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# **AMENDMENTS**

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on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council  
amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 establishing the European  
Union Solidarity Fund

Proposal for a regulation  
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**Amendment 19**  
**Nikos Chrysogelos**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(1a) Natural disasters in the European Union have increased significantly in number, severity and intensity as a consequence of climate change since the Fund was established. Therefore, the functioning of the Fund needs to be improved also taking into account the Union's objectives on environmental protection and climate change adaptation.***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 9**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(9) In order to better take into account the specific nature of those disasters which, although important, do not reach the minimum scale required to benefit from a contribution from the Fund, the criteria for regional disasters should be determined based on the damage calculable by reference to regional gross domestic product (GDP). Those criteria should be determined in a clear and simple manner in order to reduce the possibility of applications being submitted which do not meet the requirements set out in Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002.

(9) In order to better take into account the specific nature of those disasters which, although important, do not reach the minimum scale required to benefit from a contribution from the Fund, the criteria for regional disasters should be determined based on the damage calculable by reference to regional gross domestic product (GDP). ***Specific criteria may be determined for regional disasters in the remotest regions, to take account of their vulnerability.*** Those criteria should be determined in a clear and simple manner in order to reduce the possibility of applications being submitted which do not meet the requirements set out in Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002.

**Amendment 21**  
**Nuno Teixeira**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 9**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(9) In order to better take into account the specific nature of those disasters which, although important, do not reach the minimum scale required to benefit from a contribution from the Fund, the criteria for regional disasters should be determined based on the damage calculable by reference to regional gross domestic product (GDP). Those criteria should be determined in a clear and simple manner in order to reduce the possibility of applications being submitted which do not meet the requirements set out in Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002.

*Amendment*

(9) In order to better take into account the specific nature of those disasters which, although important, do not reach the minimum scale required to benefit from a contribution from the Fund, the criteria for regional disasters should be determined based on the damage calculable by reference to regional gross domestic product (GDP). ***These criteria should be adapted to take into account existing European territorial diversity and, in particular, the situation of the outermost regions, whose special status as recognised in Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union entitles them to differentiated treatment.*** Those criteria should be determined in a clear and simple manner in order to reduce the possibility of applications being submitted which do not meet the requirements set out in Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002.

Or. pt

*Justification*

*The criteria applied to regional disasters should take due account of territorial diversity in the EU and should therefore be adapted to address the different situations in the various European regions, including the outermost regions, whose recent past has shown them to be particularly vulnerable to extreme weather phenomena arising from climate change, the impact of which is exacerbated by their regional characteristics and geography.*

**Amendment 22**  
**Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 9**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(9) In order to better take into account the specific nature of those disasters which, although important, do not reach the minimum scale required to benefit from a contribution from the Fund, the criteria for regional disasters should be determined based on the damage calculable by reference to regional gross domestic product (GDP). Those criteria should be determined in a clear and simple manner in order to reduce the possibility of applications being submitted which do not meet the requirements set out in Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002.

*Amendment*

(9) In order to better take into account the specific nature of those disasters which, although important, do not reach the minimum scale required to benefit from a contribution from the Fund, the criteria for regional disasters – ***which should pay special attention to disasters taking place in the outermost regions, pursuant to Article 349 TFEU, since these areas are more vulnerable on account of their dispersion, geographical isolation and other permanent constraints*** – should be determined based on the damage calculable by reference to regional gross domestic product (GDP). ***Exceptionally, consideration may also be given to severe impacts on confined communities, such as islets, when although the disaster in question amounts to less than 1 % of the archipelago's GDP, it causes devastation at a local level.*** Those criteria should be determined in a clear and simple manner in order to reduce the possibility of applications being submitted which do not meet the requirements set out in Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002.

Or. pt

**Amendment 23**  
**Nuno Teixeira**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 9 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(9a) The quantifiable criteria should be***

*complemented with particular attention to the impact of a disaster occurring in the outermost regions, to the extent that it could have serious repercussions for the economic and social development of these regions. Such consequences could, in particular, have a major impact on infrastructure and on fundamental sectors of local economic activity, severely affecting the economic, social and structural situation of the outermost regions.*

Or. pt

#### *Justification*

*The quantifiable criteria may be insufficient to properly take into account the characteristics of the outermost regions and should therefore be complemented with special focus on the impact of disasters on the economic and social development of these regions.*

#### **Amendment 24** **Nikos Chrysogelos**

#### **Proposal for a regulation** **Recital 11**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(11) The Fund should contribute to the restoration of infrastructure to working order, to the cleaning up of disaster-stricken zones **and** to the costs of the rescue services and for temporary accommodation for the population concerned during the whole implementation period. The time-span during which the accommodation of people made homeless by the disaster may be considered temporary should also be defined.

##### *Amendment*

(11) The Fund should contribute to the restoration of infrastructure to working order, to the cleaning up of disaster-stricken zones, to the costs of the rescue services and for temporary accommodation for the population concerned during the whole implementation period **and to technical assistance**. The time-span during which the accommodation of people made homeless by the disaster may be considered temporary should also be defined.

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Oldřich Vlasák**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 11**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(11) The Fund should contribute to the restoration of infrastructure to working order, to the cleaning up of **disaster-stricken** zones and to the costs of the rescue services and for temporary accommodation for the population concerned during the whole implementation period. The time-span during which the accommodation of people made homeless by the disaster may be considered temporary should also be defined.

*Amendment*

(11) The Fund should contribute to the restoration of infrastructure to working order **or to a state in which it will be better able to withstand natural disasters, including relocation**, to the cleaning up of **disaster stricken** zones and to the costs of the rescue services and for temporary accommodation for the population concerned during the whole implementation period. The time-span during which the accommodation of people made homeless by the disaster may be considered temporary should also be defined.

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 11**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(11) The Fund should contribute to the restoration of infrastructure to working order, to the cleaning up of disaster-stricken zones and to the costs of the rescue services and for temporary accommodation for the population concerned during the whole implementation period. The time-span during which the accommodation of people made homeless by the disaster may be considered temporary should also be defined.

*Amendment*

(11) The Fund should contribute to the restoration of infrastructure to working order, **including ports and airports, particularly in the outermost regions, which depend on them for maintaining external contact**, to the cleaning up of disaster-stricken zones and to the costs of the rescue services and for temporary accommodation for the population concerned during the whole implementation period, **and to the prevention of further incidents and minimisation of human activity**

*aggravating the impact of natural disasters.* The time-span during which the accommodation of people made homeless by the disaster may be considered temporary should also be defined, *taking into account the nature and extent of the disaster and each Member State or region's capacity for recovery.*

Or. pt

**Amendment 27**  
**Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 11**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(11) The Fund should contribute to the restoration of infrastructure to working order, to the cleaning up of disaster-stricken zones and to the costs of the rescue services and for temporary accommodation for the population concerned during the whole implementation period. The time-span during which the accommodation of people made homeless by the disaster may be considered temporary should also be defined.

*Amendment*

(11) The Fund should contribute to the restoration of infrastructure to working order, to the cleaning up of disaster-stricken zones and to the costs of the rescue services and for temporary accommodation for the population concerned during the whole implementation period. The time-span during which the accommodation of people made homeless by the disaster may be considered temporary should also be defined, *taking into account the possibilities available to local and regional authorities with regard to providing the necessary structures.*

Or. ro

**Amendment 28**  
**Nikos Chrysogelos**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 13**



*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(13) It should also be specified that eligible operations should not include expenditure for technical assistance.**

**deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Kerstin Westphal**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 13**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(13) It should also be specified that eligible operations should not include expenditure for technical assistance.**

**deleted**

Or. de

**Amendment 30**  
**Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 13**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(13) It should also be specified that eligible operations ***should not*** include expenditure for technical assistance.

(13) It should also be specified that eligible operations ***may*** include expenditure for technical assistance.

Or. fr

**Amendment 31**  
**Oldřich Vlasák**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 13**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(13) It should also be specified that eligible operations ***should not*** include expenditure for technical assistance.

*Amendment*

(13) It should also be specified that eligible operations ***may*** include expenditure for technical assistance.

Or. en

**Amendment 32**

**Nuno Teixeira**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Recital 15**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(15) Certain types of natural disaster, such as droughts, ***are developing*** over a longer period of time before their disastrous effects are felt. Provision should be made to allow the use of the Fund also in such cases.

*Amendment*

(15) ***It should also be possible to use the Fund for*** certain types of natural disaster, such as ***floods and*** droughts, ***which are long-term disasters***, and may develop slowly, evolving over a longer period of time before their disastrous effects are felt, with it only being possible to assess the damage and deal with the extent of the disaster after it has happened. ***Tailored*** provision should be made to allow the use of the Fund also in such cases ***of long-term disaster***.

Or. pt

*Justification*

*It should also be possible to use the Solidarity Fund to address prolonged disasters, which means there also needs to be a change in the use of the fund.*

**Amendment 33**

**Oldřich Vlasák**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Recital 15**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(15) Certain types of natural disaster, such as droughts, are developing over a longer period of time before their disastrous effects are felt. **Provision** should be made to allow the use of the Fund also in such cases.

*Amendment*

(15) **For** certain types of natural disaster, such as droughts, **that** are developing over a longer period of time before their disastrous effects are felt, **or floods or severe frost that are in the nature of sustained disasters, provisions** should be made to allow the use of the Fund also in such cases.

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Francesca Barracciu**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 15**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(15) Certain types of natural disaster, such as droughts, are developing over a longer period of time before their disastrous effects are felt. Provision should be made to allow the use of the Fund also in such cases.

*Amendment*

(15) Certain types of natural disaster, such as droughts **and coastal erosion**, are developing over a longer period of time before their disastrous effects are felt. Provision should be made to allow the use of the Fund also in such cases.

Or. it

*Justification*

*Coastal erosion, like drought, is a natural disaster which has major serious repercussions on nature and on the economy, with an impact that can be seen only in the long term, and which needs to be addressed.*

**Amendment 35**  
**Francesca Barracciu**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 15 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(15a) Other types of natural disasters, such as hydrogeological instability, not only have a damaging impact in the long term, but contribute to, and in some cases worsen, the devastating effects of natural disasters such as floods, tidal waves and earthquakes. Therefore, provision should be made in these cases too, to allow the use of the Fund.***

Or. it

**Amendment 36**  
**Nikos Chrysogelos**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 16**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(16) It is important to ensure that the eligible States make the requisite efforts to prevent disasters from occurring and to mitigate their effects, including by full implementation of relevant Union legislation on disaster risk prevention and management and the use of available Union funding for relevant investments. Provision should therefore be made that a failure of the Member State to comply with relevant Union legislation on disaster risk prevention and management, after having received a contribution from the Fund for an earlier natural disaster, may result in the rejection of the application or a reduction of the amount of contribution in the event of a further application for a disaster of the same nature.

(16) It is important to ensure that the eligible States make the requisite efforts to prevent disasters from occurring and to mitigate their effects, including by full implementation of relevant Union legislation on disaster risk prevention and management and the use of available Union funding for relevant investments. Provision should therefore be made that a failure of the Member State to comply with relevant Union legislation on **sustainable** disaster risk prevention and management, after having received a contribution from the Fund for an earlier natural disaster, may result in the rejection of the application or a reduction of the amount of contribution in the event of a further application for a disaster of the same nature.

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 16**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(16) It is important to ensure that the eligible States make the requisite efforts to prevent disasters from occurring and to mitigate their effects, including by full implementation of relevant Union legislation on disaster risk prevention and management and the use of available Union funding for relevant investments. Provision should therefore be made that a failure of the Member State to comply with relevant Union legislation on disaster risk prevention and management, after having received a contribution from the Fund for an earlier natural disaster, may result in the rejection of the application or a reduction of the amount of contribution in the event of a further application for a disaster of the same nature.

*Amendment*

(16) It is important to ensure that the eligible States make the requisite efforts to ***as far as possible*** prevent disasters from occurring and to mitigate their effects, including by full implementation of relevant Union legislation on disaster risk prevention and management and the use of available Union funding for relevant investments. Provision should therefore be made that a failure of the Member State to comply with relevant Union legislation on disaster risk prevention and management, after having received a contribution from the Fund for an earlier natural disaster, may result in the rejection of the application or a reduction of the amount of contribution in the event of a further application for a disaster of the same nature. ***With this in mind, the Commission should ask Member States to submit a 'letter of identification of disaster risk zones' and respective surveillance/intervention processes to reduce said risk.***

Or. pt

**Amendment 38**  
**Nikos Chrysogelos**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 18**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(18) Administrative procedures leading up to the payment of a contribution should be as simple and time-efficient as possible.

*Amendment*

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For Member States, detailed provisions on the implementation of the contribution from the Fund should therefore be contained in the *implementing* decisions awarding that contribution. However, for beneficiary States which are not yet Member States of the Union, separate implementation agreements should be maintained for legal reasons.

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Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Nikos Chrysogelos**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 2 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

For the purposes of this Regulation, a ‘regional natural disaster’ shall mean any natural disaster resulting, in a region of a Member State or a country involved in accession negotiations with the Union at NUTS 2 level, in direct damage in excess of **1,5** % of the region’s gross domestic product (GDP). Where the disaster concerns several regions at NUTS 2 level, the threshold shall be applied to the weighted average GDP of those regions.

*Amendment*

For the purposes of this Regulation, a ‘regional natural disaster’ shall mean any natural disaster resulting, in a region of a Member State or a country involved in accession negotiations with the Union at NUTS 2 level, in direct damage in excess of **1** % of the region’s gross domestic product (GDP). Where the disaster concerns several regions at NUTS 2 level, the threshold shall be applied to the weighted average GDP of those regions.

Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**Kerstin Westphal**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

For the purposes of this Regulation, a 'regional natural disaster' shall mean any natural disaster resulting, in a region of a Member State or a country involved in accession negotiations with the Union at NUTS 2 level, in direct damage in excess of **1,5 %** of the region's gross domestic product (GDP). Where the disaster concerns several regions at NUTS 2 level, the threshold shall be applied to the weighted average GDP of those regions.

*Amendment*

For the purposes of this Regulation, a 'regional natural disaster' shall mean any natural disaster resulting, in a region of a Member State or a country involved in accession negotiations with the Union at NUTS 2 level, in direct damage in excess of **1,0 %** of the region's gross domestic product (GDP). Where the disaster concerns several regions at NUTS 2 level, the threshold shall be applied to the weighted average GDP of those regions.

Or. de

**Amendment 41**  
**Luís Paulo Alves**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002

Article 2 – point 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

For the purposes of this Regulation, a 'regional natural disaster' shall mean any natural disaster resulting, in a region of a Member State or a country involved in accession negotiations with the Union at NUTS 2 level, in direct damage in excess of 1,5 % of the region's gross domestic product (GDP). Where the disaster concerns several regions at NUTS 2 level, the **threshold** shall be applied to the weighted average GDP of those regions.

*Amendment*

For the purposes of this Regulation, a 'regional natural disaster' shall mean any natural disaster resulting, in a region of a Member State or a country involved in accession negotiations with the Union at NUTS 2 level, in direct damage in excess of 1,5 % of the region's gross domestic product (GDP). ***In the case of outermost regions defined under Article 349 of the Treaty, the threshold shall be reduced to 1 % of the affected region's gross domestic product (GDP) or where there is a direct impact on a whole sector of activity or group of infrastructure such as ports, roads or airports which, given the specific island condition of these regions, makes it impossible for economic and social activity to resume immediately under normal conditions.*** Where the

disaster concerns several regions at NUTS 2 level *or regions referred to in Article 349 of the Treaty*, the *thresholds* shall be applied to the weighted average GDP of those regions. *In the case of natural disasters which affect outermost, island or archipelago regions, the assessment referred to in Article 4(2) shall include a degree of flexibility in these thresholds, to allow for their specific territorial condition.*

Or. pt

**Amendment 42**  
**Younous Omarjee**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 2 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

For the purposes of this Regulation, a ‘regional natural disaster’ shall mean any natural disaster resulting, in a region of a Member State or a country involved in accession negotiations with the Union *at NUTS 2 level, in direct damage in excess of 1,5 % of the region's gross domestic product (GDP)*. Where the disaster concerns several regions at NUTS 2 level, the threshold shall be applied to the weighted average GDP of those regions.

*Amendment*

3. For the purposes of this Regulation, a ‘regional natural disaster’ shall mean any natural disaster resulting *in direct damage in excess of 1% of GDP* in a region *at NUTS 2 level, or in several neighbouring NUTS 3 level regions that together constitute a territory corresponding to the minimum criteria for NUTS 2 level*, of a Member State or a country involved in accession negotiations with the Union; *in certain cases the GDP criterion may be weighted by using an indicator that reflects the actual socio-economic situation of the territory affected before and after the disaster occurred, as envisaged in the Common Provisions Regulation*. Where the disaster concerns several regions at NUTS 2 *or NUTS 3* level, the threshold shall be applied to the weighted average GDP of those regions. *In the remotest regions as defined in Article 349 TFEU, given their extreme*



*vulnerability to weather phenomena, 'regional natural disaster' shall mean any natural disaster resulting in direct damage in excess of 0.5% of the region's GDP.*

Or. fr

## **Amendment 43**

**Nuno Teixeira**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002

#### **Article 2 – paragraph 3**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

For the purposes of this Regulation, a 'regional natural disaster' shall mean any natural disaster resulting, in a region of a Member State or a country involved in accession negotiations with the Union at NUTS 2 level, in direct damage in excess of 1.5 % of the region's gross domestic product (GDP). Where the disaster concerns several regions at NUTS 2 level, the **threshold** shall be applied to the weighted average GDP of those regions.

##### *Amendment*

For the purposes of this Regulation, a 'regional natural disaster' shall mean any natural disaster resulting, in a region of a Member State or a country involved in accession negotiations with the Union at NUTS 2 level, in direct damage in excess of 1.5 % of the region's gross domestic product (GDP).

Where the disaster concerns several regions at NUTS 2 level **or any region referred to in Article 349 of the TFEU**, the **thresholds** shall be applied to the weighted average GDP of those regions.

Or. pt

##### *Justification*

*The special status of the outermost regions justifies treatment which provides for the use of a weighted average of their GDP.*

**Amendment 44**  
**Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 2 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

For the purposes of this Regulation, a ‘regional natural disaster’ shall mean any natural disaster resulting, in a region of a Member State or a country involved in accession negotiations with the Union at NUTS 2 level, in direct damage in excess of **1,5 %** of the region's gross domestic product (GDP). Where the disaster concerns several regions at NUTS 2 level, the threshold shall be applied to the weighted average GDP of those regions.

*Amendment*

For the purposes of this Regulation, a ‘regional natural disaster’ shall mean any natural disaster resulting, in a region of a Member State or a country involved in accession negotiations with the Union at NUTS 2 level, in direct damage in excess of **1%** of the region's gross domestic product (GDP). ***Additional criteria shall be established by the Commission to take account of the vulnerability of the remotest regions.*** Where the disaster concerns several regions at NUTS 2 level, the threshold shall be applied to the weighted average GDP of those regions. ***Where the disaster concerns cross-border regions at NUTS 3 level of several Member States, the threshold shall be applied to the GDP of the sum of the NUTS 3 territories equivalent to a cross-border region at NUTS 2 level.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 45**  
**Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 2 – point 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

For the purposes of this Regulation, a ‘regional natural disaster’ shall mean any natural disaster resulting, in a region of a

*Amendment*

For the purposes of this Regulation, a ‘regional natural disaster’ shall mean any natural disaster resulting, in a region of a

Member State or a country involved in accession negotiations with the Union at NUTS 2 level, in direct damage in excess of **1,5** % of the region's gross domestic product (GDP). Where the disaster concerns several regions at NUTS 2 level, the threshold shall be applied to the weighted average GDP of those regions.

Member State or a country involved in accession negotiations with the Union at NUTS 2 level, in direct damage in excess of **1** % of the region's gross domestic product (GDP). Where the disaster concerns several regions at NUTS 2 level, the threshold shall be applied to the weighted average GDP of those regions.

Or. pt

## **Amendment 46** **Oldřich Vlasák**

### **Proposal for a regulation** **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1** Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 Article 2 – point 3

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

For the purposes of this Regulation, a ‘regional natural disaster’ shall mean any natural disaster resulting, in a region of a Member State or a country involved in accession negotiations with the Union at NUTS 2 level, in direct damage in excess of **1,5** % of the region’s gross domestic product (GDP). Where the disaster concerns several regions at NUTS 2 level, the threshold shall be applied to the weighted average GDP of those regions.

#### *Amendment*

For the purposes of this Regulation, a ‘regional natural disaster’ shall mean any natural disaster resulting, in a region of a Member State or a country involved in accession negotiations with the Union at NUTS 2 level, ***or at the level of several directly neighbouring NUTS 3 regions that together form an area possessing the minimum characteristics of a NUTS 2 region***, in direct damage in excess of **1,0** % of the region’s gross domestic product (GDP). ***Regional natural disaster shall also include any crossborder natural disaster at the level of directly neighbouring NUTS 3 regions of Member States or countries involved in accession negotiations with the Union, that together form an area possessing the minimum characteristics of a NUTS 2 region.*** Where the disaster concerns several regions at NUTS 2 ***or NUTS 3*** level, the threshold shall be applied to the weighted average GDP of those regions.

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Nuno Teixeira**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 2 – paragraph 3 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***In the case of outermost regions defined under Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the threshold shall be reduced to 1 % of the affected region's gross domestic product (GDP) or where there is a direct impact on a whole sector of activity or group of infrastructure such as ports, roads or airports which, given the specific island condition of these regions, makes it impossible for economic and social activity to resume immediately under normal conditions.***

Or. pt

*Justification*

*The outermost regions have specific characteristics, both physically and in terms of the economic dependence caused by their distance, isolation and small markets, which make them particularly vulnerable to the effects of natural disasters. In these regions, any natural disaster has an aggravated impact and there is a greater need for assistance.*

**Amendment 48**  
**Nuno Teixeira**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 2 – paragraph 3 b (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***In the case of natural disasters affecting***

*outermost, island or archipelago regions, the assessment referred to in Article 4(2) shall include a degree of flexibility in these thresholds, to allow for their specific territorial condition.*

Or. pt

#### *Justification*

*The outermost regions have specific characteristics, both physically and in terms of the economic dependence caused by their distance, isolation and small markets, which make them particularly vulnerable to the effects of natural disasters. The thresholds for these regions should include a degree of flexibility, allowing them to be adapted to specific circumstances.*

#### **Amendment 49**

**Nuno Teixeira**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002

Article 2 – paragraph 3 c (new)

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

#### *Amendment*

*In the case of prolonged natural disasters such as floods, inundations and droughts, the outermost regions should be given special consideration, in light of their legally recognised status under the terms of Article 349 TFEU, with the impact of such disasters on their economic and social activities taken into account. Special consideration should be given to the effects on these regions of climate change, such as unusual, particularly heavy rainfall, tidal action, strong waves, the worsening state of the sea and maritime storms and their repercussions on coastal and shoreline areas, to all of which these regions are particularly vulnerable.*

Or. pt

## *Justification*

*Special attention should be paid to prolonged natural disasters and the implication of climate change effects in causing disasters, particularly in terms of situations to which the outermost regions are especially vulnerable, such as unusual, particularly heavy rainfall, tidal action, strong waves, the worsening state of the sea and maritime storms and their repercussions on coastal and shoreline areas.*

### **Amendment 50** **Oldřich Vlasák**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 2 – point 4

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

Assistance from the Fund may also be mobilised for any natural disaster in an eligible State which is a major natural disaster in a neighbouring Member State or a country involved in accession negotiations with the Union.

#### *Amendment*

Assistance from the Fund may also be mobilised for any natural disaster in an eligible State which is a major natural disaster ***or a regional natural disaster*** in a neighbouring Member State or a country involved in accession negotiations with the Union.

Or. en

### **Amendment 51** **Kerstin Westphal**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point a**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

restoring the working order of infrastructure and plant in the fields of energy, water and waste water, telecommunications, transport, health and education;

#### *Amendment*

restoring the working order of infrastructure and plant in the fields of energy, water and waste water, telecommunications, transport, health and education; ***this may take place on a different site if restoration to original***

*condition on the same site would involve a demonstrable risk of damage recurring in the event of a future disaster;*

Or. de

**Amendment 52**  
**Luís Paulo Alves**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point a**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

restoring the working order of infrastructure and plant in the fields of energy, water and waste water, telecommunications, transport, health and education;

*Amendment*

restoring the working order of infrastructure and plant in the fields of energy, water and waste water, telecommunications, transport, health and education; *Under the terms of this Regulation, for the purposes of point (a), ‘restoring the working order’ shall be understood to mean a repair carried out in such a way as to improve capacity to withstand a natural disaster, which may include the relocation of infrastructure projects away from places clearly likely to be threatened by natural disasters again in the future.*

Or. pt

**Amendment 53**  
**Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point a**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

restoring the working order of

*Amendment*

restoring the working order of

infrastructure and plant in the fields of energy, water and waste water, telecommunications, transport, health and education;

infrastructure and plant in the fields of ***road links***, energy, water and waste water, telecommunications, transport, health and education;

Or. pt

**Amendment 54**  
**Francesca Barracciu**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point a**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

restoring the working order of infrastructure and plants in the fields of energy, water and waste water, telecommunications, transport, health and education;

*Amendment*

restoring the working order of infrastructure and plants in the fields of energy, water and waste water, telecommunications, transport, health and education ***and making that infrastructure and those plants safe in the event of hydrogeological instability***;

Or. it

**Amendment 55**  
**Kerstin Westphal**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point a**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

***‘restoring to working order’ generally means returning to original condition, except where the relevant infrastructure would, in that condition, be demonstrably vulnerable to new disasters. In that case ‘restoration to working order’ may also mean returning the infrastructure to a***



*condition in which it is better able to  
withstand future disasters.*

Or. de

**Amendment 56**

**Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point a**

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

providing temporary accommodation and  
funding rescue services to meet the needs  
of the population concerned;

*Amendment*

providing temporary accommodation and  
***earthquake-proof rebuilding, in the case  
of earthquakes,*** funding rescue services to  
meet the needs of the population  
concerned;

Or. pt

**Amendment 57**

**Nuno Teixeira**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point a**

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***restoring safe conditions for airport and  
port facilities, safe havens and marinas  
and measures to protect coastal heritage,  
as well as creating safe conditions in  
coastal areas;***

Or. pt

### *Justification*

*Because some regions, particularly the Union's islands and coastal areas, are vulnerable to unusual, particularly heavy rainfall, tidal action, strong waves, the worsening state of the sea and maritime storms, it is important to include the possibility of providing funding to restore safe conditions for airport and port facilities and create safe conditions in coastal areas.*

#### **Amendment 58**

**Nikos Chrysogelos**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point a**

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point d

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

cleaning up of disaster-stricken areas,  
including natural zones.

#### *Amendment*

cleaning up of disaster-stricken areas,  
including natural zones, ***following eco-  
system based approaches,***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 59**

**Nikos Chrysogelos**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point a**

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002

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

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

#### *Amendment*

***technical assistance, including  
management, monitoring, information  
and communication as well as expertise.***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 60**

**Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point a**

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(e) using aerial and/or maritime means of access to disaster-hit areas which have been cut off;***

Or. pt

**Amendment 61**

**Nuno Teixeira**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point a**

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002

Article 3 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

For the purposes of point (b), ‘temporary accommodation’ shall mean accommodation lasting until the population concerned is able to return to their original homes following their repair or reconstruction.

***For the purposes of point (a), ‘restoring the working order’ shall be understood to mean a repair carried out in such a way as to improve the capacity to withstand a natural disaster, which may include the relocation of infrastructure projects away from places which may be threatened by natural disasters again in the future.***

For the purposes of point (b), ‘temporary accommodation’ shall mean accommodation lasting until the population concerned is able to return to their original homes following their repair or reconstruction.

Or. pt

*Justification*

*It is necessary to clarify what is understood by ‘restoring the working order’.*

**Amendment 62**  
**Nikos Chrysogelos**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point b**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Paragraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Technical assistance, including management, monitoring, information and communication, complaint resolution, and control and audit, is not eligible for a contribution from the Fund.***

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 63**  
**Kerstin Westphal**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point b**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 3 – paragraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Technical assistance, including management, monitoring, information and communication, complaint resolution, and control and audit, ***is not*** eligible for a contribution from the Fund.

Technical assistance, including management, monitoring, information and communication, complaint resolution, and control and audit, ***shall be*** eligible ***under certain circumstances*** for a contribution from the Fund ***up to a maximum of 2 % of the total amount of the contribution.***

Or. de

**Amendment 64**  
**Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Technical assistance, including management, monitoring, information and communication, complaint resolution, and control and audit, **is not** eligible for a contribution from the Fund.

*Amendment*

**External** technical assistance, including management, monitoring, information and communication, complaint resolution, and control and audit, **may be** eligible for a contribution from the Fund ***provided it does not exceed 2 % of the total amount of the contribution.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 65**  
**Oldřich Vlasák**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point b**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Paragraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Technical assistance, including management, monitoring, information and communication, complaint resolution, and control and audit, **is not** eligible for a contribution from the Fund.

*Amendment*

**Any** technical assistance, including management, monitoring, information and communication, complaint resolution, and control and audit, is eligible for a contribution from the Fund ***of up to a maximum of 2% of the total Fund contribution.***

Or. en

**Amendment 66**  
**Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point b**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Paragraph 7

*Text proposed by the Commission*

On 1 October each year, at least one-quarter of the annual amount should remain available in order to cover needs arising until the end of the year.

*Amendment*

***If the fund is found to have exhausted its resources by 1 October, a strengthening mechanism should be set in motion to ensure that contributions from the fund are equally distributed, provided the requirements are met.***

Or. pt

**Amendment 67**

**Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point a**

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

As soon as possible and no later than ***ten*** weeks after the first occurrence of damage as a consequence of a natural disaster, a State may submit an application for a contribution from the Fund to the Commission providing all available information on, at least:

*Amendment*

As soon as possible and no later than ***15*** weeks after the first occurrence of damage as a consequence of a natural disaster, a State may submit an application for a contribution from the Fund to the Commission providing all available information on, at least:

Or. fr

**Amendment 68**

**Francesca Barracciu**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point a**

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002

Article 4 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

As soon as possible and no later than ***ten*** weeks after the first occurrence of damage

*Amendment*

As soon as possible and no later than ***fifteen*** weeks after the first occurrence of

as a consequence of a natural disaster, a State may submit an application for a contribution from the Fund to the Commission providing all available information on, at least:

damage as a consequence of a natural disaster, a State may submit an application for a contribution from the Fund to the Commission providing all available information on, at least:

Or. it

**Amendment 69**  
**Kerstin Westphal**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point a**

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point e

*Text proposed by the Commission*

the implementation of Union legislation on disaster risk prevention and management related to the nature of the disaster;

*Amendment*

the implementation of Union legislation on disaster risk prevention and management related to the nature of the disaster (***brief summary***);

Or. de

**Amendment 70**  
**Kerstin Westphal**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point a**

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point f

*Text proposed by the Commission*

any other relevant information on prevention and mitigation measures taken related to the nature of the disaster.

*Amendment*

any other relevant information, ***where available***, on prevention and mitigation measures taken related to the nature of the disaster.

Or. de

**Amendment 71**  
**Nuno Teixeira**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point a – point 1 (new)**

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002

Article 4 – paragraph 1 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1a. In the case of natural disasters of longer duration (such as floods and droughts), the ten-week application deadline for the submission of applications referred to in paragraph 1 shall run from the date on which the public authorities of the eligible state officially declare the threat of natural disaster to be at an end.***

Or. pt

*Justification*

*Given that long-term natural disasters develop at a different pace, which is usually slower, the deadline for submitting applications to activate the Fund needs to be adapted accordingly.*

**Amendment 72**  
**Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point b**

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002

Article 4 – paragraph 1a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

In the event of a progressively unfolding natural disaster, the ***ten-week*** application deadline referred to in paragraph 1 shall run from the date at which the public authorities of the eligible State take official action for the first time against the effects of the disaster.

In the event of a progressively unfolding natural disaster, the ***15-week*** application deadline referred to in paragraph 1 shall run from the date at which the public authorities of the eligible State take official action for the first time against the effects of the disaster.



**Amendment 73**  
**Francesca Barracciu**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point b**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 4 – paragraph 1a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

In the event of a progressively unfolding natural disaster, the **ten**-week application deadline referred to in paragraph 1 shall run from the date at which the public authorities of the eligible State take official action for the first time against the effects of the disaster.

*Amendment*

In the event of a progressively unfolding natural disaster, the **fifteen**-week application deadline referred to in paragraph 1 shall run from the date at which the public authorities of the eligible State take official action for the first time against the effects of the disaster.

Or. it

**Amendment 74**  
**Oldřich Vlasák**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point b**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 4 – paragraph 1a a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***In the event of a sustained natural disaster (such as flooding), the ten-week application deadline referred to in paragraph 1 shall run from the date at which the public authorities of the eligible State have officially terminated the threat of natural disaster (by, for example, repealing the state of emergency declared by the Member State or regional authority, etc.).***

Or. en

**Amendment 75**  
**Nikos Chrysogelos**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point c**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 4 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

On the basis of the information referred to in paragraph 1, and any clarifications to be provided by the eligible State, the Commission shall assess whether the conditions for mobilising the Fund are met and shall determine the amount of any possible contribution from the Fund as quickly as possible within the limits of the financial resources available.

*Amendment*

On the basis of the information referred to in paragraph 1, and any clarifications to be provided by the eligible State, the Commission shall assess whether the conditions for mobilising the Fund are met and shall determine the amount of any possible contribution from the Fund as quickly as possible ***and no later than 1 month after receipt of the application*** within the limits of the financial resources available.

Or. en

**Amendment 76**  
**Francesca Barracciu**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point c**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 4 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

On the basis of the information referred to in paragraph 1, and any clarifications to be provided by the eligible State, the Commission shall assess whether the conditions for mobilising the Fund are met and shall determine the amount of any possible contribution from the Fund as quickly as possible within the limits of the financial resources available.

*Amendment*

On the basis of the information referred to in paragraph 1, and any clarifications to be provided by the eligible State, the Commission shall assess whether the conditions for mobilising the Fund are met and shall determine the amount of any possible contribution from the Fund as quickly as possible ***and no later than two months after the submission of the application***, within the limits of the

financial resources available.

Or. it

**Amendment 77**  
**Nikos Chrysogelos**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point d**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 4 – paragraph 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Once the appropriations are made available by the budgetary authority, the Commission shall adopt ***an implementing*** decision awarding the contribution from the Fund and shall pay that contribution immediately and in a single instalment to the beneficiary State. If an advance has been paid pursuant to Article 4a only the balance shall be paid.

*Amendment*

Once the appropriations are made available by the budgetary authority, the Commission shall adopt ***a*** decision awarding the contribution from the Fund ***including details for the implementation*** and shall pay that contribution immediately and in a single instalment to the beneficiary State. If an advance has been paid pursuant to Article 4a only the balance shall be paid.

Or. en

**Amendment 78**  
**Kerstin Westphal**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 4a – point 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The amount of the advance shall not exceed 10 % of the amount of the contribution anticipated and shall in no case exceed ***EUR 30 000 000***. Once the definitive amount of the contribution has been determined, the Commission shall take into account the sum of the advance prior to the balance of the contribution being paid. The Commission shall recover

*Amendment*

The amount of the advance shall not exceed 15 % of the amount of the contribution anticipated and shall in no case exceed ***EUR 40.000.000***. Once the definitive amount of the contribution has been determined, the Commission shall take into account the sum of the advance prior to the balance of the contribution being paid. The Commission shall recover

unduly paid advances.

unduly paid advances.

Or. de

## **Amendment 79**

**Nuno Teixeira**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4**

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002

Article 4a – point 2

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

The amount of the advance shall not exceed **10** % of the amount of the contribution anticipated and shall in no case exceed EUR **30 000 000**. Once the definitive amount of the contribution has been determined, the Commission shall take into account the sum of the advance prior to the balance of the contribution being paid. The Commission shall recover unduly paid advances.

#### *Amendment*

The amount of the advance shall not exceed **15** % of the amount of the contribution anticipated and shall in no case exceed EUR **40 million; this amount may, under exceptional circumstances, be increased when the disaster takes place in the Union's outermost regions and if so requested by the public authorities of the eligible state**. Once the definitive amount of the contribution has been determined, the Commission shall take into account the sum of the advance prior to the balance of the contribution being paid. The Commission shall recover unduly paid advances.

Or. pt

#### *Justification*

*Although the amount advanced does not change, in any budgetary sense, the final contribution from the Solidarity Fund and may be swiftly needed in an emergency, particularly in the outermost regions, since they lack resources and easy access, it should be made possible for a larger amount to be advanced in the event of disasters in these regions.*

## **Amendment 80**

**Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid**

## **Proposal for a regulation**

### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4**

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002

Article 4a – point 2

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

The amount of the advance shall not exceed **10 %** of the amount of the contribution anticipated and shall in no case exceed **EUR 30 000 000**. Once the definitive amount of the contribution has been determined, the Commission shall take into account the sum of the advance prior to the balance of the contribution being paid. The Commission shall recover unduly paid advances.

#### *Amendment*

The amount of the advance shall not exceed **15%** of the amount of the contribution anticipated and shall in no case exceed **EUR 40 000 000**. Once the definitive amount of the contribution has been determined, the Commission shall take into account the sum of the advance prior to the balance of the contribution being paid. The Commission shall recover unduly paid advances.

Or. fr

## **Amendment 81**

**Nikos Chrysogelos**

## **Proposal for a regulation**

### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 7**

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002

Article 7

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

Operations financed by the Fund shall be compatible with the provisions of the Treaty and instruments adopted under it, with Union policies and measures, in particular in the fields of financial management and public procurement, and with pre-accession assistance instruments. Those operations shall contribute, where **possible**, to the objectives of Union policies on environmental protection, disaster risk prevention and management and climate change adaptation.

#### *Amendment*

Operations financed by the Fund shall be compatible with the provisions of the Treaty and instruments adopted under it, with Union policies and measures, in particular in the fields of financial management and public procurement, and with pre-accession assistance instruments. Those operations shall contribute, where **applicable**, to the objectives of Union policies on environmental protection, disaster risk prevention and management and climate change adaptation **including eco-system based approaches**.

Or. en

**Amendment 82**  
**Kerstin Westphal**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 8**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 8 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The contribution from the Fund shall be used within **one year** from the date on which the Commission has disbursed the full amount of the assistance. Any part of the contribution remaining unused by that deadline or found to be used for ineligible operations shall be recovered by the Commission from the beneficiary State.

*Amendment*

The contribution from the Fund shall be used within **18 months** from the date on which the Commission has disbursed the full amount of the assistance. Any part of the contribution remaining unused by that deadline or found to be used for ineligible operations shall be recovered by the Commission from the beneficiary State.

Or. de

**Amendment 83**  
**Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 8**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 8 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The contribution from the Fund shall be used within **one year** from the date on which the Commission has disbursed the full amount of the assistance. Any part of the contribution remaining unused by that deadline or found to be used for ineligible operations shall be recovered by the Commission from the beneficiary State.

*Amendment*

The contribution from the Fund shall be used within **one and a half years** from the date on which the Commission has disbursed the full amount of the assistance. Any part of the contribution remaining unused by that deadline or found to be used for ineligible operations shall be recovered by the Commission from the beneficiary State.

Or. fr

**Amendment 84**  
**Oldřich Vlasák**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 8**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 8 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The contribution from the Fund shall be used within **one year** from the date on which the Commission has disbursed the full amount of the assistance. Any part of the contribution remaining unused by that deadline or found to be used for ineligible operations shall be recovered by the Commission from the beneficiary State.

*Amendment*

The contribution from the Fund shall be used within **two years** from the date on which the Commission has disbursed the full amount of the assistance. Any part of the contribution remaining unused by that deadline or found to be used for ineligible operations shall be recovered by the Commission from the beneficiary State.

Or. en

**Amendment 85**  
**Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 8**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 8 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Beneficiary States shall seek all **possible** compensation from third parties.

*Amendment*

Beneficiary States shall seek all **legally permitted** compensation from third parties.

Or. pt

**Amendment 86**  
**Kerstin Westphal**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 8**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 8 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

No later than six months after the expiry of the **one-year** period referred to in paragraph 1, the beneficiary State shall present a report on the implementation of the contribution from the Fund with a statement justifying the expenditure, indicating any other source of funding received for the operations concerned, including insurance settlements and compensation from third parties.

*Amendment*

No later than six months after the expiry of the **18-month** year period referred to in paragraph 1, the beneficiary State shall present a report on the implementation of the contribution from the Fund with a statement justifying the expenditure, indicating any other source of funding received for the operations concerned, including insurance settlements and compensation from third parties. ***To enhance the visibility of European solidarity and ensure that it is clearly recognisable, the report should also set out in what way the public was informed that the expenditure in question came from the Fund.***

Or. de

**Amendment 87**  
**Nikos Chrysogelos**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 8**  
Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002  
Article 8 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The implementation report shall detail the preventive measures **introduced** or proposed by the beneficiary State to limit future damage and to avoid, **to the extent possible**, a recurrence of similar disasters, including the use of Union structural and investment funds for this purpose, and the state of implementation of relevant Union legislation on disaster risk prevention and management. It shall also report on experience gained from the disaster and the measures taken or proposed to ensure resilience in relation to climate change and disasters.

*Amendment*

The implementation report shall detail the preventive measures **taken** or proposed by the beneficiary State to limit future damage and to avoid, a recurrence of similar disasters, including the use of Union structural and investment funds for this purpose, and the state of implementation of relevant Union legislation on disaster risk prevention and management. It shall also report on experience gained from the disaster and the measures taken or proposed to ensure **environmental protection and** resilience in relation to climate change and disasters.



**Amendment 88**

**Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 8**

Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002

Article 8 – paragraph 3 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***3a. Bureaucratic complexity, which hinders processes, ties up human resources and consumes financial resources, should be avoided in all the above procedures, which should be made swift and straightforward.***

Or. pt