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Establishing the Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics

Proposal for a regulation

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Amendment 52
Angelo Ciocca

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1) The internal market is a cornerstone of the Union. Since its inception, it has proved a major contributor to growth, competitiveness and employment. It has generated new opportunities and economies of scale for European businesses, notably micro, small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), and strengthened their industrial competitiveness. The internal market contributed to the creation of jobs and offered greater choice at lower prices for consumers. It continues to be an engine for building a stronger, more balanced and fairer economy. It is one of the Union's major achievements and its best asset in an increasingly global world.

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Or. it

Amendment 53
Tilly Metz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
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Text proposed by the Commission

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competitiveness. The internal market contributed to the creation of jobs and offered greater **choice at lower prices** for consumers. It continues to be an engine for building a stronger, more balanced and fairer economy. It is one of the Union's major achievements and its best asset in an increasingly global world.

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Or. en

Amendment 54 **Patrizia Toia**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 1**

Text proposed by the Commission

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increasingly global world.

Or. en

Justification

It is important to reinforce the value chain when enterprises are involved in the entire supply chain.

Amendment 55

Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) The internal market is a cornerstone of the Union. Since its inception, it has proved a major contributor to growth, ***competitiveness*** and ***employment***. It has generated new opportunities and economies of scale for European businesses, ***notably micro***, small and ***medium sized*** enterprises (SMEs), ***and strengthened their industrial competitiveness***. The internal market ***contributed*** to the creation of ***jobs and*** offered greater choice at lower prices ***for consumers***. It ***continues*** to be an engine for building a stronger, more balanced and fairer economy. It is one of the Union's major ***achievements*** and ***its best asset*** in an increasingly global world.

Amendment

(1) The internal market is a cornerstone of the Union. Since its inception, it has proved a major contributor to growth and ***competitiveness***. It has generated new opportunities and economies of scale for European businesses, ***even though such options are a world away from the everyday realities of micro-***, small and ***medium-sized*** enterprises (SMEs). ***The dynamics of*** the internal market ***have been complex with regard to the creation and destruction of employment, although consumers have been*** offered greater choice, ***generally*** at lower prices. It ***can continue*** to be an engine for building a stronger, more balanced and fairer economy ***as long as more emphasis is placed on environmental and social conditions***. It is one of the Union's major ***pillars*** and ***an important tool*** in an increasingly global world.

Or. es

Amendment 56

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 57
Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) The internal market has to continuously adapt to a rapidly changing environment of digital revolution and globalisation. A new era of digital innovation **continues to** provide opportunities for businesses and individuals, **creates** new products and business models but equally constitutes a challenge to regulation and **enforcement**.

Amendment

(2) The internal market has to continuously adapt to a rapidly changing environment of digital revolution and globalisation. ***This is a process that requires far-reaching organisational change and social engagement in order to turn new challenges into an opportunity for inclusion and progress. This*** new era of digital innovation ***can*** provide opportunities for businesses, ***workers*** and individuals, ***and create*** new products and business models, but equally constitutes a challenge ***when it comes*** to regulation and ***including workers and consumers in the***

process.

Or. es

Amendment 58

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) The internal market has to continuously adapt to **a** rapidly changing environment of digital revolution **and** globalisation. A new era of digital **innovation continues** to provide opportunities for businesses and individuals, **creates new** products and business models but equally constitutes a challenge to regulation and enforcement.

Amendment

(2) The internal market has to continuously adapt to rapidly changing environment of digital revolution, globalisation **and the increasing pressures of climate change**. A new era of digital **and eco-innovation and new collaborative business models continue** to provide opportunities for businesses and individuals, **create new sustainable, more resource and energy efficient** products, **services** and business models but equally constitutes a challenge to regulation and enforcement.

Or. en

Amendment 59

Pavel Telička, Carolina Punset

Proposal for a regulation

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Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 60

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) The substantial body of Union legislation underpins the functioning of the internal market. This concerns, in particular, competitiveness, standardisation, consumer protection, market surveillance and food chain regulation but also rules concerning business, trade and financial transactions and the promotion of fair competition providing for a level playing field essential for the functioning of the internal market.

Amendment

(3) The substantial body of Union legislation underpins the functioning of the internal market. This concerns, in particular, competitiveness, standardisation, consumer ***and environmental*** protection, ***energy transition***, market surveillance and food chain regulation but also rules concerning business, trade and financial transactions and the promotion of fair competition providing for a level playing field ***including social and environmental factors*** essential for the functioning of the internal market.

Or. en

Amendment 61

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) Subsequent to the Paris Agreement, EU climate-related spending under the MFF should be significantly increased in comparison with the current MFF and reach at least 30 %. Measures covered by this Regulation should

contribute to achieving a net-zero GHG-emission economy and society by 2050 at the latest. It is important to ensure that climate change mitigation and adaptation as well as risk prevention is integrated ex-ante in the preparation, design and implementation of the Single Market Programme rather than simply reported ex-post.

Or. en

Amendment 62

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Still, barriers to the proper functioning of the internal market remain and the new obstacles emerge. Adopting rules is only a first step, but making them work is as important. This *is* ultimately *a matter of* citizens' trust in the Union, in its capacity to deliver, and ability to create jobs and *growth* while protecting the public interest.

Amendment

(4) Still, barriers to the proper functioning of the internal market remain and the new obstacles emerge. Adopting rules is only a first step, but making them work is as important. This *means* ultimately *to create a useful background to achieve* citizens' trust in the Union, in its capacity to deliver, and ability to create *good quality* jobs and *prosperity* while protecting the public interest.

(The change of "growth" with the word "prosperity" applies throughout the text. Adopting it will necessitate corresponding changes throughout.)

Or. en

Amendment 63

Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Still, barriers *to* the proper functioning of the internal market remain and *the* new obstacles *emerge*. Adopting rules is only a first step, but making them work is as important. This is ultimately a matter of citizens' trust in the Union, in its capacity to deliver, and ability to create jobs and growth while protecting the public interest.

Amendment

(4) Still, barriers *that hinder* the proper functioning of the internal market remain, and new obstacles *are emerging*. Adopting rules is only a first step, but making them work is as important. This is ultimately a matter of citizens' trust in the Union, in its capacity to deliver, and *in its* ability to create *quality* jobs and *sustainable* growth while protecting the public interest.

Or. es

Amendment 64

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) Taking into account the Paris Agreement, EU climate-related spending under the MFF should be significantly increased in comparison with the current MFF and reach at least 40 %. It is important to ensure that climate change mitigation and adaptation as well as risk prevention are integrated ex-ante in the preparation, design and implementation of the Single Market Programme and not simply reported ex-post.

Or. en

Amendment 65

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Several programmes for Union action exist currently in the fields of competitiveness of enterprises including SMEs, consumer protection, customers and end-users in financial services, policy making in financial services and food chain. Some additional activities are financed directly under the internal market budget lines. It is necessary to streamline and exploit synergies between various actions and provide for a more flexible and agile framework to finance activities aiming to achieve a well-functioning internal market ***in the most cost-efficient manner***. It is therefore necessary to establish a new programme bringing together activities financed previously under those other programmes and other relevant budget lines. The programme should also include new initiatives which aim to improve the functioning of the internal market.

Amendment

(5) Several programmes for Union action exist currently in the fields of competitiveness ***and sustainability*** of enterprises including SMEs, consumer protection, customers and end-users in financial services, policy making in financial services and food chain. Some additional activities are financed directly under the internal market budget lines. It is necessary to streamline and exploit synergies between various actions and provide for a more flexible and agile framework to finance activities aiming to achieve a well-functioning ***and sustainable*** internal market ***that in is efficient, affordable, and consumer friendly and takes into consideration environmental, social and governance factors***. It is therefore necessary to establish a new programme bringing together activities financed previously under those other programmes and other relevant budget lines. The programme should also include new initiatives which aim to improve the functioning of the internal market.

Or. en

Amendment 66

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

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(This amendment applies throughout the text. Adopting it will necessitate corresponding changes throughout.)

Or. en

Amendment 67
Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5a) It is also important to bring in an element of self-criticism, highlighting the fact that the single market has not always worked in the way it was expected to, and that, in its implementation, the social consequences have not always been borne in mind. The new global situation that is emerging means it is absolutely essential that a new approach be taken to the development of the internal market. That approach should be based on integration capacity, and on the involvement of society, workers and consumers in the processes of change that are under way.

Or. es

Amendment 68

Patrizia Toia

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) It is therefore appropriate to establish a Programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics (the ‘Programme’). The Programme should be established for the duration of seven years from 2021 to 2027.

Amendment

(7) It is therefore appropriate to establish a Programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, ***clusters, enterprise networks, consortium of companies*** and European statistics (the ‘Programme’). The Programme should be established for the duration of seven years from 2021 to 2027.

Or. en

Amendment 69

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

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Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(7) It is therefore appropriate to establish a Programme for the internal market, competitiveness ***and sustainability*** of enterprises, ***with particular attention to*** micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics (the ‘Programme’). The Programme should be established for the duration of seven years from 2021 to 2027.

Or. en

Amendment 70

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) The Programme should support the design, implementation and enforcement of Union legislation underpinning the proper functioning of the internal market. The Programme should support the creation of the right conditions to empower all actors of the internal market: businesses, citizens including consumers, civil society and public authorities. To that end, the Programme should aim to ensure the competitiveness of businesses, notably SMEs, but also supporting the enforcement of consumer protection and safety rules and by raising the awareness of businesses and individuals by providing them with the right tools, **knowledge** and competence to make informed decisions and strengthen their participation in Union's policy-making. Furthermore, the Programme should aim to enhance regulatory and administrative cooperation, notably through exchange of best practices, building of knowledge and competence bases, including the use of strategic public procurement. The Programme should also aim to support the development of high-quality international standards that underpin the implementation of Union legislation. This also includes standard setting in the field of financial reporting and audit, thereby contributing to the transparency and well-functioning of the Union's capital markets and to enhancing investor protection. The Programme should support rulemaking and standard setting also by ensuring the broadest possible stakeholder involvement. The objective of the Programme should also be to support the implementation and enforcement of Union legislation providing for a high level of health for humans, animals and plants along the food chain and the improvement of the welfare of animals.

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(8) The Programme should support the design, implementation and enforcement of Union legislation underpinning the proper functioning of the internal market. The Programme should support the creation of the right conditions to empower all actors of the internal market: businesses, citizens including consumers, civil society and public authorities. To that end, the Programme should aim to ensure **both** the competitiveness **and sustainability** of businesses, notably SMEs, but also **a high-level of consumer protection, with a focus on certain consumers who are more vulnerable than other, by** supporting the enforcement of consumer protection, and safety rules **as well as environmental standards** and by raising the awareness of businesses and individuals by providing them with the right **information**, tools, **training** and competence to make informed decisions and strengthen their participation in Union's policy-making. Furthermore, the Programme should aim to enhance regulatory and administrative cooperation, notably through exchange of best practices, building of knowledge and competence bases, including the use of strategic public procurement. The Programme should also aim to support the development of high-quality international standards that underpin the implementation of Union legislation. This also includes standard setting in the field of financial reporting and audit, thereby contributing to the transparency and well-functioning of the Union's capital markets and to enhancing investor protection. The Programme should support rulemaking and standard setting also by ensuring the broadest possible stakeholder involvement. The objective of the Programme should also be to support the implementation and enforcement of Union legislation providing for a high level

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Or. en

Amendment 71
Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. es

Amendment 72

Răzvan Popa

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 73 **Rolandas Paksas**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 8**

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 74

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

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(This amendment applies throughout the text. Adopting it will necessitate corresponding changes throughout.)

Or. en

Amendment 75
Pavel Telička, Carolina Punset

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) Merge of the existing programmes should not lead to a lower clarity and transparency. The European Commission together with Member States should seek to provide accurate and timely information about the programmes and raise awareness among the potential beneficiaries.

Or. en

Amendment 76
Tilly Metz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9) A modern internal market promotes **competition and benefits** consumers, **businesses** and employees. Making better use of the ever evolving internal market in services should help European businesses create jobs and grow across borders, offer wider choice of services at better prices, and maintain high standards for consumers and workers. To achieve this, the Programme should contribute to the removal of remaining barriers, and to ensure a regulatory framework that can accommodate new innovative business models.

(9) A modern internal market promotes **promote highly qualitative services for the benefit of** consumers and **society as a whole, preserves employment and working conditions of** employees, **and ensures a better functioning of high-quality services of general economic interest.** . Making better use of the ever evolving internal market in services should help European businesses create jobs and grow across borders, offer wider choice of services at better prices, and maintain high standards for consumers and workers. To achieve this, the Programme should contribute to the removal of remaining barriers, and to ensure a regulatory framework that can accommodate new innovative business models **whilst ensuring a high level of social protection.**

Amendment 77**Paloma López Bermejo****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 9***Text proposed by the Commission*

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Amendment 79

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) Regulatory obstacles in the internal market have been removed for many industrial products through prevention mechanisms, the adoption of common rules and, where no such Union rules exist, through the principle of mutual recognition. In areas where no Union legislation exists, the principle of mutual recognition means that goods that are lawfully marketed in one Member State enjoy the right to free movement and can be sold in another Member State. However, inadequate application of mutual recognition makes it harder for companies to access markets in other Member States. Despite the high degree of market integration in the area of goods, this leads to lost opportunities for the economy at large. The Programme should therefore aim to improve the application of mutual recognition in the area of goods and to reduce the number of illegal and non-compliant goods entering the market.

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Amendment 80
Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) New regulatory and enforcement challenges relate to a rapidly changing environment of the digital revolution, concerning issues such as cybersecurity, internet of things **or** artificial intelligence. Should damage occur, stringent rules on product safety and liability are essential to ensure a policy response that allows European citizens, including consumers and businesses, to benefit from such rules. The Programme should therefore contribute to the rapid adaptation and enforcement of a Union product liability regime which fosters innovation.

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(11) New regulatory and enforcement challenges relate to a rapidly changing environment of the digital revolution, concerning issues such as cybersecurity, **the** internet of things **and** artificial intelligence. ***The major challenge in this respect is not strictly a technological one: it is cultural, organisational and social. This entails a commitment to address the digital switchover with the support of all sectors concerned: businesses, workers in the public and private sectors, consumers, administrators, etc.*** Should damage occur, stringent rules on product safety and liability are essential to ensure a policy response that allows European citizens, including consumers and businesses, to benefit from such rules. The Programme should therefore contribute to the rapid adaptation and enforcement of a Union product liability regime which fosters innovation.

Or. es

Amendment 81
Tilly Metz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Or. en

Amendment 82

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

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Or. en

Amendment 83

Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) As consumer markets know no borders with the development of online trade and travel services, it is important to ensure that consumers residing in the Union can benefit from adequate protection when importing goods and services from economic operators based in third countries. The Programme should therefore allow **supporting** cooperation with relevant bodies located in key **trading third country** partners of the Union where necessary.

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Or. es

Amendment 84

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) Public procurement is used by public authorities to ensure value for public money spent and to contribute to a more innovative, sustainable, inclusive and competitive internal market. Directive 2014/23/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁹, Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵⁰ and Directive 2014/25/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵¹ provide the legal framework for the integration and effective functioning of the public procurement markets representing 14% of Union's gross domestic product, to the benefit of public authorities, businesses as well as citizens, including consumers. The Programme should therefore support measures to ensure a wider uptake of strategic public procurement, the professionalisation of

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public buyers, improved access to procurement markets for SMEs, increase of transparency, integrity and better data, boosting the digital transformation of procurement and promotion of joint procurement, through strengthening a partnership approach with the Member States, improving data gathering and data analysis including through development of dedicated IT tools, supporting exchange of experiences and good practices, ***providing guidance, pursuing beneficial trade agreements***, strengthening cooperation among national authorities and launching pilot projects.

Programme should therefore support measures to ensure a wider uptake of strategic public procurement, ***a more systematic use of environmental, social and fair trade criteria in awarding contracts***, the professionalisation of public buyers, improved access to procurement markets for SMEs, ***particularly to further tap into the potential of green markets***, increase of transparency, integrity and better data, boosting the digital transformation of procurement and promotion of joint procurement, through strengthening a partnership approach with the Member States, improving data gathering and data analysis including through development of dedicated IT tools, supporting exchange of experiences and good practices, strengthening cooperation among national authorities and launching pilot projects.

⁴⁹ Directive 2014/23/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the award of concession contracts (OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 1).

⁵⁰ Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on public procurement and repealing Directive 2004/18/EC (OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 65).

⁵¹ Directive 2014/25/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors and repealing Directive 2004/17/EC (OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 243).

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Amendment 86

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

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Or. en

Amendment 87

Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

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centric public services need to be put in place. This implies that public administrations will need to start working in new ways, bring down silos between the different parts of their administrations, and to engage in the co-creation of these public services with citizens and businesses. Moreover, the continuous and steady increase of cross-border activities in the internal market requires provision of up-to-date information on the rights of businesses and citizens, but also information explaining the administrative formalities. In addition, provision of legal advice and helping to solve problems which occur at cross national level becomes essential. Furthermore, connecting national administrations in a simple and efficient manner as well as evaluating how the internal market works on the ground is necessary. The Programme should therefore support the following existing internal market governance tools: the Your Europe Portal which should be a backbone of the upcoming Single Digital Gateway, Your Europe Advice, SOLVIT, the Internal Market Information system and the Single Market Scoreboard in order to improve citizens' daily lives and businesses' ability to trade across borders.

centric public services need to be put in place. This implies that public administrations will need to start working in new ways, bring down silos between the different parts of their administrations, and to engage in the co-creation of these public services with citizens and businesses. ***It is absolutely essential that workers and workers' organisations are involved in the process of redesigning public administration, making it more proactive and committed to meeting the needs of citizens.*** Moreover, the continuous and steady increase of cross-border activities in the internal market requires provision of up-to-date information on the rights of businesses and citizens, but also information explaining the administrative formalities. In addition, provision of legal advice and helping to solve problems which occur at cross national level becomes essential. Furthermore, connecting national administrations in a simple and efficient manner as well as evaluating how the internal market works on the ground is necessary. The Programme should therefore support the following existing internal market governance tools: the Your Europe Portal which should be a backbone of the upcoming Single Digital Gateway, Your Europe Advice, SOLVIT, the Internal Market Information system and the Single Market Scoreboard in order to improve citizens' daily lives and businesses' ability to trade across borders.

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Amendment 88
Răzvan Popa

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16

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Or. en

Amendment 89

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) The Programme should support the development of the Union regulatory framework in the area of company law and corporate governance, as well as contract law, with a view to make business more efficient and competitive while providing protection for stakeholders affected by company operations, and to react to emerging policy challenges. It should also ensure appropriate evaluation, implementation and enforcement of the relevant acquis, inform and assist stakeholders and promote information exchange in the area. The Programme should further support the Commission's initiatives in favour of a clear and adapted legal framework for the data economy and innovation. Those initiatives are necessary to enhance legal certainty with regard to contractual and extra contractual law, in particular with regard to liability and ethics in the context of emerging technologies, such as internet of things, artificial intelligence, robotics, 3D Printing. The Programme should aim at stimulating the development of data-driven business, as it will be decisive for the position of the Union economy in a global competition.

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Amendment 90
Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 91

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

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Or. en

Amendment 92

Angelo Ciocca

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) The implementation and development of the internal market in the area of financial services, financial stability and the Capital Markets Union including sustainable finance, highly depends on the evidence based policy measures taken by the Union. In order to achieve this objective, the Commission should have an active role in constantly monitoring financial markets and financial stability, ***assessing the implementation of Union legislation by Member States***, evaluating whether the existing legislation is fit for purpose and identifying potential areas of action where new risks emerge, with a continuous involvement of stakeholders throughout the policy cycle. Such activities rely on the production of analyses, studies, training materials, surveys, conformity assessments, evaluations and statistics and are supported by IT systems and communication tools.

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Amendment 94

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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

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also support cooperation with third country authorities, as appropriate. Finally, widening outreach activities is necessary in order to allow more citizens and businesses to reap the full benefits of fair competition in the internal market. Given that a number of initiatives in the Programme are new and that the competition part of the Programme is particularly affected by dynamic developments in the conditions of competition in the internal market, ***notably relating to Artificial Intelligence, algorithms, big data, cybersecurity and forensic technology, the pace and magnitude of which are difficult to estimate***, it is anticipated that flexibility will be required to face the evolving needs under this part of the Programme.

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the internal market resulting from anticompetitive conduct beyond the Union's border, the Programme should also support cooperation with third country authorities, as appropriate. Finally, widening outreach activities is necessary in order to allow more citizens and businesses to reap the full benefits of fair competition in the internal market. Given that a number of initiatives in the Programme are new and that the competition part of the Programme is particularly affected by dynamic developments in the conditions of competition in the internal market, notably relating to Artificial Intelligence, algorithms, big data, cybersecurity and forensic technology, the pace and magnitude of which are difficult to estimate, it is anticipated that flexibility will be required to face the evolving needs under this part of the Programme.

critically on action by those entities. In view of the particular role of competition policy in preventing harm to the internal market resulting from anticompetitive conduct beyond the Union's border, the Programme should also support cooperation with third country authorities, as appropriate. Finally, widening outreach activities is necessary in order to allow more citizens and businesses to reap the full benefits of fair competition in the internal market. Given that a number of initiatives in the Programme are new and that the competition part of the Programme is particularly affected by dynamic developments in the conditions of competition in the internal market, notably relating to Artificial Intelligence, algorithms, big data, cybersecurity and forensic technology, the pace and magnitude of which are difficult to estimate, it is anticipated that flexibility will be required to face the evolving needs under this part of the Programme.

Or. es

Amendment 96

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) Strengthening the competitiveness of European enterprises while reassuring an effective level playing field and an open and competitive internal market is of outmost importance. SMEs are the engine of the European economy making up 99% of all businesses in Europe, providing two thirds of jobs, and contributing substantially to the creation of new jobs with a regional and local dimension.

Amendment

(22) Strengthening the competitiveness ***and sustainability*** of European enterprises while reassuring an effective level playing field and an open and competitive internal market is of outmost importance. ***European enterprises need to distinguish themselves on the global market by providing high quality products and services that are smarter, customised and adhere to highest environmental and sustainability standards creating less***

waste and pollution. Improved productivity, in particular through increased resource efficiency, energy savings and the implementation of the 'energy efficiency first' principle are the primary source of sustainable income and competitiveness. SMEs are the engine of the European economy making up 99% of all businesses in Europe, providing two thirds of jobs, and contributing substantially to the creation of new jobs with a regional and local dimension, and hence social cohesion. SMEs are key drivers in the context of the energy transition, the fight against climate change, the EU's competitiveness on green tech and a major source of innovation in the EU. Bearing this in mind, specific actions under this Programme should include promoting the development of sustainable products, services, technologies, non-technical solutions and processes, as well as enhanced resource- and energy-efficiency and corporate social responsibility.

Or. en

Amendment 97

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

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increased resource and energy efficiency.
SMEs are the engine of the European economy making up 99% of all businesses in Europe, providing two thirds of jobs, and contributing substantially to the creation of new jobs with a *focus on social cohesion and hence on a* regional and local dimension.

Or. en

Amendment 98
Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) Strengthening the competitiveness of European enterprises while reassuring an effective level playing field and an open and competitive internal market is of *outmost* importance. SMEs are the engine of the European economy making up 99% of all businesses in Europe, providing two thirds of jobs, and contributing substantially to the creation of new jobs with a regional and local dimension.

Amendment

(22) Strengthening the competitiveness of European enterprises while reassuring an effective level playing field and an open and competitive internal market is of *the utmost* importance. SMEs are the engine of the European economy making up 99% of all businesses in Europe, providing two thirds of jobs, and contributing substantially to the creation of new jobs with a regional and local dimension. *For these reasons, the programme should be geared towards the creation of quality jobs in all sectors.*

Or. es

Amendment 99
Tilly Metz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) SMEs share common challenges

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that do not affect larger firms to the same extent to obtain finance, to find skilled work force, to alleviate administrative burden, to take-up creativity and innovation, to access markets and foster internationalisation activities. The Programme should address such market failures proportionally, while not unduly distorting competition in the internal market.

that do not affect larger firms to the same extent to obtain finance, to find skilled work force, to alleviate administrative burden, to take-up creativity and innovation, to access markets and foster internationalisation activities. The Programme should address such market failures proportionally, while not unduly distorting competition in the internal market, ***and enhance SME's role in achieving a net-zero carbon emission economy by 2050 at the latest. Particular attention should be paid to micro enterprises, enterprises engaged in craft activities, the self-employed, the liberal professions and social enterprises. Attention should also be paid to potential, new, young and female entrepreneurs, as well as to other specific target groups, such as older people, migrants and entrepreneurs belonging to socially disadvantaged or vulnerable groups such as persons with disabilities.***

Or. en

Amendment 100
Patrizia Toia

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(23) SMEs share common challenges that do not affect larger firms to the same extent to obtain finance, to find skilled work force, to alleviate administrative burden, to take-up creativity and innovation, to access markets and ***to create ecosystems aiming at introducing technological and organisational innovation in the production processes, which are essential to stay and grow in the market, and to*** foster internationalisation activities.

Amendment 101**Tilly Metz**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation**Recital 24***Text proposed by the Commission*

(24) Many of the Union's competitiveness problems involve SMEs' difficulties in obtaining access to finance because they struggle to demonstrate their credit-worthiness **and** have insufficient collateral. Additional financing challenges arise from SMEs' need to stay competitive by engaging e.g. in digitization, internationalization and innovation activities and skilling up their workforce. Limited access to finance has a negative effect on businesses creation, growth and survival rates, as well as on the readiness of new entrepreneurs to take over viable companies in the context of a business succession.

Amendment

(24) Many of the Union's competitiveness problems involve SMEs' difficulties in obtaining access to finance because they **lack information**, struggle to demonstrate their credit-worthiness, have insufficient collateral **or simply due to low awareness of existing mechanisms to support their activities at EU, national or local level**. Additional financing challenges arise from SMEs' need to stay competitive by engaging e.g. in digitization, internationalization and innovation activities and skilling up their workforce. Limited access to finance has a negative effect on businesses creation, growth and survival rates, as well as on the readiness of new entrepreneurs to take over viable companies in the context of a business succession.

Or. en

Amendment 102**Pavel Telička, Carolina Punset****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 25***Text proposed by the Commission*

(25) To overcome these market failures and to ensure that SMEs continue to play their role as the foundation for the Union economy's competitiveness, small and

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medium sized enterprises need extra support through debt and equity instruments to be established under the SME window of the InvestEU Fund established by Regulation [...] of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵². The loan guarantee facility put in place under Regulation (EU) No 1287/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵³ has a proven added value and is expected to bring a positive contribution to at least 500 000 SMEs; a successor will be established under the SME window of the InvestEU Fund.

⁵² COM(2018) 439 final

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Or. en

Amendment 103

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 104

Pavel Telička, Carolina Punset

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) The policy objectives of this Programme will be also addressed through financial instruments and budgetary guarantee under the SME window of the InvestEU Fund. Financial support should be used to address market failures or sub-optimal investment situations, in a proportionate manner and actions should not duplicate or crowd out private financing or distort competition in the internal market. Actions should have a clear European added value.

Amendment

(26) The policy objectives of this Programme will be also addressed through financial instruments and budgetary guarantee under the SME window of the InvestEU Fund. ***The SME window of the InvestEU Fund should have a central overarching point providing information about the programme in each Member State, in order to increase the accessibility and awareness of the funds for SMEs.*** Financial support should be used to address market failures or sub-optimal investment situations, in a proportionate manner and

actions should not duplicate or crowd out private financing or distort competition in the internal market. Actions should have a clear European added value.

Or. en

Amendment 105

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

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(26) The policy objectives of this Programme will be also addressed through financial instruments and budgetary guarantee under the SME window of the InvestEU Fund, ***provided that in any case excessive risk operations should be avoided.*** Financial support should be used to address market failures or sub-optimal investment situations, in a proportionate manner and actions should not duplicate or crowd out private financing or distort competition in the internal market. Actions should have a clear European added value.

Or. en

Amendment 106

Patrizia Toia

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 26 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(26a) The actions supported by the InvestEU Fund through the EU compartment or the Member States compartment should not duplicate or replace private funding, or distort competition in the internal market, but,

with reference to the local public and private guarantee schemes already operating, should facilitate their integration with such schemes, the overriding objective being to enhance and extend the actual benefits to final recipients (the SMEs identified by the definition set out in Recommendation 2003/361/EC) in order to achieve genuine additionality of the measures.

Or. it

Amendment 107

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 26 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(26a) Besides access to finance also access to skills is crucial, including managerial skills and knowledge are critical factors for SMEs to access existing funds, innovate, compete and grow. The delivery of financial instruments as envisaged under EUInvest should therefore be accompanied by the development of appropriate mentoring, coaching schemes and delivery of knowledge-based business services.

Or. en

Amendment 108

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 27

(27) The Programme should provide effective support for SMEs throughout their life-cycle. It should build on the unique knowledge and expertise developed with regard to SMEs and industrial sectors and on a long experience in working with European, national and regional stakeholders. This support should build on the successful experience of the Enterprise Europe Network as a one-stop-shop to improve SMEs competitiveness and develop their business in the Single Market and beyond. The Network plans to continue delivering services on behalf of other Union programmes, notably for the Horizon2020 programme, using the financial resources of these programmes. Also the mentoring scheme for new entrepreneurs should remain the tool to enable new or aspiring entrepreneurs to gain business experience by matching with an experienced entrepreneur from another country and thus allow strengthening entrepreneurial talents. The Programme should further strive to grow and extend its geographical coverage and thus offer wider range of matching possibilities to entrepreneurs in complementarity with other Union initiatives where relevant.

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Or. en

Amendment 109
Pavel Telička, Carolina Punset

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 27

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Every effort should be made to achieve reasonably geographically balanced distribution of the funds.

Or. en

Amendment 110
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Or. en

Amendment 111
Massimiliano Salini

Proposal for a regulation
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Or. it

Justification

Certain economic sectors are often excluded in translations from English to Italian, because while in English the term 'industrial' is all-encompassing, in Italian the term 'industriale' is more restrictive.

Amendment 112

Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation

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Or. es

Amendment 113
Pavel Telička, Carolina Punset

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 27 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(27a) More effort should be made to reduce the administrative burden and to increase the accessibility of the programmes in order to reduce costs SMEs and microenterprises face due to a complicated application process and participation requirements. Member States should also consider establishing a single information point for undertakings interested in using Union's funds

*functioning as a one-stop-shop.
Evaluation procedure should be as simple
and fast as possible in order to allow for
timely use of the benefits the programme
offers.*

Or. en

Amendment 114
Răzvan Popa

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 28

Text proposed by the Commission

(28) Clusters are a strategic tool for supporting the competitiveness and scaling-up of SMEs as they offer favourable business environments. Joint Cluster Initiatives should achieve critical mass to accelerate the growth of SMEs. By connecting specialised eco-systems, clusters create new business opportunities for SMEs and integrate them better in European and global strategic value chains. Support should be provided for the development of transnational partnership strategies and the implementation of joint activities, supported by the European Cluster Collaboration Platform. Sustainable partnering should be encouraged with continuation funding if performance and participation milestones are reached. Direct support to SMEs should be channelled through cluster organisations for the following: uptake of advanced technologies, new business models, low-carbon and resource-efficient solutions, creativity and design, skills upgrading, talent attraction, entrepreneurship acceleration, and internationalisation. Other specialised SME support actors should be associated to facilitate industrial transformation and implementations of smart specialisation strategies. The Programme should thus contribute to

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growth and build linkages with the Union's (digital) innovation hubs and investments made under Cohesion Policy and Horizon Europe. Synergies with the Erasmus programme can also be explored.

Other specialised SME support actors should be associated to facilitate industrial transformation and implementations of smart specialisation strategies. The Programme should thus contribute to growth and build linkages with the Union's (digital) innovation hubs and investments made under Cohesion Policy and Horizon Europe. Synergies with the Erasmus programme can also be explored.

Or. en

Amendment 115

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 28

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Or. en

Amendment 116
Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 28

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Or. en

Amendment 117
Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 28 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(28a) The programme can help build up and/or improve the relationship between micro-enterprises and SMEs and universities, research centres and other institutions involved in knowledge creation and dissemination. This relationship can help improve firms' abilities to tackle the strategic challenges posed by the new international context.

Or. es

Amendment 118
Tilly Metz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 29

Text proposed by the Commission

(29) Creativity and innovation are crucial for the competitiveness of the Union's industrial value chains. They represent catalysts for industrial modernisation and contribute to smart, inclusive sustainable **growth**. However, uptake by SMEs is still lagging behind. The Programme should therefore support targeted actions, networks and partnerships for **creativity-driven** innovation throughout the industrial value chain.

Amendment

(29) **Besides** creativity and innovation, **enhanced sustainability in terms of production processes, in particular enhanced resource and energy efficiency**, are crucial for the competitiveness of the Union's industrial value chains. They represent catalysts for industrial modernisation and contribute to smart, inclusive sustainable **economy**. However, uptake by SMEs is still lagging behind. The Programme should therefore support targeted actions, networks and partnerships for **creativity and sustainability driven** innovation throughout the industrial value chain.

Or. en

Amendment 119
Massimiliano Salini

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 29

Text proposed by the Commission

(29) Creativity and innovation are crucial for the competitiveness of the Union's **industrial** value chains. They represent catalysts for **industrial** modernisation and contribute to smart, inclusive sustainable growth. However, uptake by SMEs is still lagging behind. The Programme should therefore support targeted actions, networks and partnerships for creativity-driven innovation throughout the **industrial** value chain.

Amendment

(29) Creativity and innovation are crucial for the competitiveness of the Union's **business** value chains. They represent catalysts for **the** modernisation **of the business sector** and contribute to smart, inclusive sustainable growth. However, uptake by SMEs is still lagging behind. The Programme should therefore support targeted actions, networks and partnerships for creativity-driven innovation throughout the **business** value chain.

Or. it

Justification

Certain economic sectors are often excluded in translations from English to Italian, because

while in English the term ‘industrial’ is all-encompassing, in Italian the term ‘industriale’ is more restrictive.

Amendment 120

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 29

Text proposed by the Commission

(29) Creativity and innovation are crucial for the competitiveness of the Union’s industrial value chains. They represent catalysts for industrial modernisation and contribute to smart, inclusive sustainable growth. However, uptake by SMEs is still lagging behind. The Programme should therefore support targeted actions, networks and partnerships for creativity-driven innovation throughout the industrial value chain.

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Or. en

Amendment 121

Paul Rübig

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 29 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(29a) Recognising that the SME Instrument of Horizon 2020 has been extremely successful for entrepreneurs through both phase1 and phase2 grants in advancing and their new business idea and testing and developing a prototype. While the selection process is already very rigorous, still many very good projects cannot be financed because of limited financial resources. The implementation in the frame of the SME Agency EASME has been working very efficiently. While

the focus of that program is on high-tech projects, this program should extend the methodology to any type of scale-up SMEs.

Or. en

Amendment 122

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 30

Text proposed by the Commission

(30) European standards play an important role in the internal market. They are of vital interest for the competitiveness of undertakings, and especially SMEs. They are also a crucial tool to support Union legislation and **policies** in a number of key areas such as energy, climate change, information and communication technology, sustainable use of resources, innovation, product safety, consumer protection, worker's safety and working conditions and ageing population, thus positively contributing to the society as a whole.

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Or. en

Amendment 123

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

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Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 124

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 30 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(30a) The principles of transparency and equal gender opportunity should be taken into account in all relevant initiatives and actions covered by the programme. Respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all citizens should be also considered in those initiatives and actions.

Or. en

Amendment 125

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 32

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(32) A well-functioning common

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financial reporting framework is essential for the internal market, for the effective functioning of the capital markets and for the realisation of the integrated market for financial services in the context of the Capital Markets Union.

financial reporting framework is essential for the internal market, for the effective functioning of the capital markets and for the realisation of the integrated market for financial services ***without excessive risk*** in the context of the Capital Markets Union.

Or. en

Amendment 126

Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 36

Text proposed by the Commission

(36) The Union ***contributes*** to ensuring a high level of consumer protection, empowering consumers and putting them at the heart of the internal market by supporting and complementing Member States' policies in seeking to ensure that citizens when acting as consumers can fully reap the benefits of the internal market and that, in so doing, their safety and legal and economic interests are properly protected by means of concrete actions. The Union has also to ensure that consumer and product safety laws are properly and equally enforced on the ground and that businesses enjoy a level playing field with fair competition in the internal market. Moreover, it is necessary to empower, encourage and assist consumers in making sustainable choices, thus contributing to a sustainable, energy and resource efficient and circular economy.

Amendment

(36) The Union ***should contribute*** to ensuring a high level of consumer protection, empowering consumers and putting them at the heart of the internal market by supporting and complementing Member States' policies in seeking to ensure that citizens when acting as consumers can fully reap the benefits of the internal market and that, in so doing, their safety and legal and economic interests are properly protected by means of concrete actions. ***The empowerment of consumers and others involved in the process of establishing the single market should mean the establishment of a set of practices geared towards strategic and relevant involvement in the field concerned.***

The Union should help stimulate an economy that promotes social inclusion on the basis of quality jobs and workers' involvement in addressing the major challenges that the digital economy poses for businesses. The Union has also to ensure that consumer and product safety

laws are properly and equally enforced on the ground and that businesses enjoy a level playing field with fair competition in the internal market. Moreover, it is necessary to empower, encourage and assist consumers in making sustainable choices, thus contributing to a sustainable, energy and resource efficient and circular economy. ***Lastly, the Union needs to see to it that states honour their commitments to combating climate change. The Union also needs to stimulate sustainable economic development.***

Or. es

Amendment 127

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 36

Text proposed by the Commission

(36) The Union contributes to ensuring a high level of consumer protection, empowering consumers and putting them at the heart of the internal market by supporting and complementing Member States' policies in seeking to ensure that citizens when acting as consumers can fully reap the benefits of the internal market and that, in so doing, their safety and legal and economic interests are properly protected by means of concrete actions. The Union has also to ensure that consumer and product safety laws are properly and equally enforced on the ground and that businesses enjoy a level playing field with fair competition in the internal market. Moreover, it is necessary to empower, encourage and assist consumers in making sustainable choices, thus contributing to a sustainable, energy and resource efficient and circular economy.

Amendment

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Amendment 128**Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 37***Text proposed by the Commission*

(37) The Programme should aim to raise the awareness of consumers, businesses, civil society and authorities on Union consumer and safety laws and to empower consumers and their representative organisations at national level and at the Union level notably by supporting the Bureau Européen des Unions de Consommateurs (BEUC) which is the long established and recognised NGO representing consumer interests in relation to all relevant Union policies, and the European Association for the Co-ordination of Consumer Representation in Standardisation (ANEC) which represents consumers interest in relation to standardisation issues. In doing so, particular attention should be given to new market needs regarding the promotion of sustainable consumption and the prevention of vulnerabilities as well as challenges created by the digitisation of the economy or the development of new consumption patterns and business models. The Programme should support the development of relevant information on markets, policy challenges, emerging issues and behaviours, and the publication of the Union consumer scoreboards.

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Amendment 129**Răzvan Popa**

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 39

Text proposed by the Commission

(39) The European Consumer Centres Network is assisting consumers to obtain the benefit of their Union consumer rights when they purchase goods and services cross border in the Internal Market and EEA, either on-line or when travelling. The 30 centres strong network, jointly funded by the Union consumer programmes since more than 10 years has proven its added value to strengthen consumers ***and traders trust in the Internal Market***. It deals with more than 100 000 consumers' requests per year and reaches millions of citizens via its press and online information activities. It is one of the most valued citizens' assistance network of the Union and most of its centres host contact points for internal market law, such as the Directive 2006/123/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵⁹ and its evaluation stresses the importance to continue its operation. The network also intends to develop reciprocity arrangements with similar bodies in third countries.

⁵⁹ Directive 2006/123/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on services in the internal market (OJ L 376, 27.12.2006, p. 36).

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Or. en

Amendment 130

Răzvan Popa

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 41

Text proposed by the Commission

(41) Citizens are particularly affected by the functioning of financial services markets. These are a key component of the internal market and require a solid framework for regulation and supervision which ensures not only financial stability and a sustainable economy, but also provides a high level of protection to consumers and other financial services end users, including retail investors, savers, insurance policyholders, pension fund members and beneficiaries, individual shareholders, borrowers and SMEs. It is important to enhance their capacity to participate in policy making for the financial sector.

Amendment

(41) Citizens ***still cannot harvest the full benefits of what the Single Market has to offer and*** are particularly affected by the functioning of financial services markets. These are a key component of the internal market and require a solid framework for regulation and supervision which ensures not only financial stability and a sustainable economy, but also provides a high level of protection to consumers and other financial services end users, including retail investors, savers, insurance policyholders, pension fund members and beneficiaries, individual shareholders, borrowers and SMEs. It is important to enhance their capacity to participate in policy making for the financial sector.

Or. en

Amendment 131
Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 41

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important to enhance their capacity to participate in policy making for the financial sector ***and to understand its implementation in details.***

Or. en

Amendment 132

Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 44

Text proposed by the Commission

(44) A high level of health protection through the food supply chain is necessary to allow the internal market to operate efficiently. A safe and sustainable food supply chain is a prerequisite for society and for the internal market. Cross border health crises and food scares disrupt the functioning of the internal market by limiting the movements of persons and goods and disrupting production.

Amendment

(44) A high level of health protection through the food supply chain is necessary to allow the internal market to operate efficiently. A safe and sustainable food supply chain is a prerequisite for society and for the internal market. ***The food supply chain guarantee must be based on an organic, sustainable and local agricultural economy.*** Cross border health crises and food scares disrupt the functioning of the internal market by limiting the movements of persons and goods and disrupting production.

Or. es

Amendment 133

Răzvan Popa

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 44

Text proposed by the Commission

(44) A high level of health protection through the food supply chain is necessary to allow the internal market to operate efficiently. A safe and sustainable food supply chain is a prerequisite for society and for the internal market. Cross border

Amendment

(44) A high level of health protection through the food supply chain is necessary to allow the internal market to operate efficiently ***and promptly.*** A safe and sustainable food supply chain is a prerequisite for society and for the internal

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Or. en

Amendment 134

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 45

Text proposed by the Commission

(45) The general objective of Union law in the food chain area is to contribute to a high level of health for humans, animals and plants along the food chain, to support the improvement of the welfare of animals, to contribute to a high level of protection and information for consumers and a high level of protection of the environment, including the preservation of biodiversity, while improving the sustainability of European food and feed productions, increasing quality standards across the Union, enhancing the competitiveness of the Union food and feed industry and favouring the creation of jobs.

Amendment

(45) The general objective of Union law in the food chain area is to contribute to a high level of health for humans, animals and plants along the food chain, to support the improvement of the welfare of animals, to contribute to a high level of protection and information for consumers and a high level of protection of the environment, including the preservation of biodiversity, while improving the sustainability of European food and feed productions, increasing quality standards across the Union, enhancing the competitiveness **and the healthiness of the products** of the Union food and feed industry and favouring the creation of jobs.

Or. en

Amendment 135

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 45

Text proposed by the Commission

(45) The general objective of Union law

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in the food chain area is to contribute to a high level of health for humans, animals and plants along the food chain, to ***support the improvement of*** the welfare of animals, to contribute to a high level of protection and information for consumers and a high level of protection of the environment, including the preservation of biodiversity, while improving the sustainability of European food and feed productions, increasing quality standards across the Union, enhancing the competitiveness of the Union food and feed industry and favouring the creation of jobs.

in the food chain area is to contribute to a high level of health for humans, animals and plants along the food chain, to ***guarantee*** the welfare of animals, to contribute to a high level of protection and information for consumers and a high level of protection of the environment, including the preservation of biodiversity, while improving the sustainability of European food and feed productions, increasing quality standards across the Union, enhancing the competitiveness of the Union food and feed industry and favouring the creation of jobs.

Or. en

Amendment 136

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 46

Text proposed by the Commission

(46) Considering the specific nature of the actions concerning a high level of health for humans, animals and plants along the food chain special eligibility criteria concerning provision of grants and use of public procurement need to be provided in this Regulation. In particular, by way of derogation from Regulation (EU, Euratom) of the European Parliament and of the Council⁶¹ (the ‘Financial Regulation’), as an exception to the principle of non-retroactivity, the costs for the emergency measures, due to their urgent and unforeseeable nature, should be eligible and include also costs incurred as a result of a suspected occurrence of a disease or pest provided that that occurrence is subsequently confirmed and notified to the Commission. The corresponding budgetary commitments and the payment of eligible expenditure should

Amendment

(46) Considering the specific nature of the actions concerning a high level of health for humans, animals and plants along the food chain special eligibility criteria concerning provision of grants and use of public procurement need to be provided in this Regulation. In particular, by way of derogation from Regulation (EU, Euratom) of the European Parliament and of the Council⁶¹ (the ‘Financial Regulation’), as an exception to the principle of non-retroactivity, the costs for the emergency measures, due to their urgent and unforeseeable nature, should be eligible and include also costs incurred as a result of a suspected occurrence of a disease or pest provided that that occurrence is subsequently confirmed and notified to the Commission. The corresponding budgetary commitments and the payment of eligible expenditure should

be made by the Commission, after signature of the legal commitments and after assessment of the payment applications submitted by the Member States. Costs should also be eligible for protection measures taken in the case of a direct threat to the status of health in the Union as a result of the occurrence or development, in the territory of a third country, a Member State or overseas countries and territories, of certain animal diseases and zoonoses as well as in respect of protection measures, or other relevant activities, taken in support of the health status of plants in the Union.

⁶¹ [to add]

be made by the Commission, after signature of the legal commitments and after assessment of the payment applications submitted by the Member States. ***Where emergencies in the area of human, animal and plant health in the food chain can be traced back to specific union practices, measures should be taken to revise these practices.*** Costs should also be eligible for protection measures taken in the case of a direct threat to the status of health in the Union as a result of the occurrence or development, in the territory of a third country, a Member State or overseas countries and territories, of certain animal diseases and zoonoses as well as in respect of protection measures, or other relevant activities, taken in support of the health status of plants in the Union.

⁶¹ [to add]

Or. en

Amendment 137

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 47

Text proposed by the Commission

(47) Official controls carried out by the Member States are an essential tool for verifying and monitoring that relevant Union requirements are being implemented, complied with and enforced. The effectiveness and efficiency of official control systems is vital for maintaining a high level of safety for humans, animals and plants along the food chain whilst ensuring a high level of protection of the environment and of animal welfare. Union financial support should be made available for such control measures. In particular, a

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financial contribution should be available to Union reference laboratories in order to help them bear the costs arising from the implementation of work programmes approved by the Commission. Moreover, since the effectiveness of official controls also ***depends on*** the availability to the control authorities of well trained staff with an appropriate knowledge of Union law, the Union should be able to contribute to their training and relevant exchange programmes organised by competent authorities.

where compliance with Union law as concerns the health and safety of humans, animals and plants is still deficient, such as live animal transport. In particular, a financial contribution should be available to Union reference laboratories in order to help them bear the costs arising from the implementation of work programmes approved by the Commission. Moreover, since the effectiveness of official controls also ***depends on*** the availability to the control authorities of well trained staff with an appropriate knowledge of Union law, the Union should be able to contribute to their training and relevant exchange programmes organised by competent authorities.

Or. en

Amendment 138
Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 53

Text proposed by the Commission

(53) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Programme should contribute to mainstream climate actions and to the achievement of an overall target of 25 % of the Union budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. Relevant actions will be identified during the Programme's preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review processes.

Amendment

(53) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Programme should contribute to mainstream climate actions and to the achievement of an overall target of 25 % of the Union budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. ***In line with that objective, the programme should be given the means it needs primarily to rule out, or, where appropriate, to minimise financial or any other support for proposals and projects that are inconsistent with the objectives of the Paris Agreement or the UN Sustainable Development Goals.*** Relevant actions will be identified during the Programme's

preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review processes.

Or. es

Amendment 139

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 53

Text proposed by the Commission

(53) **Reflecting** the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Programme should contribute to mainstream climate actions and to the achievement of an overall target of **25 %** of the Union budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. Relevant actions will be identified during the Programme's preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review processes.

Amendment

(53) The importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals ***should be reflected in the next Multiannual Financial Framework and therefore***, this Programme should contribute to mainstream climate actions and to the achievement of an overall target of **30%** of the Union budget expenditures supporting climate objectives ***and achieving a net-zero carbon society by 2050 at the latest***. Relevant actions will be identified during the Programme's preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review processes.

Or. en

Amendment 140

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 53

Text proposed by the Commission

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tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Programme should contribute to mainstream climate actions and to the achievement of an overall target of **40%** of the Union budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. Relevant actions will be identified during the Programme's preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review processes.

Or. en

Amendment 141

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 55

Text proposed by the Commission

(55) The Agreement on the European Economic Area provides for cooperation in the fields subject to the Programme between the Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and the countries of the European Free Trade Association participating in the European Economic Area, on the other. Provision should also be made to open the Programme to participation by other countries, including the neighbouring countries of the Union and countries which are applying for, are candidates for or are acceding to, membership of the Union. In addition, in the field of European statistics, the Programme should be open to Switzerland in accordance with the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on cooperation in the field of statistics⁶⁴.

Amendment

(55) The Agreement on the European Economic Area provides for cooperation in the fields subject to the Programme between the Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and the countries of the European Free Trade Association participating in the European Economic Area, on the other. Provision should also be made to open the Programme to participation by other countries, including the neighbouring countries of the Union and countries which are applying for, are candidates for or are acceding to, membership of the Union, ***provided that they shall respect the principles, values and rights enshrined into the Union Treaties***. In addition, in the field of European statistics, the Programme should be open to Switzerland in accordance with the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on cooperation in the field of statistics⁶⁴.

⁶⁴ OJ L 90, 28.3.2006, p. 2.

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Or. en

Amendment 142

Pavel Telička, Carolina Punset

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 67

Text proposed by the Commission

(67) The Programme should promote synergies and complementarities with respect to the Digital Europe Programme established by Regulation (EU) [...] of the European Parliament and of the Council⁷³ which aims to promote the digitalisation of the Union economy and the public sector.

⁷³ COM(2018) 434 final

Amendment

(67) The Programme should promote synergies and complementarities with respect to the Digital Europe Programme established by Regulation (EU) [...] of the European Parliament and of the Council⁷³ which aims to promote the digitalisation of the Union economy and the public sector ***and increased cybersecurity.***

⁷³ COM(2018) 434 final

Or. en

Amendment 143

Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 70 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(70a) Within two years, the Commission should draw up a report on the efforts made to identify synergies with the programmes referred to in recitals 64, 65, 66, 67, 68 and 69, and on the outcomes thereof. The report should be submitted to the European Parliament and to the Council.

Amendment 144

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 74

Text proposed by the Commission

(74) To ensure regular monitoring and reporting, a proper framework for monitoring the actions and results of the Programme should be put in place from the very beginning. Such monitoring and reporting should be based on indicators, measuring the effects of the actions under the Programme against pre-defined baselines.

Amendment

(74) To ensure regular monitoring and reporting, a proper framework for monitoring the actions and results of the Programme should be put in place from the very beginning. Such monitoring and reporting should be based on indicators, measuring the effects of the actions under the Programme against pre-defined baselines. ***A yearly report on its implementation should be made presenting progress achieved and planned activities. The report should be presented to the European Parliament.***

Or. en

Amendment 145

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 83

Text proposed by the Commission

(83) The Programme should also be to ensure greater visibility and coherence of the Union's internal market, competitiveness of enterprises including SMEs and European statistics actions towards European citizens, businesses and administrations.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 146

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 85

Text proposed by the Commission

(85) It is appropriate to ensure a smooth transition without interruption between the programmes in the fields of competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs, consumer protection, customers and end-users in financial services, policy making in financial services, food chain and European statistics, established by Regulation (EU) No 1287/2013, Regulation (EU) No 254/2014, Regulation (EU) 2017/826, Regulation (EU) No 258/2014, Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, Regulation (EU) No 99/2013 and this Programme, in particular regarding the continuation of multiannual measures and the evaluation of the previous programmes successes,

Amendment

(85) It is appropriate to ensure a smooth transition without interruption between the programmes in the fields of competitiveness **and sustainability** of enterprises and SMEs, consumer protection, customers and end-users in financial services, policy making in financial services, food chain and European statistics, established by Regulation (EU) No 1287/2013, Regulation (EU) No 254/2014, Regulation (EU) 2017/826, Regulation (EU) No 258/2014, Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, Regulation (EU) No 99/2013 and this Programme, in particular regarding the continuation of multiannual measures and the evaluation of the previous programmes successes,

Or. en

Amendment 147

Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

This Regulation establishes the programme for improving the functioning of the internal market and the competitiveness of enterprises, including micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and the framework for financing of development, production and dissemination of European

Amendment

This Regulation establishes the programme for improving the functioning of the internal market and the competitiveness of enterprises, including micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, **social enterprises and social enterprise networks**, and the framework for financing

statistics within the meaning of Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 (the ‘Programme’).

of development, production and dissemination of European statistics within the meaning of Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 (the ‘Programme’).

Or. es

Amendment 148

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

This Regulation establishes the programme for improving the functioning of the internal market and the competitiveness of enterprises, **including** micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and the framework for financing of development, production and dissemination of European statistics within the meaning of Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 (the ‘Programme’).

Amendment

This Regulation establishes the programme for improving the functioning of the internal market and the competitiveness **and sustainability** of enterprises, **paying particular attention to the needs of** micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and the framework for financing of development, production and dissemination of European statistics within the meaning of Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 (the ‘Programme’).

Or. en

Amendment 149

Patrizia Toia

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) “Social economy and social enterprise” means an operator in the social economy the main objective of which is to have a social impact rather than make a profit for their owners or shareholders and which operates by providing goods and services for the

market in an entrepreneurial and innovative fashion, using its profits primarily to achieve social objectives, managed in an open and responsible manner that, in particular, involves employees, consumers and stakeholders affected by its commercial activities.

Or. en

Amendment 150
Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 5 – point a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) ‘Social enterprise’ means an enterprise the main objective of which is to meet a social need before making a private profit. A social enterprise may operate in the environmental, social, care and educational sectors. An enterprise shall be regarded as a social one where the distribution of profits is limited, where its operating practices include the participation of users and beneficiaries, and where gender-based equal opportunities are guaranteed.

Or. es

Amendment 151
Tilly Metz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) to improve the functioning of the internal market, and especially to protect and empower citizens, consumers and

(a) to improve the functioning of the internal market *through a reinforcement of its legal social and environmental*

businesses, in particular micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), by enforcement of Union law, facilitation of market access, standard setting, and by promoting human, animal and plant health and animal welfare; as well as to enhance cooperation between the competent authorities of Member States and between the competent authorities of Member States and the Commission and the decentralised Union agencies;

framework in line with EU's long-term climate objectives and a net-zero carbon economy, and especially to protect and empower citizens, consumers and businesses, in particular micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), by enforcement of Union law, facilitation of market access ***and improved access to finance***, standard setting, and by promoting human, animal and plant health and animal welfare; as well as to enhance cooperation between the competent authorities of Member States and between the competent authorities of Member States and the Commission and the decentralised Union agencies;

Or. en

Amendment 152

Amjad Bashir

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to improve the functioning of the internal market, and especially to protect and empower citizens, consumers and businesses, in particular micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), by enforcement of Union law, facilitation of market access, standard setting, and by promoting human, animal and plant health and animal welfare; as well as to enhance cooperation between the competent authorities of Member States ***and*** between the competent authorities of Member States and the Commission and the decentralised Union agencies;

Amendment

(a) to improve the functioning of the internal market, and especially to protect and empower citizens, consumers and businesses, in particular micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), by enforcement of Union law, facilitation of market access, standard setting, and by promoting human, animal and plant health and animal welfare; as well as to enhance cooperation between the competent authorities of Member States, between the competent authorities of Member States and the Commission and the decentralised Union agencies ***and between the Commission and third countries and international organisations***;

Or. en

Amendment 153
Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to improve the functioning of the internal market, and especially to protect and empower citizens, consumers and businesses, in particular micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), by enforcement of Union law, facilitation of market access, standard setting, and by promoting human, animal and plant health and animal welfare; as well as to enhance cooperation between the competent authorities of Member States and between the competent authorities of Member States and the Commission and the decentralised Union agencies;

Amendment

(a) to improve **and correct** the functioning of the internal market, and especially to protect and empower citizens, **workers**, consumers and businesses, in particular micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), by enforcement of Union law, **the creation of quality jobs**, facilitation of market access, standard setting, and by promoting human, animal and plant health and animal welfare; as well as to enhance cooperation between the competent authorities of Member States and between the competent authorities of Member States and the Commission and the decentralised Union agencies;

Or. es

Amendment 154
Pavel Telička, Carolina Punset

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to improve the functioning of the internal market, and especially to protect and empower citizens, consumers and businesses, in particular micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), by enforcement of Union law, facilitation of market access, standard setting, and by promoting human, animal and plant health and animal welfare; as well as to enhance cooperation between the competent authorities of Member States and between the competent authorities of Member States and the Commission and the decentralised

Amendment

(a) to improve the functioning of the internal market, and especially to protect and empower citizens, consumers and businesses, in particular micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), by enforcement of Union law, facilitation of market access, standard setting, and by promoting human, animal and plant health and animal welfare; as well as to enhance cooperation **and sharing of best practices** between the competent authorities of Member States and between the competent authorities of Member States and the

Union agencies;

Commission and the decentralised Union agencies;

Or. en

Amendment 155

Angelo Ciocca

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to improve the functioning of the internal market, and especially to protect and empower citizens, consumers and businesses, in particular micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), by enforcement of Union law, facilitation of market access, standard setting, and by promoting human, animal and plant health and animal welfare; as well as to enhance cooperation between the competent authorities of Member States and between the competent authorities of Member States and the Commission and the decentralised Union agencies;

Amendment

(a) to improve the functioning of the internal market, and especially to protect and empower citizens, consumers and businesses, in particular micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), ***creating stable employment***, by enforcement of Union law, facilitation of market access, standard setting, and by promoting human, animal and plant health and animal welfare; as well as to enhance cooperation between the competent authorities of Member States and between the competent authorities of Member States and the Commission and the decentralised Union agencies;

Or. it

Amendment 156

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) making the internal market more effective, facilitating the prevention and removal of obstacles, supporting the development, implementation and enforcement of the Union law in the areas

Amendment

(a) making the internal market more effective, ***promoting local economic development and local sustainable value chains***, facilitating the prevention and removal of obstacles, supporting the

of the internal market for goods and services, public procurement, market surveillance as well as in the areas of company law and contract and extra-contractual law, anti-money laundering, free movement of capital, financial services and competition, including the development of governance tools;

development, implementation and enforcement of the Union law, ***including social and environmental standards***, in the areas of the internal market for goods and services, public procurement, market surveillance as well as in the areas of company law and contract and extra-contractual law, anti-money laundering, free movement of capital, financial services and competition, including the development of governance tools;

Or. en

Amendment 157

Patrizia Toia

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) making the internal market more effective, facilitating the prevention and removal of obstacles, supporting the development, implementation and enforcement of the Union law in the areas of the internal market for goods and services, public procurement, market surveillance as well as in the areas of company law and contract and extra-contractual law, anti-money laundering, free movement of capital, financial services and competition, including the development of governance tools;

Amendment

(a) making the internal market more effective, ***promoting local economic development***, facilitating the prevention and removal of obstacles, supporting the development, implementation and enforcement of the Union law in the areas of the internal market for goods and services, ***social economy and social entrepreneurship***, public procurement, market surveillance as well as in the areas of company law and contract and extra-contractual law, anti-money laundering, free movement of capital, financial services and competition, including the development of governance tools;

Or. en

Amendment 158

Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) making the internal market more effective, facilitating the prevention and removal of obstacles, supporting the development, implementation and enforcement of the Union law in the areas of the internal market for goods and services, public procurement, market surveillance as well as in the areas of company law and contract and extra-contractual law, anti-money laundering, free movement of capital, financial services and competition, including the development of governance tools;

Amendment

(a) making the internal market more effective, ***environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive, and gearing it towards*** facilitating the prevention and removal of obstacles, supporting the development, implementation and enforcement of the Union law in the areas of the internal market for goods and services, public procurement, market surveillance as well as in the areas of company law and contract and extra-contractual law, anti-money laundering, free movement of capital, financial services and competition, including the development of governance tools;

Or. es

Amendment 159

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) ***improving*** the competitiveness of enterprises with special emphasis on SMEs and achieving additionality through the provision of measures that provide various forms of support to SMEs, access to markets including the internationalisation of SMEs, favourable business environment for SMEs, the competitiveness of sectors, the modernisation of industry and the promotion of entrepreneurship;

Amendment

(b) ***strengthening both*** the competitiveness ***and sustainability*** of enterprises with special emphasis on SMEs, ***paying particular attention to their specific needs, promoting their creation,*** and achieving additionality through the provision of measures that provide various forms of support to SMEs, ***reduced administrative burden, improved access to finance for SMEs in their start-up and growth phase,*** access to markets including the internationalisation of SMEs, favourable business environment for SMEs ***and ,improved framework conditions for enhancing*** the competitiveness ***and sustainability*** of sectors, ***the accelerating*** the modernisation of industry ***and***

enterprises, in order to be compatible with a net-zero carbon, climate-resilient, energy and resource efficient economy and the promotion of entrepreneurship;

Or. en

Amendment 160

Pavel Telička, Carolina Punset

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) improving the competitiveness of enterprises with special emphasis on SMEs and achieving additionality through the provision of measures that provide various forms of support to SMEs, access to markets including the internationalisation of SMEs, favourable business environment for SMEs, the competitiveness of sectors, the modernisation of industry and the promotion of entrepreneurship;

Amendment

(b) improving the competitiveness ***and sustainability*** of enterprises with special emphasis on SMEs and achieving additionality through the provision of measures that provide various forms of support to SMEs, access to markets including the internationalisation of SMEs, favourable business environment for SMEs, the competitiveness of sectors, the modernisation of industry, ***green innovation*** and the promotion of entrepreneurship ***and contributing to the high-quality training of workers;***

Or. en

Amendment 161

Rolandas Paksas

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) improving the competitiveness of enterprises with special emphasis on SMEs and achieving additionality through the provision of measures that provide various forms of support to SMEs, access to markets including the internationalisation

Amendment

(b) improving the competitiveness of enterprises with special emphasis on SMEs and achieving additionality through the provision of measures that provide various forms of support to SMEs, access to markets including the internationalisation

of SMEs, favourable business environment for SMEs, the competitiveness of sectors, the modernisation of industry and the promotion of entrepreneurship;

of SMEs, favourable business environment for SMEs, ***ensuring digital transition***, the competitiveness of sectors, the modernisation of industry and the promotion of entrepreneurship, ***access to data in the value chain***;

Or. en

Amendment 162

Paul Rübig

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) improving the competitiveness of enterprises with special emphasis on SMEs and achieving additionality through the provision of measures that provide various forms of support to SMEs, access to markets including the internationalisation of SMEs, favourable business environment for SMEs, the competitiveness of sectors, the modernisation of industry and the promotion of entrepreneurship;

Amendment

(b) improving the competitiveness of enterprises with special emphasis on SMEs and achieving additionality through the provision of measures that provide various forms of support to SMEs, access to markets including the internationalisation of SMEs, favourable business environment for SMEs, the competitiveness of sectors, the modernisation of industry and the promotion of entrepreneurship, ***notably***:

Or. en

Amendment 163

Paul Rübig

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b – point i (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) by supporting and expanding advisory services (the Enterprise Europe Network) to provide integrated business support services to Union SMEs that seek to explore opportunities in the internal market and in third countries, and by monitoring that a comparable level of

quality of service is provided by the latter throughout all the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 164

Paul Rübig

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b – point ii (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) by supporting and expanding mobility programmes for new entrepreneurs (“Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs”) to improve their ability to develop their entrepreneurial know-how, skills and attitudes and to improve their technological capacity and enterprise management

Or. en

Amendment 165

Paul Rübig

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b – point iii (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iii) by supporting the scale-up of SMEs through significant business extension projects based on market-driven opportunities (SME Scale-up instrument)

Or. en

Amendment 166

Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) promoting quality jobs and new opportunities for workers; fostering the involvement of workers and workers' organisations in the transformation processes that businesses are going through as a result of the ongoing digital revolution;

Or. es

Amendment 167
Paloma López Bermejo

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) empowering, assisting and educating consumers, businesses and civil society; ensuring a high level of consumer protection, sustainable consumption and product safety notably by supporting competent enforcement authorities and consumer representative organisations and cooperation actions; ensuring that all consumers have access to redress and; provision of adequate information on markets and consumers;

(i) empowering, assisting and educating consumers, **workers**, businesses and civil society; ensuring a high level of consumer protection, sustainable consumption and product safety notably by supporting competent enforcement authorities and consumer representative organisations and cooperation actions; ensuring that all consumers have access to redress and; provision of adequate information on markets and consumers. ***To this end, the Commission, in accordance with recital 36, shall establish a set of practices associated with the concept of empowerment, so that this criterion becomes a determining factor in the allocation of resources from the programme.***

Or. es

Amendment 168
Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) empowering, assisting and educating consumers, businesses and civil society; ensuring a high level of consumer protection, sustainable consumption and product safety notably by supporting competent enforcement authorities and consumer representative organisations and cooperation actions; ensuring that all consumers have access to redress and; provision of adequate information on markets and consumers;

Amendment

(i) empowering, assisting and educating consumers, businesses and civil society; ensuring a high level of consumer protection, sustainable consumption and product safety **and healthiness** notably by supporting competent enforcement authorities and consumer representative organisations and cooperation actions; ensuring that all consumers have access to redress and; provision of adequate information on markets and consumers;

Or. en

Amendment 169
Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) enhancing the participation of consumers, other financial services end-users and civil society in financial services policy-making; promoting a better understanding **of** the financial sector;

Amendment

(ii) enhancing the participation of consumers, other financial services end-users and civil society in financial services policy-making; promoting a better understanding **and a secure use of the opportunities given by** the financial sector;

Or. en

Amendment 170
Paloma López Bermejo

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) contributing to a high level of health for humans, animals and plants along the food chain and in related areas, including by preventing and eradicating diseases and pests, and to support the improvement of the welfare of animals as well as **a** sustainable food production and consumption;

Amendment

(e) contributing to a high level of health for humans, animals and plants along the food chain and in related areas, including by preventing and eradicating diseases and pests, and to support the improvement of the welfare of animals as well as sustainable food production and consumption, ***fostering organic, sustainable and environmentally friendly agriculture; favouring short-cycle food chains and promoting the elimination from the food chain of risky practices and products that could be harmful to health; applying the precautionary principle when introducing new components, practices or measures; lastly, promoting the inclusion of SMEs in this area of production with a view to boosting competitiveness and improving the quality and variety of products;***

Or. es

Amendment 171

Amjad Bashir

Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fa) improving conditions for international trade by reducing non-tariff barriers to trade and supporting regulatory harmonisation and recognition at plurilateral and WTO level.

Or. en

Amendment 172

Paul Rübig

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021 to 2027 shall be EUR **4 088 580 000** in current prices.

Amendment

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021 to 2027 shall be EUR **5 514 000 000 in 2018 prices (EUR 6 211 000 000** in current prices).

Or. en

Justification

The financial envelope is proposed to be amended in line with the EP resolutions of 14 March and 30 May on the next MFF, based on a preliminary technical breakdown per programme that could be subject to further adjustments, while respecting the overall EP position as set out in those resolutions and the overall level of 1.3% of the EU-27 GNI.

Amendment 173
Patrizia Toia

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021 to 2027 shall be EUR **4 088 580 000** in current prices.

Amendment

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021 to 2027 shall be EUR **5 514 000 000 in 2018 prices (EUR 6 211 000 000** in current prices).

Or. en

Justification

The financial envelope is proposed to be amended in line with the EP resolutions of 14 March and 30 May on the next MFF

Amendment 174
Tilly Metz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021 to 2027 shall be EUR **4 088 580 000 in current** prices.

Amendment

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021 to 2027 shall be EUR **5 088 580 000 in constant** prices.

Or. en

Amendment 175
Paul Rübiger

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) EUR **1 000 000 000** to the objective referred to in Article 3(2)(b);

Amendment

(a) EUR **2 772 000 000 in 2018 prices (EUR 3 122 000 000 in current prices)** to the objective referred to in Article 3(2)(b);

Or. en

Justification

In order to match EP's call for a doubling of COSME, EUR 1884 million in 2018 prices is added to the SME objective of the Single Market programme.

Amendment 176
Patrizia Toia

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) EUR **1 000 000 000** to the objective referred to in Article 3(2)(b);

Amendment

(a) EUR **2 772 000 000 in 2018 prices (EUR 3 122 000 000 in current prices)** to the objective referred to in Article 3(2)(b);

Justification

In accordance with the EP Resolution on the new MFF and the request for a doubling of EUR 1884 million in 2018 prices is added to the SME objective of the Single Market programme.

Amendment 177

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) EUR **1 000 000 000** to the objective referred to in Article 3(2)(b);

Amendment

(a) EUR **2 000 000 000** to the objective referred to in Article 3(2)(b);

Or. en

Amendment 178

Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) EUR **1 000 000 000** to the objective referred to in Article 3(2)(b);

Amendment

(a) EUR **2 000 000 000** to the objective referred to in Article 3(2)(b);

Or. es

Amendment 179

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) EUR **1 000 000 000** to the objective

Amendment

(a) EUR **1 190 000 000** to the objective

referred to in Article 3(2)(b);

referred to in Article 3(2)(b);

Or. en

Amendment 180

Rosa D'Amato

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) EUR **188 000 000** to the objective referred to in Article 3(2)(d)(i);

Amendment

(b) EUR **150 000 000** to the objective referred to in Article 3(2)(d)(i);

Or. en

Amendment 181

Rosa D'Amato

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) EUR **552 000 000** to the objective referred to in Article 3(2)(f).

Amendment

(d) EUR **400 000 000** to the objective referred to in Article 3(2)(f).

Or. en

Amendment 182

Pavel Telička, Carolina Punset

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The amount referred to in paragraph 1 may be used for technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the Programme, concerning in particular preparatory,

Amendment

3. The amount referred to in paragraph 1 may be used for technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the Programme, concerning in particular preparatory,

monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities as well as use of information technology networks focusing on information processing and exchange, and use and development of corporate information technology tools.

monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities as well as use of information technology networks focusing on information processing and exchange, and use and development of corporate information technology tools. ***The total costs of administrative and technical support should not exceed a limit of 5% of the overall budget referred to in Article 4 (1).***

Or. en

Amendment 183

Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The amount referred to in paragraph 1 may be used for technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the Programme, concerning in particular preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities as well as use of information technology networks focusing on information processing and exchange, and use and development of corporate information technology tools.

Amendment

3. The amount referred to in paragraph 1 may be used for technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the Programme, concerning in particular preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities as well as use of information technology networks focusing on information processing and exchange, and use and development of corporate information technology tools. ***Expenditure on technical and administrative tasks must not exceed 5%.***

Or. es

Amendment 184

Angelo Ciocca

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The amount referred to in paragraph 1 may be used for technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the Programme, concerning in particular preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities as well as use of information technology networks focusing on information processing and exchange, and use and development of corporate information technology tools.

Amendment

3. The amount referred to in paragraph 1 may be used for technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the Programme, ***up to a maximum of 4% of the financial envelope***, concerning in particular preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities as well as use of information technology networks focusing on information processing and exchange, and use and development of corporate information technology tools.

Or. it

Justification

Against a background of limited resources, we consider it necessary to limit resources for administrative expenditure in order to maximise those for other activities.

Amendment 185

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The amount referred to in paragraph 1 may be used for technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the Programme, concerning in particular preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities as well as use of information technology networks focusing on information processing and exchange, and use and development of corporate information technology tools.

Amendment

3. The amount referred to in paragraph 1 may be used, ***with the ceiling of 5%***, for technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the Programme, concerning in particular preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities as well as use of information technology networks focusing on information processing and exchange, and use and development of corporate information technology tools.

Or. en

Amendment 186
Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. Resources allocated to Member States under shared management may, at their request, be transferred to the Programme. The Commission shall implement those resources directly in accordance with point (a) of Article 62(1) of the Financial Regulation or indirectly in accordance with point (c) of that Article. Where possible those resources shall be used for the benefit of the Member State concerned.

Amendment

6. Resources allocated to Member States under shared management may, at their request ***and always on a voluntary basis***, be transferred to the Programme. The Commission shall implement those resources directly in accordance with point (a) of Article 62(1) of the Financial Regulation or indirectly in accordance with point (c) of that Article. Where possible those resources shall be used for the benefit of the Member State concerned.

Or. en

Amendment 187
Pavel Telička, Carolina Punset

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6a. Every effort should be made to distribute the resources in reasonably geographically balanced manner.

Or. en

Amendment 188
Paloma López Bermejo

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) third countries, in accordance with ***deleted***

the conditions laid down in a specific agreement covering the participation of the third country to any Union programme, provided that the agreement:

(i) ensures a fair balance as regards the contributions and benefits of the third country participating in the Union programmes;

(ii) lays down the conditions of participation in the programmes, including the calculation of financial contributions to individual programmes and their administrative costs;

(iii) does not confer to the third country a decisional power on the programme;

(iv) guarantees the rights of the Union to ensure sound financial management and to protect its financial interests.

The contributions referred to in point (ii) shall constitute assigned revenues in accordance with Article [21(5)] of the Financial Regulation.

Or. es

Justification

It is unclear what added value third countries can bring to this programme, especially given its limited financial options.

Amendment 189

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) The programme shall be open to countries described by point (b), (c) and (d) provided that the principles and rights enshrined in the European treaties and in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the

European Union are respected.

Or. en

Amendment 190

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Grants under the Programme shall be awarded and managed in accordance with Title VIII of the Financial Regulation.

Amendment

Grants under the Programme shall be awarded and managed in accordance with Title VIII of the Financial Regulation.

The Commission shall publish work programmes adopted for each of the specific objectives referred to in Article 2(2) specifying the amount of grants to be allocated.

Or. en

Amendment 191

Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) creation of the right conditions to empower all actors of the internal market, including businesses, citizens and consumers, civil society and public authorities through transparent information and ***awareness raising*** campaigns, best practice exchange, promotion of good practices, exchange and dissemination of expertise and knowledge and ***organization*** of ***trainings***;

Amendment

(a) creation of the right conditions to empower all actors of the internal market, including businesses, ***especially micro-enterprises and small businesses, workers,*** citizens and consumers, civil society and public authorities through transparent information and ***awareness-raising*** campaigns, best practice exchange, promotion of good practices, exchange and dissemination of expertise and knowledge and ***organisation of training***;

Amendment 192

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) creation of the right conditions to empower all actors of the internal market, including businesses, citizens and consumers, civil society and public authorities through transparent information and awareness raising campaigns, best practice exchange, promotion of good practices, exchange and dissemination of expertise and knowledge and organization of trainings;

Amendment

(a) creation of the right conditions to empower all actors of the internal market, including businesses, **and in particular SMEs**, citizens and consumers, civil society and public authorities through transparent information and awareness raising campaigns, best practice exchange, promotion of good practices, exchange and dissemination of expertise and knowledge and organization of trainings;

Or. en

Amendment 193

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) creation of the right conditions to empower all actors of the internal market, including businesses, citizens **and** consumers, civil society and public authorities through transparent information and awareness raising campaigns, best practice exchange, promotion of good practices, exchange and dissemination of expertise and knowledge and organization of trainings;

Amendment

(a) creation of the right conditions to empower all actors of the internal market, including businesses, citizens, consumers **and prosumers**, civil society and public authorities through transparent information and awareness raising campaigns, best practice exchange, promotion of good practices, exchange and dissemination of expertise and knowledge and organization of trainings;

Or. en

Amendment 194

Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) provision of mechanisms for citizens, consumers, end-users, civil society and businesses representatives from the Union to contribute to political discussions, policies and decision making process, notably by supporting the functioning of representative organisations at national and the Union level;

Amendment

(b) provision of mechanisms for citizens, consumers, end-users, **workers and their representatives**, civil society and businesses representatives from the Union to contribute to political discussions, policies and decision making process, notably by supporting the functioning of representative organisations at national and the Union level;

Or. es

Amendment 195

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) capacity building, facilitation and coordination of joint actions between Member States and between the competent authorities of Member States and between the competent authorities of Member States and the Commission, the decentralised Union agencies and third country authorities;

Amendment

(c) capacity building, **training**, facilitation and coordination of joint actions between Member States and between the competent authorities of Member States and between the competent authorities of Member States and the Commission, the decentralised Union agencies and third country authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 196

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) support for the effective enforcement and modernisation of the Union legal framework and its rapid adaptation to the ever-changing environment, including through data gathering and analyses; studies, evaluations and policy recommendations; organization of demonstration activities and pilot projects; communication activities; development of dedicated IT tools ensuring transparent and efficient functioning of the internal market.

Amendment

(d) support for the effective enforcement and modernisation of the Union legal framework and its rapid adaptation to the ever-changing environment, including through data gathering and analyses; studies, evaluations and policy recommendations; organization of demonstration activities and pilot projects; communication activities; development of dedicated IT tools **and contact points** ensuring transparent and efficient functioning of the internal market.

Or. en

Amendment 197

Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to provide various forms of support to SMEs;

Amendment

(a) to provide various forms of support to SMEs, **micro-enterprises, social enterprises and enterprise networks made up of SMEs and micro-enterprises**;

Or. es

Amendment 198

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) facilitating SMEs' access to markets, supporting them in addressing global and societal challenges and business internationalisation, and strengthening Union industrial leadership in global value chains, including the Enterprise Europe Network;

Amendment

(b) facilitating SMEs' access to ***finance and*** markets, ***providing information and raising awareness in relation to, among others, Union programmes, law and standards,*** supporting them in addressing global and societal challenges, ***in particular as embodied by the SDGs and the Paris Agreement,*** and business internationalisation, ***support service in terms of data protection and intellectual property rights in third countries,*** and strengthening Union industrial leadership ***and sustainability*** in global value chains, including the Enterprise Europe Network;

Or. en

Amendment 199

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) facilitating SMEs' access to markets, supporting them in addressing global and societal challenges and business internationalisation, and strengthening Union industrial leadership in global value chains, including the Enterprise Europe Network;

Amendment

(b) facilitating ***and supporting micro-enterprises and*** SMEs' access to markets, supporting them in addressing global and societal challenges and business internationalisation, and strengthening Union industrial leadership in global value chains, including the Enterprise Europe Network;

Or. en

Amendment 200

Patrizia Toia

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) facilitating SMEs' access to markets, supporting them in addressing global and societal challenges and business internationalisation, and strengthening Union industrial leadership in global value chains, including the Enterprise Europe Network;

Amendment

(b) facilitating SMEs' access to markets, supporting them in addressing global and societal challenges and business internationalisation, and strengthening Union ***entrepreneurial and*** industrial leadership in global value chains, including the Enterprise Europe Network;

Or. en

Amendment 201

Pavel Telička, Carolina Punset

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) facilitating SMEs' access to markets, supporting them in addressing global and societal challenges and business internationalisation, and strengthening Union industrial leadership in global value chains, including the Enterprise Europe Network;

Amendment

(b) facilitating SMEs' access to markets, supporting them in addressing global, ***environmental*** and societal challenges and business internationalisation, and strengthening Union industrial leadership in global value chains, including the Enterprise Europe Network;

Or. en

Amendment 202

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) addressing market barriers, administrative burden and creating a favourable business environment to empower SMEs to benefit from the internal

Amendment

(c) addressing market barriers, ***reducing*** administrative burden and creating a favourable business environment to empower SMEs to benefit from ***access***

market;

*to finance and the internal market;
providing appropriate guidance,
mentoring and coaching schemes delivery
of knowledge-based business services, that
may be crucial for ensuring access to
funds and up scaling;*

Or. en

Amendment 203

Amjad Bashir

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) **addressing** market barriers, administrative burden and creating a favourable business environment to empower SMEs to benefit from the internal market;

Amendment

(c) **reducing** market barriers, administrative burden and creating a favourable business environment to empower SMEs to benefit from the internal market;

Or. en

Amendment 204

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) facilitating the growth of businesses, including skills development, and industrial transformation across manufacturing and service sectors;

Amendment

(d) facilitating the **development and** growth of **sustainable** businesses, **raising SMEs' awareness of environmental and energy-related issues and to assist them implementing legislation, assessing their environmental and energy performance, including upgrading their skills and qualifications** development, and **to develop new sustainable business models and resource-efficient value-chains fostering sustainable** industrial transformation

across manufacturing and service sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 205

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) facilitating the growth of businesses, including skills development, and industrial transformation across manufacturing and service sectors;

Amendment

(d) facilitating the growth of ***sustainable*** businesses, ***boosting micro and SMEs know how as regards energy-related issues***, including skills development, and industrial transformation across manufacturing and service sectors ***with particular attention to resource efficiency and sustainable value chains***;

Or. en

Amendment 206

Angelo Ciocca

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) facilitating the growth of businesses, including skills development, and industrial transformation across manufacturing and service sectors;

Amendment

(d) facilitating the growth of businesses, including skills development, ***in particular skills relating to the ability to penetrate third-country markets***, and industrial transformation across manufacturing and service sectors;

Or. it

Amendment 207

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) **supporting** the competitiveness of enterprises and whole sectors of economy, and supporting SMEs' uptake of innovation and value chain collaboration through strategically connecting ecosystems and clusters, including the joint cluster initiative;

Amendment

(e) **strengthening** the competitiveness **and sustainability** of enterprises and whole sectors of economy, and supporting SMEs' uptake of innovation, **creating champions in eco-innovation and energy and resource efficient production and manufacturing processes as well as non-technical solutions and services, enhancing corporate social responsibility** and value chain collaboration through strategically connecting ecosystems and clusters, including the joint cluster initiative;

Or. en

Amendment 208

Rolandas Paksas

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) creating of the Digital Knowledge Centres bringing together experts in digitalisation, SME organisations and SMEs to facilitate the exchange on best practices, support programmes and relevant knowhow.

Or. en

Amendment 209

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

(f) fostering an entrepreneurial business environment and entrepreneurial culture, ***including*** the mentoring scheme for new entrepreneurs and supporting start-ups, business sustainability and scale-ups.

Amendment

(f) fostering an entrepreneurial business environment and entrepreneurial culture, ***enlarging*** the mentoring scheme for new entrepreneurs and supporting start-ups, business sustainability and scale-ups ***with particular attention to young entrepreneurs, new and potential entrepreneurs and female entrepreneurs, as well as specific target groups, such as migrants, socially disadvantaged or vulnerable groups such as people with disabilities.***

Or. en

Amendment 210

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fa) The Commission may take actions such as mobility programmes for new entrepreneurs to improve their ability to develop their entrepreneurial know-how, skills and attitudes and to improve their technological capacity and enterprise management.

Or. en

Amendment 211

Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fa) seeing to it that the outcome of these actions has an impact on the creation of quality jobs and achievement of the environmental objectives recognised by the European Union and its states.

Or. es

Amendment 212

Paloma López Bermejo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 2 – point a – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) a third country associated to the Programme in accordance with Article 5;

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 213

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

may receive support from the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Social Fund Plus or the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article [67] of Regulation (EU) XX [Common Provisions Regulation] and Article [8] or Regulation (EU) XX [Financing, management and monitoring of the Common Agricultural Policy], provided that such actions are consistent with the objectives ***of the programme***

may receive ***on a voluntary basis***, support from the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Social Fund Plus or the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article [67] of Regulation (EU) XX [Common Provisions Regulation] and Article [8] or Regulation (EU) XX [Financing, management and monitoring of the Common Agricultural Policy], provided that such actions are consistent ***and in line***

concerned. The rules of the Fund providing support shall apply.

with the **Cohesion Policy** objectives. The rules of the Fund providing support shall apply.

Or. en

Amendment 214

Pavel Telička, Carolina Punset

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The Commission shall prepare by the end of March 2021 a Framework Programme that will include the time table of the work programmes and calls, their topics and allocated financing and other necessary details necessary to provide transparency and predictability for all period of the Programme and to enhance the quality of the projects. The Framework Programme will be adopted through a delegated act.

Or. en

Amendment 215

Pavel Telička, Carolina Punset

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1b. Upon the publication of a work programme, the Commission shall make public a notice of the calls for proposals foreseen under the work programme; such notice shall contain, in accordance with Article 194 of the Financial Regulation, at least the following information for each call listed:

- (a) Priorities;*
- (b) Indicative opening date;*
- (c) Indicative closing date;*
- (d) Estimated budget.*

Or. en

Amendment 216

Paul Rübig

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Work programmes implementing the specific objective referred to in Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b – point iii (new) “SME Scale-up instrument” shall be implemented following the working methods and experiences of the SME Instrument. It shall be further refined in its methodology to specifically assess excellence in commercialisation in an SME business development environment. The SME Scale-up Instrument will have to support all kinds of scale-up in the specific context of SME & Entrepreneurship development and will be complementary to the new EIC with its specific focus on break-through innovation. Specific measures should be taken so that the SME Scale-up Instrument will better help to close gap in SME Entrepreneurship between EU-14 and EU-13 country groups. 25% of the budget is to be allocated to business projects supporting low carbon and carbon free products and services. A certain share of the SME Financial Instruments is to be set aside to provide appropriate financial support to the further development of successful SME Scale-up companies.

Amendment 217

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. The work programme covering the COSME actions and giving effect to the specific objective referred to in Article 3(2)(b) shall include:

(i) an indication of the amount allocated to each action to be financed, including the expected amount contributing to climate-related expenditure;

(ii) an indicative implementation timetable;

(iii) appropriate indicators for monitoring the effectiveness vis-à-vis the objectives, evaluation and award criteria and the maximum rate of co-financing; and

(iv) references to other actions at Union level that are being implemented and that could be of interest to SME and the networking the framework of other Union programmes or actions.

The work programme and the actions shall also be published, on the websites of each of the contact points of the Network, where such websites are available. This is particularly important for actions addressed to SMEs.

Or. en

Amendment 218

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph -1 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

-1. The Commission shall draw up an annual monitoring report examining the efficiency and effectiveness of supported actions in terms of financial implementation, results and where possible impact. The report shall include information on the amount of climate related expenditure and the impact of support to climate change objectives. The annual report shall be presented to the European Parliament and made available to the public.

Or. en

Amendment 219
Pavel Telička, Carolina Punset

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The Commission shall define a methodology to provide for qualitative indicators for an accurate assessment of the progress achieved through the Programme.

Or. en

Amendment 220
Angelo Ciocca

Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Evaluations shall be carried out in a

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timely manner to feed into the decision-making process.

timely manner to feed into the decision-making process ***and to ensure that funds allocated under the Programme are properly used.***

Or. it

Amendment 221

Pavel Telička, Carolina Punset

Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Evaluations shall be carried out in a timely manner to feed into the decision-making process.

Amendment

1. Evaluations shall be carried out in a timely manner, ***but at least every two years,*** to feed into the decision-making process.

Or. en

Amendment 222

Pavel Telička, Carolina Punset

Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – 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, ***on the basis of the monitoring conducted in accordance with Article 20,*** but no later than four years after the start of the Programme implementation. ***It shall also include a comprehensive evaluation of the procedures, objectives and eligibility criteria for the priorities of the ongoing funding period. Based on the results of this interim evaluation, recommendations for a review of the Programme shall be proposed.***

Amendment 223

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Article 18 – 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 **three** years after the start of the Programme implementation.

Or. en

Amendment 224

Angelo Ciocca

Proposal for a regulation

Article 22 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The recipients of Union funding shall acknowledge the origin **and ensure the visibility** of the Union funding (**in particular when promoting the actions and their results**), by providing coherent, effective and proportionate targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public.

Amendment

1. The recipients of Union funding shall acknowledge the origin of the Union funding by providing coherent, effective and proportionate targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public.

Or. it

Justification

The aim of the Programme is to support SMEs and it should not be a propaganda tool.

Amendment 225
Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation
Article 22 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The recipients of Union funding shall acknowledge the origin and ensure the visibility of the Union funding (in particular when promoting the actions and their results), by providing coherent, effective and proportionate targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public.

Amendment

1. The recipients of Union funding shall ***operate with transparency and*** acknowledge the origin and ensure the visibility of the Union funding (in particular when promoting the actions and their results), by providing coherent, effective and proportionate targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public.

Or. en

Amendment 226
Angelo Ciocca

Proposal for a regulation
Article 22 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall implement information and communication actions relating to the Programme, and its actions and results. Financial resources allocated to the Programme shall also contribute to ***the corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, as far as they are related to the objectives referred to in Article 3.***

Amendment

2. The Commission shall implement information and communication actions relating to the Programme, and its actions and results. Financial resources allocated to the Programme shall also contribute to ***information and communication actions targeted at potential beneficiaries.***

Or. it

Amendment 227
Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point 1.3 – point 1.3.1

Text proposed by the Commission

1.3.1. Protection measures taken in the case of a direct threat to the health status of the Union as a result of the occurrence or development, in the territory of a third country, a Member State or an OCT, of one of the animal diseases and zoonoses listed in Annex III as well as protection measures, or other relevant activities, taken in support of the plant health status of the Union;

Amendment

1.3.1. Protection measures taken in the case of a direct threat to the health status of the Union as a result of the occurrence or development, in the territory of a third country, a Member State or an OCT, of one of the animal diseases and zoonoses listed in Annex III as well as protection measures, or other relevant activities ***such as the adoption of plans based on the best agronomic practices***, taken in support of the plant health status of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 228

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point 2.1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2.1. Annual and multiannual veterinary and phytosanitary programmes for the eradication, control and surveillance of animal diseases and zoonoses listed in Annex III and of plant pests have to be implemented in compliance with the provisions laid down in the relevant Union law.

Amendment

2.1. Annual and multiannual veterinary and phytosanitary programmes for the ***prevention***, eradication, control and surveillance of animal diseases and zoonoses listed in Annex III and of plant pests have to be implemented in compliance with the provisions laid down in the relevant Union law.

Or. en

Amendment 229

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point 2.2

Text proposed by the Commission

2.2. If the occurrence or the development of one of the animal diseases or zoonoses listed in Annex III is likely to constitute a threat to the health status of the Union and in order to protect the Union from the introduction of one of those diseases or zoonoses or if protection measures are necessary in support of the plant health status of the Union, Member States may include in their ***national*** programmes measures to be implemented in territories of third countries in cooperation with the authorities of those countries. ***Under the same circumstances and for the same objective, Union funding may be directly awarded to third countries' competent authorities.***

Amendment

2.2. If the occurrence or the development of one of the animal diseases or zoonoses listed in Annex III is likely to constitute a threat to the health status of the Union and in order to protect the Union from the introduction of one of those diseases or zoonoses or if protection measures are necessary in support of the plant health status of the Union, Member States ***and the Union*** may include in their programmes, ***in case of emergency,*** measures to be implemented in territories of third countries in cooperation with the authorities of those countries.

Or. en

Amendment 230

Tilly Metz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Activities to support the improvement of the welfare of animals.

Amendment

3. Activities to support the improvement of the welfare of animals, ***including measures to ensure compliance with animal welfare standards during animal transport, and at Union and MS borders.***

Or. en

Amendment 231

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

- providing high-quality statistics underpinning the Excessive Deficit Procedure, Reform Support Programme and the Union’s annual cycle of economic monitoring and guidance;

Amendment

- providing high-quality statistics ***as well as disaggregated data*** underpinning the Excessive Deficit Procedure, Reform Support Programme and the Union’s annual cycle of economic monitoring and guidance;

Or. en

Amendment 232
Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

- providing and where necessary, enhancing the Principal European Economic Indicators (PEEIs);

Amendment

- providing and where necessary, enhancing the Principal European Economic Indicators (PEEIs), ***including also data for the monitoring of the Social Progress Index or of the Genuine Progress Indicator***;

Or. en

Amendment 233
Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – indent 6

Text proposed by the Commission

- providing high quality and reliable statistics for the Single Market, ***the European Defence Action Plan*** and key areas of innovation and research;

Amendment

- providing high quality and reliable statistics for the Single Market and key areas of innovation and research;

Or. en

Amendment 234

Rolandas Paksas

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – indent 6

Text proposed by the Commission

- providing high quality and reliable statistics for the Single Market, ***the European Defence Action Plan*** and key areas of innovation and research;

Amendment

- providing high quality and reliable statistics for the Single Market and key areas of innovation and research;

Or. en

Amendment 235

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – indent 8

Text proposed by the Commission

- providing high quality, timely and reliable statistics to support the European Pillar of Social Rights and the Union Skills Policy, including statistics on the labour market, employment, education and training, income, living conditions, poverty, inequality, social protection, undeclared work and satellite accounts on skills;

Amendment

- providing high quality, timely and reliable statistics to support the European Pillar of Social Rights and the Union Skills Policy, including statistics on the labour market, employment ***with disaggregates data for precarious contracts and good quality jobs***, education and training, income, living conditions, poverty, inequality, social protection, undeclared work and satellite accounts on skills;

Or. en

Amendment 236

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – indent 15

Text proposed by the Commission

- providing key environmental statistics and indicators including on waste, water, biodiversity, forests, land use and land cover as well as climate-related statistics and environmental economic accounts;

Amendment

- providing key environmental statistics and indicators including on waste, water, biodiversity, forests, land use and land cover as well as climate-related statistics and environmental economic accounts, ***with particular attention to the climate and energy policy goals, the “energy efficiency first” principle and the progress towards a net zero GHG economy by 2050 at the latest;***

Or. en

Amendment 237

Rosa D'Amato, Dario Tamburrano

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – indent 19

Text proposed by the Commission

- providing timely and comprehensive statistical indicators on regions, including the Union outermost regions, cities and rural areas to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of territorial development policies, and to evaluate the territorial impacts of sectoral policies;

Amendment

- providing timely, ***disaggregated*** and comprehensive statistical indicators on regions, including the Union outermost regions, cities and rural areas to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of territorial development policies, ***included the technical assistance,*** and to evaluate the territorial impacts of sectoral policies;

Or. en

Amendment 238

Paul Rübig

Proposal for a regulation

Annex IV – column INDICATOR – box 2

Text proposed by the Commission

INDICATORS

Amendment

Proposal for a regulation Annex IV – table – column 2 – row 2

Amendment:

1 - Number of SMEs receiving support

2 - Number of companies supported having concluded business partnerships.

2a - Number of entrepreneurs benefitting from mentoring and mobility schemes

Or. en

Amendment 239

Tilly Metz

Proposal for a regulation

Annex IV – column INDICATOR – box 2

Text proposed by the Commission

- 1 - Number of SMEs receiving support
- 2 - Number of companies supported having concluded business partnerships.

Amendment

- 1 - Number of SMEs receiving support
- 2 - Number of companies supported having concluded business partnerships.

- 1. Marked reduction in number of days to set-up a new SME***
- 2. Marked reduction in the average start-up costs in the Union compared to baseline***
- 3. Marked increase in the number of Member States where the time needed to get licences and permits (including environmental permits) to take up and perform the specific activity of an enterprise is one month***
- 4. Marked increase in the number of Member States with a one-stop shop for business start-ups***
- 5. Number of SMEs receiving support services***
- 6. Increase of SME output (value added) and employees compared to baseline***
- 7. Increase in the proportion of SMEs exporting and increase in the proportion of SMEs exporting outside the Union compared to***

baseline

- 8. Increase in the proportion of SMEs exporting and increase in the proportion of SMEs exporting outside the Union compared to baseline.**
- 9. Increase in the proportion of Union citizens that would like to be self-employed compared to baseline**
- 10. Marked increase in number of Member States implementing entrepreneurship solutions targeting potential, young, new and female entrepreneurs, as well as other specific target groups compared to baseline**
- 11. Performance of SMEs as regards sustainability to be measured by the increase in the proportion of Union SME producing green, i.e. environmentally friendly, products¹ compared to baseline, for example by means of Eurobarometer survey**
- 12. Increase in the proportion of Union SMEs that are taking at least one action to be more resource efficient (which may include energy, materials or water, recycling, etc.) compared to baseline, for example by means of Eurobarometer survey**
- 13. Increase in the proportion of Union SMEs that are planning to implement additional resource efficiency actions (which may include energy, materials or water, recycling, etc.) every two years compared to baseline, for example by means of Eurobarometer survey**

¹ Green products and services are those with a predominant function of reducing environmental risk and minimising pollution and resources. Products with environmental features (eco-designed, eco-labelled, organically produced, and with an important recycled content) are also included. Source: Flash Eurobarometer 456, "SMEs, Resource Efficiency and Green Markets".

