for the period from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020.

In the best interests of the Member States:

- 1. Decides not to establish a Structural Reform Support Programme for the period 2017-2020***
- 2. Decides not to amend Regulations (EU) No 1303/2013 and (EU) No 1305/2013.***

Or. fr

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 2

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Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

- 1. 'Beneficiary Member State' means a Member State that receives support from the Union under this Programme;*
- 2. 'Union funds' means the European Structural and Investment funds referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the Fund for the European Aid to the Most Deprived, established by Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁹, the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund established by Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁰, the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management established as part of the Internal Security Fund, by Regulation (EU) No 513/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council²¹, and the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa established, as part of the Internal Security Fund, by Regulation (EU) 515/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council²².*

¹⁹ Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014, on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (OJ L 72, 12.3.2014, p. 1).

²⁰ *Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, amending Council Decision 2008/381/EC and repealing Decisions No 573/2007/EC and No 575/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decision 2007/435/EC (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 168).*

²¹ *Regulation (EU) No 513/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management and repealing Council Decision 2007/125/JHA (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 93).*

²² *Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa and repealing Decision No 574/2007/EC (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 143).*

Or. fr

Amendment 188

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. ‘Beneficiary Member State’ means a Member State that receives support from the Union under this Programme; **deleted**

Or. fr

Amendment 189

Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. "Reform Partner" means the counterpart of the Beneficiary Member State which delivers the support;

Or. en

Amendment 190

Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1b. "Support Agreement" means a document between the Commission and the Beneficiary Member State which sets out the terms for the provision of support under the Programme and which spells out the priority areas, the scope of support measures and the financial contribution from the Programme;

Or. en

Amendment 191

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. 'Union funds' means the European Structural and Investment funds referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the Fund

deleted

for the European Aid to the Most Deprived, established by Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁹, the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund established by Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁰, the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management established as part of the Internal Security Fund, by Regulation (EU) No 513/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council²¹, and the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa established, as part of the Internal Security Fund, by Regulation (EU) 515/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council²².

¹⁹ Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014, on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (OJ L 72, 12.3.2014, p. 1).

²⁰ Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, amending Council Decision 2008/381/EC and repealing Decisions No 573/2007/EC and No 575/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decision 2007/435/EC (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 168).

²¹ Regulation (EU) No 513/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management and repealing Council Decision 2007/125/JHA (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 93).

²² *Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa and repealing Decision No 574/2007/EC (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 143).*

Or. fr

Amendment 192

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. 'Union funds' means the European Structural and Investment funds referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, *the Fund for the European Aid to the Most Deprived, established by Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁹, the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund established by Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁰, the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management established as part of the Internal Security Fund, by Regulation (EU) No 513/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council²¹, and the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa established, as part of the Internal Security Fund, by Regulation (EU) 515/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council²².*

Amendment

2. 'Union funds' means the European Structural and Investment funds referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

²² *Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 of the*

European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa and repealing Decision No 574/2007/EC (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 143).

Or. en

Amendment 193

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. 'relevant country-specific recommendations' means recommendations relating to structural challenges where it is appropriate to address them through multi-annual investments that fall directly within the scope of the European Structural and Investment funds referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 as set out in the Fund-specific Regulations;

Or. en

Amendment 194

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. National authorities: the authorities in a Member State, including those at regional and local level, in accordance with both the Member State's institutional and legal framework and the

partnership principle;

Or. es

Amendment 195

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2b. 'sustainable investment' means investment that reduces negative externalities or increases positive externalities in a measureable way whilst generating societal benefits;

Or. en

Amendment 196

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2c. 'social investment' means investment that addresses emerging social risks and unmet needs whilst generating economic and social returns in terms of employment prospects or labour incomes;

Or. en

Amendment 197

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3

Article 3

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European added value

1. The Programme shall finance actions with European added value. To that effect, the Commission shall ensure that actions selected for funding are likely to produce results with European added value and shall monitor whether European added value is actually achieved.

2. Actions and activities of the Programme shall ensure European added value in particular through:

(a) the development and implementation of solutions that address national challenges which have impact on cross-border or Union-wide challenges;

(b) their complementarity and synergy with other Union programmes and policies at national, Union and international level;

(c) their contribution to the consistent and coherent implementation of Union law;

(d) their contribution to the sharing of good practices and to building a Union-wide platform and network of expertise;

(e) the promotion of mutual trust between Beneficiary Member States and the Commission and cooperation among Member States.

Or. fr

Amendment 198

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The Programme shall finance actions with European added value. To that effect, the Commission shall ensure that actions selected for funding are likely to produce results with European added value and shall monitor whether European added value is actually achieved.

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Or. fr

Amendment 199

Romana Tomc

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The Programme shall finance actions with European added value. To that effect, the Commission shall ensure that actions selected for funding *are likely to* produce results with European added value and shall monitor whether European added value is actually achieved.

1. The Programme shall finance actions with European added value. To that effect, the Commission shall ensure that actions selected for funding *will* produce results with European added value and shall monitor whether European added value is actually achieved.

Or. sl

Amendment 200

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Actions and activities of the Programme shall ensure European added value in particular through:

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(a) the development and implementation of solutions that address

national challenges which have impact on cross-border or Union-wide challenges;

(b) their complementarity and synergy with other Union programmes and policies at national, Union and international level;

(c) their contribution to the consistent and coherent implementation of Union law;

(d) their contribution to the sharing of good practices and to building a Union-wide platform and network of expertise;

(e) the promotion of mutual trust between Beneficiary Member States and the Commission and cooperation among Member States.

Or. fr

Amendment 201

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the development and implementation of solutions that address **national** challenges which have impact on cross-border or Union-wide challenges;

Amendment

(a) the development and implementation of solutions that address challenges which **might** have impact on cross-border or Union-wide challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 202

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

b) their complementarity and synergy with other Union programmes and policies at national, Union and international level;

Amendment

b) their complementarity and synergy with other Union programmes and policies at national, ***regional, local***, Union and international level;

Or. es

Amendment 203

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) the promotion of European values, in particular solidarity and respect for fundamental rights;

Or. en

Amendment 204

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration;

Or. en

Amendment 205

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 4

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General objective

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing competitiveness, growth, jobs, and investment, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

Or. fr

Amendment 206
Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The general objective of the Programme shall be to *contribute* to *institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for* measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing *competitiveness, growth, jobs, and investment*, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient and

The general objective of the Programme shall be to *help Member States to boost their growth, their investment and their policies for the creation of good jobs, social protection and the fight against poverty and social exclusion, as well as to become more competitive, by taking* measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing *social well-being*, in particular in the context of *social* economic governance

effective use of the Union funds.

processes, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

Or. fr

Amendment 207

Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to *enhancing competitiveness, growth, jobs, and investment, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.*

Amendment

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to *promoting a high level of employment, adequate social protection, a high level of education, training and protection of human health, as well as enhancing social, economic and territorial cohesion.*

Or. en

Amendment 208

Marian Harkin

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to *national* authorities *for* measures aimed at

Amendment

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States *that bring European Added Value in policy areas relating to*

reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing competitiveness, growth, jobs, *and* investment, *in particular in the context of economic governance processes*, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

competences shared between the Union and the Member States and that are not already targeted by a technical assistance programme, by providing support to *Member States' public authorities to attain the administrative capacity necessary to design and implement* measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing competitiveness, *inclusive* growth, *sustainable* jobs, investment, *and economic, social and territorial cohesion*, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

Or. en

Amendment 209
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The general objective of the Programme shall be to ***contribute to*** institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing competitiveness, growth, jobs, and investment, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

Amendment

The general objective of the Programme shall be to ***support Member States in fostering economic and social cohesion, socially responsible*** institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to ***safeguarding the European social model***, enhancing competitiveness, ***sustainable*** growth, ***quality*** jobs, and investment, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

Amendment 210

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing competitiveness, growth, jobs, and ***investment, in particular in the context of economic governance processes***, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

Amendment

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States ***at their own request*** by providing support to national ***and regional*** authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing competitiveness, ***inclusive*** growth, jobs, and ***sustainable investment***, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

Or. en

Amendment 211

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5

Text proposed by the Commission

[...]

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 212

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to assist the initiatives of national authorities to design their reforms according to priorities, taking into account initial conditions and expected socio-economic impacts;

Amendment

(a) to assist the initiatives of ***policy makers***, national ***and regional*** authorities ***and democratic institutions*** to design their reforms according to priorities, taking into account initial conditions and expected socio-economic impacts ***and the objective to contribute to delivering the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth***;

Or. en

Amendment 213
Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to assist the initiatives of national authorities to design their reforms according to priorities, taking into account initial conditions and expected socio-economic impacts;

Amendment

(a) to assist the initiatives of national authorities to design their reforms ***in such a way that they promote growth and social well-being*** according to priorities, taking into account initial conditions and expected socio-economic impacts;

Or. fr

Amendment 214
Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) to support the national authorities to enhance their capacity to formulate,

Amendment

(b) to support the national authorities to enhance their capacity to formulate,

develop and implement reform policies and strategies and pursue an integrated approach ensuring consistency between goals and means across sectors;

develop and implement reform policies and strategies ***connected with growth and social well-being*** and pursue an integrated approach ensuring consistency between goals and means across sectors;

Or. fr

Amendment 215

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) to support the national authorities to enhance their capacity to formulate, develop and implement reform policies and strategies and pursue an integrated approach ensuring consistency between goals and means across sectors;

Amendment

(b) to support the national ***and regional*** authorities, ***beneficiaries and stakeholders*** to enhance their capacity to formulate, develop and implement reform policies and strategies and pursue an integrated approach ensuring consistency between goals and means across sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 216

Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) to support the national authorities to harmonise national legislations with Union's law and to implement Union's law;

Or. en

Amendment 217

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) to support the efforts of national authorities to define and implement appropriate processes and methodologies by taking into account good practices and lessons learned by other countries ***in*** addressing similar situations;

Amendment

(c) to support the efforts of national ***and regional*** authorities, ***in close cooperation with stakeholders***, to define and implement appropriate processes and methodologies by taking into account good practices and lessons learned by other countries addressing similar situations;

Or. en

Justification

In accordance with § 5 Common Provisions regulation 1303/2013/EC and §6 European Social Fund 1304/2013/EC

Amendment 218

Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) to assist the national authorities to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of human resources management, where appropriate, through definition of clear responsibilities and increase of professional knowledge and skills.

Amendment

(d) to assist the national authorities to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of ***social dialogue and*** human resources management, where appropriate, through definition of clear responsibilities and increase of professional knowledge and skills.

Or. fr

Amendment 219

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) to assist the national authorities to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of human resources management, where appropriate, through definition of clear responsibilities and increase of professional knowledge and skills.

Amendment

(d) to assist the national **and regional** authorities to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of human resources management, where appropriate, through definition of clear responsibilities and increase of professional knowledge and skills.

Or. en

Amendment 220
Terry Reintke
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) to encourage the involvement of citizens in decision making through consultations and to strengthen citizenship through participatory elements;

Or. en

Amendment 221
Marian Harkin

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

These objectives shall be pursued in **close** cooperation with Beneficiary Member States

Amendment

These objectives shall be pursued in **full** cooperation with Beneficiary Member States

Amendment 222

Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

These objectives shall be pursued in close cooperation with Beneficiary Member States

Amendment

These objectives shall be pursued in close cooperation with Beneficiary Member States ***and with due respect for Member States' priorities and for dialogue with the social partners.***

Or. fr

Amendment 223

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 shall refer to policy areas related to competitiveness, growth, jobs and investment, in particular to the following:

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(a) public financial management, budget process, debt management and revenue administration;

(b) institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public administration, effective rule of law, reform of the justice system and reinforcement of anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering;

(c) business environment, private sector development, investment, privatization processes, trade and foreign

direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for innovation;

(d) education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, asylum, migration and borders policies;

(e) policies for the agricultural sector and the sustainable development of rural areas;

(f) financial sector policies and access to finance.

Or. en

Amendment 224

Marian Harkin

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 shall refer to policy areas related to competitiveness, growth, jobs and investment, in particular to the following:

Amendment

2. The specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 shall refer to policy areas related to competitiveness, ***inclusive*** growth, ***sustainable*** jobs and investment, in particular to the following:

Or. en

Amendment 225

Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 shall refer to policy areas related to competitiveness, growth, jobs and investment, in particular to the

Amendment

2. The specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 shall refer to policy areas related to competitiveness, growth, jobs, ***social cohesion*** and investment, in

following:

particular to the following:

Or. fr

Amendment 226

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public administration, effective rule of law, reform of the justice system and reinforcement of anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering;

Amendment

(b) institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of ***an effective, high-quality, public service-oriented*** public administration, effective rule of law, reform of the justice system and reinforcement of anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering, ***as well as policies aiming at combating tax avoidance and evasion;***

Or. es

Amendment 227

Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public administration, effective rule of law, reform of the justice system and reinforcement of anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering;

Amendment

(b) institutional reform and efficient and ***high-quality public*** service-oriented functioning of public administration, effective rule of law, reform of the justice system and reinforcement of anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering;

Or. fr

Amendment 228

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) business environment, private sector development, investment, ***privatization processes***, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for innovation;

Amendment

(c) business environment, ***reindustrialisation, changes in production systems, energy sectors***, private sector development, investment, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for innovation ***and digitalisation***;

Or. es

Amendment 229
Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, ***asylum, migration and borders policies***;

Amendment

(d) education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, ***and combating poverty***;

Or. en

Amendment 230
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, asylum, migration and borders policies;

Amendment

(d) education and training, labour market policies ***geared to creating quality jobs***, social inclusion ***and combating poverty***, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare

systems, asylum, migration and borders policies;

Or. es

Amendment 231

Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, asylum, migration and borders policies;

Amendment

(d) education and training, labour market policies ***for the creation of good jobs***, social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health ***systems, the fight against poverty***, and healthcare systems, ***and*** asylum, migration and borders policies;

Or. fr

Amendment 232

Marian Harkin

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, asylum, migration and borders policies;

Amendment

(d) education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion ***and the fight against poverty***, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, asylum, migration and borders policies;

Or. en

Amendment 233

Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*(da) asylum, migration and borders
policies;*

Or. en

Amendment 234
Terry Reintke
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*2a. The Member State shall, in
consultation with regional authorities,
where applicable, identify the policy areas
it wishes to tackle in accordance with
specific needs.*

Or. en

Amendment 235
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 236
Terry Reintke
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) expertise related to policy advice, policy change, and legislative, institutional, structural and administrative reforms;

Amendment

(a) expertise related to policy advice, ***participatory processes***, policy change, and legislative, institutional, structural and administrative reforms;

Or. en

Amendment 237
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the provision of expert(s) (including resident experts), for a short or long period, to perform tasks in specific domains or to carry out operational activities, where necessary with interpretation, translation and cooperation support, administrative assistance and infrastructure and equipment facilities;

Amendment

(b) the provision of expert(s) (including resident experts) ***whose selection must be duly justified***, for a short or long period, to perform tasks in specific domains or to carry out operational activities, where necessary with interpretation, translation and cooperation support, administrative assistance and infrastructure and equipment facilities;

Or. es

Amendment 238
Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the provision of expert(s) (including resident experts), for a short or long period, to perform tasks in specific domains or to carry out operational activities, where necessary with

Amendment

(b) the provision of expert(s) (including resident experts), for a short or long period, to perform tasks in specific domains or to carry out operational activities ***spelled out in a Support***

interpretation, translation and cooperation support, administrative assistance and infrastructure and equipment facilities;

Agreement, where necessary with interpretation, translation and cooperation support, administrative assistance and infrastructure and equipment facilities;

Or. en

Amendment 239

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the provision of expert(s) (including resident experts), for a short or long period, to perform tasks in specific domains or to carry out operational activities, where necessary with interpretation, translation and cooperation support, administrative assistance and infrastructure and equipment facilities;

Amendment

(b) the provision of expert(s) (including resident **and domestic** experts), for a short or long period, to perform tasks in specific domains or to carry out operational activities, where necessary with interpretation, translation and cooperation support, administrative assistance and infrastructure and equipment facilities;

Or. en

Amendment 240

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point c – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) institutional, administrative or sectoral capacity building and related supporting actions, notably:

Amendment

(c) institutional, administrative or sectoral capacity building, **participatory processes** and related supporting actions, notably:

Or. en

Amendment 241
Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point c – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ia) *formulation of strategies and reform roadmaps, drafting of legislative and non legislative acts;*

Or. en

Amendment 242
Marian Harkin

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) collection of data and statistics; development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators *or* benchmarks;

(d) collection of data and statistics; development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators *and/or* benchmarks;

Or. en

Amendment 243
Terry Reintke
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) organisation of local operational support *in areas such as asylum, migration, border control;*

(e) organisation of local operational support *and bottom-up approaches in order to achieve the ownership of the reforms considered;*

Or. en

Amendment 244

Romana Tomc

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) organisation of local operational support *in areas such as asylum, migration, border control*;

Amendment

(e) organisation of local operational support;

Or. sl

Amendment 245

Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) *communication projects: learning, cooperation, awareness raising, dissemination activities, and exchange of good practices*; organisation of awareness-raising and information campaigns, media campaigns and events, *including corporate communication*;

Amendment

(h) organisation of awareness-raising and information campaigns, media campaigns and events, *and exchange of good practices*;

Or. en

Amendment 246

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 7

Request for support

Amendment

deleted

1. A Member State wishing to receive support under the Programme shall submit a request for support to the Commission, identifying the policy areas and the priorities for support within the scope of the Programme as set out in Article 5(2). This request shall be submitted at the latest by 31 October of each calendar year.

2. Taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management, further to a dialogue with the Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State. Taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, the Commission in close cooperation with the Member State concerned shall identify the priority areas for support, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support.

3. The request for support may be submitted regarding the following:

(a) the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of the relevant Country Specific Recommendations issued in the context of the European Semester or of relevant actions related to the implementation of Union law;

(b) the implementation of economic adjustment programmes for Member States that receive Union financial assistance under existing instruments, in particular in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council²³ for the

euro area Member States and Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002²⁴ for non-euro area Member States;

(c) the implementation of reforms by Member States, undertaken at their own initiative, notably to achieve sustainable investment, growth and job creation.

²³ *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).*

²⁴ *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, p. 1).*

Or. fr

Amendment 247

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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partners from regional and local authorities, social partners and representatives of civil society before submitting a request.

Or. en

Amendment 248

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management, further to a dialogue with the Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State. Taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds *or* other Union programmes, ***the Commission in close cooperation*** with the Member State concerned ***shall identify*** the priority ***areas*** for support, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support.

Amendment

2. Taking into account the principles of ***subsidiarity, solidarity***, transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management, further to a dialogue with the Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State. Taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds ***and*** other Union programmes ***and instruments and based on the specific needs identified by the Member State in consultation with regional authorities, the Commission shall agree*** with the Member State concerned ***on the objectives***, the priority ***actions*** for support, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support.

Or. en

Amendment 249
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. es

Amendment 250
Marian Harkin

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 251
Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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support.

support. ***The Commission shall respond to the support request of a Member State within two months upon submission of the request.***

Or. en

Amendment 252
Romana Tomc

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. sl

Amendment 253
Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management, further to a dialogue with the Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State. Taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, the Commission in close cooperation with the Member State concerned shall identify the priority areas for support, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support.

Amendment

2. Taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment, ***respect for the role of the social partners*** and sound financial management, further to a dialogue with the Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State. Taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, the Commission in close cooperation with the Member State concerned shall identify the priority areas for support, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support.

Or. fr

Amendment 254

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the implementation of reforms ***in the context of economic governance processes***, in particular of the relevant Country Specific Recommendations issued in the context of the European Semester or of relevant actions related to the implementation of Union law;

Amendment

(a) the implementation of reforms, in particular of the relevant Country Specific Recommendations issued in the context of the European Semester or of relevant actions related to the implementation of Union law;

Or. en

Amendment 255

Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of the relevant Country Specific Recommendations issued in the context of the European Semester or of relevant actions related to the implementation of Union law;

Amendment

(a) the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of the relevant Country Specific Recommendations issued in the context of the European Semester or of relevant actions related to the implementation of Union law; ***the main objectives of the reforms shall be growth, stimulation of investment, the creation of good jobs and the promotion of high-quality education and social protection, equal opportunities and action against poverty;***

Or. fr

Amendment 256

Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the implementation of economic adjustment programmes for Member States that receive Union financial assistance under existing instruments, in particular in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council²³ for the euro area Member States and Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002²⁴ for non-euro area Member States;

Amendment

(b) the implementation of economic adjustment programmes for Member States that receive Union financial assistance under existing instruments, in particular in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council²³ for the euro area Member States and Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002²⁴ for non-euro area Member States; ***the main objectives shall be growth, stimulation of investment, the creation of good jobs and the promotion of high-quality education and social***

protection, equal opportunities and action against poverty;

²³ 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).

²⁴ 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, p. 1).

²³ 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).

²⁴ 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, p. 1).

Or. fr

Amendment 257

Marian Harkin

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 3 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the implementation of reforms by Member States, undertaken at their own initiative, notably to achieve sustainable investment, **growth** and job creation.

Amendment

(c) the implementation of reforms by Member States, undertaken at their own initiative, notably to achieve **inclusive growth and** sustainable investment and job creation.

Or. en

Amendment 258

Anthea McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 3 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

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Member States, undertaken at their own initiative, notably to achieve sustainable investment, growth and job creation.

Member States, undertaken at their own initiative, notably to achieve sustainable investment, **competitiveness**, growth and job creation.

Or. en

Amendment 259
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. The Commission shall inform the European Parliament of the receipt of a request for support under the Programme and of the analysis undertaken by it. The Commission shall provide the European Parliament with the cooperation and support plan as soon as possible.

Or. es

Amendment 260
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3b. Any refusal of aid shall be duly justified. The Commission shall inform the European Parliament and the Council once a year of all its decisions rejecting the granting of aid, with due justification.

Or. es

Amendment 261
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 8

deleted

Organisation of support

1. The Commission may define the support envisaged for Beneficiary Member States in cooperation with other Member States or international organisations.

2. The Beneficiary Member State, in coordination with the Commission, may enter into partnership with one or more other Member States which shall act as Reform Partners in respect of specific areas of reform. A Reform Partner shall, in coordination with the Commission, help formulate strategy, reform roadmaps, design high-quality assistance or oversee implementation of strategy and projects.

Or. fr

Amendment 262
Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The Commission may define the support envisaged for Beneficiary Member States in cooperation with other Member States or international organisations.

1. The organization of support shall be defined under a Support Agreement between the Commission and the Beneficiary Member State. Support shall be tailored to the specific situation in the requesting Member State.

Or. en

Amendment 263

Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission may ***define the*** support ***envisaged for*** Beneficiary Member States ***in cooperation*** with other Member States or international organisations.

Amendment

1. The Commission may support ***the*** Beneficiary Member States ***to cooperate*** with other Member States or international organisations.

Or. en

Amendment 264

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission may define the support envisaged for Beneficiary Member States in cooperation with other Member States or international organisations.

Amendment

1. The Commission may, ***at the request of the Beneficiary Member State,*** define the support envisaged for Beneficiary Member States in cooperation with other Member States or international organisations.

Or. es

Amendment 265

Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The ***Beneficiary Member State,*** in coordination with the ***Commission,*** may ***enter into partnership with one or more other Member States which shall act as***

Amendment

2. The ***Commission,*** in coordination with the ***Beneficiary Member State,*** ***shall select*** Reform Partners in respect of specific areas of reform. A Reform Partner

Reform Partners in respect of specific areas of reform. A Reform Partner shall, *in coordination with the Commission, help formulate strategy, reform roadmaps, design high-quality assistance or oversee implementation of strategy and projects.*

shall *implement the actions envisaged in the Support Agreement according to Article 6, in cooperation with the Beneficiary Member State.*

Or. en

Amendment 266
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

2. The Beneficiary Member State, in coordination with the Commission, may enter into partnership with one or more other Member States which shall act as Reform Partners in respect of specific areas of reform *on the basis of a reciprocal agreement*. A Reform Partner shall, in coordination with the Commission *and the Beneficiary Member State*, help formulate strategy, reform roadmaps, design high-quality assistance or oversee implementation of strategy and projects. *The Commission and the Member States shall keep the European Parliament and national parliaments, respectively, fully informed about the participation of a partner in the reform and its role in the cooperation and support plan.*

Or. es

Amendment 267
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9

Article 9

deleted

Financial envelope

- 1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme shall be up to EUR 142 800 000.**
- 2. The financial allocation of the Programme may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities which are required for the management of the Programme and the achievement of its objectives, in particular studies, meetings of experts, information and communication actions, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, as far as they are related to the general objectives of this Regulation, expenses linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, together with all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the Programme.**
- 3. The budgetary authority shall authorise the available annual appropriations within the limits of the Multiannual Financial Framework established by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013.**

Or. fr

Amendment 268
Anthea McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 3

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Or. en

Amendment 269

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 10

deleted

Other financial contributions to the budget of the Programme

- 1. In addition to the financial envelope set out in Article 9, the Programme may be financed through additional contributions from Member States.***
- 2. The additional contributions referred to in paragraph 1 may consist of contributions from resources provided for technical assistance at the initiative of the Member States under Article 59 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and transferred pursuant to Article 25 of that Regulation.***
- 3. These additional contributions referred to in paragraph 1 shall be used to support actions which contribute to delivering the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. A contribution made by a Beneficiary Member State in accordance with paragraph 2 shall be used exclusively in that Member State.***

Or. fr

Amendment 270
Georgi Pirinski, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 10

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- 3. These additional contributions referred to in paragraph 1 shall be used to support actions which contribute to delivering the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. A contribution made by a Beneficiary Member State in accordance with paragraph 2 shall be used exclusively in that Member State.***

Or. en

Amendment 271
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 11

deleted

No double funding

Actions financed under this Regulation may receive support from other Union programmes, instruments or funds under the Union's budget provided that the support does not cover the same cost items.

Or. fr

Amendment 272

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

[...]

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 273

Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The Commission shall implement the Programme in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

1. The Commission shall implement ***directly*** the Programme in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012. ***A Department in the Commission shall be a managing authority for the Programme.***

Or. en

Amendment 274

Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. ***The measures of the Programme may be implemented either directly by the Commission or indirectly, by entities and persons other than Member States in accordance with Article 60 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012. In particular,*** Union financial support for actions provided for in Article 6 of this Regulation shall take the form of:

2. Union financial support for actions provided for in Article 6 of this Regulation, ***which are included in a Support Agreement,*** shall take the form of:

Or. en

Amendment 275

Georgi Pirinski, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(g) ***contributions to trust funds;***

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 276

Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(h) ***actions carried out in indirect management.***

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 277

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Grants may be awarded to Member States' national authorities, the European Investment Bank group, international organisations, public **and/or private** bodies and entities legally established in any of the following:

Amendment

3. Grants may be awarded to Member States' national, **regional and local** authorities, the European Investment Bank group, international organisations, **and** public bodies and entities legally established in any of the following:

Or. es

Amendment 278
Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Grants may be awarded to Member States' national authorities, the European Investment Bank group, international organisations, public and/or private bodies and entities legally established in any of the following:

Amendment

3. Grants may be awarded to **Reform Partners. Eligible Reform Partners are:** Member States' national authorities, the European Investment Bank group, international organisations, public and/or private bodies and entities legally established in any of the following:

Or. en

Amendment 279
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Support may also be provided by individual experts who may be invited to contribute to selected activities organised under the Programme wherever that is necessary for the achievement of the

Amendment

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specific objectives set out in *Articles 5*.

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Experts shall be selected on the basis of their experience in the area concerned and their professional career.

Or. es

Amendment 280
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. ***In order to implement the Programme***, the Commission shall adopt, ***by way of implementing acts***, multi-annual work programmes. Multi-annual work programmes shall set out the policy objectives pursued through the envisaged support and the expected results, as well as funding priorities in the relevant policy areas. The multi-annual work programmes shall be further specified in annual work programmes, adopted by way of implementing acts, identifying the measures needed for their implementation, together with all the elements required by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

Amendment

5. The Commission shall adopt ***delegated acts in accordance with Article 16 for the adoption of*** multi-annual work programmes. Multi-annual work programmes shall set out the policy objectives pursued through the envisaged support and the expected results, as well as funding priorities in the relevant policy areas. The multi-annual work programmes shall be further specified in annual work programmes, adopted by way of implementing acts, identifying the measures needed for their implementation, together with all the elements required by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

Or. es

Amendment 281
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. To ensure timely availability of resources, the annual work programme may indicate that in the event of unforeseen and duly justified grounds of

Amendment

6. To ensure timely availability of resources, the annual work programme may indicate that in the event of unforeseen and duly justified grounds of

urgency requiring an immediate response, including a serious disturbance in the economy or significant circumstances seriously affecting the economic or social conditions in a Member State going beyond its control, the Commission may, on request by a Member State, adopt special measures in accordance with the objectives and actions defined in this Regulation to support the national authorities in addressing urgent needs. Such special measures may account only for a limited proportion of the annual work programme and shall not be subject to the conditions set out in Article 7.

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Or. es

Amendment 282
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6a. Once assistance for a Member State has been approved, the content of the final conclusions of that technical assistance shall be made public, including any partners, the objectives and priorities and those responsible for the implementation of that assistance (organisations, companies or individuals) and distribution of funds. That information shall be forwarded to the national parliaments, the corresponding advisory committees and the social partners.

Or. es

Amendment 283
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 13

deleted

Coordination and complementarity

The Commission and the Beneficiary Member States, within their respective responsibilities, shall foster synergies and ensure effective coordination between the Programme and other Union programmes and instruments, and in particular with measures financed by the Union funds. To this end, they shall:

- a) ensure complementarity and synergy between different instruments at Union and national levels, in particular in relation to measures financed by Union funds, both in the planning phase and during implementation;***
- b) optimise mechanisms for coordination to avoid duplication of effort;***
- c) ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation at Union and national level to deliver coherent and streamlined support actions.***

The relevant multi-annual and annual work programmes may serve as the coordination framework, where support is envisaged in any of the areas referred to in Article 5(2).

Or. fr

Amendment 284
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation at Union and national level to deliver coherent and streamlined support actions.

(c) ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation at Union and ***local, regional and*** national level to deliver coherent and streamlined support actions.

Or. es

Amendment 285

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 14

deleted

Protection of the financial interests of the Union

1. The Commission shall take appropriate measures ensuring that, when actions financed under this Regulation are implemented, the financial interests of the Union are protected by the application of preventive measures against fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities, by effective checks and, if irregularities are detected, by the recovery of the amounts wrongly paid and, where appropriate, by effective, proportionate and deterrent penalties.

2. The Commission or its representatives and the Court of Auditors shall have the power of audit, on the basis of documents and on-the-spot, over all grant beneficiaries, contractors and subcontractors who have received Union funds under the Programme.

The European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF) may carry out on-the-spot checks and inspections on economic operators concerned directly or indirectly by such

funding in accordance with the procedures laid down in Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96²⁵ with a view to establishing whether there has been fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of the Union in connection with a grant agreement or grant decision or a contract concerning Union funding.

Without prejudice to the first and second sub-paragraphs, cooperation agreements with international organisations and grant agreements and grant decisions and contracts resulting from the implementation of this Regulation shall expressly empower the Commission, the Court of Auditors and OLAF to conduct such audits, on-the-spot checks and inspections.

²⁵ 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).

Or. fr

Amendment 286
Georgi Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall take appropriate measures ensuring that, when actions financed under this Regulation are implemented, the financial interests of the Union are protected by the application of preventive measures against fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities, by effective checks and, if irregularities are

Amendment

1. The Commission shall take appropriate measures ensuring that, when actions financed under this Regulation are implemented, the financial interests of the Union are protected by the application of preventive measures against fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities, by effective checks and, if irregularities are

detected, by the recovery of the amounts ***wrongly paid*** and, where appropriate, by effective, proportionate and ***deterrent*** penalties.

detected, by the recovery of the amounts ***unduly paid or incorrectly used*** and, where appropriate, by effective, proportionate, ***administrative and financial*** penalties ***in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.***

Or. en

Amendment 287

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 15

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Monitoring and evaluation

1. The Commission shall monitor the implementation of the actions financed by the Programme and measure the achievement of the specific objectives referred to in Article 5(1) in accordance with indicators set out in the Annex.

The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 16 concerning amendments to the list of indicators set out in the Annex.

2. The Commission shall provide the European Parliament and the Council with an interim evaluation report, by mid of 2019, at the latest, and an ex-post evaluation report by end of December 2021.

3. The interim evaluation report shall include information on the achievement of the Programme's objectives, the efficiency of the use of resources and the Programme's European added value and assessment on whether funding in areas covered by the Programme needs to be adapted or extended after 2020. It shall also address the continued relevance of all objectives and actions. The ex-post

evaluation report shall include information on the longer-term impact of the Programme.

Or. fr

Amendment 288
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall provide the European Parliament and the Council with an interim evaluation report, by mid of 2019, at the latest, and an ex-post evaluation report by end of December 2021.

Amendment

2. The Commission shall provide the European Parliament and the Council with *annual monitoring reports, including requests that have been rejected, on the implementation of the Programme including an analysis of the application of the criteria referred to in Article 7(2) for assessing the requests for support submitted by Member States and an analysis, where possible, of the impact of technical assistance, as well as* an interim evaluation report, by mid of 2019, at the latest, and an ex-post evaluation report by end of December 2021. *The final evaluations shall be carried out by the Commission or its European control bodies.*

Or. es

Amendment 289
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 16

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 16

Exercise of the delegation

Amendment

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1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article.

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of four years from 1 January 2017.

3. The delegation of power referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect on the day following publication in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.

5. A delegated act adopted pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of the notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.

Or. fr

Amendment 290
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of four years from 1 January 2017.

Amendment

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in **Article 12(5) and** the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of four years from 1 January 2017.

Or. es

Amendment 291
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The delegation of power referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect on the day following publication in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

Amendment

3. The delegation of power referred to in **Article 12(5) and** the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect on the day following publication in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

Or. es

Amendment 292
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

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the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of the notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.

Article 12(5) and the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of the notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.

Or. es

Amendment 293

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Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 25

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Article 25 is amended as follows:

deleted

(a) the title is replaced by the following:

‘Management of technical assistance for Member States’

(b) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

‘1. On the request of a Member State pursuant to Article 10 of Regulation (EU) 2015/ XXX of the European Parliament and the Council(*), a part of the resources provided for under Article 59 of this Regulation and programmed in accordance with Fund-specific rules may, in agreement with the Commission, be transferred to technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission for implementation of measures in relation to the Member State concerned in

accordance with point (l) of the third subparagraph of Article 58(1) of this Regulation through direct or indirect management."

() OJ [...]*

(c) in paragraph 3, the first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

'A Member State shall request the transfer referred to in paragraph 1 for a calendar year by 31 January of the year in which a transfer is to be made. The request shall be accompanied by a proposal to amend the programme or programmes from which the transfer will be made. Corresponding amendments shall be made to the Partnership Agreement in accordance with Article 30(2) which shall set out the total amount transferred each year to the Commission.'

(d) the following paragraph 4 is added:

'4. Resources transferred by a Member State according to paragraph 1 shall be subject to the decommitment rule set out in Article 136'

Or. en

Amendment 294

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Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013

Article 58 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. in the third subparagraph of Article 58(1), point (l) is replaced by the following: *deleted*

'(l) actions financed under Regulation

(EU) 2015/XXX in order to contribute to delivering the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. ’;

Or. en

Amendment 295

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Proposal for a regulation

Annex I

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 296

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation

Annex – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the number and type of national authorities, administration services and other public entities such as national ministries or regulatory authorities, by Beneficiary Member State to which support under the Programme was provided;

(a) the number and type of national, ***regional and local*** authorities, administration services and other public entities such as national ministries or regulatory authorities, by Beneficiary Member State to which support under the Programme was provided;

Or. es

Amendment 297

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Proposal for a regulation

Annex – paragraph 1 – point c – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) support providers such as government bodies, public law bodies and bodies governed by private law with a

(Does not affect the English version.)

public service mission, International Organisations;

Or. es

Amendment 298
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Proposal for a regulation
Annex – paragraph 1 – point c – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) support recipients from the Beneficiary Member State such as national authorities.

Amendment

(d) support recipients from the Beneficiary Member State such as national, ***regional or local*** authorities.

Or. es

Amendment 299
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Proposal for a regulation
Annex – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) the feedback from national authorities, administration services and other public entities having received support under the Programme as well as (if available) other stakeholders/participants on the results and/or impact of the actions under the Programme by specific objective, policy area and Beneficiary Member State, supported where available by quantitative or empirical data;

Amendment

(g) the feedback from national, ***regional or local*** authorities, administration services and other public entities having received support under the Programme as well as (if available) other stakeholders/participants on the results and/or impact of the actions under the Programme by specific objective, policy area and Beneficiary Member State, supported where available by quantitative or empirical data;

Or. es