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COMPROMISE AMENDMENTS

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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 A
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: replacing Amendments 69 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto), 70 (Terry Reintke), 72 (Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena), 76 (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 ***and social*** imbalances accumulated in the past and many are ***suffering from*** low potential growth, ***high unemployment rates, a severe crisis affecting their main production systems, widening social disparities and an increased risk of poverty among the population. There is therefore a need for socially responsible, smart, sustainable and inclusive structural reforms, which meet the requirements laid down in article 9 TFEU.*** The Union has ***therefore*** identified the implementation of ***such*** structural reforms among its policy priorities to set the recovery on a sustainable path, unlock the growth potential to strengthen the adjustment capacity, ***boost growth, create jobs, foster investment*** and support the process of ***upward*** convergence.

Or. en

Amendment B
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: replacing Amendments 75 (Notis Marias), 77 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto), 78 (Marian Harkin), 79 (Terry Reintke)

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

(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.

(4) Reforms are by their very nature complex processes that require *political will, the ability to engage in dialogue and multi-level cooperation, budgetary and 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 *results* 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 *important* in supporting the *fiscal consolidation process and structural reforms in recent years, especially in the countries covered by the economic adjustment programme. Therefore the EU should take into account the lessons learned from the programmes that aimed to support the* economic adjustment of Greece and Cyprus in the last years. *Stakeholder involvement in the design of reforms, impact assessments and ownership of reforms by the Member States, including regional and local authorities, the social partners and civil society, are also essential for support programmes to succeed.*

Or. en

Amendment C
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 84 (Neoklis Sylikiotis), 86 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto), 88 (Anthea McIntyre), 89 (Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena), 90 (Terry Reintke)

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 ***in line with the EU's economic and social objectives, including support for economic growth, the creation of sustainable and decent jobs, the promotion of sound public investment and social development.*** These challenges may be dependent on various factors, including limited administrative and institutional capacity or inadequate application and implementation of Union legislation, ***which may lead to inadequately designed reforms that are incapable of meeting these objectives. 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 D
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 93 (Marian Harkin), 94 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto), 95 (Georgi Pirinski), 96 (Terry Reintke), 97 (Neoklis Sylikiotis), 98 (Anthea McIntyre), 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

Amendment

(6) The ***Union's institutions and bodies*** have a long-lasting experience ***in*** providing specific support to national ***and/or subnational*** 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.

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.***

The experience gained by the *Union's institutions and bodies* in assisting national *and regional* authorities ***designing and carrying out inclusive and sustainable*** reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to *interested* Member States ***to help improve their growth potential and social cohesion, through measures aimed at increasing employment rates, combating exclusion and poverty and raising the accessibility and quality of healthcare and education services. These support measures must be based on a comprehensive and integrated approach taking into account the links between the different areas covered by 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 E
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 3 (Csaba Sógor), 82 (Terry Reintke), 100 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto)

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6 a) 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' recognizes that the delivery of technical assistance to Member States should be based on a strategy with well-defined objectives and provides useful recommendations on how the

Commission can improve its support to Member States, including through increasing the ownership and effectiveness of reforms, which should be taken into account.

Or. en

Amendment F
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 4 (Csaba Sógor), 103 (Neoklis Sylikiotis), 104 (Terry Reintke), 105 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto), 106 (Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena), 108 (Marian Harkin)

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, it is necessary to establish a Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to *design* and implement *sustainable* growth-enhancing administrative and structural *economic and social* reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds, *in particular the European Structural and Investment Funds*. The Programme is intended to contribute to the achievement of common goals towards obtaining economic recovery, boosting Europe's competitiveness, *creating stable and sustainable jobs, increasing productivity, stimulating sustainable investment in the real economy, and towards guaranteeing high quality health and education services, combating poverty and social exclusion and, ultimately, strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the European Union*.

Or. en

Amendment G
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 1 (Csaba Sógor), 5 (Csaba Sógor), 62 (Terry Reintke)

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7 a) In accordance with Article 9 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in designing and implementing the Programme 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's policies with a view to promoting sustainable development. In order to promote good governance and ensure the participation of civil society, Article 15 of the treaty on the Functioning of the European Union sets out that the Union's institutions, bodies, offices and agencies shall conduct their work as openly as possible.

Or. en

Amendment H
EPP, S&D, ALDE

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 6 (Csaba Sógor), 112 (Terry Reintke), 116 (Claude Rolin), 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.

Amendment

(8) Support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission upon request by a Member State, in areas ***where specific needs have been identified by the Member States***, 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 work and 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 ***and social*** policies, ***combating poverty and promoting social inclusion***, public health, asylum, migration policies, agriculture and rural development and financial sector policies.

Or. en

Amendment I
EPP, S&D, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 7 (Csaba Sógor), 121 (Georgi Pirinski), 122 (Marian Harkin), 123 (Terry Reintke), 124 (Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena), 125 (Anthea McIntyre), 111 (Notis Marias), 113 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto)

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

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(9) Member States should be able to request support from the Commission under the Programme in relation to the implementation of ***their*** 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 reforms undertaken at their own initiative, in order to achieve sustainable investment, growth **and job creation**.

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, **job creation inclusive growth, social inclusion and cohesion, as well as adequate social protection. In order for the reforms pursued to rest on a wide support, in the process of drawing up applications Member States wishing to benefit of the Programme should consult relevant stakeholders, such as local and regional authorities, the economic and social partners and civil society, in line with the relevant provisions of the of conduct on partnership under cohesion policy, as well as national parliaments.**

Or. en

Amendment J **EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 8 (Csaba Sógor), 128 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto), 129 (Terry Reintke), 130-partly (Marian Harkin), 132 (Georgi Pirinski), 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

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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 **subsidiarity**, transparency, **autonomy of the social partners**, equal treatment, **partnership** and sound financial management and determine the support to be provided based on **the** urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, **the justification for the reform, including the**

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***.

results of relevant stakeholder and partner consultations, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of socioeconomic indicators, the general administrative capacity of the Member State, ***while also taking into account existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes and instruments***. ***The decision for providing support under the programme should take the form of a technical assistance agreement in which, based on the specific needs identified by the Member State concerned, the Commission and the Member State should agree on the priority areas, the scope and the indicative timeline of the support measures to be provided as well as the global financial contribution for such support. In so doing, the Commission and the Member State concerned should take into account existing divisions of powers between the different levels of government, as well as the fact that some Country Specific Recommendations are addressed to local and regional authorities***.

Or. en

Amendment K
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 9 (Csaba Sógor), 137 (Georgi Pirinski), 139 (Marian Harkin), 140 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto), 141 (Terry Reintke)

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

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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.

additional value compared to action of Member States alone *as laid down in Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council^{14a} and its rules of application.* Against this background, the support actions carried out under the Programme should ensure complementarity and synergy, *at local, regional,* national, Union and international level, *with other programmes and policies.* The actions under the Programme should allow elaborating and implementing solutions that address national challenges *with a* cross-border or Union-wide *impact and improve* implementation of Union law, *policies and strategies.* 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.

^{14a} *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 L **EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 144 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto), 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 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. en

Amendment M
EPP, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 10 (Csaba Sógor), 150 (Marian Harkin), 151 (Romana Tomc)

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.

(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 ***through improved effectiveness and efficiency and***

Amendment N
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 11 (Csaba Sógor), 130-partly (Marian Harkin), 153 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto), 154 (Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena), 155 (Terry Reintke)

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.

Amendment

(15) This Regulation should be implemented in compliance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012. The Commission should *be empowered to adopt by delegated acts* 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. *The multi-annual work programmes should also set transparent criteria so as to determine which measures under the programme are to be prioritised and how available resources are to be allocated.* 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).*

Amendment O
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 12 (Csaba Sógor), 158 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto), 159 (Georgi Pirinski), 160 (Terry Reintke)

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 ***socially responsible sustainable*** structural, institutional and administrative reforms, it is necessary to allow a co-financing rate 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 P
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 163 (Terry Reintke), 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

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, upon request of a Member State, the Commission ***and the Member State*** should be able to ***agree on the adoption of*** special measures, for a limited proportion of the annual work programme, in accordance with objectives and actions eligible under

eligible under the Programme to support the national authorities in addressing the urgent needs.

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Or. en

Amendment Q
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 13 (Csaba Sógor), 167 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto), 168 (Terry Reintke)

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 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.

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 measures being financed from the Union funds, *programmes and instruments and other relevant international organisations.*

Or. en

Amendment R
EPP, S&D, ALDE

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 14 (Csaba Sógor), 131 (Romana Tomc),

134 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto), 173 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto), 174 (Romana Tomc), 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 ***implementation of actions and the*** results achieved by the Programme should be put in place from the very beginning. ***An external*** mid-term evaluation looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, its efficiency and its added value, ***including, but not limited to, 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. ***On an annual basis, the Commission should also publish information on the implementation of the annual work programmes, including information on the beneficiaries of the technical assistance, the technical assistance providers, the objectives and priorities of the reforms pursued through the assistance and allocated funds.***

Or. en

Amendment S
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 15 (Csaba Sógor), 179 (Terry Reintke)

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 ***adopt multi-annual work programmes and 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 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 adoption of multi-annual work programmes and*** 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.

Or. en

Amendment T
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 17 (Csaba Sógor), 184 (Terry Reintke)

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

Amendment

(23) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely to contribute to ***sustainable*** institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing ***technical assistance***, 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

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.*

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.

Or. en

Amendment U
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 18 (Csaba Sógor), 194 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto)

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. 'national authorities' means Member State authorities, including authorities at regional and local levels in accordance with national law;

Or. en

Amendment AH
EPP, S&D

Compromise amendment replacing Amendment: 190 (Georgi Pirinski)

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1b. 'technical assistance 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 among others the priority areas, the scope and indicative timeline of the support measures, as well as the financial contribution from the Programme;

Or. en

Amendment V
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 21 (Csaba Sógor), 201 (Terry Reintke)

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 national challenges ***with a possible*** cross-border or Union-wide ***impact***;

Or. en

Amendment W
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 22 (Csaba Sógor), 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 ***local, regional,*** national, Union and international level;

Amendment X
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 26 (Csaba Sógor), 206 (Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena), 207 (Georgi Pirinski), 208 (Marian Harkin), 209 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto), 210 (Terry Reintke)

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4

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 ***carried out in a socially responsible way*** in the Member States by providing ***technical*** support to national authorities for ***designing and implementing*** measures aimed at ***enhancing competitiveness, inclusive and sustainable growth, decent and sustainable jobs, productivity and sustainable investment, at reinforcing the fight against poverty and social exclusion, at promoting a high level of education and training and at enhancing economic, social and territorial cohesion***, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

Or. en

Amendment Y
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 27 (Csaba Sógor), 212 (Terry Reintke), 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 reforms according to ***their*** priorities, taking into account initial conditions and expected socio-economic impacts ***and the objectives to contribute to delivering the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and promote social cohesion***;

Or. en

Amendment Z
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 28 (Csaba Sógor), 224 (Marian Harkin), 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 following:

Amendment

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

Or. en

Amendment AA
EPP, S&D, ALDE

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 226 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto), 227 (Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena)

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(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;

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

Or. en

Amendment AI
EPP, S&D

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 228 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto)

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(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;

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

Or. en

Amendment AB
EPP, S&D, ALDE

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 29 (Csaba Sógor), 229 (Georgi Pirinski), 230 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto), 231 (Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena), 232 (Marian Harkin), 233 (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 **for the creation of sustainable jobs, fight against poverty and promotion of** social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems;

(da) asylum, migration and borders policies;

Or. en

Amendment AC
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 31 (Csaba Sógor), 242 (Marian Harkin)

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

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

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

Or. en

Amendment AD
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 36 (Csaba Sógor), 248 (Terry Reintke), 249 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto), 250 (Marian Harkin), 252 (Romana Tomc), 262 (Georgi Pirinski)

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Taking into account the principles

Amendment

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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.

of **subsidiarity**, 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 **as** identified, **the justification for the reform, including the results of relevant stakeholder and partner consultations**, support needs in respect of the policy areas **envisaged**, analysis of socioeconomic indicators, **the** general administrative capacity of the Member State, **while also** taking into account existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes **and instruments**.

The decision for providing support under the programme shall take the form of a technical assistance agreement in which, based on the specific needs identified by the Member State concerned, the Commission and the Member State shall agree on thee priority areas, the scope **and the indicative timeline** of the support measures to be provided **as well as** the global financial contribution for such support.

Or. en

Amendment AE EPP, S&D, ALDE

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 37 (Csaba Sógor), 257 (Marian Harkin), 258 (Anthea McIntyre)

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

Amendment

(c) the implementation of reforms by Member States, undertaken at their own initiative, notably to achieve, sustainable

investment, **growth** and job creation.

investment and job creation, **inclusive growth and competitiveness**.

Or. en

Amendment AJ
EPP, S&D

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 282 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto)

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3 a. Once assistance for a Member State has been approved, the beneficiary national authorities shall inform the national parliaments, the corresponding advisory committees and the social partners on the technical assistance agreement concluded, in full compliance with national legislation in this regard.

Or. en

Amendment AF
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 263 (Terry Reintke), 264 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto)

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

Or. en

Amendment AK
EPP, S&D

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 266 (Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto)

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 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.

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.

Or. en

Amendment AG
EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 45 (Csaba Sógor), 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. ***On an annual basis, the Commission shall publish information on the implementation of the annual work programmes, including information on the beneficiaries of the technical assistance, the technical assistance providers, the objectives and priorities of the reforms pursued through the assistance and allocated funds.*** The

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

Or. en