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Establishing the Connecting Europe Facility

Proposal for a regulation

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Amendment 1
Mireille D'Ornano

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) In order to achieve smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and to stimulate job creation, the Union needs an up-to-date, high-performance infrastructure to help connect and integrate the Union and all its regions, in the transport, telecommunications and energy sectors. Those connections should help to improve the free movement of persons, goods, capital and services. The trans-European networks should facilitate cross-border connections, foster greater economic, social and territorial cohesion and contribute to a more competitive social market economy and to combating climate change.

Amendment

(1) In order to achieve smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and to stimulate job creation, the Union needs an up-to-date, high-performance infrastructure to help connect and integrate the Union and all its regions, in the transport, telecommunications and energy sectors. ***The expected effect on growth, however, will remain very poor as long as the Member States, particularly those in the euro area, continue to be restricted by EU monetary, budgetary and trade policy obligations which prevent sustained growth.*** Those connections should help to improve the free movement of persons, goods, capital and services. The trans-European networks should facilitate cross-border connections, foster greater economic, social and territorial cohesion and contribute to a more competitive social market economy and to combating climate change.

Or. fr

Amendment 2
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(1) In order to achieve smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, ***to reach the Union climate and energy targets for 2030 and beyond,*** and to stimulate job creation, the Union needs an up-to-date, high-performance infrastructure to help connect and integrate the Union and all its

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Or. en

Amendment 3 **Mireille D'Ornano**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 2**

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) The aim of the Connecting Europe Facility (the ‘Programme’) is to accelerate investment in the field of trans-European networks and to leverage funding from both the public and the private sectors, while increasing legal certainty and respecting the principle of technological neutrality. The Programme *should* enable synergies between the transport, energy and digital sectors to be harnessed to the full extent, thus enhancing the effectiveness of Union action and enabling implementing costs to be optimised.

Amendment

(2) The aim of the Connecting Europe Facility (the ‘Programme’) is to accelerate investment in the field of trans-European networks and to leverage funding from both the public and the private sectors, while increasing legal certainty and respecting the principle of technological neutrality. The *objective of the* Programme *is to* enable synergies between the transport, energy and digital sectors to be harnessed to the full extent, thus enhancing the effectiveness of Union action and enabling implementing costs to be optimised.

Or. fr

Amendment 4 **Margrete Auken**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 3**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3) The Programme should aim at supporting climate change, environmentally and socially sustainable projects and, where appropriate, climate change mitigation and adaptation actions. In particular, the contribution of the Programme to achieving the goals and objectives of the Paris Agreement as well as the *proposed* 2030 climate and energy targets and long-term decarbonisation objective should be reinforced.

(3) The Programme should aim at supporting climate change, environmentally and socially sustainable projects and, where appropriate, climate change mitigation and adaptation actions. In particular, the contribution of the Programme to achieving the goals and objectives of the Paris Agreement as well as the 2030 climate and energy targets and long-term decarbonisation objective should be reinforced.

Or. en

Amendment 5
Luke Ming Flanagan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3 a) Because the new trade deals such as TTIP, CETA, Mercosur etc will massively increase international transport by road, rail, sea and air, all such trade deals should include a study on the accompanying increase in transport needs and effects across the Union, on both infrastructure and increased carbon emissions.

Or. en

Amendment 6
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement, and the commitment to the United Nations Sustainable

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Development Goals, this Regulation should therefore mainstream climate action and lead to the achievement of an overall target of **25%** of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives¹⁸. Actions under this Programme are expected to contribute **60%** of the overall financial envelope of the Programme to climate objectives, based inter alia on the following Rio markers: i) 100% for the expenditures relating to railway infrastructure, **alternative fuels, clean** urban transport, electricity transmission, electricity storage, smart grids, CO2 transportation and renewable energy; ii) 40% for inland waterways and multimodal transport, **and gas infrastructure - if enabling increased use of renewable hydrogen or bio-methane**. Relevant actions will be identified during the Programme's preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review processes. In order to prevent that infrastructure is vulnerable to potential long term climate change impacts and to ensure that the cost of greenhouse gas emissions arising from the project is included in the project's economic evaluation, projects supported by the Programme should be subject to climate proofing in accordance with guidance that should be developed by the Commission coherently with the guidance developed for other programmes of the Union where relevant.

¹⁸ COM(2018) 321, page 13

Development Goals, this Regulation should therefore mainstream climate action and lead to the achievement of an overall target of **at least 30%** of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives¹⁸. Actions under this Programme are expected to contribute **100%** of the overall financial envelope of the Programme to climate objectives, based inter alia on the following Rio markers: i) 100% for the expenditures relating to railway infrastructure, **zero-emission mobility, decarbonised** urban transport, electricity transmission, electricity storage, smart grids, CO2 transportation, **energy efficiency** and renewable energy; ii) 40% for **sustainable navigable** inland waterways and multimodal transport. **In order to address the European Court of Auditors' recommendations, climate mainstreaming and climate proofing mechanisms should differentiate between mitigation and adaptation, and be materialized ex-ante through all programming and planning processes rather than simply reported ex-post**. Relevant actions will be identified during the Programme's preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review processes. In order to prevent that infrastructure is vulnerable to potential long term climate change impacts and to ensure that the cost of greenhouse gas emissions arising from the project is included in the project's economic evaluation, projects supported by the Programme should be subject to climate proofing in accordance with guidance that should be developed by the Commission coherently with the guidance developed for other programmes of the Union where relevant.

¹⁸ COM(2018) 321, page 13

Or. en

Amendment 7
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) An important objective of this Programme is to deliver increased synergies between the transport, energy and digital sector. For that purpose, the Programme should provide for the adoption of cross-sectoral work programmes that could address specific intervention areas, for instance as regards connected and automated mobility or **alternative fuels**. In addition, the Programme should allow, within each sector, the possibility to consider eligible some ancillary components pertaining to another sector, where such an approach improves the socio-economic benefit of the investment. Synergies between sectors should be incentivized through the award criteria for the selection of actions.

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Or. en

Amendment 8
Mireille D'Ornano

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) It is necessary to promote investments in favour of smart, sustainable, inclusive, safe and secure mobility throughout the Union. In 2017, the Commission presented²⁰ "Europe on the move", a wide-ranging set of initiatives to make traffic safer, encourage smart road charging, reduce CO2 emissions, air pollution and congestion, promote connected and autonomous mobility and ensure proper conditions and rest times for

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(10) It is necessary to promote investments in favour of smart, sustainable, inclusive, safe and secure mobility throughout the Union. **Those objectives must not conflict with public service and land-use planning policy objectives, which Member States must continue to develop with regard to transport**. In 2017, the Commission presented²⁰ "Europe on the move", a wide-ranging set of initiatives to make traffic safer, encourage smart road

workers. These initiatives should be accompanied by Union financial support, where relevant through this Programme.

charging, reduce CO2 emissions, air pollution and congestion, promote connected and autonomous mobility and ensure proper conditions and rest times for workers. These initiatives should be accompanied by Union financial support, where relevant through this Programme.

²⁰ **Commission Communication "Europe on the move: An agenda for a socially fair transition towards clean, competitive and connected mobility for all" – COM(2017) 283**

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Or. fr

Amendment 9 **Margrete Auken**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 10**

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) It is necessary to promote investments in favour of smart, **sustainable**, inclusive, safe and secure mobility throughout the Union. In 2017, the Commission presented²⁰ "Europe on the move", a wide-ranging set of initiatives to make traffic safer, encourage smart road charging, reduce CO2 emissions, air pollution and congestion, promote connected and autonomous mobility and ensure proper conditions and rest times for workers. These initiatives should be accompanied by Union financial support, where relevant through this Programme.

²⁰ Commission Communication "Europe on the move: An agenda for a socially fair transition towards clean, competitive and connected mobility for all" – COM(2017) 283

Amendment

(10) It is necessary to promote investments in favour of smart, **zero-emission**, inclusive, safe and secure mobility throughout the Union. In 2017, the Commission presented²⁰ "Europe on the move", a wide-ranging set of initiatives to make traffic safer, encourage smart road charging, reduce CO2 emissions, air pollution and congestion, promote connected and autonomous mobility and ensure proper conditions and rest times for workers. These initiatives should be accompanied by Union financial support, where relevant through this Programme.

²⁰ Commission Communication "Europe on the move: An agenda for a socially fair transition towards clean, competitive and connected mobility for all" – COM(2017) 283

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Amendment 10
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) The TEN-T guidelines require, with regard to new technologies and innovation, that the TEN-T enables the decarbonisation of all transport modes by stimulating energy efficiency as well as the use of **alternative** fuels. Directive 2014/94/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council²¹ establishes a common framework of measures for the deployment of **alternative fuels** infrastructure in the Union in order to minimise dependence on oil and to mitigate the environmental impact of transport and requires Member States to ensure that recharging or refuelling points accessible to the public are made available by 31 December 2025. As outlined in the Commission proposals²² of November 2017, a comprehensive set of measures to promote **low-emission** mobility is necessary including financial support where the market conditions do not provide a sufficient incentive.

²¹ Directive 2014/94/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure (OJ L 307, 28.10.2014, p. 1).

²² Commission Communication "Delivering on low-emission mobility A European Union that protects the planet, empowers its consumers and defends its industry and workers" – COM(2017) 675

Amendment

(11) The TEN-T guidelines require, with regard to new technologies and innovation, that the TEN-T enables the decarbonisation of all transport modes by stimulating energy efficiency as well as the use of **alternatives to all fossil-based** fuels. Directive 2014/94/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council²¹ establishes a common framework of measures for the deployment of **adequate** infrastructure **for the development of zero-emission mobility** in the Union in order to minimise dependence on oil **and other fossil fuels**, and to mitigate the environmental impact of transport and requires Member States to ensure that recharging or refuelling points accessible to the public are made available by 31 December 2025. As outlined in the Commission proposals²² of November 2017, a comprehensive set of measures to promote **zero-emission** mobility is necessary including financial support where the market conditions do not provide a sufficient incentive.

²¹ Directive 2014/94/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure (OJ L 307, 28.10.2014, p. 1).

²² Commission Communication "Delivering on low-emission mobility A European Union that protects the planet, empowers its consumers and defends its industry and workers" – COM(2017) 675

Or. en

Amendment 11
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) In order to improve the completion of transport projects in less developed parts of the network, a Cohesion Fund allocation should be transferred to the Programme to finance **transport** projects in the Member States eligible for financing from the Cohesion Fund. In an initial phase and within a limit of 70% of the transferred envelope, the selection of projects eligible for financing should respect the national allocations under the Cohesion Fund. The remaining 30% of the transferred envelope should be allocated on a competitive basis to projects located in the Member States eligible for financing from the Cohesion Fund with priority to cross-border links and missing links. The Commission should support Member States eligible for financing from the Cohesion Fund in their efforts to develop an appropriate pipeline of projects, in particular by strengthening the institutional capacity of the public administrations concerned.

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Or. en

Amendment 12
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) Following the Joint Communication on improving military mobility in the European Union of November 2017²⁴, the Action Plan on Military Mobility adopted on 28 March 2018 by the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign

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Affairs and Security Policy²⁵ highlighted that transport infrastructure policy offers a clear opportunity to increase synergies between defence needs and TEN-T. The Action Plan indicates that by mid-2018, the Council is invited to consider and validate the military requirements in relation to transport infrastructure and that, by 2019 the Commission services will identify the parts of the trans-European transport network suitable for military transport, including necessary upgrades of existing infrastructure. Union funding for the implementation of the dual-use projects should be implemented through the Programme on the basis of specific work programmes specifying the applicable requirements as defined in the context of the Action Plan.

²⁴ JOIN(2017) 41

²⁵ JOIN(2018) 5

Or. en

Amendment 13 **Mireille D'Ornano**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 15**

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) In its Communication "A stronger and renewed strategic partnership with the EU's outermost regions"²⁶, the Commission highlighted the outermost regions' specific transport needs and the necessity to provide Union funding to match these needs, including through the Programme.

²⁶ COM (2017)623

Amendment

(15) In its Communication "A stronger and renewed strategic partnership with the EU's outermost regions"²⁶, the Commission highlighted the outermost regions' specific transport needs and the necessity to provide Union funding to match these needs, including through the Programme, ***all the more necessary because those regions are regularly overlooked in the EU's investment programmes.***

²⁶ COM (2017)623

Amendment 14
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁷ identifies the trans-European energy infrastructure priorities which need to be implemented in order to meet the Union's energy and climate policy objectives, identifies projects of common interest necessary to implement those priorities, and lays down measures in the field of the granting of permits, public involvement and regulation to speed up and/or facilitate the implementation of those projects, including criteria for the eligibility of such projects for Union financial assistance.

²⁷ Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2013 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1364/2006/EC and amending Regulations (EC) No 713/2009, (EC) No 714/2009 and (EC) No 715/2009 (OJ L 115, 25.4.2013, p. 39).

Amendment

(17) Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁷ identifies the trans-European energy infrastructure priorities which need to be implemented in order to meet the Union's energy and climate policy objectives, identifies projects of common interest necessary to implement those priorities, and lays down measures in the field of the granting of permits, public involvement and regulation to speed up and/or facilitate the implementation of those projects, including criteria for the eligibility of such projects for Union financial assistance. ***The list of projects of common interest and of eligibility criteria should be revised to take fully into account the goals and objectives of the Paris Agreement as well as the Union's climate and energy targets for 2030 and beyond.***

²⁷ Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2013 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1364/2006/EC and amending Regulations (EC) No 713/2009, (EC) No 714/2009 and (EC) No 715/2009 (OJ L 115, 25.4.2013, p. 39).

Amendment 15
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) While completion of network infrastructure remains the priority to achieve the development of renewable energy, integrating cross-border cooperation on renewable energy reflects the approach adopted under the Clean Energy for all Europeans initiative with a collective responsibility to reach ***an ambitious target for*** renewable energy in 2030 and the changed policy context with ambitious long-term decarbonisation objectives.

Amendment

(19) While completion of network infrastructure remains the priority to achieve the development of renewable energy, integrating cross-border cooperation on renewable energy reflects the approach adopted under the Clean Energy for all Europeans initiative with a collective responsibility to reach ***at least 32% of*** renewable energy in 2030 and the changed policy context with ambitious long-term decarbonisation objectives.

Or. en

Amendment 16

Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) Innovative infrastructure technologies that enable the transition to a ***low carbon*** energy and mobility systems and improve security of supply are essential in view of the Union's decarbonisation agenda. In particular, in its Communication of 23 November 2017 "Communication on strengthening Europe's energy networks"²⁸, the Commission emphasised that the role of electricity, where renewable energy will constitute half of the electricity generation by 2030, will increasingly be driving the decarbonisation of sectors so far dominated by fossil fuels, such as transport, industry and heating and cooling and that accordingly, the focus under the trans-European energy infrastructure policy is increasingly on electricity interconnections, electricity storages and smart grids projects. To support the

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(20) Innovative infrastructure technologies that enable the transition to a ***zero-carbon*** energy and mobility systems and improve security of supply are essential in view of the Union's decarbonisation agenda. In particular, in its Communication of 23 November 2017 "Communication on strengthening Europe's energy networks"²⁸, the Commission emphasised that the role of electricity, where renewable energy will constitute half of the electricity generation by 2030, will increasingly be driving the decarbonisation of sectors so far dominated by fossil fuels, such as transport, industry and heating and cooling and that accordingly, the focus under the trans-European energy infrastructure policy is increasingly on electricity interconnections, electricity storages and smart grids projects. To support the

Union's decarbonisation objectives, due consideration and priority should be given to technologies and projects contributing to the transition to a **low carbon** economy. The Commission will aim at increasing the number of cross-border smart grid, innovative storage as well as carbon dioxide transportation projects to be supported under the Programme.

²⁸ COM(2017) 718

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²⁸ COM(2017) 718

Or. en

Amendment 17 **Mireille D'Ornano**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 27**

Text proposed by the Commission

(27) Unconnected territories in all areas of the Union, including in central ones, represent bottlenecks and unexploited potential to the digital single market. In most rural and remote areas, high quality Internet connectivity can play an essential role in preventing digital divide, isolation and depopulation by reducing the costs of delivery of both goods and services and partially compensating for remoteness. High quality Internet connectivity is necessary for new economic opportunities such as precision farming or the development of a bio-economy in rural areas. The Programme should contribute to providing all European households, rural or urban, with very high capacity fixed or wireless connectivity, focusing on those deployments for which a degree of market failure is observed and which can be addressed using low intensity grants. In doing so, the Programme should aim at achieving a comprehensive coverage of households and territories, as gaps in an already covered area are uneconomic to

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Amendment

(27) Unconnected territories in all areas of the Union, including in central ones, represent bottlenecks and unexploited potential to the digital single market, **and are a sign of marked inequality in the EU, given citizens' lack of digital access there (the digital divide)**. In most rural and remote areas, high quality Internet connectivity can play an essential role in preventing digital divide, isolation and depopulation by reducing the costs of delivery of both goods and services and partially compensating for remoteness. High quality Internet connectivity is necessary for new economic opportunities such as precision farming or the development of a bio-economy in rural areas. The Programme should contribute to providing all European households, rural or urban, with very high capacity fixed or wireless connectivity, focusing on those deployments for which a degree of market failure is observed and which can be addressed using low intensity grants. In doing so, the Programme should aim at achieving a comprehensive coverage of

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Or. fr

Amendment 18
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 31

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(31) The positive results of the first Blending Call for proposals launched under the current programme in 2017, confirmed the relevance and added value of using EU grants for blending with financing from the European Investment Bank or National Promotional Banks or other development and public financial institutions as well as from private-sector finance institutions and private-sector investors, including through public private partnerships. The Programme should therefore continue to provide for dedicated Calls enabling combination between EU grants and other sources of financing.

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Or. en

Amendment 19
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 32 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(32 a) Utmost transparency, accountability and democratic scrutiny of innovative financial instruments and mechanisms that involve the Union budget, especially as regards their contribution, both expected and achieved,

to reaching Union objectives, should be ensured.

Or. en

Amendment 20
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 35

Text proposed by the Commission

(35) At Union level, the European Semester of economic policy coordination is the framework to identify national reform priorities and monitor their implementation. Member States develop their own national multiannual investment strategies in support of these reform priorities. These strategies should be presented alongside the yearly National Reform Programmes as a way to outline and coordinate priority investment projects to be supported by national and/or Union funding. They should also serve to use Union funding in a coherent manner and to maximise the added value of the financial support to be received notably from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Cohesion Fund, the European Investment Stabilisation Function, InvestEU and the Connecting Europe Facility, where relevant. Financial support should also be used in a manner consistent with Union and national energy and climate plans *where relevant*.

Amendment

(35) At Union level, the European Semester of economic policy coordination is the framework to identify national reform priorities and monitor their implementation. Member States develop their own national multiannual investment strategies in support of these reform priorities. These strategies should be presented alongside the yearly National Reform Programmes as a way to outline and coordinate priority investment projects to be supported by national and/or Union funding, *and avoid any contradiction with the priorities of the Union, including the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement*. They should also serve to use Union funding in a coherent manner and to maximise the added value of the financial support to be received notably from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Cohesion Fund, the European Investment Stabilisation Function, InvestEU and the Connecting Europe Facility, where relevant. Financial support should also be used in a manner consistent with Union and national energy and climate plans.

Or. en

Amendment 21
Mireille D'Ornano

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Recital 35

Text proposed by the Commission

(35) At Union level, the European Semester of economic policy coordination is the framework to identify national reform priorities and ***monitor their implementation***. Member States develop their own national multiannual investment strategies in support of these reform priorities. These strategies should be presented alongside the yearly National Reform Programmes as a way to outline and coordinate priority investment projects to be supported by national and/or Union funding. They should also serve to use Union funding in a coherent manner and to maximise the added value of the financial support to be received notably from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Cohesion Fund, the European Investment Stabilisation Function, InvestEU and the Connecting Europe Facility, where relevant. Financial support should also be used in a manner consistent with Union and national energy and climate plans where relevant.

Amendment

(35) At Union level, the European Semester of economic policy coordination is the framework to identify national reform priorities and ***implement them***. Member States develop their own national multiannual investment strategies in support of these reform priorities. These strategies should be presented alongside the yearly National Reform Programmes as a way to outline and coordinate priority investment projects to be supported by national and/or Union funding. They should also serve to use Union funding in a coherent manner and to maximise the added value of the financial support to be received notably from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Cohesion Fund, the European Investment Stabilisation Function, InvestEU and the Connecting Europe Facility, where relevant. Financial support should also be used in a manner consistent with Union and national energy and climate plans where relevant.

Or. fr

Amendment 22 Mireille D'Ornano

Proposal for a regulation Recital 45

Text proposed by the Commission

(45) Adequate monitoring and reporting measures including indicators should be implemented in order to report the progress of the Programme towards the achievement of the general and specific objectives set out in this Regulation. This performance reporting system should ensure that data for monitoring implementation of the Programme and its results are collected efficiently, effectively and in a timely

Amendment

(45) Adequate monitoring and reporting measures including indicators should be implemented in order to report the progress of the Programme towards the achievement of the general and specific objectives set out in this Regulation ***and the effectiveness of that implementation with regard to the allocated budgets***. This performance reporting system should ensure that data for monitoring implementation of the

manner. It is necessary to impose proportionate reporting requirements on recipients of Union funds in order to collect relevant data for the Programme.

Programme and its results are collected efficiently, effectively and in a timely manner. It is necessary to impose proportionate reporting requirements on recipients of Union funds in order to collect relevant data for the Programme.

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Margrete Auken

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) "alternative fuels" means alternative fuels as defined in Article 2(1) of Directive 2014/94/EU;

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Or. en

Amendment 24
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) 'Blending operation' means actions supported by the EU budget, including within blending facilities pursuant to Article [2(6)] of the Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/XXX (the 'Financial Regulation'), combining non-repayable forms of support and/or financial instruments from the EU budget with repayable forms of support from development or other public finance institutions, as well as from commercial finance institutions and investors;

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Or. en

Amendment 25
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) "cross-border project in the field of renewable energy" means a project selected or eligible to be selected under a cooperation agreement or any other kind of arrangements between Member States or arrangements between Member States and third countries as defined in **Articles 6, 7, 9 or 11** of Directive **2009/82/EC** in the planning or deployment of renewable energy, in accordance with the criteria set out in Part IV of the Annex to this Regulation;

Amendment

(h) "cross-border project in the field of renewable energy" means a project selected or eligible to be selected under a cooperation agreement or any other kind of arrangements between Member States, **regional and local authorities, including those set out in Articles 8, 9 or 10 of [recast of Directive 2009/28/EC]**, or arrangements between Member States and third countries as defined in **Article 11 of [recast of Directive 2009/28/EC]** in the planning or deployment of renewable energy, in accordance with the criteria set out in Part IV of the Annex to this Regulation;

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary to align the text with the recast Renewable Energy Directive (RED II).

Amendment 26
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point n

Text proposed by the Commission

(n) "studies" means activities needed to prepare project implementation, such as preparatory, mapping, feasibility, evaluation, testing and validation studies, including in the form of software, and any other technical support measure, including prior action to define and develop a project and decide on its financing, such as reconnaissance of the sites concerned **and** preparation of the financial package;

Amendment

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Amendment 27
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Programme has the general objective to develop and modernise the trans-European networks in the fields of transport, energy and digital and to facilitate cross-border cooperation in the field of renewable energy, taking into account the long-term decarbonisation commitments and with emphasis on synergies among sectors.

Amendment

1. The Programme has the general objective to develop and modernise the trans-European networks in the fields of transport, energy and digital and to facilitate cross-border cooperation in the field of renewable energy, taking into account the long-term decarbonisation commitments and with emphasis on synergies among sectors. ***The Programme supports especially infrastructure projects that contribute to minimising external costs in the fields of safety, the environmental and climate.***

Amendment 28
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) to contribute to the development of projects of common interest relating to efficient and interconnected networks and infrastructure for smart, ***sustainable***, inclusive, safe and secure mobility;

Amendment

(i) to contribute to the development of projects of common interest relating to ***sustainable***, efficient and interconnected networks and infrastructure for smart, ***zero-emission***, inclusive, safe and secure mobility;

Amendment 29
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) to adapt the TEN-T networks to military mobility needs;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 30
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) In the energy sector, to contribute to the development of projects of common interest relating to further integration of the internal energy market, interoperability of networks across borders and sectors, facilitating decarbonisation and ensuring *security of supply*, and to facilitate cross-border cooperation in the area of renewable energy;

(b) In the energy sector, to contribute to the development of projects of common interest relating to further integration of the internal energy market, *investment in energy efficiency, renewable energy and* interoperability of networks across borders and sectors, facilitating decarbonisation and ensuring *energy independence*, and to facilitate cross-border cooperation in the area of renewable energy;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point a – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iii) EUR 6,500,000,000 from the Defence cluster for the specific objective

deleted

referred to in Article 3(2)(a)(ii);

Or. en

Amendment 32
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) up to EUR **8,650,000,000** for the specific objectives referred to in Article 3(2)(b), out of which **up to 10%** for the cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy

Amendment

(b) up to EUR **15 150 000 000** for the specific objectives referred to in Article 3(2)(b), out of which **at least 20 %** for the cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy, **and up to 20 % for gas infrastructure and only if it enables the use of renewable and decarbonised gas, based on sustainability criteria**

Or. en

Amendment 33
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The amount referred to in paragraph 1 may be used for technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the Programme and the sector-specific guidelines, such as preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities including corporate information and technology systems. This amount may also be used to finance accompanying measures to support the preparation of projects.

Amendment

4. The amount referred to in paragraph 1 may be used for technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the Programme and the sector-specific guidelines, such as preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities including corporate information and technology systems. This amount may also be used to finance accompanying measures to support the preparation of projects, **including Environmental Impact Assessments and Strategic Environmental Assessments.**

Or. en

Amendment 34
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

8. As regards the amounts transferred from the Cohesion Fund, 30% of these amounts shall be made available immediately to all Member States eligible for funding from the Cohesion Fund to finance transport infrastructure projects in accordance with this Regulation, with priority to cross-border and missing links. Until 31 December 2023, the selection of projects eligible for financing shall respect the national allocations under the Cohesion Fund with regard to 70% of the resources transferred. As of 1 January 2024, resources transferred to the Programme which have not been committed to a transport infrastructure project shall be made available to all Member States eligible for funding from the Cohesion Fund to finance transport infrastructure projects in accordance with this Regulation.

Amendment

8. As regards the amounts transferred from the Cohesion Fund, 30% of these amounts shall be made available immediately to all Member States eligible for funding from the Cohesion Fund to finance **sustainable** transport infrastructure projects in accordance with this Regulation, with priority to cross-border and missing links. Until 31 December 2023, the selection of projects eligible for financing shall respect the national allocations under the Cohesion Fund with regard to 70% of the resources transferred. As of 1 January 2024, resources transferred to the Programme which have not been committed to a **sustainable** transport infrastructure project shall be made available to all Member States eligible for funding from the Cohesion Fund to finance **sustainable** transport infrastructure projects in accordance with this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 35
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Programme may provide funding in any of the forms laid down in the Financial Regulation, in particular grants and procurement. ***It may also provide financing in the form of financial instruments within blending operations.***

Amendment

2. The Programme may provide funding in any of the forms laid down in the Financial Regulation, in particular grants and procurement.

Blending operations decided under this Programme shall be implemented in accordance with the InvestEU Regulation and Title X of the Financial Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 36
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4 a. Utmost importance shall be given to transparency, accountability and democratic scrutiny of innovative financial instruments and mechanisms that involve the Union budget, especially as regards their contribution, both expected and achieved, to reaching the objectives set out in this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 37
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy shall involve at least two Member States and shall be included in a cooperation agreement or any other kind of arrangement between Member States ***or*** arrangements between Member States and third countries as set out in ***Articles 6, 7, 9 or 11*** of Directive 2009/28/EC. These projects shall be identified in accordance with the criteria and procedure laid down in Part IV of the Annex to this Regulation.

1. Cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy shall involve at least two Member States, ***or regional and local authorities based in at least two Member States***, and shall be included in a cooperation agreement or any other kind of arrangement between Member States, ***regional and local authorities, including those set out in Articles 8, 9 or 10 of [recast of Directive 2009/28/EC] or, where it involves third countries, exclusively in*** arrangements between Member States and third countries as set out in ***Article 11 of***

[recast of Directive 2009/28/EC]. These projects shall be identified in accordance with the criteria and procedure laid down in Part IV of the Annex to this Regulation.

Or. en

Justification

This amendment is necessary to align the text with the recast Renewable Energy Directive (RED II)..

Amendment 38
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 4 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the applicant demonstrates, that the project would *not* materialise in the absence of the grant, or that the project cannot be commercially viable in the absence of the grant. This analysis shall take into account any revenues resulting from support schemes.

Amendment

(b) the applicant demonstrates, that the project would materialise *at higher cost* in the absence of the grant, or that the project cannot be commercially viable in the absence of the grant. This analysis shall take into account any revenues resulting from support schemes.

Or. en

Amendment 39
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Only actions contributing to the achievement of the objectives referred to in Article 3 are eligible for funding. Such actions include in particular studies, works and other accompanying measures necessary for the management and implementation of the Programme and the sector-specific guidelines.

Amendment

1. Only actions contributing to the achievement of the objectives referred to in Article 3 are eligible for funding. Such actions include in particular studies, works and other accompanying measures necessary for the management and implementation of the Programme and the sector-specific guidelines, *including Environmental Impact Assessments and*

Amendment 40
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 2 – point a – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) Actions relating to efficient and interconnected networks:

(a) Actions relating to **sustainable**, efficient and interconnected networks:

Amendment 41
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 2 – point b – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) Actions relating to smart, **sustainable**, inclusive, safe and secure mobility:

(b) Actions relating to smart, **zero-emission**, inclusive, safe and secure mobility:

Amendment 42
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 2 – point b – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) actions supporting new technologies and innovation, including automation, enhanced transport services, modal integration and **alternative fuels** infrastructure, in accordance with Article

(iv) actions supporting new technologies and innovation, including automation, enhanced transport services, modal integration and **adequate** infrastructure **for the deployment of zero-**

33 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;

emission mobility, in accordance with Article 33 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 2 – point b – point ix

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ix) *actions improving transport infrastructure accessibility and availability for security and civil protection purposes.*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 44
Margrete Auken

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) consistency with Union and national *energy and climate plans*.

(i) consistency with Union and national *long-term strategies referred to in [Governance Regulation], in compliance with the Paris Agreement.*

Or. en

Amendment 45
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The assessment of proposals

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against the award criteria shall take into account, *where relevant*, the resilience to the adverse impacts of climate change through a climate vulnerability and risk assessment including the relevant adaptation measures.

against the award criteria shall take into account the resilience to the adverse impacts of climate change through a climate vulnerability and risk assessment including the relevant adaptation measures.

Or. en

Amendment 46
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Programme shall be implemented by work programmes referred to in Article 110 of the Financial Regulation. *Work programmes shall set out, where applicable, the overall amount reserved for blending operations.*

Amendment

1. The Programme shall be implemented by work programmes referred to in Article 110 of the Financial Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 47
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The work programmes shall be adopted by the Commission by means of *an implementing act. Those implementing acts shall be adopted* in accordance with *the examination procedure referred to in* Article 22 of this Regulation.

Amendment

2. The work programmes shall be adopted by the Commission by means of *delegated acts*, in accordance with Article 24 of this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 48
Margrete Auken

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Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The interim evaluation of the Programme shall be performed once there is sufficient information available about the implementation of the Programme, but no later than four years after the start of the programme implementation.

Amendment

2. The interim evaluation of the Programme shall be performed once there is sufficient information available about the implementation of the Programme, but no later than four years after the start of the programme implementation. ***Particular attention should be paid to the results achieved by the introduction of support to cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy.***

Or. en

Amendment 49
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point –a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(-a) to adopt work programmes necessary for the implementation of the Programme and referred to in Article 19

Or. en

Amendment 50
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – part IV – point 3 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The cost-benefit analysis referred to in point 2(c) above shall take into account for each of the participating Member States or third countries the impact inter alia on the following aspects:

The cost-benefit analysis referred to in point 2(c) above shall take into account for each of the participating Member States or third countries the ***positive and negative*** impact inter alia on the following aspects:

Amendment 51
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – part IV – point 3 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(f) air and other local pollution;

(f) air, ***soil and water quality***, and other local pollution;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – part IV – point 3 – paragraph 1 – point g a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(g a) ***health***;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – part IV – point 4 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission shall, when selecting the cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy, aim for a manageable total number. The Commission shall endeavour to ensure an appropriate geographical balance in the identification of cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy. Regional groupings may be used for the identification of projects.

The Commission shall, when selecting the cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy, aim for a manageable total number. The Commission shall endeavour to ensure an appropriate geographical balance in the identification of cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy. Regional groupings may be used for the identification of projects, ***as well as regional cooperation mechanisms set out in Article 11 of the [Governance***

Regulation].

Or. en

Amendment 54
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – part IV – point 4 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

A project shall not be selected as a cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy, or have the status withdrawn, if its evaluation was based on incorrect information which was a determining factor in the evaluation, or if the project does not comply with Union law.

Amendment

A project shall not be selected as a cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy, or have the status withdrawn, if its evaluation was based on incorrect information which was a determining factor in the evaluation, or if the project does not comply with Union ***and international*** law.

Or. en