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Establishing the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III)

Proposal for a regulation

(COM(2018)0465 – C8-0274/2018 – 2018/0247(COD))

Amendment 16

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Proposal for a regulation

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Proposal for rejection

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs calls on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, as the committee responsible, to propose rejection of the Commission proposal..

Or. en

Justification

The basic concept of the IPA, that is enlarging the Union at any price instead of proceeding with necessary structural and institutional reforms, must be vigorously rejected. Furthermore, it must be refused to accept any misspending on pre-accession countries like Turkey, which are incompatible with the values listed in Article 2 TEU

Amendment 17

Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) Regulation (EU) No 231/2014¹⁴ expires on 31 December 2020. In order to maintain the ***Union's effectiveness in external actions, a framework for planning and delivering*** external assistance should be maintained.

¹⁴ Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11).

Amendment

(1) Regulation (EU) No 231/2014¹⁴ expires on 31 December 2020. In order to maintain the effectiveness ***of the Union's enlargement policy, it should continue to be supported by a specific funding instrument for financing*** external action.

¹⁴ Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11).

Or. en

Amendment 18
Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) The objectives of an instrument for pre-accession ***are substantially distinct from*** the general objectives of Union external action as this instrument aims to prepare the beneficiaries listed in Annex I for future membership of the Union and support their accession process. It is therefore essential to have a dedicated instrument in support of enlargement, while ensuring its complementarity with the general objectives of Union external action and in particular with the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI).

Amendment

(2) The objectives of an instrument for pre-accession ***stem from both*** the general objectives of Union external action ***and the specific objectives of the EU's enlargement policy***, as this instrument aims to prepare the beneficiaries listed in Annex I for future membership of the Union and support their accession process. It is therefore essential to have a dedicated instrument in support of enlargement, while ensuring its complementarity with the general objectives of Union external action and in particular with the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI).

Or. en

Amendment 19
Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Article 49 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) provides that any European state which respects the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities, and commits to promote these values, may apply to become a member of the Union. A European State which has applied to join

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(3) Article 49 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) provides that any European state which respects the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities, and commits to promote these values, may apply to become a member of the Union. A European State which has applied to join

the Union can become a member only when it has been confirmed that it meets the membership criteria established at the Copenhagen European Council in June 1993 (the 'Copenhagen criteria') and provided that the Union has the capacity to integrate the new member. The Copenhagen criteria relate to the stability of institutions guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law, human rights and respect for and protection of minorities, the existence of a functioning market economy as well as the capacity to cope with competitive pressure and market forces within the Union, and the ability to assume not only the rights but also the obligations under the Treaties, including adherence to the aims of political, economic and monetary union.

the Union can become a member only when it has been confirmed that it **fully** meets the membership criteria established at the Copenhagen European Council in June 1993 (the 'Copenhagen criteria') and provided that the Union has the capacity to integrate the new member. The Copenhagen criteria relate to the stability of institutions guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law, human rights and respect for and protection of minorities, the existence of a functioning market economy as well as the capacity to cope with competitive pressure and market forces within the Union, and the ability to assume not only the rights but also the obligations under the Treaties, including adherence to the aims of political, economic and monetary union.

Or. en

Amendment 20

Miltiadis Kyrkos

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) The enlargement process is built on established criteria and fair and rigorous conditionality. Each beneficiary is assessed on the basis of its own merits. The assessment of progress achieved and the identification of shortcomings aim to provide incentives and guidance to the beneficiaries listed in Annex I to pursue the necessary far-reaching reforms. For the prospect of enlargement to become a reality, a firm commitment to the principle of the 'fundamentals first'¹⁵ remains essential. **Progression** towards accession depends on each applicant's respect for the Union's values and its capacity to undertake the necessary reforms to align its political, institutional, legal, administrative and economic systems with the rules,

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(4) The enlargement process is built on established criteria and fair and rigorous conditionality. Each beneficiary is assessed on the basis of its own merits. The assessment of progress achieved and the identification of shortcomings aim to provide incentives and guidance to the beneficiaries listed in Annex I to pursue the necessary far-reaching reforms. For the prospect of enlargement to become a reality, a firm commitment to the principle of the 'fundamentals first'¹⁵ remains essential. **Furthermore, good neighbourly relations and regional cooperation are also essential elements of the enlargement process. Progress** towards accession depends on each applicant's respect for the Union's values and its capacity to

standards, policies and practices in the Union.

undertake the necessary reforms to align its political, institutional, legal, administrative and economic systems with the rules, standards, policies and practices in the Union.

¹⁵ The 'fundamentals first' approach links rule of law and fundamental rights with the two other crucial areas of the accession process: economic governance – strengthened focus on economic development and improved competitiveness – and the strengthening of democratic institutions and public administration reform. Each of the three fundamentals is of crucial importance for the reform processes in the candidate countries and potential candidates and addresses key concerns of the citizens.

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Or. en

Amendment 21

Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) The enlargement policy of the Union is an investment in peace, security **and** stability in Europe. It provides increased economic and trade opportunities to the mutual benefit of the Union and the aspiring Member States. The prospect of Union membership **has** a powerful transformative effect, embedding positive democratic, political, economic and societal change.

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(5) The enlargement policy of the Union is an investment in peace, security, stability **and prosperity** in Europe. It provides increased economic and trade opportunities to the mutual benefit of the Union and the aspiring Member States. The prospect of Union membership **can have** a powerful transformative effect, embedding positive democratic, political, economic and societal change. ***This potential should be tapped into to the highest possible degree.***

Or. en

Amendment 22

Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) The enlargement policy of the Union is an investment in peace, security and stability in Europe. It provides increased economic and trade opportunities to the mutual benefit of the Union and the aspiring Member States. The prospect of Union membership has a powerful transformative effect, embedding positive democratic, political, economic and societal change.

Amendment

(5) The enlargement policy of the Union is an investment in peace, security and stability in Europe **and the development of the Internal Market**. It provides increased economic and trade opportunities to the mutual benefit of the Union and the aspiring Member States. The prospect of Union membership has a powerful transformative effect, embedding positive democratic, political, economic and societal change.

Or. en

Amendment 23

Geoffrey Van Orden

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(5) The enlargement policy of the Union is an investment in peace, security and stability in Europe. It **has the potential to provide** increased economic and trade opportunities to the mutual benefit of the Union and the aspiring Member States. The prospect of Union membership **can have** a powerful transformative effect, embedding positive democratic, political, economic and societal change.

Or. en

Amendment 24

Tanja Fajon

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Assistance should also be provided in compliance with the agreements concluded by the Union with the beneficiaries listed in Annex I. Assistance should mainly focus on assisting the beneficiaries listed in Annex I to strengthen democratic institutions and the rule of law, reform the judiciary and public administration, respect fundamental rights **and** promote gender equality, tolerance, social inclusion and non-discrimination. ***Assistance should also support the key principles and rights as defined in the European Pillar of Social Rights.¹⁷ Assistance should continue to support their efforts to advance regional, macro-regional and cross-border cooperation as well as territorial development, including through implementation of Union macro-regional strategies. It should also enhance their economic and social development and economic governance, underpinning a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth agenda, including through implementation of regional development, agriculture and rural development, social and employment policies and the development of the digital economy and society, also in line with the flagship initiative Digital Agenda for the Western Balkans.***

¹⁷ ***European Pillar of Social Rights solemnly proclaimed by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission at the Gothenburg Social Summit for Fair Jobs and Growth, Gothenburg 17 November 2017.***

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(7) Assistance should also be provided in compliance with the agreements concluded by the Union with the beneficiaries listed in Annex I. Assistance should mainly focus on assisting the beneficiaries listed in Annex I to strengthen democratic institutions and the rule of law, reform the judiciary and public administration, respect fundamental rights, ***protect of minorities, to*** promote gender equality, tolerance, social inclusion and non-discrimination, ***protect human*** rights' ***defenders, whistle-blowers and civil society, and to support initiatives that promote transparency, accountability, integrity and the fight against corruption.***

Or. en

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Assistance should also be provided in compliance with the agreements concluded by the Union with the beneficiaries listed in Annex I. Assistance should mainly focus on assisting the beneficiaries listed in Annex I **to strengthen** democratic institutions and the rule of law, **reform** the judiciary and public administration, **respect fundamental** rights and **promote gender** equality, tolerance, social inclusion and non-discrimination. Assistance should also support the key principles **and rights as defined in the European Pillar of Social Rights**.¹⁷ Assistance should continue to support their efforts to advance regional, macro-regional and cross-border cooperation as well as territorial development, including through implementation of Union macro-regional strategies. It should also enhance their economic and social development and economic governance, underpinning a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth agenda, including through implementation of regional development, agriculture and rural development, social and employment policies and the development of the digital economy and society, also in line with the flagship initiative Digital Agenda for the Western Balkans.

¹⁷ **European Pillar of Social Rights solemnly proclaimed by the European**

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(7) Assistance should also be provided in compliance with the agreements concluded by the Union with the beneficiaries listed in Annex I. Assistance should mainly focus on assisting the beneficiaries listed in Annex I, **as applicable, to ensure that a transitional justice process, as defined by the United Nations, is conducted, to ensure long term stability and reconciliation. Secondly, the assistance should focus on strengthening** democratic institutions and the rule of law, **reforming** the judiciary and public administration, **promoting** rights and equality, tolerance, social inclusion and non-discrimination; **a key focus shall be the management of borders and migration flows as well as the fight against terrorism**. Assistance should also support the key principles **of liberal democratic values**. Assistance should continue to support their efforts to advance regional, macro-regional and cross-border cooperation as well as territorial development, including through implementation of Union macro-regional strategies. It should also enhance their economic and social development and economic governance, underpinning a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth agenda, including through implementation of regional development, agriculture and rural development, social and employment policies and the development of the digital economy and society, also in line with the flagship initiative Digital Agenda for the Western Balkans.

Amendment 26
Miltiadis Kyrkos

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 27
Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

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economy and society, also in line with the flagship initiative Digital Agenda for the Western Balkans.

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Or. en

Amendment 28

Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

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agenda, including through implementation of regional development, agriculture and rural development, social and employment policies and the development of the digital economy and society, also in line with the flagship initiative Digital Agenda for the Western Balkans.

governance, underpinning a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth agenda, including through implementation of regional development, agriculture and rural development, social and employment policies *by the development of SMEs* and the development of the digital economy and society, also in line with the flagship initiative Digital Agenda for the Western Balkans.

¹⁷ European Pillar of Social Rights solemnly proclaimed by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission at the Gothenburg Social Summit for Fair Jobs and Growth, Gothenburg 17 November 2017.

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Or. en

Amendment 29

Tanja Fajon

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7a) Assistance should also support the key principles and rights as defined in the European Pillar of Social Rights.^{1a} Assistance should continue to support their efforts to advance regional, macro-regional and cross-border cooperation as well as territorial development, including through implementation of Union macro-regional strategies. It should also enhance their economic and social development and economic governance, underpinning a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth agenda, including through implementation of regional development, agriculture and rural development, social and employment policies and the development of the digital economy and society, also in line with the flagship

initiative Digital Agenda for the Western Balkans.

^{1a} European Pillar of Social Rights solemnly proclaimed by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission at the Gothenburg Social Summit for Fair Jobs and Growth, Gothenburg 17 November 2017.

Or. en

Justification

Second part of Recital (7) moved to a new Recital (7a) so that it better reflects the specific objectives in line with Article 3(2).

Amendment 30
Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) The Union should provide support to the transition towards accession for the benefit of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I, based on the experience of its Member States. This cooperation should focus in particular on the sharing of experience acquired by the Member States in the reform process.

Amendment

(8) The Union should provide support to the transition towards accession for the benefit of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I, based on the experience of its Member States *and its own institutions and bodies*. This cooperation should focus in particular on the sharing of experience acquired by the Member States in the reform process.

Or. en

Amendment 31
Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 32

Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Enhanced strategic and operational cooperation between the Union and the beneficiaries listed in Annex I on security is pivotal to addressing effectively and efficiently security and terrorism threats.

Amendment

(9) Enhanced strategic and operational cooperation between the Union and the beneficiaries listed in Annex I on security is pivotal to addressing effectively and efficiently security and terrorism threats. ***The European Union should invest in capacity building, institutional strengthening and training of law-enforcement agencies and facilitate police and judicial cooperation between beneficiaries and EU Member States to counter threats posed by organised crime and terrorism, including radicalisation leading to violent extremism, the challenges related to the return of foreign terrorist fighters, and the trafficking of firearms and explosives. Attention should also be paid to capacity building in the area of cyber-security and the fight against cyber-crime.***

Or. en

Amendment 33

Geoffrey Van Orden

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Enhanced strategic and operational cooperation between the Union and the beneficiaries listed in Annex I on security is pivotal to addressing effectively and efficiently security **and** terrorism threats.

Amendment

(9) Enhanced strategic and operational cooperation between the Union and the beneficiaries listed in Annex I on security is pivotal to addressing effectively and efficiently security, terrorism **and other** threats **to stability and peace within Member States**.

Or. en

Amendment 34
Tanja Fajon

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Enhanced strategic and operational cooperation between the Union and the beneficiaries listed in Annex I on security is pivotal to addressing effectively and efficiently security and terrorism **threats**.

Amendment

(9) Enhanced strategic and operational cooperation between the Union and the beneficiaries listed in Annex I on security is pivotal to addressing effectively and efficiently security **threats, including serious crime** and terrorism.

Or. en

Amendment 35
Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Enhanced strategic and operational cooperation between the Union and the beneficiaries listed in Annex I on security is pivotal to addressing effectively and efficiently security and terrorism threats.

Amendment

(9) Enhanced strategic and operational cooperation between the Union and the beneficiaries listed in Annex I on security is pivotal to addressing effectively and efficiently security, **organised crime** and

Amendment 36

Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) Enhanced strategic and operational cooperation between the Union and the beneficiaries listed in Annex I ***on security*** is pivotal to addressing effectively and efficiently ***security and terrorism threats***.

Amendment

(9) Enhanced strategic and operational cooperation between the Union and the beneficiaries listed in Annex I is pivotal to addressing effectively and efficiently ***safety for all in the society***.

Amendment 37

Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) It is essential to ***further step up*** cooperation ***on migration including border management***, ensuring access to international protection, sharing relevant information, strengthening the development benefits of migration, facilitating legal and labour migration, enhancing border control and pursuing ***our effort*** in the fight against irregular migration, trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling.

Amendment

(10) It is essential to ***consolidate border and migration management capacities and to improve*** cooperation ***with the European Union in this area***, ensuring access to international protection, sharing relevant information, strengthening the development benefits of migration, facilitating legal and labour migration, enhancing border control, ***ensuring the effective implementation of readmission and return policies*** and pursuing ***common efforts*** in the fight against irregular migration, trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling.

Amendment 38

Udo Voigt

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) It is essential to further step up cooperation on migration including border management, ensuring access to international protection, sharing relevant information, strengthening the development benefits of migration, facilitating legal and labour migration, enhancing border control and pursuing our effort in the fight against irregular migration, trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling.

Amendment

(10) It is essential to further step up cooperation on migration including border management, ensuring access to international protection, sharing relevant information, strengthening the development benefits of migration, facilitating legal and labour migration, enhancing border control and pursuing our effort in the fight against irregular migration, trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling, ***as well as accelerating the return of illegal immigrants.***

Or. de

Amendment 39

Geoffrey Van Orden

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) It is essential to further step up cooperation on migration including border management, ensuring ***access to*** international protection, sharing relevant information, ***strengthening the development benefits of migration, facilitating legal and labour migration,*** enhancing border control ***and pursuing our effort*** in the fight against irregular migration, trafficking in human beings ***and*** migrant smuggling.

Amendment

(10) It is essential to further step up cooperation on migration including border management, ensuring ***effective management of irregular migration, the prompt and safe return of illegal migrants, and the capability to determine the need for and possible provision of*** international protection, sharing relevant information, enhancing border control in the fight against irregular migration, trafficking in human beings, migrant smuggling ***and terrorism.***

Or. en

Amendment 40
Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) It is essential to further step up cooperation on migration ***including border management***, ensuring access to international protection, sharing relevant information, strengthening the development benefits of migration, facilitating legal and labour migration, ***enhancing border control*** and pursuing our effort in the fight against ***irregular migration***, trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling.

Amendment

(10) It is essential to further step up cooperation on migration, ensuring access to international protection, sharing relevant information, strengthening the development benefits of migration, facilitating legal and labour migration, and pursuing our effort in the fight against trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling.

Or. en

Amendment 41
Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) It is essential to further step up cooperation on migration including border management, ensuring access to international protection, sharing relevant information, strengthening the development benefits of migration, facilitating legal and labour migration, enhancing border control and pursuing our effort in the fight against irregular migration, trafficking in human beings ***and*** migrant smuggling.

Amendment

(10) It is essential to further step up cooperation on migration including border management, ensuring access to international protection, sharing relevant information, strengthening the development benefits of migration, facilitating legal and labour migration, enhancing border control and pursuing our effort in the fight against irregular migration, trafficking in human beings , migrant smuggling ***and terrorism*** .

Or. en

Amendment 42

Tanja Fajon

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) It is essential to further step up cooperation on **migration** including border management, ensuring access to international protection, sharing relevant information, strengthening the development benefits of migration, facilitating legal and labour migration, enhancing border control and pursuing our effort in the fight against irregular migration, trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling.

Amendment

(10) It is essential to further step up cooperation on **common challenges** including border management, ensuring access to international protection, sharing relevant information, strengthening the development benefits of migration, facilitating legal and labour migration, enhancing border control and pursuing our effort in the fight against irregular migration, trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling.

Or. en

Amendment 43

Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10a) Migration, border management and security are cross-cutting policy fields in which the EU can provide an effective response only through full coherence and the use of synergies of the relevant internal and external funding instruments. It is therefore essential to apply an integrated approach which takes into account the actions of the beneficiary countries and ensures coherence, consistency and synergies between the different EU funding instruments with a view to maximize their leverage and impact, both for beneficiaries outside the Union and for the Union itself.

Or. en

Amendment 44
Tanja Fajon

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10a) It is essential to promote social protection and social inclusion as part of cooperation between the Union and the beneficiaries listed in Annex I. Interventions in this area should seek to promote inclusive, effective, efficient, and adequate social protection systems, fostering social inclusion, promoting equal opportunities and addressing inequalities and poverty.

Or. en

Amendment 45
Tanja Fajon

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11) Strengthening the rule of law, including the fight against corruption and organised crime, and good governance, including public administration reform, remain key challenges in most of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I and are essential in order for beneficiaries to come closer to the Union and later to fully assume the obligations of Union membership. In view of the longer-term nature of the reforms pursued in those areas and the need to build up track records, financial assistance under this Regulation should address the requirements placed on the beneficiaries listed in Annex I as early as possible.

(11) Strengthening the rule of law, including ***by ensuring the independence of the judiciary, transparency and non-arbitrariness in decision making by public authorities and law enforcement, by providing support for independent human rights' defenders and civil society organisations undertaking monitoring compliance with the rule of law, and by supporting initiatives that promote transparency, accountability, integrity,*** and the fight against corruption and organised crime, and good governance, including public administration reform, remain key challenges in most of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I and are

essential in order for beneficiaries to come closer to the Union and later to fully assume the obligations of Union membership. In view of the longer-term nature of the reforms pursued in those areas and the need to build up track records, financial assistance under this Regulation should address the requirements placed on the beneficiaries listed in Annex I as early as possible.

Or. en

Amendment 46
Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) Strengthening the rule of law, including the fight against corruption and organised crime, and good governance, including public administration reform, remain key challenges in most of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I and are essential in order for beneficiaries to come closer to the Union and later to fully assume the obligations of Union membership. In view of the longer-term nature of the reforms pursued in those areas and the need to build up track records, financial assistance under this Regulation should address the requirements placed on the beneficiaries listed in Annex I as early as possible.

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(11) Strengthening the rule of law, including ***the independence of the judiciary, democracy and fundamental rights, safeguarding and promoting the independence of the media***, the fight against corruption and organised crime, and good governance, including public administration reform, remain key challenges in most of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I and are essential in order for beneficiaries to come closer to the Union and later to fully assume the obligations of Union membership. In view of the longer-term nature of the reforms pursued in those areas and the need to build up track records, financial assistance under this Regulation should address the requirements placed on the beneficiaries listed in Annex I as early as possible.

Or. en

Amendment 47
Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) Strengthening the rule of law, including the fight against corruption and organised crime, and good governance, including public administration reform, remain key challenges in most of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I and are essential in order for beneficiaries to come closer to the Union and later to fully assume the obligations of Union membership. In view of the longer-term nature of the reforms pursued in those areas and the need to build up track records, financial assistance under this Regulation should address the requirements placed on the beneficiaries listed in Annex I as early as possible.

Amendment

(11) Strengthening the rule of law ***based on the national Constitution, which respects the human rights and the separation of powers***, including the fight against corruption and organised crime, and good governance, including public administration reform, remain key challenges in most of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I and are essential in order for beneficiaries to come closer to the Union and later to fully assume the obligations of Union membership. In view of the longer-term nature of the reforms pursued in those areas and the need to build up track records, financial assistance under this Regulation should address the requirements placed on the beneficiaries listed in Annex I as early as possible.

Or. en

Amendment 48
Miltiadis Kyrkos

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) Strengthening the rule of law, including the fight against corruption and organised crime, and good governance, including public administration reform, remain key challenges in most of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I and are essential in order for beneficiaries to come closer to the Union and later to fully assume the obligations of Union membership. In view of the longer-term nature of the reforms pursued in those areas and the need to build up track

Amendment

(11) Strengthening the rule of law, including the fight against corruption and organised crime, ***prevent radicalisation and terrorism*** and good governance, including public administration reform, remain key challenges in most of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I and are essential in order for beneficiaries to come closer to the Union and later to fully assume the obligations of Union membership. In view of the longer-term nature of the reforms pursued in those

records, financial assistance under this Regulation should address the requirements placed on the beneficiaries listed in Annex I as early as possible.

areas and the need to build up track records, financial assistance under this Regulation should address the requirements placed on the beneficiaries listed in Annex I as early as possible.

Or. en

Amendment 49
Geoffrey Van Orden

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) Strengthening the rule of law, including the fight against corruption and organised crime, and good governance, including public administration reform, remain key challenges ***in most*** of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I and are essential in order for beneficiaries to ***come closer to the Union and later to fully assume the obligations of Union membership***. In view of the longer-term nature of the reforms pursued in those areas and the need to build ***up track records***, financial assistance under this Regulation should address the requirements placed on the beneficiaries listed in Annex I ***as early as possible***.

Amendment

(11) Strengthening the rule of law, including the fight against corruption and organised crime, and good governance, including public administration reform, remain key challenges of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I and are essential in order for beneficiaries to ***move towards closer ties with*** the Union. In view of the longer-term nature of the reforms pursued in those areas and the need to build ***on a solid foundation of sustainable results***, financial assistance under this Regulation should address the requirements placed on the beneficiaries listed in Annex I ***in a manner that ensures lasting and real change***.

Or. en

Amendment 50
Udo Voigt

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

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organised crime, ***and good governance, including public administration reform, remain key challenges*** in most of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I and ***are*** essential in order for beneficiaries to come closer to the Union and later to fully assume the obligations of Union membership. In view of the longer-term nature of the reforms pursued in those areas and the need to build up track records, financial assistance under this Regulation should address the requirements placed on the beneficiaries listed in Annex I as early as possible.

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Or. de

Amendment 51
Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) In view of the ethnic complexity of the Western Balkans region and its recent turbulent history of ethnic relations, the protection of national, ethnic and linguistic minorities is of particular importance. In order for minority protection to become a force for stability in candidate and potential candidate countries, the European Union should support governments in the adoption, monitoring and effective application of legal minority protection frameworks based on relevant international norms. In this, the EU should capitalise the lessons learnt during and after former accession negotiations.

Or. en

Amendment 52

Csaba Sógor

**Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11 b (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11b) The situation of the Roma remains particularly problematic in most of the candidate and potential candidate countries, where they continue to suffer from pervasive discrimination, miserable living conditions, inadequate access to basic social services and extremely high rates of illiteracy and early school leaving, which in turn reinforces their social exclusion. IPA III should assist in the provision of well-targeted and strategy-based support for improving the situation of the Roma in the beneficiaries.

Or. en

**Amendment 53
Filiz Hyusmenova**

**Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12a) Assistance should be provided as well to further strengthen the minority rights aspect, improving multi-cultural understanding and peaceful co-existence.

Or. en

**Amendment 54
Soraya Post**

**Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13) The beneficiaries listed in Annex I need to be better prepared to address global challenges, such as sustainable development and climate change, and align with the Union's efforts to address those issues. Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this Programme should contribute to mainstream climate action in the Union's policies and to the achievement of an overall target of 25 % of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. Actions under this Programme are expected to contribute 16 % of the overall financial envelope of the Programme to climate objectives. Relevant actions will be identified during the Programme's preparation and implementation, and the overall contribution from this Programme should be part of relevant evaluations and review processes.

(13) The beneficiaries listed in Annex I need to be better prepared to address global challenges, such as **poverty**, sustainable development and climate change, and align with the Union's efforts to address those issues. Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this Programme should contribute to mainstream climate action in the Union's policies and to the achievement of an overall target of 25 % of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. Actions under this Programme are expected to contribute 16 % of the overall financial envelope of the Programme to climate objectives. Relevant actions will be identified during the Programme's preparation and implementation, and the overall contribution from this Programme should be part of relevant evaluations and review processes.

Or. en

Amendment 55

Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) The Commission and the Member States should ensure compliance, coherence, and complementarity of their assistance, in particular through regular consultations and frequent exchanges of information during the different phases of the assistance cycle. The necessary steps should also be taken to ensure better coordination and complementarity, including through regular consultations, with other donors. The role of civil society should be enhanced both in programmes

Amendment

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implemented through government bodies and as a direct beneficiary of Union assistance.

human rights organisations, should be enhanced both in programmes implemented through government bodies and as a direct beneficiary of Union assistance.

Or. en

Amendment 56
Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) The priorities for action towards meeting objectives in the relevant policy areas which will be supported under this Regulation should be defined in a programming framework established by the Commission for the duration of the Union multiannual financial framework for the period from 2021 to 2027 in partnership with the beneficiaries listed in Annex I, based on the enlargement agenda and their specific needs, in line with the general and specific objectives defined by this Regulation and taking relevant national strategies into due account. The programming framework should identify the areas to be supported through assistance with an indicative allocation per area of support, including an estimate of climate-related expenditure.

Amendment

(17) The priorities for action towards meeting objectives in the relevant policy areas which will be supported under this Regulation should be defined in a programming framework established by the Commission for the duration of the Union multiannual financial framework for the period from 2021 to 2027 in partnership with the beneficiaries listed in Annex I, based on the enlargement agenda and their specific needs, in line with the general and specific objectives defined by this Regulation and taking relevant national strategies **and resolutions of the European Parliament** into due account. The programming framework should identify the areas to be supported through assistance with an indicative allocation per area of support, including an estimate of climate-related expenditure.

Or. en

Amendment 57
Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) It is in the ***Union's*** interest ***to assist*** the beneficiaries listed in Annex I in their efforts to reform with a view to Union membership. Assistance should be managed with a strong focus on results and with incentives for those who demonstrate their commitment to reform through efficient implementation of pre-accession assistance and progress towards meeting the membership criteria.

Amendment

(18) It is in the ***common*** interest ***of the Union and*** the beneficiaries listed in Annex I ***to assist the beneficiaries*** in their efforts to reform with a view to Union membership. Assistance should be managed with a strong focus on results and with incentives for those who demonstrate their commitment to reform through efficient implementation of pre-accession assistance and progress towards meeting the membership criteria.

Or. en

Amendment 58
Filiz Hyusmenova

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) It is in the Union's interest to assist the beneficiaries listed in Annex I in their efforts to reform with a view to Union membership. Assistance should be managed with a strong focus on results and with incentives for those who demonstrate their commitment to reform through efficient implementation of pre-accession assistance and progress towards meeting the membership criteria.

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Or. en

Amendment 59
Udo Voigt

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) It is in the Union's interest to assist the beneficiaries listed in Annex I in their efforts to reform with a view to Union membership. ***Assistance should be managed with a strong focus on results and with incentives for those who demonstrate their commitment to reform through efficient implementation of pre-accession assistance and progress towards meeting the membership criteria.***

Amendment

(18) It is in the Union's interest to assist the beneficiaries listed in Annex I in their efforts to reform with a view to Union membership. ***The Union shall respect the national characteristics and the sovereignty of the beneficiaries, taking particular note of their proposals for reform. Incentives for reform must not be interpreted as pressure to take action.***

Or. de

Amendment 60
Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18a) There should be clear consequences in cases of serious deterioration with respect to the rule of law, democracy, human rights and fundamental freedoms in a candidate or potential candidate country or where the beneficiary violates the commitments taken in the relevant agreements concluded with the Union. In such cases, without prejudice to the budgetary procedure and the provisions on suspension of aid in international agreements with beneficiaries, the power to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission to amend Annex I to this Regulation with a view to suspend or partially suspend Union assistance. When taking such decisions, the Commission should ensure that financial support for actions directly benefitting the citizens, in particular those run by non-governmental actors directly

related to the strengthening of the rule of law, democracy, human rights and fundamental freedoms, remains possible. Where the Commission finds that the reasons justifying the suspension of assistance no longer apply, it should be empowered to adopt delegated acts to amend Annex I with a view to reinstate Union assistance.

Or. en

Amendment 61
Geoffrey Van Orden

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) The transition from direct management of pre-accession funds by the Commission to indirect management by the beneficiaries listed in Annex I should be progressive and in line with the respective capacities of those beneficiaries. Assistance should continue to make use of the structures and instruments that have proved their worth in the pre-accession process.

Amendment

(19) The transition from direct management of pre-accession funds by the Commission to indirect management by the beneficiaries listed in Annex I should be progressive and in line with the respective capacities of those beneficiaries ***and with full fiduciary safeguards applied, including but not limited to: transparent accounting and tendering procedures; and external periodical review by OLAF.*** Assistance should continue to make use of the structures and instruments that have proved their worth in the pre-accession process.

Or. en

Amendment 62
Filiz Hyusmenova

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 63
Geoffrey Van Orden

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) The Union should seek the most efficient use of available resources in order to optimise the impact of its external action. That should be achieved through coherence and complementarity among the Union's external financing instruments, as well as the creation of synergies with other Union policies and programmes. This includes, where relevant, coherence and complementarity with macro-financial assistance.

Amendment

(20) The Union should seek the most efficient use of available resources in order to optimise the impact of its external action. That should be achieved through coherence and complementarity among the Union's external financing instruments, as well as the creation of synergies with other Union policies and programmes. ***Interventions by recognised international organisations such as the United Nations and the OSCE as well as any bilateral support provided by Member States should also be included in this drive for optimised impact.*** This includes, where relevant, coherence and complementarity with macro-financial assistance.

Or. en

Amendment 64
Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) The Union should seek the most efficient use of available resources in order to optimise the impact of its external action. That should be achieved through coherence and complementarity among the Union's external financing instruments, as well as the creation of synergies with other Union policies and programmes. This includes, where relevant, coherence and complementarity with macro-financial assistance.

Amendment

(20) The Union should seek the most efficient use of available resources in order to optimise the impact of its external action. That should be achieved, ***in order to avoid the overlapping with other existing external financing instruments***, through coherence and complementarity among the Union's external financing instruments, as well as the creation of synergies with other Union policies and programmes. This includes, where relevant, coherence and complementarity with macro-financial assistance.

Or. en

Amendment 65
Geoffrey Van Orden

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) External actions are often implemented in a highly volatile environment requiring a continuous and rapid adaptation to the evolving needs of Union partners and to global ***challenges such as*** human rights, democracy and good governance, security and stability, climate change and environment and irregular migration and its root causes. Reconciling the principle of predictability with the need to react rapidly to new needs consequently means adapting the financial implementation of the programmes. To increase the ability of the Union to respond to unforeseen needs, while respecting the principle that the Union budget is set

Amendment

(26) External actions are often implemented in a highly volatile environment requiring a continuous and rapid adaptation to the evolving needs of Union partners and to global ***problems with the implementation of***; human rights, democracy and good governance, security and stability, climate change and environment and irregular migration and its root causes. Reconciling the principle of predictability with the need to react rapidly to new needs consequently means adapting the financial implementation of the programmes. To increase the ability of the Union to respond to unforeseen needs, while respecting the principle that the

annually, this Regulation should preserve the possibility to apply the flexibilities already allowed by the Financial Regulation for other policies, namely carry-overs and re-commitments of committed funds, to ensure an efficient use of the EU funds both for the *EU* citizens and the beneficiaries listed in Annex I, ***thus maximising the EU funds available for the EU external action interventions.***

Union budget is set annually, this Regulation should preserve the possibility to apply the flexibilities already allowed by the Financial Regulation for other policies, namely carry-overs and re-commitments of committed funds, to ensure an efficient use of the EU funds both for the citizens ***of Member States*** and the beneficiaries listed in Annex I.

Or. en

Amendment 66

Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) External actions are often implemented in a highly volatile environment requiring a continuous and rapid adaptation to the evolving needs of Union partners and to global challenges such as human rights, democracy and good governance, security and stability, climate change and environment and irregular migration and its root causes. Reconciling the principle of predictability with the need to react rapidly to new needs consequently means adapting the financial implementation of the programmes. To increase the ability of the Union to respond to unforeseen needs, while respecting the principle that the Union budget is set annually, this Regulation should preserve the possibility to apply the flexibilities already allowed by the Financial Regulation for other policies, namely carry-overs and re-commitments of committed funds, to ensure an efficient use of the EU funds both for the EU citizens and the beneficiaries listed in Annex I, thus maximising the EU funds available for the EU external action interventions.

Amendment

(26) External actions are often implemented in a highly volatile environment requiring a continuous and rapid adaptation to the evolving needs of Union partners and to global challenges such as human rights, democracy and good governance, security and stability, climate change and environment and irregular migration and its root causes, ***terrorism.*** Reconciling the principle of predictability with the need to react rapidly to new needs consequently means adapting the financial implementation of the programmes. To increase the ability of the Union to respond to unforeseen needs, while respecting the principle that the Union budget is set annually, this Regulation should preserve the possibility to apply the flexibilities already allowed by the Financial Regulation for other policies, namely carry-overs and re-commitments of committed funds, to ensure an efficient use of the EU funds both for the EU citizens and the beneficiaries listed in Annex I, thus maximising the EU funds available for the EU external action interventions.

Amendment 67**Soraya Post****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 26***Text proposed by the Commission*

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Or. en

Amendment 68**Csaba Sógor****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 31 a (new)**

(31a) Transparency, communication and visibility activities are essential to raise awareness about Union actions on the ground. In order to raise awareness in the general public, the Commission, the Union delegations and beneficiaries should communicate clearly and effectively about the use of pre-accession assistance in recipient countries by outlining their objectives, use and results. The recipients of Union funding should acknowledge the origin of the Union's funding and ensure its proper visibility. IPA III should contribute to financing communication actions to promote the results of the Union's assistance to multiple audiences in the recipient countries.

Or. en

Amendment 69
Geoffrey Van Orden

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. IPA III shall have following specific objectives:

2. IPA III shall have ***the*** following specific objectives:

Or. en

Amendment 70
Udo Voigt

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) To strengthen the rule of law,

(a) To strengthen the rule of law;

democracy, the respect of human rights, fundamental rights and international law, civil society and security as well as improve migration management including border management;

Or. de

Amendment 71
Tanja Fajon

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) To strengthen the rule of law, democracy, the respect of human rights, fundamental rights and international law, civil society and *security as well as improve migration management including border management;*

Amendment

(a) To strengthen the rule of law, democracy, the respect of human rights, fundamental rights and international law *and the independence of the judiciary, to protect minorities, to support human rights' defenders, whistle-blowers and civil society and to support initiatives that promote transparency, accountability, integrity and fight against corruption;*

Or. en

Amendment 72
Csaba Sógor

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) To strengthen the rule of law, democracy, the respect of *human rights*, fundamental rights *and* international law, civil society and *security as well as improve migration management including border management;*

Amendment

(a) To strengthen the rule of law, *including the independence of the judiciary*, democracy, the respect of fundamental rights, *human rights, including the rights of minorities, compliance with* international law, *independence of the media*, civil society and *the fight against corruption;*

Amendment 73

Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) To strengthen the rule of law, democracy, the respect of human rights, fundamental rights and international law, civil society and security as well as improve ***migration management including border management***;

Amendment

(a) To strengthen the rule of law, democracy, the respect of human rights, ***including the rights of minorities***, fundamental rights and international law, civil society and ***interpersonal*** security as well as improve ***the reception and integration of migrants***;

Or. en

Amendment 74

Geoffrey Van Orden

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) To strengthen the rule of law, democracy, the respect of human rights, fundamental rights and international law, civil society and security ***as well as improve migration management including*** border management;

Amendment

(a) To strengthen the rule of law, democracy, the respect of human rights, fundamental rights and international law, civil society and security ***and ensure as a top priority the improvement of*** migration, ***as well as*** border management;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation

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

(aa) To improve migration and border management capacities and to strengthen strategic and operational cooperation with the EU including ensuring access to international protection, sharing of relevant information, facilitating legal and labour migration, enhancing border control, ensuring the effective implementation of readmission and return policies and the fight against irregular migration and migrant smuggling;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Csaba Sógor

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ab) To support capacity-building and training of law-enforcement agencies as well as strategic and operational cooperation with the EU on security issues in view of countering threats posed by organised crime, terrorism and cyber-crime;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Csaba Sógor

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) To reinforce the effectiveness of public administration and support structural reforms and good governance at

(b) To reinforce the *quality*, effectiveness *and accountability* of public administration and support structural

all levels;

reforms and good governance at all levels;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) To reinforce the effectiveness of public administration and support structural reforms and good governance at all levels;

Amendment

(b) To reinforce the effectiveness ***and transparency*** of public administration and support structural reforms and good governance at all levels;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Geoffrey Van Orden

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) To reinforce the effectiveness of public administration and support structural reforms and good governance at all levels;

Amendment

(b) To reinforce the effectiveness of public administration and support ***warranted*** structural reforms and good governance at all levels;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Geoffrey Van Orden

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) To ***shape*** the rules, standards,

Amendment

(c) To ***encourage the population of***

policies and practices of the **beneficiaries listed in Annex I in alignment to those of the** Union and to **reinforce** reconciliation and good neighbourly relations, as well as people to people contacts and communication;

the beneficiaries listed in Annex I to align to the rules, standards, policies and practices of the Union and to **encourage a locally driven** reconciliation **process** and good neighbourly relations, as well as people to people contacts and communication;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Csaba Sógor

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) To shape the rules, standards, policies and practices of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I in alignment to those of the Union and to **reinforce reconciliation and good neighbourly relations, as well as people to people contacts and communication;**

Amendment

(c) To shape the rules, standards, policies and practices of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I in alignment to those of the Union and to **improve their capacity to implement the EU acquis;**

Or. en

Amendment 82
Udo Voigt

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) To strengthen economic and social development including through increased connectivity and regional development, agriculture and rural development and social and employment policies, to reinforce environmental protection, **increase resilience to climate change, accelerate the shift towards a low-carbon economy** and develop the digital economy

Amendment

(d) To strengthen economic and social development including through increased connectivity and regional development, agriculture and rural development and social and employment policies, to reinforce environmental protection and develop the digital economy and society.

and society.

Or. de

Amendment 83
Filiz Hyusmenova

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) To strengthen economic and social development including through increased connectivity and regional development, agriculture and rural development **and** social and employment policies, to reinforce environmental protection, increase resilience to climate change, accelerate the shift towards a low-carbon economy and develop the digital economy and society.

Amendment

(d) To strengthen economic and social development including through increased connectivity and regional development, agriculture and rural development, social and employment policies, ***the respect for and protection of minorities***, to reinforce environmental protection, increase resilience to climate change, accelerate the shift towards a low-carbon economy and develop the digital economy and society.

Or. en

Amendment 84
Maria Grapini

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) To strengthen economic and social development including through increased connectivity and regional development, agriculture and rural development **and** social and employment policies, to reinforce environmental protection, increase resilience to climate change, accelerate the shift towards a low-carbon economy and develop the digital economy and society.

Amendment

(d) To strengthen economic and social development including through increased connectivity and regional development, agriculture and rural development , social and employment ***policies and SME development*** policies, to reinforce environmental protection, increase resilience to climate change, accelerate the shift towards a low-carbon economy and develop the digital economy and society.

Or. en

Amendment 85

Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) To reinforce conflict prevention and to promote reconciliation, peace-building, good neighbourly relations, as well as people to people contacts and communication;

Or. en

Amendment 86

Tanja Fajon

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) To support territorial and cross-border cooperation.

(e) To support territorial and cross-border cooperation, **the sharing of relevant information as well as to improve border management;**

Or. en

Amendment 87

Miltiadis Kyrkos

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) To support territorial and cross-border cooperation.

(e) To support territorial and cross-border cooperation, **including across maritime borders.**

Amendment 88

Tanja Fajon

Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) To strengthen social protection and social inclusion, including through promoting equal opportunities and addressing inequalities and poverty, ensuring access to international protection, facilitating legal and labour migration, and improving the integration of marginalised communities.

Or. en

Amendment 89

Geoffrey Van Orden

Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) ensure a locally led comprehensive transitional justice process as defined by the United Nations

Or. en

Amendment 90

Udo Voigt

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. ***The financial envelope*** for the

1. ***No budgetary resources have been***

implementation of IPA III for the period 2021-2027 **shall be EUR 14 500 000 000 in current prices.**

earmarked for the implementation of IPA III for the period 2021-2027.

Or. de

Amendment 91
Filiz Hyusmenova

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Programmes and actions under this Regulation shall mainstream climate change, environmental protection and gender equality and shall, where applicable, address interlinkages between Sustainable Development Goals³⁴, to promote integrated actions that can create co-benefits and meet multiple objectives in a coherent way.

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https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/policies/sustainable-development-goals_en

Amendment

2. Programmes and actions under this Regulation shall mainstream climate change, environmental protection, ***fundamental rights*** and gender equality and shall, where applicable, address interlinkages between Sustainable Development Goals³⁴, to promote integrated actions that can create co-benefits and meet multiple objectives in a coherent way.

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https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/policies/sustainable-development-goals_en

Or. en

Amendment 92
Filiz Hyusmenova

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Assistance shall be targeted and adjusted to the specific situation of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I, taking into account further efforts needed to meet the membership criteria as well as the

Amendment

Assistance shall be targeted and adjusted to the specific situation of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I, taking into account further efforts needed to meet the membership criteria as well as the

capacities of those beneficiaries.
Assistance shall be differentiated in scope and intensity according to needs, commitment to reforms and progress in implementing those reforms.

capacities of those beneficiaries, ***with a special attention to the improvement of their absorption capacities***. Assistance shall be differentiated in scope and intensity according to needs, commitment to reforms and progress in implementing those reforms.

Or. en

Amendment 93
Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 7a

Suspension of Union assistance

1. In cases of serious deterioration in the respect for the rule of law, democracy, human rights and fundamental freedoms in a beneficiary or where a beneficiary violates the commitments taken in the relevant agreements concluded with the Union, the Commission shall be empowered, in accordance with Article 14, to adopt a delegated act to amend Annex I to this Regulation in order to suspend or partially suspend Union assistance. In the event of a partial suspension, the programmes for which the suspension applies shall be indicated. When taking such decisions, the Commission should ensure that financial support for actions directly benefitting the citizens, in particular those run by non-governmental actors directly related to the strengthening of the rule of law, democracy, human rights and fundamental freedoms, remains possible.

2. Where the Commission finds that the reasons justifying the suspension of assistance no longer apply, it shall be

empowered to adopt a delegated act, in accordance with Article 14 to amend Annex I in order to reinstate Union assistance.

Or. en

Amendment 94
Udo Voigt

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 9

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Cross border cooperation

1. Up to 3 % of the financial envelope shall be indicatively allocated to cross-border cooperation programmes between the beneficiaries listed in Annex I and the Member States, in line with their needs and priorities.

2. The Union co-financing rate at the level of each priority shall not be higher than 85 % of the eligible expenditure of a cross-border cooperation programme. For technical assistance the Union co-financing rate shall be 100%.

3. The level of pre-financing for cross-border cooperation with member states shall be determined in the work programme, in accordance with needs of the beneficiaries listed in Annex I and may exceed the percentage referred to in Article 49 of ETC Regulation.

4. Where cross border cooperation programmes are discontinued in accordance with Article 12 of [ETC Regulation], support from this Regulation to the discontinued programme that remains available may be used to finance any other actions eligible under this Regulation.

Amendment 95
Geoffrey Van Orden

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) Member States, ***beneficiaries listed in Annex I to this Regulation, contracting parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and countries covered by the Annex I of the [NDICI Regulation],***
and

Amendment

(a) ***EU*** Member States, ***Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and the United Kingdom,*** and

Amendment 96
Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall be assisted by a committee (the ‘Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance Committee’). That committee shall be a committee within the meaning of [Regulation (EU) No 182/2011].

Amendment

1. The Commission shall be assisted by a committee (the ‘Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance Committee’). That committee shall be a committee within the meaning of [Regulation (EU) No 182/2011], ***whose work should be assisted by the relevant civil society and human rights organisations. Gender balance and appropriate representation of minority and other excluded groups in the Committee shall be safeguarded.***

Amendment 97
Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. *Articles 36 and 37 of [Regulation NDICI] shall apply.*

Amendment

1. *When providing financial assistance under this Regulation, the Commission and the Union delegations in the beneficiaries shall take all necessary measures in order to ensure the visibility of the Union's financial support, including monitoring recipients' compliance with those requirements. IPA-financed actions shall be subject to the requirements set out in the Communication and Visibility Manual for EU External Actions. The Commission shall adopt guidance for Union funded projects on visibility and communication actions for each beneficiary.*

2. *The Commission shall take measures to strengthen strategic communication and public diplomacy for communicating the values of the Union and highlighting the added value of the Union's support.*

3. *The recipients of Union funding shall acknowledge the origin of the Union funding and ensure its proper visibility by:*

(a) providing a statement highlighting the support received from the Union in a visible manner on documents and communication material relating to the implementation of the funds, including on an official website, where such a website exists;

(b) promoting the actions and their results by providing coherent, effective and proportionate targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public.

4. *The Commission shall implement information and communication actions relating to this Regulation, as well as the actions set out by it and the results achieved. Financial resources allocated to*

*this Regulation shall **also contribute to the corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, insofar as those priorities are directly related to the objectives referred to in Article 3 and in Annexes II and III.***

Or. en

Amendment 98

Udo Voigt

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Albania

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Or. de

Amendment 99

Udo Voigt

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Bosnia and Herzegovina

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 100

Udo Voigt

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Kosovo⁴²

deleted

⁴² **This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.*

Or. de

Amendment 101
Udo Voigt

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Montenegro

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 102
Udo Voigt

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Turkey

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 103
Udo Voigt

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

deleted

Amendment 104**Soraya Post****Proposal for a regulation****Annex II – paragraph 1 – point a***Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) Establishing and promoting from an early stage the proper functioning of the institutions necessary in order to secure the rule of law. Interventions in this area shall aim at: establishing independent, accountable and efficient judicial systems, including transparent and merit-based recruitment and promoting judicial cooperation, evaluation and promotion systems and effective disciplinary procedures in cases of wrongdoing; ***ensuring the establishment of robust systems to protect the borders, manage migration flows and provide asylum to those*** in need; developing effective tools to prevent and fight organised crime, trafficking in human beings, migrants smuggling, money laundering/financing of terrorism and corruption; promoting and protecting human rights, rights of persons belonging to minorities including Roma as well as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons fundamental freedoms, including freedom of the media and data protection.

Amendment

(a) Establishing and promoting from an early stage the proper functioning of the institutions necessary in order to secure the rule of law. Interventions in this area shall aim at: establishing independent, accountable and efficient judicial systems, including transparent and merit-based recruitment and promoting judicial cooperation, evaluation and promotion systems and effective disciplinary procedures in cases of wrongdoing; ***ending discrimination against and promoting long-term socio-economic inclusion of third-country nationals (with a special focus on women and children, including unaccompanied minors)*** in need of ***protection***; developing effective tools to prevent and fight organised crime, trafficking in human beings, migrants smuggling, money laundering/financing of terrorism and corruption; promoting and protecting human rights, rights of persons belonging to minorities including Roma^{1a}, ***the rights of returnees, rights of people with disabilities, women***, as well as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons fundamental freedoms, including freedom of the media and data protection. ***Encouraging and supporting the effective participation of women and minority groups in politics. Addressing gender mainstreaming as a priority and taking concrete steps to gender mainstream all policies.***

^{1a} The word ‘Roma’ is used as an

umbrella term which includes different related groups, whether sedentary or not, such as Roma, Ashkalis, Égyptiens, etc., that may be diverse in culture and lifestyles;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Geoffrey Van Orden

Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) Establishing and promoting from an early stage the proper functioning of the institutions necessary in order to secure the rule of law. Interventions in this area shall aim at: establishing independent, accountable and efficient judicial systems, including transparent and merit-based recruitment and promoting judicial cooperation, evaluation and promotion systems and effective disciplinary procedures in cases of wrongdoing; ensuring the establishment of robust systems to protect the borders, manage migration flows and provide asylum to those in need; developing effective tools to prevent and fight organised crime, trafficking in human beings, migrants smuggling, money laundering/financing of terrorism and corruption; promoting and protecting human rights, rights of *persons belonging to minorities including Roma as well as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons fundamental freedoms*, including freedom of the media and data protection.

Amendment

(a) Establishing and promoting from an early stage the proper functioning of the institutions necessary in order to secure the rule of law. *The focus shall be to establish and promote secure border management, ensuring effective management of irregular migration, the prompt and safe return of illegal migrants, the potential for information sharing and the need to combat and prevent the activities of organised criminal and terrorist-networks.* Interventions in this area shall aim at: establishing independent, accountable and efficient judicial systems, including transparent and merit-based recruitment and promoting judicial cooperation, evaluation and promotion systems and effective disciplinary procedures in cases of wrongdoing; ensuring the establishment of robust systems to protect the borders, manage migration flows and provide asylum to those in need; developing effective tools to prevent and fight organised crime, trafficking in human beings, migrants smuggling, money laundering/financing of terrorism and corruption; promoting and protecting human rights, rights of minorities, including freedom of the media and data protection.

Amendment 106**Csaba Sógor****Proposal for a regulation****Annex II – paragraph 1 – point a***Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) Establishing and promoting from an early stage the proper functioning of the institutions necessary in order to secure the rule of law. Interventions in this area shall aim at: establishing independent, accountable and efficient judicial systems, including transparent and merit-based recruitment and promoting judicial cooperation, evaluation and promotion systems and effective disciplinary procedures in cases of wrongdoing; ***ensuring the establishment of robust systems to protect the borders, manage migration flows and provide asylum to those in need***; developing effective tools to prevent and fight organised crime, ***trafficking in human beings, migrants smuggling***, money laundering/financing of terrorism and corruption; promoting and protecting human rights, rights of persons belonging to minorities including Roma as well as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons fundamental freedoms, including freedom of the media and data protection.

Amendment

(a) Establishing and promoting from an early stage the proper functioning of the institutions necessary in order to secure the rule of law, ***democracy, fundamental rights and human rights, including the rights of minorities***. Interventions in this area shall aim at: establishing independent, accountable and efficient judicial systems, including transparent and merit-based recruitment and promoting judicial cooperation, evaluation and promotion systems and effective disciplinary procedures in cases of wrongdoing; ***safeguarding and promoting the independence of media***, developing effective tools to prevent and fight organised crime, money laundering/financing of terrorism and corruption; promoting and protecting human rights, rights of persons belonging to minorities, including Roma as well as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons fundamental freedoms, including freedom of the media and data protection.

Or. en

Amendment 107**Csaba Sógor****Proposal for a regulation****Annex II – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)***Text proposed by the Commission**Amendment*

(aa) Promoting respect for the rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic or linguistic minorities. Interventions shall aim at: actions supporting the de-politicisation of minority issues, development of legislative frameworks and long-term strategies for the protection of minority rights; establishment of robust capacities for the monitoring of the application of existing minority protection legislation in practice in order to secure effective application and to remedy shortcomings; enabling the development of governmental/parliamentary/state administration and judiciary structures guaranteeing the participation of minorities and the establishment of specific bodies or fora for minorities, such as minority councils; facilitating and promoting the use of minority languages in education, public administration, and public and cultural life and media; sharing of best practices in the area of positive discrimination and affirmative actions;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – paragraph 1 – point a b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ab) Improving the situation of the Roma. Interventions shall aim at: developing credible, comprehensive and adequately funded long-term strategies for Roma inclusion and integration; measures for improving the situation of Roma in the areas of education, health, housing and employment, targeted actions for reducing illiteracy and early school leaving; measures ensuring meaningful participation of Roma in public and

political life;

Or. en

Amendment 109

Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – paragraph 1 – point a c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ac) Consolidating border and migration management capacities. Interventions shall aim at: ensuring the establishment of robust systems to protect the borders, to manage migration flows and to provide asylum and international protection to those in need; strengthening cooperation with the EU on migration including border management, sharing relevant information, facilitating legal and labour migration, ensuring the effective implementation of readmission and return policies; fighting irregular migration, trafficking in human beings and migrants smuggling.

Or. en

Amendment 110

Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – paragraph 1 – point a d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ad) Strengthening security capacities. Interventions shall aim at: capacity building, training and institutional strengthening of law enforcement authorities and facilitation of police and judicial cooperation between beneficiaries and EU Member States to counter threats

originating from organised crime and terrorism, including radicalisation leading to violent extremism, the challenge of foreign terrorist fighters and the trafficking of firearms and explosives; capacity building in the area of cyber-security and fight against cyber-crime.

Or. en

Amendment 111
Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) Reforming public administrations in line with the Principles of Public Administration. Interventions shall aim at: strengthening public administration reform frameworks; improving strategic planning and inclusive and evidence-based policy and legislative development; enhancing professionalisation and de-politicisation of public service by embedding meritocratic principles; promoting transparency and accountability; improving quality and delivery of services, including adequate administrative procedures and the use of citizen centred eGovernment; strengthening public financial management and the production of reliable statistics.

Amendment

(b) Reforming public administrations in line with the Principles of Public Administration. Interventions shall aim at: strengthening public administration reform frameworks; improving strategic planning and inclusive and evidence-based policy and legislative development; enhancing ***cooperation with civil society organisations, including women's organisations, whose role is key for a well-functioning democracy, enhancing*** professionalisation and de-politicisation of public service by embedding meritocratic principles; promoting transparency and accountability; improving quality and delivery of services ***safeguarding non-discrimination and providing tailor-made support***, including adequate administrative procedures and the use of citizen centred eGovernment; strengthening public financial management and the production of reliable statistics.

Or. en

Amendment 112
Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) Reforming public administrations in line with the Principles of Public Administration. Interventions shall aim at: strengthening public administration reform frameworks; improving strategic planning and inclusive and evidence-based policy and legislative development; enhancing professionalisation and de-politicisation of public service by embedding meritocratic principles; promoting transparency and accountability; improving quality and delivery of services, including adequate administrative procedures and the use of citizen centred eGovernment; strengthening public financial management and the production of reliable statistics.

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(b) Reforming public administrations in line with the Principles of Public Administration. Interventions shall aim at: strengthening public administration reform frameworks; improving strategic planning and inclusive and evidence-based policy and legislative development; enhancing professionalisation and de-politicisation of public service by embedding meritocratic principles; promoting transparency and accountability; improving quality and delivery of services, including adequate administrative procedures and the use of citizen centred eGovernment; strengthening ***and modernising*** public financial management; ***reforming tax administrations, developing the digital economy*** and the production of reliable statistics.

Or. en

Amendment 113
Geoffrey Van Orden

Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) Strengthening the Union and its partners' capacity to prevent conflict, build peace and address pre-and post-crisis including through early warning and conflict-sensitive risk analysis; promoting people to people networking, reconciliation, peace-building and confidence-building measures, supporting capacity building in support of security and development (CBSD) actions.

Amendment

(d) Strengthening the Union and its partners' capacity to prevent conflict, build peace and address pre-and post-crisis including through early warning and conflict-sensitive risk analysis; promoting people to people networking, ***a comprehensive locally driven transitional justice process as defined by the United Nations in order to facilitate*** reconciliation, peace-building and confidence-building measures, supporting

capacity building in support of security and development (CBSD) actions.

Or. en

Amendment 114

Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) Strengthening the capacities of civil society organisations and social partners' organisations, including professional associations, in beneficiaries listed in Annex I and encouraging networking at all levels among Union-based organisations and those of beneficiaries listed in Annex I, enabling them to engage in an effective dialogue with public and private actors.

Amendment

(e) Strengthening the capacities of civil society organisations, ***including women's organisations and organisations representing minorities***, and social partners' organisations, including professional associations, in beneficiaries listed in Annex I and encouraging networking at all levels among Union-based organisations and those of beneficiaries listed in Annex I, enabling them to engage in an effective dialogue with public and private actors.

Or. en

Amendment 115

Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

(f) Promoting the alignment of partner countries' rules, standards, policies and practices to those of the Union, including state aid rules.

Amendment

(f) Promoting the alignment of partner countries' rules, standards, policies and practices to those of the Union, including ***public procurement, competition and state aid rules and improving their capacity to implement the EU acquis***.

Or. en

Amendment 116

Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) Strengthening access to and quality of education, training and lifelong learning at all levels, and offering support to cultural and creative sectors. Interventions in this area shall aim at: promoting equal access to quality early-childhood education and care, primary and secondary education, improving the provision of basic skills; increasing educational attainment levels, reducing early school-leaving and reinforcing teachers' training. Developing vocational education and training (VET) systems and promoting work-based learning systems to facilitate the transition to the labour market; improving the quality and relevance of higher education; encouraging alumni related activities; enhancing access to lifelong learning and supporting investment in education and training infrastructure particularly with a view to reducing territorial disparities and fostering non-segregated education and including through the use of digital technologies.

Amendment

(g) Strengthening access to and quality of education, training and lifelong learning at all levels, and offering support to cultural and creative sectors. Interventions in this area shall aim at: promoting equal access to quality early-childhood education and care, primary and secondary education, improving the provision of basic skills ***paying special attention to children coming from a disadvantaged social background, such as Roma children, returnee children, migrant children and children living in homelessness;*** increasing educational attainment levels, reducing early school-leaving and reinforcing teachers' training. Developing vocational education and training (VET) systems and promoting work-based learning systems to facilitate the transition to the labour market; improving the quality and relevance of higher education; encouraging alumni related activities; enhancing access to lifelong learning and supporting investment in education and training infrastructure particularly with a view to reducing territorial disparities and fostering non-segregated education and including through the use of digital technologies.

Or. en

Amendment 117

Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – paragraph 1 – point g

(g) Strengthening access to and quality of education, training and lifelong learning at all levels, and offering support to cultural and creative sectors. Interventions in this area shall aim at: promoting equal access to quality early-childhood education and care, primary and secondary education, improving the provision of basic skills; increasing educational attainment levels, reducing early school-leaving and reinforcing teachers' training. Developing vocational education and training (VET) systems and promoting work-based learning systems to facilitate the transition to the labour market; improving the quality and relevance of higher education; encouraging alumni related activities; enhancing access to lifelong learning and supporting investment in education and training infrastructure particularly with a view to reducing territorial disparities and fostering non-segregated education and including through the use of digital technologies.

(g) Strengthening access to and quality of education, training and lifelong learning at all levels, and offering support to cultural and creative sectors. Interventions in this area shall aim at: ***reforming education systems and*** promoting equal access to quality early-childhood education and care, primary and secondary education, improving the provision of basic skills; increasing educational attainment levels, reducing early school-leaving and reinforcing teachers' training; ***designing and implementing targeted and comprehensive measures towards the education of the Roma minority;*** developing vocational education and training(VET) systems and promoting work-based learning systems to facilitate the transition to the labour market; improving the quality and relevance of higher education; encouraging alumni related activities; enhancing access to lifelong learning and supporting investment in education and training infrastructure, particularly with a view to reducing territorial disparities and fostering non-segregated education and including through the use of digital technologies

Or. en

Amendment 118
Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – paragraph 1 – point h

(h) Fostering quality employment and access to the labour market. Interventions in this area shall aim at: tackling high unemployment and inactivity by supporting sustainable labour market

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integration in particular of young people (especially those not in employment, education or training (NEET)), women, long-term unemployed and all under-represented groups. Measures shall stimulate quality job creation and support the effective enforcement of labour rules and standards across the entire territory. Other key areas of intervention shall be to support gender equality, promoting employability and productivity, the adaptation of workers and enterprises to change, the establishment of a sustainable social dialogue and the modernisation and strengthening of labour market institutions such as public employment services and labour inspectorates.

integration in particular of young people (especially those not in employment, education or training (NEET)), women, long-term unemployed, ***victims of discrimination in the field of employment, such as the Roma, persons with disabilities***, and all under-represented groups. Measures shall stimulate quality job creation and support the effective enforcement of labour rules and standards across the entire territory. Other key areas of intervention shall be to support gender equality, promoting employability and productivity, the adaptation of workers and enterprises to change, the establishment of a sustainable social dialogue and the modernisation and strengthening of labour market institutions such as public employment services and labour inspectorates.

Or. en

Amendment 119

Geoffrey Van Orden

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) Fostering quality employment and access to the labour market. Interventions in this area shall aim at: tackling high unemployment and inactivity by supporting sustainable labour market integration in particular of young people (especially those not in employment, education or training (NEET)), women, long-term unemployed and all under-represented groups. Measures shall stimulate quality job creation and support the effective enforcement of labour rules and standards across the entire territory. Other key areas of intervention shall be to support **gender** equality, promoting employability and productivity, the

Amendment

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adaptation of workers and enterprises to change, the establishment of a sustainable social dialogue and the modernisation and strengthening of labour market institutions such as public employment services and labour inspectorates.

areas of intervention shall be to support equality, promoting employability and productivity, the adaptation of workers and enterprises to change, the establishment of a sustainable social dialogue and the modernisation and strengthening of labour market institutions such as public employment services and labour inspectorates.

Or. en

Amendment 120

Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) Promoting social protection and inclusion and **combating** poverty. Interventions in this area shall aim at modernising social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, and adequate protection throughout all stages of a person's life, fostering social inclusion, promoting equal opportunities and addressing inequalities and poverty. Interventions in this area shall also focus on: integrating marginalised communities such as the Roma; combating discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age **or** sexual orientation; enhancing access to affordable, sustainable and high quality services, such as early childhood education and care, housing, healthcare and essential social services and long term care, including through the modernisation of social protection systems.

Amendment

(i) Promoting social protection and inclusion and **eradicating** poverty. Interventions in this area shall aim at modernising social protection systems to provide effective, efficient, **non-discriminatory** and adequate protection throughout all stages of a person's life, fostering social inclusion, promoting equal opportunities and addressing inequalities and poverty. Interventions in this area shall also focus on: integrating marginalised communities such as the Roma, **including returnees, fighting anti-Gypsyism and creating trust through establishing Truth, Recognition and Reconciliation processes**; combating discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age, sexual orientation, **sex characteristics or gender identity**; enhancing access to affordable, sustainable and high quality services, such as early childhood education and care, housing, healthcare **(with special emphasis on the free provision of the necessary support to Roma having been victims of lead poisoning in the former UNMIK refugee camps in Kosovo and still suffering from**

the long-term effects of lead exposure), elder- and dependent care and essential social services and long term care, including through the modernisation of social protection systems.

Or. en

Amendment 121
Geoffrey Van Orden

Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) Promoting social protection and inclusion and combating poverty. Interventions in this area shall aim at modernising social protection systems to ***provide*** effective, efficient, and adequate protection throughout all stages of a person's life, fostering social inclusion, promoting equal opportunities and addressing inequalities and poverty. Interventions in this area shall also focus on: integrating marginalised communities ***such as the Roma***; combating discrimination ***based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation; enhancing access to affordable***, sustainable and high quality services, such as early childhood education and care, housing, healthcare and essential social services and long term care, including through the modernisation of social protection systems.

Amendment

(i) Promoting social protection and inclusion and combating poverty. Interventions in this area shall aim at modernising social protection systems to ***be sustainable and subsequently*** effective, efficient, and ***provide*** adequate protection throughout all stages of a person's life, fostering social inclusion, promoting equal opportunities and addressing inequalities and poverty. Interventions in this area shall also focus on: integrating marginalised communities; combating ***the*** discrimination ***of minorities, providing*** sustainable and high quality services, such as early childhood education and care, housing, healthcare and essential social services and long term care, including through the modernisation of social protection systems.

Or. en

Amendment 122
Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – paragraph 1 – point I

Text proposed by the Commission

(l) Improving access to digital technologies and services and strengthening research, technological development and innovation by investing in digital connectivity, digital trust and security, digital skills and entrepreneurship as well as research infrastructure and enabling environment and promoting networking and collaboration.

Amendment

(l) Improving access to digital technologies and services and strengthening research, technological development and innovation by investing in digital connectivity ***paying special attention to the most disadvantaged micro-regions and rural areas and their inhabitants***, digital trust and security, digital skills and entrepreneurship as well as research infrastructure and enabling environment and promoting networking and collaboration.

Or. en

Amendment 123

Csaba Sógor

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – paragraph 1 – point n a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(na) Fostering tourism and promotion of cultural and natural heritage. Interventions shall aim at: preservation and restoration of cultural heritage, including those of minorities, encouraging tourism; protection and promotion of natural heritage;

Or. en

Amendment 124

Geoffrey Van Orden

Proposal for a regulation

Annex III – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion

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across borders through, inter alia:
integrating cross-border labour markets,
including cross-border mobility; joint local
employment initiatives; information and
advisory services and joint training; **gender
equality; equal opportunities; integration
of immigrants' communities and
vulnerable groups**; investment in public
employment services; and supporting
investment in public health and social
services;

across borders through, inter alia:
integrating cross-border labour markets,
including cross-border mobility; joint local
employment initiatives; information and
advisory services and joint training;
equality **for minorities**; investment in
public employment services; and
supporting investment in public health and
social services;

Or. en

Amendment 125

Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation **Annex III – paragraph 1 – point a**

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) promoting employment, labour
mobility and social and cultural inclusion
across borders through, inter alia:
integrating cross-border labour markets,
including cross-border mobility; joint local
employment initiatives; information and
advisory services and joint training; gender
equality; equal opportunities; integration of
immigrants' communities **and** vulnerable
groups; investment in public employment
services; and supporting investment in
public health and social services;

Amendment

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mobility and social and cultural inclusion
across borders through, inter alia:
integrating cross-border labour markets,
including cross-border mobility; joint local
employment initiatives; information and
advisory services and joint training; gender
equality; equal opportunities; integration of
immigrants' communities, **Roma
and groups in** vulnerable **situations**;
investment in public employment services;
and supporting investment in public health
and social services;

Or. en

Amendment 126

Soraya Post

Proposal for a regulation **Annex III – paragraph 1 – point g a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ga) investing in the capacity-building of civil society organisations, especially women, LGBTI, minority and refugee human rights CSOs;

Or. en

Amendment 127
Miltiadis Kyrkos

Proposal for a regulation
Annex IV – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The following list of key performance indicators shall be used to help measure the Union's contribution to the achievement of its specific objectives:

The following list of key performance indicators shall be used to help measure the Union's contribution to the achievement of its specific objectives ***and the progress made by the beneficiaries:***

Or. en

Amendment 128
Udo Voigt

Proposal for a regulation
Annex IV – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Indicators will, where relevant, be sex disaggregated.

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 129
Geoffrey Van Orden

Proposal for a regulation
Annex IV – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Indicators will, where relevant, be sex disaggregated.

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Or. en