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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**

**Csaba Sógor**

(PE620.979v01-00)

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2017/825 to increase the financial envelope of the Structural Reform Support Programme and adapt its general objective

Proposal for a regulation

(COM(2017)0825 – C8-0433/2017 – 2017/0334(COD))



**Amendment 12**  
**Neoklis Sylikiotis**

**Proposal for a regulation**

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*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Neoklis Sylikiotis**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Recital 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(1) The Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') was established with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement ***growth-sustaining*** administrative and structural reforms, ***including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. Support under the Programme is provided by the Commission, upon request by a Member State, and can cover a wide range of policy areas. Developing resilient economies built on strong economic and social structures, which allow Member States to efficiently absorb shocks and swiftly recover from them, contributes to economic and social cohesion. The implementation of institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms is an appropriate tool for achieving such a development.***

(1) The Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') was established with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement administrative and structural reforms ***and promote economic coordination, which unfortunately could not prevent recession and economic stagnation in the Member States or safeguard those in the lowest income brackets.***

**Amendment 14****Terry Reintke**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation****Recital 1***Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) The Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') was established with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-sustaining administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. Support under the Programme is provided by the Commission, upon request by a Member State, and can cover a wide range of policy areas. Developing resilient economies built on strong economic and social structures, which allow Member States to efficiently absorb shocks and swiftly recover from them, contributes to economic and social cohesion. The implementation of institutional, administrative and **growth-sustaining** structural reforms is an appropriate tool for achieving such a development.

*Amendment*

(1) The Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') was established with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-sustaining administrative and **inclusive** structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds **and to develop comprehensive and sustainable inclusion policies**. Support under the Programme is provided by the Commission, upon request by a Member State, and can cover a wide range of policy areas. Developing resilient economies built on strong economic and social structures, which allow Member States to efficiently absorb shocks and swiftly recover from them, contributes to economic and social cohesion. The implementation of institutional, administrative and **sustainable** structural reforms is an appropriate tool for achieving such a development. **It is important that structural reforms are backed by democratic support, making the involvement of partners from local and regional authorities, economic and social partners and representatives of civil society unavoidable.**

**Amendment 15****Jasenko Selimovic**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) The Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') was established with the objective of **strengthening** the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-sustaining administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. Support under the Programme is provided by the Commission, upon request by a Member State, and can cover a wide range of policy areas. Developing resilient economies built on strong economic and social structures, which allow Member States to efficiently absorb shocks and swiftly recover from them, contributes to economic and social cohesion. The implementation of institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms is an appropriate tool for achieving such a development.

*Amendment*

(1) The Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') was established with the objective of **providing additional Union support in order to strengthen** the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-sustaining administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. Support under the Programme is provided by the Commission, upon request by a Member State, and can cover a wide range of policy areas. ***It is well placed to complement and further strengthen the implementation of the European Semester cycle, particularly its annual growth survey and country-specific recommendations, in order to achieve sustainable growth and job creation and make progress towards the long-term Europe 2020 targets.*** Developing resilient economies built on strong economic and social structures, which allow Member States to efficiently absorb shocks and swiftly recover from them, contributes to economic and social cohesion. The implementation of institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms is an appropriate tool for achieving such a development.

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Neoklis Sylikiotis**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(1a) The increase of the financial envelope dedicated to the Programme should be linked to a revision of the Programme's objectives as it is necessary in many Member States to strengthen public social security systems as well as collective bargaining and real-wage growth.***

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Neoklis Sylikiotis**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(2a) It is therefore necessary to revise the Programme's objectives in order to ensure social and environmental protection, the creation of decent jobs with full workers' rights, renationalisation of public goods and services, and long-term public investments in the real economy which strengthen the public social security systems and collective bargaining.***

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Ulrike Trebesius**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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is crucial for successful participation in the Economic and Monetary Union; ***cohesion is even more important for Member States already participating in the Economic and Monetary Union because they suffer even more from asymmetric shocks as they lack the instrument of exchange rate flexibility. It is*** important for Member States whose currency is not the euro, in their preparation to join the euro area ***but more so for Member States within the monetary union.***

Or. en

### **Amendment 19**

**Terry Reintke**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) Strengthening economic and social cohesion ***by reinforcing structural reforms*** is crucial for successful participation in the Economic and Monetary Union. ***That is particularly important*** for Member States ***whose currency is not the euro, in their preparation*** to join the euro area.

*Amendment*

(3) Strengthening economic and social cohesion is crucial for successful participation in the Economic and Monetary Union, ***including*** for Member States ***wishing*** to join the euro area.

Or. en

### **Amendment 20**

**Georgi Pirinski**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

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*Text proposed by the Commission*

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Economic and Monetary Union *and for achieving the European Pillar of Social Rights' goals and principles*. That is particularly important for Member States whose currency is not the euro, in their preparation to join the euro area.

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Jasenko Selimovic**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(4) It is thus appropriate to stress in the general objective of the Programme – within its contribution towards responding to economic and social challenges – that enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, *and* job creation should also contribute to the preparations for future participation in the euro area by those Member States whose currency is not the euro.

*Amendment*

(4) It is thus appropriate to stress in the general objective of the Programme – within its contribution towards responding to economic and social challenges – that enhancing *economic, social and territorial cohesion, social inclusion and the fight against poverty*, competitiveness, productivity *and* sustainable *and inclusive* growth, job creation *and investment* should also contribute to the preparations for future participation in the euro area by those Member States whose currency is not the euro.

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Terry Reintke**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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to economic and social challenges – that enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, and job creation should also contribute to *the preparations for future participation in the euro area by those Member States whose currency is not the euro.*

to economic and social challenges – that enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable *and inclusive* growth, and job creation should also contribute to *convergence in and outside* the euro area.

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Ulrike Trebesius**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(4) It is thus appropriate to *stress* in the general objective of the Programme – within its contribution towards responding to economic and social challenges – that enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, and job creation should also contribute to the preparations for future participation in the euro area by those Member States whose currency is not the euro.

*Amendment*

(4) It is thus appropriate to *note* in the general objective of the Programme – within its contribution towards responding to economic and social challenges – that enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, and job creation should also contribute to the preparations for future participation in the euro area by those Member States whose currency is not the euro.

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Terry Reintke**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(5) *It is also necessary to indicate that actions and activities of the Programme may support reforms that may help Member States that wish to adopt the euro to prepare for participation in the euro*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

*area.*

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Neoklis Sylikiotis**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(5) *It is also necessary to indicate that actions and activities of the Programme may support reforms that may help Member States that wish to adopt the euro to prepare for participation in the euro area.*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Georgi Pirinski**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 27**  
**Terry Reintke**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 5 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(5a)** *It is anticipated that the Programme continues to be significantly oversubscribed and therefore will require a selection to be made of requests for support, without prejudice to the necessity of equal treatment of Member States. In order to increase the ownership and democratic footing of the relevant structural reforms that are to be implemented, a priority should be established for those requests for support that can demonstrate the involvement of partners and that have received a positive social impact assessment.*

Or. en

**Amendment 28**  
**Terry Reintke**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 5 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(5b)** *It is necessary to emphasise that no Member State should benefit from preferential treatment on basis of own financial contributions to the Programme including by means of transfer from European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) resources.*

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Neoklis Sylikiotis**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**(6) In order to meet the growing demand for support from Member States, and in view of the need to support the implementation of structural reforms in Member States whose currency is not the euro, the financial allocation for the Programme should be increased to a sufficient level that allows the Union to provide support that meets the needs of the requesting Member States.**

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 30**

**Terry Reintke**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**(6) In order to meet the growing demand for support from Member States, and in view of the need to support the implementation of structural reforms in Member States whose currency is not the euro, the financial allocation for the Programme should be increased to a sufficient level that allows the Union to provide support that meets the needs of the requesting Member States.**

*Amendment*

**(6) In order to meet the growing demand for support from Member States, the financial allocation for the Programme should be increased *by using the Flexibility Instrument under Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013* to a sufficient level that allows the Union to provide support that meets the needs of the requesting Member States. *It is important that resources allocated to the ESIF should not be redeployed and that Member States should not be obliged to transfer their national and regional ESIF allocations with a view to filling the financing gap of the Programme.***

Or. en

**Amendment 31**  
**Ulrike Trebesius**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) In order to meet the growing demand for support from Member States, and in view of the need to support the implementation of structural reforms in Member States ***whose currency is not*** the euro, the financial allocation for the Programme ***should*** be increased to a ***sufficient*** level that allows the Union to provide support that meets the needs of the requesting Member States.

*Amendment*

(6) In order to meet the growing demand for support from Member States, and in view of the need to support the implementation of structural reforms in ***all*** Member States ***but especially those with structural weaknesses within*** the Euro ***area***, the financial allocation for the Programme ***could*** be increased to a level that allows the Union to provide support that meets the needs of the requesting Member States. ***Any increase should be made by identifying efficiencies and savings elsewhere within existing budget lines. It is also important that the Programme should be of a temporary character and should not inadvertently dis-incentivise additional action by the Member States. Reporting and evaluation in terms of concrete results is particularly important as it otherwise will be difficult to attribute the reforms taken place to the Programme.***

Or. en

**Amendment 32**  
**Jasenko Selimovic**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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Programme should be increased to a sufficient level *that allows* the Union to provide support that meets the needs of the requesting Member States.

Programme should be increased to a sufficient level, *via the Flexibility Instrument provided for by the current Multiannual Financial Framework, which will allow* the Union to provide support that meets the needs of the requesting Member States. *Member States should be encouraged to make use of the possibility, provided for under Article 11 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/825, of transferring part of their resources from the technical assistance component of the European Structural and Investment Fund to the Programme, for the purpose of support for the implementation of reforms, including reforms linked to euro adoption.*

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Georgi Pirinski**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 7 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(7a) In order to ensure smooth reporting of implementation of the Programme to the European Parliament and the Council, the period in which the Commission is to provide annual monitoring reports should be specified.*

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point -1 (new)**  
Regulation (EU) 2017/825  
Recital 6

*Present text*

(6) The Union has **considerable** experience in 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 and 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 in 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 that respect.

*Amendment*

**(-1) Recital 6 is replaced by the following:**

"(6) The Union has **disappointing** experience in 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 and 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 in 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 that respect. "

Or. fr

(<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/FR/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32017R0825&from=FR>)

**Amendment 35**

**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point -1 a (new)**

Regulation (EU) 2017/825

Recital 7

*Present text*

(7) The European Court of Auditors' Special Report (19/2015) entitled 'More attention to results needed to improve the delivery of technical assistance to Greece' includes useful recommendations **with**

*Amendment*

**(-1a) Recital 7 is replaced by the following:**

(7) The European Court of Auditors' Special Report (19/2015) entitled 'More attention to results needed to improve the delivery of technical assistance to Greece' includes useful recommendations **for** the

*respect to the provision of technical assistance by* the Commission to Member States. Those recommendations are to be taken into account in the implementation of the support under this Regulation.

Commission *regarding the provision of technical assistance* to Member States. Those recommendations are to be taken into account in the implementation of the support under this Regulation.

Or. fr

**Amendment 36**  
**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point -1 b (new)**  
Regulation (EU) 2017/825  
Recital 9

*Present text*

(9) Support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission, upon request by a Member State, in areas related to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, innovation, smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, jobs and investment, such as budget and taxation, public service, institutional and administrative reforms, justice systems, the fight against fraud, corruption, money laundering and tax evasion, business environment, private sector development, competition, public procurement, public participation in enterprises, privatisation processes, access to finance, financial sector policies, trade, sustainable development, education and training, labour policies, public health, *asylum*, migration policies, agriculture, rural development and fisheries.

*Amendment*

**(-1b) *Recital 9 is replaced by the following:***

(9) Support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission, upon request by a Member State, in areas related to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, innovation, smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, jobs and investment, such as budget and taxation, public service, institutional and administrative reforms, justice systems, the fight against fraud, corruption, money laundering and tax evasion, business environment, private sector development, competition, public procurement, public participation in enterprises, privatisation processes, access to finance, financial sector policies, trade, sustainable development, education and training, labour policies, public health, ***the readmission of migrants***, migration policies, agriculture, rural development and fisheries.

Or. fr



**Amendment 37**  
**Ulrike Trebesius**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**  
Regulation (EU) 2017/825  
Article 4 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming and strengthening institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges, with a view to enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, job creation, and investment, which *will also* prepare for participation in the euro area, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient, effective and transparent use of the Union funds.;

*Amendment*

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming and strengthening institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges, with a view to enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, job creation, and investment, which *could, in some cases, prepare for participation in **the euro area but in general focusing on vulnerable countries within*** the euro area, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient, effective and transparent use of the Union funds.;

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Terry Reintke**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**  
Regulation (EU) 2017/825  
Article 4 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining

*Amendment*

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structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming and strengthening institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges, with a view to enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, job creation, **and** investment, **which will also prepare for participation in** the euro area, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient, effective and transparent use of the Union funds.;

**inclusive** structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming and strengthening institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges, with a view to enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable **and inclusive** growth, job creation, investment, **and convergence in and outside** the euro area, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient, effective and transparent use of the Union funds.;

Or. en

### **Amendment 39**

**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

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

#### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**

Regulation (EU) 2017/825

Article 4 – paragraph 1

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming and strengthening institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges, with a view to enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, job creation, and investment, **which will also prepare for participation in the euro area**, in particular in the context of economic governance **processes**, including through assistance for the efficient, effective and transparent use

#### *Amendment*

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of the Union funds.”;

the Union funds.

Or. fr

**Amendment 40**  
**Jasenko Selimovic**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**  
Regulation (EU) 2017/825  
Article 4 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming and strengthening institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges, with a view to enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, job creation, and investment, which will also prepare for participation in the euro area, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient, effective and transparent use of the Union funds.;

*Amendment*

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming and strengthening institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges, with a view to enhancing ***economic, social and territorial*** cohesion, ***social inclusion and the fight against poverty***, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable ***and inclusive*** growth, job creation, and investment, which will also prepare for ***Member States*** participation in the euro area, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient, effective and transparent use of the Union funds.;

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Georgi Pirinski**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**  
Regulation (EU) 2017/825  
Article 4 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming and strengthening institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges, with a view to enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, job creation, and investment, which will also prepare for participation in the euro area, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient, effective and transparent use of the Union funds.;

*Amendment*

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming and strengthening institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges, with a view to enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, job creation, and investment, which will also prepare for participation in the euro area, in particular in the context of economic governance processes ***and the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights***, including through assistance for the efficient, effective and transparent use of the Union funds.;

Or. en

**Amendment 42**  
**Jasenko Selimovic**

**Proposal for a regulation**

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

Regulation (EU) 2017/825

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(1a) In Article 5, paragraph 1 the following point (da) is added:***

***(da) to support the national authorities in actions and activities in support of reforms that may help Member States in their preparation to join the euro area.***

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 1 a (new)**  
Regulation (EU) 2017/825  
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(1a) In Article 5(1), the following point is inserted:**

**(da) to develop employment and give priority in the area of employment to national and European citizens in the country.**

Or. fr

**Amendment 44**  
**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 b (new)**  
Regulation (EU) 2017/825  
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point d

*Present text*

*Amendment*

(d) education and training; labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of jobs; the fight against poverty; the promotion of social inclusion; social security and social welfare systems; public health and healthcare systems; as well as cohesion, asylum, migration and border policies;

**(1d) In Article 5(2), point (d) is replaced by the following:**

(d) education and training; labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of jobs; the fight against poverty; the promotion of social inclusion; social security and social welfare systems; public health and healthcare systems; as well as cohesion, asylum, migration and border policies; ***in the context of these policies, priority shall be given to Europeans as regards jobs and social assistance.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 45**  
**Jasenko Selimovic**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**  
Regulation (EU) 2017/825  
Article 5 a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(2) *Article 5a is added* *deleted*

*Article 5a*

*Support for preparation for euro area membership*

*The Programme may finance actions and activities in support of reforms that may help Members States in their preparation to join the euro area.*

Or. en

**Amendment 46**  
**Terry Reintke**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**  
Regulation (EU) 2017/825  
Article 5 a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 5a* *deleted*

*Support for preparation for euro area membership*

*The Programme may finance actions and activities in support of reforms that may help Members States in their preparation to join the euro area..*

Or. en

## **Amendment 47**

**Terry Reintke**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Proposal for a regulation**

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

Regulation (EU) 2017/825

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Based on that analysis and taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, the Commission shall come to an agreement with the Member State concerned on the priority areas for support, the objectives, an indicative timeline, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the estimated global financial contribution for such support, to be set out in a cooperation and support plan.

*Amendment*

**(2a) In Article 7, paragraph 2, the second subparagraph is replaced by the following:**

Based on the analysis and *priority referred to above and* taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, the Commission shall come to an agreement with the Member State concerned on the priority areas for support, the objectives, an indicative timeline, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the estimated global financial contribution for such support, to be set out in a cooperation and support plan.

Or. en

*(<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32017R0825&from=EN>)*

## **Amendment 48**

**Terry Reintke**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Proposal for a regulation**

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

Regulation (EU) 2017/825

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(2b) In Article 7, paragraph 2, the following subparagraph is added:**

***“Priority shall be given to requests for support that demonstrate the involvement***

*of partners from local and regional authorities, economic and social partners and representatives from civil society in the preparation and implementation of the relevant structural reform.*

*No priority shall be established on basis of supplementing the financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme by transferring resources from European Structural and Investment Funds as set out in Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 2017/825. "*

Or. en

*(<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32017R0825&from=EN>)*

**Amendment 49**  
**Georgi Pirinski**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point a**  
Regulation (EU) 2017/825  
Article 10 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme is set at EUR 222 800 000 in current prices.;

*Amendment*

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme is set at EUR 222 800 000 in current prices, *of which EUR 80 000 000 shall be provided from the Flexibility Instrument under Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013\**.;

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*\* 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).*

Or. en



**Amendment 50**  
**Georgi Pirinski**

**Proposal for a regulation**

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

Regulation (EU) 2017/825

Article 16 – paragraph 2

*Present text*

2. The Commission shall provide the European Parliament and the Council with an annual monitoring report on the implementation of the Programme. That report shall include information on:

*Amendment*

**(3a) Article 16, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:**

**"2. From 2018 until and including 2021 the Commission shall provide the European Parliament and the Council with an annual monitoring report on the implementation of the Programme. That report shall include information on:"**

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Proposal for a regulation**

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

Regulation (EU) 2017/825

Annex – paragraph 1 – point j a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(3a) In the first paragraph of the annex, the following point is added:**

**(ja) the number of jobs occupied by migrants or foreign residents which could be given to European citizens.**

Or. fr

**Amendment 52**  
**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 b (new)**

Regulation (EU) 2017/825

Annex – paragraph 1 – point j b (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(3b)** *In the first paragraph of the annex, the following point is added:*

**(jb)** *the number of jobs given to unemployed Europeans each year which were previously occupied by migrants or foreign residents.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 53**

**Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 c (new)**

Regulation (EU) 2017/825

Annex – paragraph 1 – point j c (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(3c)** *In the first paragraph of the annex, the following point is added:*

**(jc)** *the number of vacant jobs which could not be taken by unemployed Europeans.*

Or. fr