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Establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting for the period 2021-2027 (the 'Pericles IV programme')

Proposal for a regulation
(COM(2018)0369 – C8-0240/2018 – 2018/0194(COD))

Amendment 20
Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) The Union and the Member States have set themselves the objective of laying down the measures necessary for the use of the euro as a single currency. Those measures include protecting the euro against counterfeiting and related fraud, **thus empowering** the effectiveness of the Union's economy and **securing** the sustainability of public finances.

Amendment

(1) The Union and the Member States have set themselves the objective of laying down the measures necessary for the use of the euro as a single currency. Those measures include protecting the euro against counterfeiting and related fraud **to ensure** the effectiveness of the Union's economy and **secure** the sustainability of public finances.

Or. ro

Amendment 21
Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Council Regulation (EC) No 1338/2001¹⁶ provides for exchanges of information, cooperation and mutual assistance, thereby establishing a harmonised framework for the protection of the euro. The effects of that Regulation were extended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1339/2001¹⁷ to those Member States which have not adopted the euro as their single currency, so as to provide an equivalent level of protection for the euro throughout the Union.

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¹⁶ Council Regulation (EC) No 1338/2001 of 28 June 2001 laying down measures necessary for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting (OJ L 181, 4.7.2001, p. 6).

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Or. ro

Amendment 22

Eva Joly

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Actions with the aim of promoting exchanges of information and staff, technical and scientific assistance and specialised training help significantly to protect the Union's single currency against counterfeiting and related fraud and therefore to attain a high and equivalent level of protection across the Union, whilst demonstrating the Union's ability to tackle serious organised crime.

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Or. en

Amendment 23

Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation

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Or. ro

Amendment 24 **Maria Grapini**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 4**

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) A programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting contributes to raising the awareness of Union citizens, improving the protection of the euro, especially through the constant dissemination of results of actions supported by that programme.

Amendment

(4) A programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting contributes to raising the awareness of Union citizens, ***increasing their confidence in that currency and*** improving the protection of the euro, especially through the constant dissemination of results of actions supported by that programme.

Or. ro

Amendment 25 **Maria Grapini**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 4 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) Sound protection of the euro against counterfeiting is a key component of a secure and competitive EU economy, and directly linked to the EU objective of improving the efficient functioning of the Economic and Monetary Union.

Or. ro

Amendment 26

Petr Ježek

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) In the Communication to the European Parliament and to the Council on the mid-term evaluation of the Pericles 2020 Programme, the Commission came to the conclusion that the continuation of the Pericles 2020 programme beyond 2020 should be supported, given its *EU* added value, its long-term impact and the sustainability of its actions.

Amendment

(6) ***Contrary to standard procedure, a separate impact assessment of the Programme was not carried out. This can be partly explained by the fact that in 2017 the Commission carried out a mid-term evaluation of the Programme, supported by an independent report. Although the report is generally positive about the Programme, it expresses concerns about the limited number of competent authorities participating in the activities of the Programme and the quality of the key performance indicators used for measuring the results of the Programme. In its*** Communication to the European Parliament and to the Council on the mid-term evaluation of the Pericles 2020 Programme, the Commission came to the conclusion that the continuation of the Pericles 2020 programme beyond 2020 should be supported, given its *Union* added value, its long-term impact and the sustainability of its actions.

Or. en

Amendment 27

Tomáš Zdechovský

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

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Document accompanying its proposal (COM(2018)0369), the Commission came to the conclusion that the continuation of the Pericles 2020 programme beyond 2020 should be supported, given its EU added value, its long-term impact and the sustainability of its actions.

Or. en

Amendment 28
Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. ro

Amendment 29
Eva Joly

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) The advice contained in the mid-term evaluation was that actions financed under the Pericles 2020 Programme should be continued, **taking into account possibilities** to simplify the submitting of applications, to encourage differentiation of beneficiaries, to continue focusing on

Amendment

(7) The advice contained in the mid-term evaluation was that actions financed under the Pericles 2020 Programme should be continued, **while addressing the need** to simplify the submitting of applications, to encourage differentiation of beneficiaries **and the participation of a maximum of**

emerging and recurrent counterfeiting threats and to streamline the key performance indicators.

competent authorities from various countries in the activities of the Programme, to continue focusing on emerging and recurrent counterfeiting threats and to streamline the key performance indicators.

Or. en

Amendment 30
Caterina Chinnici

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7 a) Counterfeiting hotspots have been detected in third countries and the counterfeiting of the euro is acquiring a growing international dimension; therefore, capacity building and training activities involving the competent authorities of third countries should be considered essential to achieve the effective protection of the Union's single currency and should be further encouraged in the context of the Programme.

Or. en

Amendment 31
Tomáš Zdechovský

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8) Therefore a new Programme for the period 2021-2027 (the 'Pericles IV programme') should be adopted. It should be ensured that the Pericles IV programme is consistent with, and complementary to, other relevant programmes and actions. The Commission should therefore carry out

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all the necessary consultations with regard to evaluating needs for the protection of the euro with the principal parties involved, in particular the competent national authorities designated by the Member States, the European Central Bank and Europol, within the committee referred to in Regulation (EC) No 1338/2001, particularly as regards exchanges, assistance and training, for the purpose of the application of the Pericles IV programme.

all the necessary consultations with regard to evaluating needs for the protection of the euro with the principal parties involved, in particular the competent national authorities designated by the Member States, the European Central Bank and Europol, within the committee referred to in Regulation (EC) No 1338/2001, particularly as regards exchanges, assistance and training, for the purpose of the application of the Pericles IV programme. ***Moreover, the Commission should draw on the vast experience of the European Central Bank in relation to the conduct of training and the provision of information on counterfeit euro banknotes when implementing the programme.***

Or. en

Amendment 32
Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) This Regulation complies with the principles of added value and proportionality. The Pericles IV programme should facilitate cooperation among the Member States and between the Commission and the Member States in order to protect the euro against counterfeiting, without impinging on Member States' responsibilities, and using resources more efficiently than could be done at national level. Action at Union level is necessary and justified as it clearly assists Member States in collectively protecting the euro and encourages the use of common Union structures to increase cooperation and information exchange between competent authorities.

Amendment

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Amendment 33
Tomáš Zdechovský

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

To prevent and combat counterfeiting and related fraud, thus **enhancing** the competitiveness of the Union's economy and **securing** the sustainability of public finances.

Amendment

To prevent and combat counterfeiting and related fraud, thus **preserving the integrity of the euro banknotes and coins, which enhances trust in the currency, reinforces** the competitiveness of the Union's economy and **secures** the sustainability of public finances.

Or. en

Amendment 34
Caterina Chinnici

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

To prevent and combat counterfeiting and related fraud, thus enhancing the competitiveness of the Union's economy and securing the sustainability of public finances.

Amendment

To prevent and combat counterfeiting and related fraud, thus enhancing the competitiveness of the Union's economy, **strengthening the trust of citizens about the genuineness of euro banknotes and coins** and securing the sustainability of public finances.

Or. en

Amendment 35
Petr Ježek

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

To prevent and combat counterfeiting and related fraud, thus enhancing the competitiveness of the Union's economy **and** securing the sustainability of public finances.

To prevent and combat counterfeiting and related fraud **of euro banknotes and coins**, thus enhancing the competitiveness of the Union's economy, securing the sustainability of public finances **as well as increasing citizens' trust in the euro currency**.

Or. en

Amendment 36
Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

To prevent and combat counterfeiting and related fraud, thus enhancing the competitiveness of the Union's economy and securing the sustainability of public finances.

Amendment

To prevent and combat counterfeiting and related fraud, thus enhancing the competitiveness of the Union's economy, **improving the functioning of the internal single market** and securing the sustainability of public finances.

Or. ro

Amendment 37
Eva Joly

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

To prevent and combat counterfeiting and related fraud, thus enhancing the **competitiveness of** the Union's economy and securing the sustainability of public finances.

Amendment

To prevent and combat counterfeiting and related fraud, thus enhancing the **trust in** the Union's economy and securing the sustainability of public finances.

Or. en

Amendment 38
Petr Ježek

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Programme shall be implemented by the Commission in cooperation with the Member States, through regular consultations at different stages of the implementation of the Programme, taking into account relevant measures undertaken by other competent entities, in particular the European Central Bank and Europol.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 39
Eva Joly

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Programme shall be implemented by the Commission in cooperation with the Member States, through regular consultations at different stages of the implementation of the Programme, ***taking into account*** relevant measures undertaken by other competent entities, in particular the European Central Bank and Europol.

Amendment

2. The Programme shall be implemented by the Commission in cooperation with the Member States, through regular consultations at different stages of the implementation of the Programme, ***while avoiding overlap with*** relevant measures undertaken by other competent entities, in particular the European Central Bank and Europol. ***To this effect, when preparing the work programmes pursuant to Article 10, the Commission shall take into account ECB and Europol activities against euro counterfeiting and fraud.***

Or. en

Amendment 40
Tomáš Zdechovský

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Programme shall be implemented by the Commission in cooperation with the Member States, through regular consultations at different stages of the implementation of the Programme, **taking into account** relevant measures undertaken by other competent entities, in particular the European Central Bank and Europol.

Amendment

2. The Programme shall be implemented by the Commission in cooperation with the Member States, through regular consultations at different stages of the implementation of the Programme, **whilst ensuring consistency and avoiding unnecessary duplication with** relevant measures undertaken by other competent entities, in particular the European Central Bank and Europol.

Or. en

Amendment 41
Eva Joly

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Where eligible actions are organised jointly by the Commission and the ECB, Eurojust, Europol or Interpol, the ensuing expenses shall be divided among them. In any event, each of them shall bear the travel and accommodation costs of its own **guest speakers**.

Amendment

2. Where eligible actions are organised jointly by the Commission and the ECB, Eurojust, Europol or Interpol, the ensuing expenses shall be divided among them. In any event, each of them shall bear the travel and accommodation costs of its own **participants**.

Or. en

Amendment 42
Eva Joly

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point a – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

— use of detection tools **with computer back-up**;

— use of detection tools;

Or. en

Justification

To ensure all possible tools are covered.

Amendment 43

Eva Joly

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point b – indent 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

— support for cooperation in operations involving at least two States **when such support is not available from other programmes of European institutions and bodies**;

— support for cooperation in operations involving at least two States;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) judicial officers, specialist lawyers and members of the judiciary in this field;

(d) judicial officers, specialist lawyers and members of the judiciary in this field **from the Member States**;

Or. ro

Amendment 45

Eva Joly

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The groups referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article may include participants from third countries ***if that is important for the fulfilment of the objectives provided for in Article 2.***

Amendment

3. The groups referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article may include participants from third countries.

Or. en

Justification

The objectives of Article 2 (and of the whole Regulation) must be pursued anyway.

Amendment 46

Petr Ježek

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016.

Amendment

4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016, ***as well as representatives from the ECB and Europol.***

Or. en

Amendment 47

Eva Joly

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall provide annual information on the results of the Programme to the European Parliament ***and to*** the Council, taking into account the quantitative and qualitative indicators set

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Amendment

3. The Commission shall provide annual information on the results of the Programme to the European Parliament, the Council, ***the European Central Bank, Europol, Eurojust, and the European***

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out in the Annex to this proposal.

Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO), taking into account the quantitative and qualitative indicators set out in the Annex to this proposal.

Or. en

Amendment 48
Petr Ježek

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall provide annual information on the results of the Programme to the European Parliament and to the Council, taking into account the quantitative and qualitative indicators set out in the Annex to this proposal.

Amendment

3. The Commission shall provide annual information on the results of the Programme to the European Parliament and to the Council, **the ECB and Europol**, taking into account the quantitative and qualitative indicators set out in the Annex to this proposal.

Or. en

Amendment 49
Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

1. The **mid-term** evaluation of the Programme shall be carried out once there is sufficient information available about the implementation of the Programme, but no later than four years after the start of the programme implementation.

Or. ro

Amendment 50
Eva Joly

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall communicate the conclusions of the evaluations accompanied by its observations, to the European Parliament, the Council *and* the European Central Bank.

Amendment

3. The Commission shall communicate the conclusions of the evaluations accompanied by its observations, to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Central Bank, ***Europol, Eurojust, and the European Public Prosecutor's Office.***

Or. en

Amendment 51
Petr Ježek

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall communicate the conclusions of the evaluations accompanied by its observations, to the European Parliament, the Council *and the European Central Bank.*

Amendment

3. The Commission shall communicate the conclusions of the evaluations accompanied by its observations, to the European Parliament, the Council, ***the ECB and Europol.***

Or. en

Amendment 52
Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

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

including the media and the public.

multiple audiences, including the media and the public.

Or. ro

Amendment 53
Tomáš Zdechovský

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

Text proposed by the Commission

The Programme will be monitored closely ***on the basis of a set of indicators intended*** to measure the extent to which the general and specific objectives of the Programme have been achieved ***and with a view to minimising administrative burdens and costs. To that end,*** data will be collected as regards the following set of key indicators:

Amendment

The Programme will be monitored closely ***with a view to minimising administrative burdens and costs.*** To measure the extent to which the general and specific objectives of the Programme have been achieved, data will be collected as regards the following set of key indicators:

Or. en

Amendment 54
Eva Joly

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) Number of counterfeit euros detected;

Amendment

(a) Number of counterfeit euros detected ***as a proportion of the estimated amount of counterfeit euros circulating;***

Or. en

Justification

Assuming Pericles IV is a success, then the euro is harder and harder to counterfeit, and therefore less counterfeit euros circulate, and therefore less counterfeit euros can be detected. This would with the original wording imply that the programme would be measured as unsuccessful.

Amendment 55
Tomáš Zdechovský

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) Number of illegal workshops dismantled; and **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 56
Tomáš Zdechovský

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c a) Number of operations leading to the detection of counterfeit euros or the dismantling of illegal workshops involving competent national authorities from more than one Member State.

Or. en

Amendment 57
Caterina Chinnici

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c a) Number of participants from the competent authorities of third countries

Or. en