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Participation of the Union in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) jointly undertaken by several Member States

Proposal for a decision

(COM(2016)0662 – C8-0421/2016 – 2016/0325(COD))

Amendment 43

Stefan Eck

Proposal for a decision

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Public-public partnerships should aim to develop closer synergies, increase coordination and avoid unnecessary duplication with Union, international, national and regional research programmes, and should fully respect the Horizon 2020 general principles, in particular those relating to openness and transparency.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 44

Carolina Punset, Frédérique Ries

Proposal for a decision

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Or. en

Amendment 45

Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Proposal for a decision

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Or. ro

Amendment 46

Nicola Caputo, Carlos Zorrinho

Proposal for a decision

Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) Full implementation of the human right to water and sanitation, as recognised by the United Nations and supported by the Member States, is essential for life, and the proper management of water resources plays a vital role in guaranteeing sustainable water use and safeguarding the world's natural resources.

Or. it

Amendment 47

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision
Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) *According to a July 2008 report by the European Investment Bank, the Mediterranean region will be affected by substantial climate change requiring structural adjustments.*

Or. fr

Amendment 48
Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision
Recital 4 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4b) *As a result of global warming, it is anticipated that the Mediterranean region will experience an increase in air temperature in the range of 2.2°C to 5.1°C over the period 2080-2099 with respect to the period 1980-1999.*

Or. fr

Amendment 49
Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision
Recital 4 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4c) *Climate change in the Mediterranean region is also anticipated to lead to a significant decrease in rainfall, with the countries of southern Europe experiencing a reduction ranging between -4 and -27% over the 21st*

century. This decrease in rainfall will exacerbate the region's water stress.

Or. fr

Amendment 50

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Recital 4 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4d) Periods of drought, defined as a high frequency of days during which the average temperature exceeds 30°C, are also expected to become more common around the Mediterranean over the course of the 21st century.

Or. fr

Amendment 51

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Recital 4 e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4e) Climate change is predicted to lead to a sea level increase which, according to the above-mentioned report, could be 35 cm by the end of the 21st century.

Or. fr

Amendment 52

Carolina Punset

Proposal for a decision

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 acknowledges that international cooperation with third countries is necessary to address effectively common challenges. International cooperation in research and innovation is a key aspect of the Union's global commitments and has an important role to play in the Union's partnership with neighbourhood countries. This cooperation follows the approach taken in the European neighbourhood policy to differentiate the level of cooperation with each country in the neighbourhood based on their commitment towards the Union.

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(5) Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 acknowledges that international cooperation with third countries is necessary to address effectively common challenges. International cooperation in research, *science* and innovation is a key aspect of the Union's global commitments and has an important role to play in the Union's partnership with neighbourhood countries. This cooperation follows the approach taken in the European neighbourhood policy to differentiate the level of cooperation with each country in the neighbourhood based on their commitment towards the Union.

Or. en

Amendment 53

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5a) Nevertheless, international cooperation must be guided by the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of third countries, and this principle must govern the allocation of European funds to any entity.

Or. fr

Amendment 54

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) *Water stress in the Mediterranean region could lead to an intensification of migration flows out of this region towards northern regions, particularly in Europe, as 180 million people around the Mediterranean are considered to have difficulty accessing water.*

Or. fr

Amendment 55

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Recital 6 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6b) *Nevertheless, population flows resulting, in particular, from immigration and mass tourism are contributing to difficulties with access to, and supply of, water in the Mediterranean basin.*

Or. fr

Amendment 56

Stefan Eck

Proposal for a decision

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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recently agreed Sustainable Development Goals and to the forthcoming European Sustainable Development Strategy.

constitutes a fundamental human right and since securing food and water availability is of paramount importance in the region, PRIMA should contribute to the achievement of the recently agreed Sustainable Development Goals and to the forthcoming European Sustainable Development Strategy.

Or. en

Amendment 57

Carolina Punset, Frédérique Ries

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(8) PRIMA aims at implementing a joint programme for the development and the adoption of innovative, ***multi-dimensional*** and integrated ***common*** solutions for improving the efficiency, safety, security and sustainability of food production and water provision, ***treatment and reuse*** in the Mediterranean area ***based on principles of co-ownership, mutual interest and shared benefit***. PRIMA should contribute to the achievement of the recently agreed Sustainable Development Goals and to the forthcoming European Sustainable Development Strategy.

Or. en

Amendment 58

Marco Affronte

Proposal for a decision

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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(8) *The lack of clean water and nutritious food has adverse effects on the health and stability of the populations, and* PRIMA aims at implementing a joint programme for the development and the adoption of innovative and integrated solutions for improving the efficiency, safety, security and sustainability of food production and water provision in the Mediterranean area. PRIMA should contribute to the achievement of the recently agreed Sustainable Development Goals and to the forthcoming European Sustainable Development Strategy.

Or. en

Amendment 59

Carlos Zorrinho, Miriam Dalli, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Biljana Borzan, Nicola Caputo, Elena Gentile

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Or. en

Amendment 60

Stefan Eck

Proposal for a decision

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Or. en

Amendment 61

Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Proposal for a decision

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. ro

Amendment 62

Marco Affronte

Proposal for a decision
Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) Sustainable water provision and food production in the Mediterranean requires the protection of natural freshwater ecosystems, a shift to more efficient consumption patterns and the integration of renewable energy sources. Open, democratic and participatory governance of water provision is essential to ensure cost-efficiency and benefit to the whole society.

Or. en

Amendment 63
Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision
Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) All of the changes outlined above will have a substantial impact on farming, fishing and tourism, particularly in the countries bordering the Mediterranean. It is therefore urgent to consider a paradigm shift based on long-term investment, including in the energy sector.

Or. fr

Amendment 64
Marco Affronte

Proposal for a decision
Recital 8 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8b) PRIMA should contribute to the growth of innovative and sustainable solutions in agriculture, food production and water provision under Mediterranean environmental and climate constraints with a view to maintaining natural resources. PRIMA should also develop tools for encouraging the application of such solutions by communities, enterprises and citizen.

Or. en

Amendment 65
Marco Affronte

Proposal for a decision
Recital 8 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8c) The sustainable protection of natural areas such as freshwater ecosystems is key for the development and decisive to provide drinking water supplies.

Or. en

Amendment 66
Marco Affronte

Proposal for a decision
Recital 8 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8d) The water scarcity in the Mediterranean area require a different energy solutions and the introduction of more efficient patterns. Renewable energy should be integrated in the processes to replace fossil fuels.

Amendment 67
Marco Affronte

Proposal for a decision
Recital 8 e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8e) The importance of open, democratic and participatory governance is crucial to ensure that the most cost-effective solutions regarding water resources management are taken for the benefit of the whole society.

Or. en

Amendment 68
Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision
Recital 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9a) These international agreements should not involve conditionality, including as regards reforms to the functioning of the political and economic institutions of the countries concerned, and the EU must refrain from all political interference in these countries' internal affairs.

Or. fr

Amendment 69
Carlos Zorrinho, Miriam Dalli, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Biljana Borzan, Nicola Caputo, Elena Gentile

Proposal for a decision

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) In line with the objectives of Horizon 2020, any other Member State and third country associated to Horizon 2020 should be entitled to participate in PRIMA if it commits to contribute to the financing of PRIMA.

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Or. en

Amendment 70

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) These international agreements should not involve conditionalities amounting to interference in the internal affairs of signatory third countries.

Or. fr

Amendment 71

Carolina Punset, Frédérique Ries

Proposal for a decision

Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) The PRIMA partnership should cover the whole chain from research to innovation, mobilising universities, research and technology institutions, industry, and innovation-driven SMEs.

Or. en

Amendment 72

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Recital 11 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11b) It is important for the competent EU authorities to ensure regular, comprehensive monitoring of financing and actions by third countries under the PRIMA programme.

Or. fr

Amendment 73

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Recital 12 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12a) The PRIMA-IS should be managed with complete transparency and regularly audited, in particular by the European Court of Auditors.

Or. fr

Amendment 74

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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equal to the contribution of the Participating States to PRIMA in order to achieve a high leverage effect and ensure a stronger integration of the Participating States' programmes. *It should be possible to use a limited part of the Union contribution to cover administrative costs of the PRIMA-IS.*

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Or. fr

Amendment 75

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) In order to avoid a prolonged implementation of PRIMA, a deadline should be fixed for the launch of the last activities, including the last calls for proposals.

Amendment

(15) In order to avoid a prolonged implementation of PRIMA, a deadline should be fixed for the launch of the last activities, including the last calls for proposals, *setting out a firm timetable for implementation of those activities.*

Or. fr

Amendment 76

Carlos Zorrinho, Miriam Dalli, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Biljana Borzan, Nicola Caputo

Proposal for a decision

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) PRIMA activities should be in line with the objectives and research and innovation priorities of Horizon 2020 and with the general principles and conditions laid down in Article 26 of Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013. PRIMA should take into account the OECD definitions regarding Technological Readiness Level in the classification of technological research, product development and demonstration

Amendment

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activities, *as well as addressing low to high technology readiness levels, including forms of ‘curiosity-driven’ and ‘practice-based’ research.*

Or. en

Amendment 77

Mireille D’Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

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Or. fr

Amendment 78

Mireille D’Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Recital 17 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(17a) It must be ensured that funding granted on the basis of calls for PRIMA projects is monitored closely, in particular by laying down financial transparency and regular reporting requirements for recipients of the funds.

Amendment 79

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) Calls for proposals managed by the PRIMA-IS should also be published on the single portal for participants, as well as through other Horizon 2020 electronic means of dissemination managed by the Commission.

Amendment

(18) Calls for proposals managed by the PRIMA-IS should also be published on the single portal for participants, as well as through other Horizon 2020 electronic means of dissemination managed by the Commission ***and on all other platforms and by all other relevant means.***

Or. fr

Amendment 80

Nicola Caputo, Carlos Zorrinho

Proposal for a decision

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. it

Amendment 81

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) The Union's financial contribution **should** be managed in accordance with the principle of sound financial management and with the rules on indirect management laid down in Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

⁵ 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 repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298 of 26.10.2012, p. 1).

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⁵ 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 repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298 of 26.10.2012, p. 1).

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Or. fr

Amendment 82

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) In order to protect the Union's financial interests, the Commission should have the right to reduce, suspend or terminate the Union's financial contribution if PRIMA is implemented inadequately, partially or late, or if the Participating States do not contribute, or contribute partially or late, to the financing

Amendment

(20) In order to protect the Union's financial interests, the Commission, **in consultation with Parliament**, should have the right to reduce, suspend or terminate the Union's financial contribution if PRIMA is implemented inadequately, partially or late, or if the Participating States do not contribute, or contribute

of PRIMA.

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Or. fr

Amendment 83

Mireille D’Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(23) For the purpose of simplification, administrative burden should be reduced for all parties. Double audits and disproportionate documentation and reporting should be avoided. When audits are conducted, the specificities of the national programmes should be taken into account, as appropriate.

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Or. fr

Amendment 84

Mireille D’Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(24) Audits of recipients of Union funds provided in accordance with this Decision should ensure a reduction of administrative burden, in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013.

(24) Audits of recipients of Union funds provided in accordance with this Decision should be regular, impartial and exhaustive.

Or. fr

Amendment 85

Mireille D’Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

(25) The Union's financial interests 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, administrative sanctions in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

Amendment

(25) The Union's financial interests should be protected through **stringent** measures throughout the expenditure cycle, including the prevention, detection and investigation of irregularities, **regular audits**, the recovery of funds lost, wrongly paid or incorrectly used and, where appropriate, administrative sanctions in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

Or. fr

Amendment 86

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) The Commission should conduct **an** interim evaluation assessing in particular the quality and efficiency of PRIMA and the progress made towards the objectives set, and a final evaluation, and should prepare reports on those evaluations.

Amendment

(26) The Commission should conduct **at least one** interim evaluation assessing in particular the quality and efficiency of PRIMA and the progress made towards the objectives set, and a final evaluation, and should prepare reports on those evaluations.

Or. fr

Amendment 87

Tibor Szanyi

Proposal for a decision

Recital 27

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(27) Upon request from the Commission, the PRIMA-IS and the Participating States should submit any information the Commission needs to include in the reports on the evaluation of PRIMA.

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Or. en

Amendment 88
Tibor Szanyi

Proposal for a decision
Recital 28

Text proposed by the Commission

(28) The objective of this Decision is to strengthen the integration and alignment of research and innovation systems and activities in the Mediterranean countries in the fields of water provision and food systems. The scale of the research and innovation necessary to address the challenges in the Mediterranean area is immense due to the systemic character of the major bottlenecks. The scope of research and innovation is complex, multidisciplinary and requires a multi-actor and cross-border approach. A collaborative approach with a wide set of Participating States can help to increase the required scale and scope, by pooling financial and intellectual resources. Since the objective can therefore be better achieved at Union level by integrating national efforts into a consistent Union approach, by bringing together compartmentalised national research programmes, by helping design common research and funding strategies across national borders, and by achieving the critical mass of actors and investments required, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of

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Or. en

Amendment 89
Stefan Eck

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Or. en

Amendment 90
Carolina Punset, Frédérique Ries

Proposal for a decision
Recital 28

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 91

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

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proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Decision does not go beyond what is *strictly* necessary in order to achieve those objectives.

Or. fr

Amendment 92

Marco Affronte

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The general objective of PRIMA is to develop the fully piloted and demonstrated common innovative solutions for water provision and food systems in the Mediterranean region, to ***make them more climate resilient, efficient, cost-effective and sustainable***, and to contribute to solving nutrition, health, well-being and migration problems upstream.

Amendment

1. The general objective of PRIMA is to develop the fully piloted and demonstrated common innovative solutions for water provision and food systems in the Mediterranean region, to ***increase the efficiency, climate resiliency and sustainability of food productions and water provision*** and to contribute to solving nutrition, health, well-being and migration problems upstream, ***combating severe water needs in the Mediterranean basin, where some 180 million people are today considered ‘water poor’***.

Or. en

Amendment 93

Stefan Eck

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The general objective of PRIMA is to ***develop the fully piloted and demonstrated*** common innovative solutions for water provision and ***food***

Amendment

1. The general objective of PRIMA is to ***create social and economic development on both sides of the Mediterranean Sea by developing***

systems in the Mediterranean region, to make them more climate resilient, efficient, cost-effective and sustainable, and to contribute to solving nutrition, health, well-being and migration problems upstream.

common innovative solutions for **sustainable** water **use and** provision and **agri-food** systems in the Mediterranean region, to make them more climate resilient, efficient, cost-effective and sustainable, and to contribute to solving nutrition, health, well-being, **water scarcity, environmental** and migration problems upstream.

Or. en

Amendment 94
Carolina Punset, Frédérique Ries

Proposal for a decision
Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The general objective of PRIMA is to develop the fully piloted and demonstrated common innovative solutions for water provision **and** food systems in the Mediterranean region, to make them more climate resilient, efficient, cost-effective and sustainable, and to contribute to solving nutrition, health, well-being and migration problems upstream.

Amendment

1. The general objective of PRIMA is to develop **and promote the adoption of** the fully piloted and demonstrated common innovative solutions for water provision, **treatment and reuse, and for** food systems in the Mediterranean region, to make them more climate resilient, efficient **by reducing losses and waste**, cost-effective and **ecologically** sustainable, and to contribute to solving nutrition, health, well-being and migration problems upstream.

Or. en

Amendment 95
Marco Affronte

Proposal for a decision
Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) the formulation of a stable, long-term, common strategic agenda in the area

Amendment

(i) the formulation of a stable, long-term, **sustainable** common strategic agenda

of water provision and food systems;

in the area of water provision and food systems *in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and with the European Sustainable Development Strategy in order to safeguards natural resources, to address an inequitable water allocation and un-sustainable water management;*

Or. en

Amendment 96

Carolina Punset, Frédérique Ries

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) the formulation of a stable, long-term, common strategic agenda in the area of water provision *and* food systems;

Amendment

(i) the formulation of a stable, long-term, common strategic agenda in the area of water provision, *treatment and reuse, and in the area of* food systems;

Or. en

Amendment 97

Stefan Eck

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) the formulation of a stable, long-term, common strategic agenda in the area of water provision and *food* systems;

Amendment

(i) the formulation of a stable, long-term, common strategic agenda in the area of water provision and *agri-food* systems;

Or. en

Amendment 98

Marco Affronte

Proposal for a decision
Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ia) the growth of innovative and sustainable solutions in agriculture, food production and water provision, encouraging application by communities, enterprises and citizens; the sustainable management of water for arid and semi-arid areas; the sustainable farming systems under Mediterranean environmental constraints to maintain natural resources;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Nicola Caputo, Carlos Zorrinho

Proposal for a decision
Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) the orientation of all national R&I programmes towards the implementation of the strategic agenda;

(ii) The orientation of all national research and innovation programmes towards the implementation of the strategic research and innovation agenda **and the coordination of those programmes;**

Or. it

Amendment 100
Stefan Eck

Proposal for a decision
Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) the strengthening of funding and of the implementation capabilities of all actors involved.

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academia, NGOs and local research centres.

Or. en

Amendment 101

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Actions carried out under the PRIMA programme must be centred around improving water supplies, and in particular on using locally tried and tested techniques and innovative technologies.

Or. fr

Amendment 102

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2b. According to the European Investment Bank, some Mediterranean countries already have substantial seawater desalination capacity, and the total worldwide installed capacity currently stands at more than 40 million cubic metres per day. In Mediterranean countries, total seawater desalination capacity could increase sixfold by 2030 (document published in 2008).

Or. fr

Amendment 103

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2c. *Nonetheless, the seawater desalination process calls for considerable financial investment, and the use of wind and solar energy to power desalination plants is a major technological challenge which should be made a priority for PRIMA investment.*

Or. fr

Amendment 104

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2e. *Action to combat pollution of the Mediterranean Sea is made all the more important by the fact that the Mediterranean Sea is home to 9% of maritime biodiversity, with 12 000 plant and animal species, even though the Mediterranean sea, which covers an area of 2.5 million square metres, accounts for no more than 0.8% of the total surface area of the world's oceans.*

Or. fr

Amendment 105

Carlos Zorrinho, Miriam Dalli, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Biljana Borzan, Nicola Caputo, Elena Gentile

Proposal for a decision

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the commitment by each Participating State to contribute to the financing of PRIMA;

Amendment

(c) the commitment by each Participating State to contribute to the financing of PRIMA ***with an adequate percentage of the total effort***;

Or. en

Amendment 106

Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Proposal for a decision

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) the establishment of ***a*** governance model for PRIMA in accordance with Article 12;

Amendment

(e) the establishment of ***an efficient*** governance model for PRIMA in accordance with Article 12;

Or. ro

Amendment 107

Mireille D'Ornano, Jean-François Jalkh, Sylvie Goddyn

Proposal for a decision

Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall assess the fulfilment of commitments undertaken by the Participating States, in particular through the first two PRIMA annual work plans. Following that assessment the maximum Union contribution referred to in Article 3(1) shall be reviewed in accordance with Article 9.

Amendment

3. The Commission shall assess the fulfilment of commitments undertaken by the Participating States ***and their administration of the funding***, in particular through the first two PRIMA annual work plans. Following that assessment the maximum Union contribution referred to in Article 3(1) shall be reviewed in accordance with Article 9.

Or. fr

Amendment 108

Carlos Zorrinho, Miriam Dalli, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Biljana Borzan, Nicola Caputo

Proposal for a decision

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) research and innovation actions, as well as innovation actions, including demonstrators, pilot plants, testing, pre-commercial deployment, addressing *in particular the higher* Technology Readiness Levels;

Amendment

(i) research and innovation actions, as well as innovation actions, including demonstrators, pilot plants, testing, pre-commercial deployment, addressing *low to high* Technology Readiness Levels;

Or. en

Amendment 109

Carlos Zorrinho, Miriam Dalli, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Biljana Borzan, Nicola Caputo

Proposal for a decision

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point b – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) activities funded by the Participating States through their national funding bodies without Union contribution, addressing *increasingly also the higher* Technology Readiness Levels *and consisting in:*

Amendment

(b) activities funded by the Participating States through their national funding bodies without Union contribution, addressing *low to high* technology readiness levels.

Or. en

Amendment 110

Marco Affronte

Proposal for a decision

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point b – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) activities under the national programmes of the Participating States.

Amendment

(ii) activities under the national programmes of the Participating States, *including research programmes for a*

strategic management of water resources and a long-term mitigation and adaptation plans, in order to incorporate a more coherent and climate resilient water approach.

Or. en

Amendment 111
Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Proposal for a decision
Article 6 – paragraph 7 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) The proposals shall be selected following transnational calls for proposals and through a two-step procedure. Step 1 shall consist of a review at national or transnational level of proposals submitted by legal entities eligible for funding under the relevant national programmes. Step 2 shall consist of a single independent international peer review organised by the PRIMA-IS. Under step 2, the proposals shall be evaluated with the assistance of at least three independent experts, on the basis of the following award criteria: excellence, impact, quality and efficiency of the implementation.

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Or. ro

Amendment 112
Stefan Eck

Proposal for a decision
Article 6 – paragraph 7 – point b

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Or. en

Amendment 113

Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The bodies of the PRIMA-IS shall include:

Amendment

1. The bodies of the PRIMA-IS ***specifically geared to efficiency*** shall include:

Or. ro

Amendment 114

Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

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Or. ro

Amendment 115

Carlos Zorrinho, Miriam Dalli, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Biljana Borzan, Nicola Caputo

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The General Assembly decides what is an adequate percentage of the total effort pursuant to point (c) of Article 4(1).

Or. en

Amendment 116

Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The General Assembly shall determine the number of Management Board members, which shall not be less than five, ***and shall appoint them.*** The Management Board shall supervise the Secretariat of the PRIMA-IS.

3. The General Assembly shall determine the number of Management Board members, which shall not be less than five. ***The Management Board shall be elected for a four-year renewable term. The Management Board shall meet at least every three months or whenever deemed necessary.*** The Management Board shall supervise the Secretariat of the PRIMA-IS.

Amendment 117
Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Proposal for a decision
Article 12 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*(fa) ensure the transparency of
PRIMA activities.*