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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft report**  
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The European Union Solidarity Fund: an assessment  
(2016/2045(INI))



**Amendment 1**  
**Matthijs van Miltenburg**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

— having regard to Articles 175, **212 and 222** of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),

*Amendment*

— having regard to Articles 175 **and 212 (2)** of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Matthijs van Miltenburg**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

— having regard to the Commission report entitled ‘The European Union Solidarity Fund - Annual Report 2014’ (COM(2011)0694),

*Amendment*

— having regard to the Commission report entitled ‘The European Union Solidarity Fund - Annual Report 2014’ (COM(2015)502),

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Matthijs van Miltenburg**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

— having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions of 28 November **2015** - European Union Solidarity Fund,

*Amendment*

— having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions of 28 November **2013** - European Union Solidarity Fund,

Or. en

**Amendment 4**

**Ángela Vallina, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Barbara Spinelli**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 13 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the UN report, through the UNISRD (United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction) as part of the 2005 Hyogo Framework for Action to manage the risk of disasters,*

Or. es

**Amendment 5**

**Ángela Vallina, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Barbara Spinelli**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 13 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the studies produced by the World Bank and its International Development Association (IDA) on the situation for women in disasters,*

Or. es

**Amendment 6**

**Marc Joulaud**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital A**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

A. whereas the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) was set up in 2002

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in reaction to that summer's serious flooding in Central Europe, to respond to serious natural disasters and to demonstrate solidarity with the European regions affected; whereas it funds only emergency operations carried out by governments following natural disasters;

in reaction to that summer's serious flooding in Central Europe, to respond to serious natural disasters and to demonstrate solidarity with the European regions affected; whereas it funds only emergency operations carried out by governments following natural disasters, *in spite of the Commission's 2005 proposal to expand its scope to include industrial and technological disasters, public health emergencies and acts of terrorism*;

Or. fr

**Amendment 7**  
**Bronis Ropé**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A**

*Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) was set up in 2002 in reaction to that summer's serious flooding in Central Europe, to respond to *serious natural disasters* and to demonstrate solidarity with the European regions affected; *whereas it funds only* emergency operations carried out by governments following natural disasters;

*Amendment*

A. whereas the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) was set up in 2002 in reaction to that summer's serious flooding in Central Europe, to *enable the EU to* respond to *major disasters inside the EU and in countries involved in accession negotiations* and to demonstrate solidarity with the European regions affected *by supporting* emergency operations carried out by governments following natural disasters;

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A**

*Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas the European Union

*Amendment*

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Solidarity Fund (EUSF) was set up in 2002 in reaction to that summer's serious flooding in Central Europe, to respond to *serious* natural disasters and to demonstrate solidarity with the European regions affected; whereas it funds only emergency operations carried out by governments following natural disasters;

Solidarity Fund (EUSF) was set up in 2002 in reaction to that summer's serious flooding in Central Europe, to respond to *major* natural disasters and to *extraordinary regional disasters*, to demonstrate solidarity with the European regions affected; whereas it funds only emergency operations carried out by governments following natural disasters;

Or. en

## **Amendment 9** **Mara Bizzotto**

### **Motion for a resolution** **Recital A**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) was set up in 2002 in reaction to that summer's serious flooding in Central Europe, to respond to serious natural disasters and to demonstrate solidarity with the European regions affected; whereas *it funds only* emergency operations carried out by governments following natural disasters;

#### *Amendment*

A. whereas the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) was set up in 2002 in reaction to that summer's serious flooding in Central Europe, to respond to serious natural disasters and to demonstrate solidarity with the European regions affected; whereas *this is a useful instrument which helps to fund* emergency operations carried out by governments following natural disasters;

Or. it

## **Amendment 10** **Matthijs van Miltenburg**

### **Motion for a resolution** **Recital A**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) was set up in 2002 in reaction to that summer's serious flooding in Central Europe, to respond to

#### *Amendment*

A. whereas the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) was set up in 2002 in reaction to that summer's serious flooding in Central Europe, to respond to

serious natural disasters and to demonstrate solidarity with the European regions affected; whereas it funds only emergency operations carried out by governments following natural disasters;

serious natural disasters and to demonstrate solidarity with the European regions affected; whereas it funds only emergency **and recovery** operations carried out by governments following natural disasters;

Or. en

## **Amendment 11** **Notis Marias**

### **Motion for a resolution** **Recital A**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) was set up in 2002 in reaction to that summer's serious flooding in Central Europe, to respond to serious natural disasters and to demonstrate solidarity with the European regions affected; whereas it funds only emergency operations carried out by governments following natural disasters;

#### *Amendment*

A. whereas the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) was set up in 2002 in reaction to that summer's serious flooding in Central Europe, to respond to serious natural disasters and to demonstrate solidarity with the European regions affected; whereas it funds only emergency operations carried out by governments following natural disasters **but should be extended to cover non-emergency situations also**;

Or. el

## **Amendment 12** **Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

### **Motion for a resolution** **Recital A a (new)**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

**Aa. whereas the EUSF relates, properly speaking, to natural disasters which have a direct impact on people's lives in a given affected region;**

Or. it

**Amendment 13**

**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital A b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ab. whereas the difficulty in satisfying the conditions of eligibility for the EUSF is due largely to the fact that an affected region is complicated to define;***

Or. it

**Amendment 14**

**Kosma Zlotowski, Tomasz Piotr Poręba**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

B. whereas since being established it has been mobilised in connection with 70 disasters linked to a wide range of phenomena, such as flooding, forest fires, earthquakes, storms and, more recently, drought;

B. whereas since being established it has been mobilised in connection with 70 disasters linked to a wide range of phenomena, such as flooding, forest fires, earthquakes, storms and, more recently, drought; ***whereas the EU Solidarity Fund remains one of our strongest symbols of solidarity in times of need;***

Or. en

**Amendment 15**

**Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B**



*Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas since being established it has been mobilised in connection with 70 disasters linked to a wide range of phenomena, such as flooding, forest fires, earthquakes, storms and, more recently, drought;

*Amendment*

B. whereas since being established it has been mobilised in connection with 70 disasters ***within 24 Member States and Accession countries, and*** linked to a wide range of phenomena, such as flooding, forest fires, earthquakes, storms and, more recently, drought;

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Steeve Briois**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas since being established it has been mobilised in connection with 70 disasters linked to a wide range of phenomena, such as flooding, forest fires, earthquakes, storms and, more recently, drought;

*Amendment*

B. whereas since being established it has been mobilised in connection with 70 disasters linked to a wide range of ***natural*** phenomena, such as flooding, forest fires, earthquakes, storms and, more recently, drought;

Or. fr

**Amendment 17**  
**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

B. whereas since being established it has been mobilised in connection with 70 disasters linked to a wide range of phenomena, such as flooding, forest fires, earthquakes, storms and, more recently, drought;

*Amendment*

B. whereas since being established it has been mobilised in connection with 70 disasters linked to a wide range of ***natural*** phenomena, such as flooding, forest fires, earthquakes, storms and, more recently, drought;

**Amendment 18**

**Kosma Zlotowski, Tomasz Piotr Poręba**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**Ba.** *believes that the European Union Solidarity Fund is an effective and important tool set up in 2002 in order to show EU solidarity towards disaster-stricken regions within Europe after severe floods in Central Europe;*

Or. en

**Amendment 19**

**Ángela Vallina, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Barbara Spinelli**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital C**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

C. whereas the instrument was comprehensively overhauled in 2014 with a view to ensuring as rapid a response as possible and thus improving the effectiveness of relief funding;

C. whereas the instrument was comprehensively overhauled in 2014 with a view to ensuring as rapid a response as possible and thus improving the effectiveness of relief funding, *even though it has proved insufficient and there is still a significant delay in paying out aid, which means that the effectiveness offered by early assistance is lost;*

Or. es

**Amendment 20**

**Bronis Ropé**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C**

*Motion for a resolution*

C. whereas the instrument was comprehensively overhauled in 2014 with a view to ensuring as rapid a response as possible and thus improving the effectiveness of relief funding;

*Amendment*

C. whereas the instrument was comprehensively overhauled in 2014 with a view to ensuring as rapid a response as possible, ***re-determining its scope, establishing clear criteria for a regional disaster, strengthening disaster prevention*** and thus improving the effectiveness of relief funding;

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C**

*Motion for a resolution*

C. whereas the instrument was comprehensively overhauled in 2014 with a view to ensuring ***as rapid a response as possible*** and thus improving the effectiveness of relief funding;

*Amendment*

C. whereas the instrument was comprehensively overhauled in 2014 with a view to ensuring ***more*** rapid response ***within 6 month following the application*** and thus improving the effectiveness of relief funding;

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***Ca. whereas the instrument must be overhauled once more with a view to ensuring an immediate response, so as to further improve the effectiveness of***

*Amendment*

*emergency relief funding;*

Or. el

**Amendment 23**  
**Kosma Złotowski, Tomasz Piotr Poręba**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ca. believes that the Solidarity Funds has a major role to play in case of natural disasters and is a valuable financial instrument for Members States facing unforeseen situations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Kosma Złotowski, Tomasz Piotr Poręba**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

D. whereas the European Parliament strongly supported the proposed changes, most of which it had already called for in previous resolutions;

D. whereas the European Parliament strongly supported the proposed changes, most of which it had already called for in previous resolutions; *whereas the last reform in general terms, simplified requests for intervention so that aid can be paid out more rapidly;*

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

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*Motion for a resolution*

D. whereas the European Parliament ***strongly*** supported the proposed changes, most of which it had already called for in previous resolutions;

*Amendment*

D. whereas the European Parliament supported the proposed changes, most of which it had already called for in previous resolutions;

Or. el

**Amendment 26**

**Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E**

*Motion for a resolution*

E. whereas ***there were special circumstances surrounding the EUSF qualification process in 2014, in that*** applications received prior to June 2014 (when the revised regulation entered into force) were assessed under the original regulation, whilst applications received afterwards were assessed under the revised regulation;

*Amendment*

E. whereas applications received prior to June 2014 (when the revised regulation entered into force) were assessed under the original regulation, whilst applications received afterwards were assessed under the revised regulation;

Or. en

**Amendment 27**

**Ángela Vallina, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Barbara Spinelli**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***Ea. whereas women are among the groups that suffer the consequences of natural disasters most acutely, as reflected in many reports by international organisations researching and working in this field; these include the UN report, through the UNISRD (United Nations***

*Amendment*

*International Strategy for Disaster Reduction) as part of the 2005 Hyogo Framework for Action to manage the risk of disasters, which states that the gender perspective should be ‘integrated into all disaster risk management policies, plans and decision-making processes, including those related to risk assessment, early warning, information management and education and training’; the World Bank makes the same point, in the studies drawn up by its International Development Association (IDA), which states that ‘women are much more likely than men to be killed in natural disasters’ and that ‘including gender in disaster planning can help avoid costly mistakes and save lives’;*

Or. es

#### **Amendment 28**

**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital E a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ea. whereas the matter of bracketing events together has been one of the most difficult to deal with; whereas the regulation relates to events considered in isolation, each one, in other words, constituting a single disaster; whereas when a number of events of different kinds have occurred over a longer period of time, they may not be bracketed together; whereas, conversely, several events of the same kind occurring within a relatively short space of time can be treated as one major disaster if they are attributable to the same cause (as opposed to similar causes), even when they have occurred in different parts of a country;*

Or. it

**Amendment 29**  
**Matthijs van Miltenburg**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital E a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ea. whereas investments in the prevention of natural disasters are of utmost importance in response to climate change; whereas significant amounts of EU funding have been allocated for investments in the prevention of natural disasters and in risk management strategies, in particular under the ESI Funds;***

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Ángela Vallina, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Barbara Spinelli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

1. Recalls that, since it was established in 2002, the EUSF has been a significant source of funding in the context of natural disasters occurring across Europe, from floods to earthquakes and forest fires, and a means of demonstrating European solidarity with affected regions;

1. Recalls that, since it was established in 2002, the EUSF has been a significant source of funding in the context of natural disasters occurring across Europe, from floods to earthquakes and forest fires, and a means of demonstrating European solidarity with affected regions; ***takes the view that the goals of the Solidarity Fund should be widened to include humanitarian disasters, such as the current refugee crisis, and not only natural disasters; takes the view, likewise, that other man-made crises should also be included, such as industrial accidents or public health crises, while upholding the principle that those causing the damage should pay for it;***

### **Amendment 31**

**Notis Marias**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 1**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

1. Recalls that, since it was established in 2002, the EUSF has been a significant source of funding in the context of natural disasters occurring across Europe, from floods to earthquakes and forest fires, and a means of demonstrating European solidarity with affected regions;

###### *Amendment*

1. Recalls that, since it was established in 2002, the EUSF has been a significant source of funding in the context of natural disasters occurring across Europe, from floods to earthquakes and forest fires, and a means of demonstrating European solidarity with affected regions; ***noting that there is, however, considerable room for improvement in areas such as the repair of public infrastructures where necessary and payment of damages to victims of natural disasters;***

Or. el

### **Amendment 32**

**Viorica Dăncilă**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 1**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

1. Recalls that, since it was established in 2002, the EUSF has been a significant source of funding ***in the context of*** natural disasters occurring across Europe, from floods to earthquakes and forest fires, and a means of demonstrating European solidarity with affected regions;

###### *Amendment*

1. Recalls that, since it was established in 2002, the EUSF has been a significant source of funding ***for local and regional governments and hence for European citizens affected by*** natural disasters occurring across Europe, from floods to earthquakes and forest fires, and a means of demonstrating European solidarity with affected ***European Union*** regions;

Or. ro



**Amendment 33**  
**Bronis Ropé**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

1. Recalls that, since it was established in 2002, the EUSF has been a significant source of funding in *the context* of natural disasters occurring across Europe, from floods to earthquakes and forest fires, and a means of demonstrating European solidarity with affected regions;

*Amendment*

1. Recalls that, since it was established in 2002, the EUSF has been a significant source of funding in *contribution to alleviate the consequences* of natural disasters occurring across Europe, from floods to earthquakes and forest fires, and a means of demonstrating European solidarity with affected regions;

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Steeve Briois**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

1. Recalls that, since it was established in 2002, the EUSF has been a significant source of funding in the context of natural disasters occurring across Europe, from floods to earthquakes and forest fires, and a means of demonstrating *European* solidarity with affected regions;

*Amendment*

1. Recalls that, since it was established in 2002, the EUSF has been a significant source of funding in the context of natural disasters occurring across Europe, from floods to earthquakes and forest fires, and a means of demonstrating *the solidarity of European Union Member States* with affected regions;

Or. fr

**Amendment 35**  
**Ángela Vallina, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Barbara Spinelli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Emphasises that, since the Fund was established natural disasters in the Union have increased significantly in number, severity and intensity as a consequence of climate change; stresses, therefore the added value of a sound and flexible instrument as a means of showing solidarity and providing proper, rapid assistance for people affected by major natural disasters;

*Amendment*

2. Emphasises that, since the Fund was established natural disasters in the Union have increased significantly in number, severity and intensity as a consequence of climate change; stresses, therefore the added value of a sound and flexible instrument as a means of showing solidarity and providing proper, rapid assistance for people affected by major natural disasters; ***points out that the amount allocated to the fund, EUR 500 million a year, will be insufficient owing to the consequences of climate change, which are being reflected in a steady increase in natural disasters and forecasts of a further increase in the coming years; suggests, therefore, that the budget allocated to the Solidarity Fund should be increased accordingly;***

Or. es

**Amendment 36**  
**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Emphasises that, since the Fund was established natural disasters in the Union have increased significantly in number, severity and intensity as a consequence of climate change; stresses, therefore the added value of a sound and flexible instrument as a means of showing solidarity and providing proper, rapid assistance for people affected by major natural disasters;

*Amendment*

2. Emphasises that, since the Fund was established natural disasters in the Union have increased significantly in number, severity and intensity as a consequence of climate change; stresses, therefore the added value of a sound and flexible instrument as a means of showing solidarity and providing proper, rapid assistance for people affected by major natural disasters ***and immediate compensation payments for damage caused by natural disasters;***

Or. el

## Amendment 37

Tonino Picula

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 2

##### *Motion for a resolution*

2. Emphasises that, since the Fund was established natural disasters in the Union have increased significantly in number, severity and intensity as a consequence of climate change; stresses, therefore the added value of a sound and flexible instrument as a means of showing solidarity and providing proper, rapid assistance for people affected by major natural disasters;

##### *Amendment*

2. Emphasises that, since the *time* Fund was established natural disasters in the *European* Union have increased significantly in number, severity and intensity as a consequence of climate change; stresses, therefore the added value of a sound and flexible instrument as a means of showing solidarity and providing proper, rapid assistance for people affected by major natural disasters;

Or. en

## Amendment 38

Steeve Briois

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 2

##### *Motion for a resolution*

2. Emphasises that, since the Fund was established natural disasters in the Union have increased significantly in number, severity and intensity as a consequence of climate change; stresses, therefore the added value of a sound *and flexible* instrument *as a means of showing solidarity and* providing proper, rapid assistance for people affected by major natural disasters;

##### *Amendment*

2. Emphasises that, since the Fund was established natural disasters in the Union have increased significantly in number, severity and intensity as a consequence *mainly* of climate change; stresses, therefore the added value of a sound instrument *for* providing proper, rapid assistance for people affected by major natural disasters;

Or. fr

**Amendment 39**  
**Ángela Vallina, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Barbara Spinelli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**2a.** *Points out that, just as consideration should be given to widening the goals of the Fund to include humanitarian and other disasters, such as industrial accidents and public health crises, the amount of money allocated to the Fund should also be increased to cover these new goals;*

Or. es

**Amendment 40**  
**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**2a.** *Calls in addition for the EUSF to be activated in the event not only of natural disasters, but also of disasters caused by human agency;*

Or. it

**Amendment 41**  
**Ángela Vallina, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Barbara Spinelli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

3. Points out that the EUSF is financed outside the European Union budget, with a maximum allocation of

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EUR 500 million (at 2011 prices), on top of any amounts remaining from the previous year;

EUR 500 million (at 2011 prices), on top of any amounts remaining from the previous year; ***points out that this is leading to increased delays in payments, since every time there is an emergency a special procedure must be carried out to allocate and release funds; proposes, in this connection, that the financing of the Solidarity Fund should be brought within the Union budget so that it can be made available more quickly and thereby provide an earlier and more effective response to citizens affected by a disaster;***

Or. es

#### **Amendment 42**

**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

3. Points out that the EUSF is financed outside the European Union budget, with a maximum allocation of EUR 500 million (at 2011 prices), on top of any amounts remaining from the previous year;

##### *Amendment*

3. Points out that the EUSF is financed outside the European Union budget, with a maximum allocation of EUR 500 million (at 2011 prices), on top of any amounts remaining from the previous year; ***criticises the fact that the EUSF lies completely outside the European Union budget and proposes that a minimum amount be earmarked under the budget for immediate action in the event of major natural or man-made disasters;***

Or. it

#### **Amendment 43**

**Bronis Ropé**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Points out that the EUSF is financed outside the European Union budget, with a maximum allocation of EUR 500 million (at 2011 prices), on top of any amounts remaining from the previous year;

*Amendment*

3. Points out that the EUSF is financed outside the European Union budget, with a maximum allocation of EUR 500 million (at 2011 prices), on top of any amounts remaining from the previous year; ***regrets that there is a tendency in the Council not to honour EUSF commitments, but to take money away from other programmes rather than mobilising - as foreseen - additional resources by the special instruments; recalls that such shifting of payments should be prevented;***

Or. en

**Amendment 44**

**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Points out that the EUSF is financed outside the European Union budget, with a maximum allocation of EUR 500 million (at 2011 prices), on top of any amounts remaining from the previous year;

*Amendment*

3. Points out that the EUSF is financed outside the European Union budget, with an allocation of EUR 500 million (at 2011 prices), ***which must be increased so as to ensure a more effective response to the consequences of natural disasters***, on top of any amounts remaining from the previous year;

Or. el

**Amendment 45**

**Ángela Vallina, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Barbara Spinelli**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Emphasises the importance of the 2014 revision, which represented a belated response to its repeated calls to improve the effectiveness of aid in order to ensure a rapid response in support of people affected by natural disasters;

*Amendment*

4. Emphasises the importance of the 2014 revision, which represented a belated response to its repeated calls to improve the effectiveness of aid in order to ensure a rapid response in support of people affected by natural disasters; ***takes the view, however, that fresh reforms should be undertaken, especially relating to the goals of the fund, eligibility thresholds and matters linked to procedure, such as transparency, simplification, and the inclusion of gender policies among the eligibility criteria;***

Or. es

**Amendment 46**  
**Bronis Ropè**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Emphasises the importance of the 2014 revision, which represented a belated response to its repeated calls to improve the effectiveness of aid in order to ensure a rapid response in support of people affected by natural disasters;

*Amendment*

4. Emphasises the importance of the 2014 revision, which ***managed to overcome the blockage in the Council and*** represented a belated response to its repeated calls to improve the effectiveness of aid in order to ensure a rapid response in support of people affected by natural disasters;

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Ángela Vallina, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Barbara Spinelli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

### *Motion for a resolution*

5. Emphasises the main components of the reform, such as the introduction of advance payments of up to 10 % of the anticipated financial contribution available on demand soon after an application for a financial contribution from the Fund has been submitted to the Commission (upper limit of the contribution set at EUR 30 million), the eligibility of technical assistance directly linked to project operations (a key European Parliament request), ***the extension of*** the deadlines by which Member States must make applications (12 weeks after the first damage) and set up the project (18 months), ***as well as*** the introduction of a six-month deadline by which the Commission must respond to applications;

### *Amendment*

5. Emphasises the main components of the reform, such as the introduction of advance payments of up to 10 % of the anticipated financial contribution available on demand soon after an application for a financial contribution from the Fund has been submitted to the Commission (upper limit of the contribution set at EUR 30 million); ***takes the view, however, that this amount is insufficient and that it should be increased to 20%; takes a positive view of*** the eligibility of technical assistance directly linked to project operations (a key European Parliament request), ***but considers it vital that the remaining external technical assistance should also be included as an eligible cost, including management, monitoring, information and communication, dealing with complaints and control and auditing; welcomes the fact that the reform envisages extending*** the deadlines by which Member States must make applications (12 weeks after the first damage) and set up the project (18 months), ***even though it considers the time granted to be insufficient and takes the view that it should be increased to 24 months; points out that*** the introduction of a six-month deadline by which the Commission must respond to applications ***allows too much time and efforts should be made to shorten this deadline as far as possible in order to ensure that aid can be brought to the people affected more quickly;***

Or. es

**Amendment 48**  
**Matthijs van Miltenburg**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**



*Motion for a resolution*

5. Emphasises the main components of the reform, such as the introduction of advance payments of up to 10 % of the anticipated financial contribution available on demand soon after an application for a financial contribution from the Fund has been submitted to the Commission (upper limit of the contribution set at EUR 30 million), the eligibility of ***technical assistance directly linked to project operations*** (a key European Parliament request), the extension of the deadlines by which Member States must make applications (12 weeks after the first damage) and set up the project (18 months), as well as the introduction of a six-month deadline by which the Commission must respond to applications;

*Amendment*

5. Emphasises the main components of the reform, such as the introduction of advance payments of up to 10 % of the anticipated financial contribution available on demand soon after an application for a financial contribution from the Fund has been submitted to the Commission (upper limit of the contribution set at EUR 30 million), the eligibility of ***costs relating to the preparation and implementation of the emergency and recovery operations*** (a key European Parliament request), the extension of the deadlines by which Member States must make applications (12 weeks after the first damage) and set up the project (18 months), as well as the introduction of a six-month deadline by which the Commission must respond to applications;

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Bronis Ropé**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Emphasises the main components of the reform, such as the introduction of advance payments of up to 10 % of the anticipated financial contribution available on demand soon after an application for a financial contribution from the Fund has been submitted to the Commission (upper limit of the contribution set at EUR 30 million), the eligibility of technical assistance directly linked to project operations (***a key European Parliament request***), the extension of the deadlines by which Member States must make applications (12 weeks after the first

*Amendment*

5. Emphasises the main components of the reform, such as the introduction of advance payments of up to 10 % of the anticipated financial contribution available on demand soon after an application for a financial contribution from the Fund has been submitted to the Commission (upper limit of the contribution set at EUR 30 million), the eligibility of technical assistance directly linked to project operations, the extension of the deadlines by which Member States must make applications (12 weeks after the first damage) and set up the project (18

damage) and set up the project (18 months), as well as the introduction of a six-month deadline by which the Commission must respond to applications;

months), as well as the introduction of a six-month deadline by which the Commission must respond to applications *and new provisions on the prevention of natural disasters*;

Or. en

## **Amendment 50** **Mara Bizzotto**

### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 6**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

6. Emphasises, *however, that, in spite of the introduction of an advance payment mechanism upstream of the standard procedure, beneficiaries still face problems as a result of the length of the overall process, which culminates in payment of the final contribution; emphasises, in this context*, the need to speed up the processing of applications *and ensure that as many as possible are dealt with by the deadline set*;

#### *Amendment*

6. Emphasises the need to *further* speed up the processing of applications;

Or. it

## **Amendment 51** **Ángela Vallina, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Barbara Spinelli**

### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 6**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

6. Emphasises, however, that, in spite of the introduction of an advance payment mechanism upstream of the standard procedure, beneficiaries still face problems as a result of the length of the overall process, which culminates in payment of the final contribution; emphasises, in this

#### *Amendment*

6. Emphasises, however, that, in spite of the introduction of an advance payment mechanism upstream of the standard procedure, beneficiaries still face problems as a result of the length of the overall process, which culminates in payment of the final contribution; emphasises, in this

context, the need to speed up the processing of applications and ensure that as many as possible are dealt with by the deadline set;

context, the need to speed up the processing of applications and ensure that as many as possible are dealt with by the deadline set; ***takes the view that it would be of enormous help in this connection if the budget of the EUSF were included in the Union budget; urges that excessive bureaucracy in the procedure be simplified while at the same time stressing the need for maximum transparency in the awarding, management and implementation of funds;***

Or. es

**Amendment 52**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Emphasises, however, that, in spite of the introduction of an advance payment mechanism upstream of the standard procedure, beneficiaries still face problems as a result of the length of the overall process, which culminates in payment of the final contribution; emphasises, in this context, the need to ***speed up the processing of applications and ensure that as many as possible are dealt with*** by the deadline set;

*Amendment*

6. Emphasises, however, that, in spite of the introduction of an advance payment mechanism upstream of the standard procedure, beneficiaries still face problems as a result of the length of the overall process, which culminates in payment of the final contribution; emphasises, in this context, the need to ***increase the advance payment mechanism threshold, shorten the deadlines for the processing of applications and ensure that*** the deadline set ***is respected;***

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Bronis Ropé**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Emphasises, however, that, in spite of the introduction of an advance payment mechanism upstream of the standard procedure, beneficiaries still face problems as a result of the length of the overall process, which culminates in payment of the final contribution; emphasises, in this context, the need to speed up the processing of applications and ensure that as many as possible are dealt with by the deadline set;

*Amendment*

6. Emphasises, however, that, in spite of the introduction of an advance payment mechanism upstream of the standard procedure, beneficiaries still face problems as a result of the length of the overall process, which culminates in payment of the final contribution; emphasises, in this context, the need to speed up the **submission and** processing of applications and ensure that as many as possible are dealt with by the deadline set;

Or. en

**Amendment 54**

**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. **Emphasises, however,** that, in spite of the introduction of an advance payment mechanism upstream of the standard procedure, beneficiaries still face problems as a result of the length of the overall process, which culminates in payment of the final contribution; emphasises, in this context, the need to speed up the processing of applications and ensure that as many as possible are dealt with by the deadline set;

*Amendment*

6. **Deplores the fact** that, in spite of the introduction of an advance payment mechanism upstream of the standard procedure, beneficiaries still face problems as a result of the length of the overall process, which culminates in payment of the final contribution; emphasises, in this context, the need to speed up the processing of applications and ensure that as many as possible are dealt with by the deadline set;

Or. el

**Amendment 55**

**Kosma Złotowski, Tomasz Piotr Poręba**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6a.** *Stresses that the instrument is generally meeting its objectives well but it was considered not to be sufficiently responsive, as certain criteria for its activation are too complicated or not sufficiently clear;*

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Steeve Briois**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**7.** *Calls on the Member States themselves to improve communication and cooperation with local and regional authorities, both in preparing applications and setting up projects;*

*deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 57**  
**Ángela Vallina, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Barbara Spinelli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**7.** *Calls on the Member States themselves to improve communication and cooperation with local and regional authorities, both in preparing applications and setting up projects;*

**7.** *Calls on the Member States themselves to improve communication and cooperation with local and regional authorities, both in preparing applications and setting up projects; **proposes, in this connection, that part of the fund be earmarked for the creation of a training programme for staff working for public authorities in each of the Member States***

*who currently hold positions with responsibility for managing emergencies and disasters, in order to enhance their capacity in relation to applying for and managing funds;*

Or. es

**Amendment 58**  
**Viorica Dăncilă**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Calls on the Member States themselves to improve communication and cooperation with local and regional authorities, both *in* preparing applications and setting up projects;

*Amendment*

7. Calls on the Member States themselves to improve communication and cooperation with local and regional authorities, *as well as the process for assessing eligible damage for which EUSF financial support is granted*, both *at the stage of* preparing applications and *in* setting up projects *to counter the effects of natural disasters*;

Or. ro

**Amendment 59**  
**Bronis Ropė**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Calls on the Member States themselves to improve communication and cooperation with local and regional authorities, *both in preparing applications and setting up projects*;

*Amendment*

7. Calls on the Member States themselves to improve communication and cooperation with local and regional authorities *at all stages of implementation in order to ensure that Union's assistance is effective on the ground and to promote sustainable solutions*;

Or. en

**Amendment 60**  
**Bronis Ropé**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**7a. Considers that EUSF support should be visible to the public; calls on the authorities concerned to provide information on EUSF support without generating additional administrative burden;**

Or. en

**Amendment 61**  
**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**7a. Calls on the Member States and recipient regions or areas to improve communication with the public, that is to say, the people affected;**

Or. it

**Amendment 62**  
**Matthijs van Miltenburg**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**8. Welcomes the clarification of the rules on the eligibility of regional natural disasters, *but points out that the final***

**8. Welcomes the clarification of the rules on the eligibility of regional natural disasters;**

*agreement maintains the eligibility threshold at 1.5 % of regional GDP, in line with the Commission proposal, in spite of Parliament's efforts to reduce it to 1 %; believes that the vulnerability of the outermost regions has been taken into account, with the threshold being reduced to 1 % in their case;*

Or. en

**Amendment 63**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Welcomes the clarification of the rules on the eligibility of regional natural disasters, but points out that the final agreement maintains the eligibility threshold at 1.5 % of regional GDP, in line with the Commission proposal, in spite of Parliament's efforts to reduce it to 1 %; **believes** that the vulnerability of the outermost regions has been taken into account, with the threshold being reduced to 1 % **in their case**;

*Amendment*

8. Welcomes the clarification of the rules on the eligibility of regional natural disasters **by the Commission**, but points out that the final agreement **between the Parliament and the Council** maintains the eligibility threshold at 1.5 % of regional GDP, in line with the Commission proposal, in spite of Parliament's efforts to reduce it to 1 %; **notes** that the vulnerability of the outermost regions has been taken into account, with the threshold being reduced to 1 %;

Or. en

**Amendment 64**  
**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. **Welcomes** the clarification of the rules on the eligibility of regional natural disasters, but points out that the final

*Amendment*

8. **Notes** the clarification of the rules on the eligibility of regional natural disasters, but points out that the final



agreement maintains the eligibility threshold at 1.5 % of regional GDP, in line with the Commission proposal, in spite of Parliament's efforts to reduce it to 1 %; believes that the vulnerability of the outermost regions has been taken into account, with the threshold being reduced to 1 % in their case;

agreement maintains the eligibility threshold at 1.5 % of regional GDP, in line with the Commission proposal, in spite of Parliament's efforts to reduce it to 1 %; believes that the vulnerability of the outermost regions has been taken into account, with the threshold being reduced to 1 % in their case;

Or. el

## **Amendment 65**

**Ángela Vallina, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Barbara Spinelli**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***8a. Proposes that the system of economic thresholds for the eligibility of proposals be changed so that the poorest countries and regions have easier access to funding, moving from a proportional system like the one currently in place to a progressive system where the richest countries and regions would have higher thresholds than the poorest countries and regions; stresses that this change would offer genuine support for cohesion policy and represent a fairer and more solidarity-based way of using EU resources; proposes, in this connection, that the following thresholds be used: for serious disasters at state level, a progressive threshold in line with gross national income (GNI) of 0.6% for the highest-income state (or candidate country for accession) and 0.4% for the lowest-income state, applying the corresponding percentage between those figures to the remaining states; recalls that the 0.6% threshold, or estimated cost of over EUR 3 billion in 2011 prices, currently applies to all states; for serious disasters at regional level, a progressive threshold in line with regional gross***

*domestic product (GDP) of 1% for the region with the highest GDP and 0.75% for the region with the lowest GDP, applying the corresponding percentage between those figures to the remaining regions; recalls that a threshold of 1.5% currently applies to all regions;*

Or. es

**Amendment 66**

**Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Verónica Lope Fontagné**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*8a. Calls on the Commission to allow, in certain circumstances, a single application to be submitted jointly by several territories within a single Member State affected by a natural disaster where the cause of the disaster is the same and the effects occur at the same time, for the purposes of possible eligibility for EUSF assistance;*

Or. es

**Amendment 67**

**Kosma Złotowski, Tomasz Piotr Poręba**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*8a. Calls on the European Commission and the Member States to establish risk prevention and risk management strategies;*

Or. en

**Amendment 68**

**Ángela Vallina, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Barbara Spinelli**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**8b. Proposes that a criterion needs to be introduced for regional disasters affecting NUTS level 3 areas in cases where several neighbouring regions together make up an area equivalent in size to a NUTS level 2 region; suggests that in this case the threshold would be calculated on the basis of the weighted average of the various NUTS level 3 areas affected; points out that disasters evidently affect geographical areas that do not necessarily coincide with the boundaries of administrative areas, and it would be absurd if the European Union had no procedural mechanisms to deal fairly with all areas affected by disasters; proposes, further, in keeping with the proposal made by the Committee of the Regions, that the term ‘exceptional cross-border natural disaster’ be used where, as in the above case, several NUTS level 3 regions may belong to different Member States;**

Or. es

**Amendment 69**

**Ángela Vallina, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Barbara Spinelli**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**8c. Points out that women are among the groups that suffer the consequences of natural disasters most acutely, and**

*consequently proposes that gender equality policies and women's rights be included as criteria for the eligibility of proposals;*

Or. es

**Amendment 70**  
**Bronis Ropé**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. *Points out* that the Fund *can still only provide* assistance for non-insurable damage and does not provide compensation for private losses; emphasises that long-term measures, such as sustainable reconstruction or economic development and prevention activities, are *not admissible, but may be* eligible for financing under other Union instruments, in particular the European structural and investment funds (ESI Funds);

*Amendment*

9. *Acknowledges* that the Fund *provides* assistance for non-insurable damage and does not provide compensation for private losses; emphasises that long-term measures, such as sustainable reconstruction or economic development and prevention activities, are eligible for financing under other Union instruments, in particular the European structural and investment funds (ESI Funds);

Or. en

**Amendment 71**  
**Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 – point 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

(1) *Calls for provision to be made for ad hoc adjustment and amendment of operational programmes under the Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) with a view to creating synergy with EUSF resources in affected areas;*

*Amendment*

Or. hr

**Amendment 72**  
**Mara Bizzotto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 – point 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**(1)** *Believes that incentives for private insurance should be considered with a view to encouraging people also to insure themselves privately against damage caused by natural disasters;*

Or. it

**Amendment 73**  
**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9a.** *Strongly criticises the fact that when the scale of a disaster is assessed, only direct damage is taken into consideration, without factoring in indirect damage, for example the revenue and production lost because economic activity has been halted, lower social security contributions, and the loss of future harvests;*

Or. it

**Amendment 74**  
**Matthijs van Miltenburg**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9a.** *Calls on the Member States to*

*optimise the use of EU funding, in particular the ESI Funds, for investments to prevent natural disasters from occurring and to mitigate their effects;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 75**

**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 10**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

10. Points out, in that connection, the importance of developing synergies between the various Union funds and policies with a view to forestalling, *as far as possible*, the impact of natural disasters and, in cases where the EUSF is activated, to guaranteeing the consolidation and the long-term development of reconstruction projects;

##### *Amendment*

10. Points out, in that connection, the importance of developing synergies between the various Union funds and policies with a view to forestalling the impact of natural disasters and, in cases where the EUSF is activated, to guaranteeing the consolidation and the long-term development of reconstruction projects; *maintains that whenever the EUSF is to be used, the Member State concerned should formally undertake to carry out all measures necessary for disaster prevention and the sustainable reconstruction of the areas affected; calls, when synergies are brought into play, for the process of using funds in combination to be simplified as far as possible in administrative terms in order to avert the red tape likely to arise from the fact of tapping several sources of financing at the same time; considers that such simplification should be implemented in accordance with a single pattern laid down at European level;*

Or. it

#### **Amendment 76**

**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Points out, in that connection, the importance of developing synergies between the various Union funds and policies with a view to forestalling, as far as possible, the impact of natural disasters and, in cases where the EUSF is activated, to guaranteeing the consolidation and the long-term development of reconstruction projects;

*Amendment*

10. Points out, in that connection, the importance of developing synergies between the various Union funds and policies with a view to forestalling, as far as possible, the impact of natural disasters and, in cases where the EUSF is activated, to guaranteeing the consolidation and the long-term development of reconstruction projects; ***points out that rural development programmes cofunded by the EU could also provide support in situations arising from adverse climatic conditions;***

Or. el

**Amendment 77**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Points out, in that connection, the importance of developing synergies between the various Union funds and policies with a view to ***forestalling***, as far as possible, the impact of natural disasters and, in cases where the EUSF is activated, to guaranteeing the consolidation and the long-term development of reconstruction projects;

*Amendment*

10. Points out, in that connection, the importance of developing synergies between the various Union funds and policies with a view to ***prevent***, as far as possible, the impact of natural disasters and, in cases where the EUSF is activated, to guaranteeing the consolidation and the long-term ***sustainable*** development of reconstruction projects;

Or. en

**Amendment 78**  
**Ángela Vallina, Neoklis Sylikiotis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Points out, in that connection, the importance of developing synergies between the various Union funds and policies with a view to forestalling, as far as possible, the impact of *natural* disasters and, in cases where the EUSF is activated, to guaranteeing the consolidation and the long-term development of reconstruction projects;

*Amendment*

10. Points out, in that connection, the importance of developing synergies between the various Union funds and policies with a view to forestalling, as far as possible, the impact of disasters and, in cases where the EUSF is activated, to guaranteeing the consolidation and the long-term development of reconstruction projects;

Or. es

**Amendment 79**  
**Bronis Ropé**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***10a. Welcomes the provisions introduced in 2014 to strengthen prevention of natural disasters; underlines that efforts must be stepped-up to consider prevention as a horizontal task; calls for preventive measures following the eco-system based approach to be identified as priority when mitigating the consequences of disaster under the EUSF;***

Or. en

**Amendment 80**  
**Ángela Vallina, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Barbara Spinelli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

11. Calls on the Commission and the

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Member States to *improve* transparency and *guarantee* public access to information throughout the assistance mobilisation process, from the submission of the application to project closure;

Member States to *introduce mandatory procedures to ensure maximum* transparency and *calls for guaranteed* public access to information throughout the assistance mobilisation process, from the submission of the application to project closure;

Or. es

**Amendment 81**  
**Mara Bizzotto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 – point 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(1) Considers it important to set up a fund for the specific purpose of restoring cultural heritage sites damaged by natural disasters;*

Or. it

**Amendment 82**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

12. Notes that 13 new applications were received in 2014, and draws attention to the special circumstances obtaining in that year, in which six of these applications, *submitted prior to June 2014 (when the revised regulation entered into force)*, were assessed under the old regulation, while the *rest* were assessed under the revised regulation;

12. Notes that 13 new applications were received in 2014, and draws attention to the special circumstances obtaining in that year, in which six of these applications were assessed under the old regulation, while the *remaining seven applications* were assessed under the revised regulation;

Or. en

**Amendment 83**  
**Viorica Dăncilă**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Emphasises that, following the Commission's rejection of two applications for recognition as extraordinary regional disasters, on the grounds that the disasters in question could not be deemed 'extraordinary', in spite of the fact that they caused serious damage and had direct repercussions for the economic and social development of the regions concerned, a realistic eligibility threshold should be set for regional natural disasters;

*Amendment*

13. Emphasises that, following the Commission's rejection of two applications for recognition as extraordinary regional disasters, on the grounds that the disasters in question could not be deemed 'extraordinary', in spite of the fact that they caused serious damage and had direct repercussions for the economic and social development of the regions concerned, a realistic eligibility threshold should be set for regional natural disasters, ***including at cross-border level in the case of major floods, serious cases of accidental pollution, earthquakes and forest fires***;

Or. ro

**Amendment 84**  
**Michela Giuffrida, Andrea Cozzolino**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Emphasises that, following the Commission's rejection of two applications for recognition as extraordinary regional disasters, on the grounds that the disasters in question could not be deemed 'extraordinary', in spite of the fact that they caused serious damage and had direct repercussions for the economic and social development of the regions concerned, ***a realistic eligibility threshold*** should be set ***for regional natural disasters***;

*Amendment*

13. Emphasises that, following the Commission's rejection of two applications for recognition as extraordinary regional disasters, on the grounds that the disasters in question could not be deemed 'extraordinary', in spite of the fact that they caused serious damage and had direct repercussions for the economic and social development of the regions concerned, realistic ***thresholds*** should be set, ***in each instance taking into account the particular level of socio-economic development in the region affected***,

*determined according to the allocation criteria for the ESI Funds;*

Or. it

**Amendment 85**  
**Bronis Ropè**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Emphasises that, following the Commission's rejection of two applications for recognition as extraordinary regional disasters, on the grounds that the disasters in question could not be deemed 'extraordinary', in spite of the fact that they caused serious damage and had direct repercussions for the economic and social development of the regions concerned, a realistic eligibility threshold should be set for regional natural disasters;

*Amendment*

13. Emphasises that, following the Commission's rejection of two applications for recognition as extraordinary regional disasters, on the grounds that the disasters in question could not be deemed 'extraordinary', in spite of the fact that they caused serious damage and had direct repercussions for the economic and social development of the regions concerned, a realistic eligibility threshold *as well as respective definitions* should be set for regional natural disasters;

Or. en

**Amendment 86**  
**Matthijs van Miltenburg**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. *Emphasises that, following the Commission's rejection of two applications for recognition as extraordinary regional disasters*, on the grounds that the disasters in question could not be deemed 'extraordinary', in spite of the fact that they caused serious damage and had direct repercussions for the economic and social development of the

*Amendment*

13. *Recalls that two applications have been rejected under the former EUSF Regulation*, on the grounds that the disasters in question could not be deemed 'extraordinary', in spite of the fact that they caused serious damage and had direct repercussions for the economic and social development of the regions concerned; *therefore welcomes the revised EUSF*

regions concerned, *a realistic* eligibility threshold *should be* set for regional natural disasters;

*Regulation in which an adequate* eligibility threshold *has been* set for regional natural disasters;

Or. en

**Amendment 87**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. *Emphasises that, following* the Commission's rejection of two applications for recognition as extraordinary regional disasters, on the grounds that the disasters in question could not be deemed 'extraordinary', in spite of the fact that they caused serious damage and had direct repercussions for the economic and social development of the regions concerned, a realistic eligibility threshold should be set for regional natural disasters;

*Amendment*

13. *Regrets* the Commission's rejection of two applications for recognition as extraordinary regional disasters *in 2014*, on the grounds that the disasters in question could not be deemed 'extraordinary', in spite of the fact that they caused serious damage and had direct repercussions for the economic and social development of the regions concerned; *Emphasises that* a realistic eligibility threshold should be set for regional natural disasters;

Or. en

**Amendment 88**  
**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Emphasises that, following the Commission's rejection of two applications for recognition as extraordinary regional disasters, on the grounds that the disasters in question could not be deemed 'extraordinary', in spite of the fact that they caused serious damage and had direct repercussions for the economic and social development of the regions concerned, a

*Amendment*

13. Emphasises that, following the Commission's *regrettable* rejection of two applications for recognition as extraordinary regional disasters, on the grounds that the disasters in question could not be deemed 'extraordinary', in spite of the fact that they caused serious damage and had direct repercussions for the economic and social development of the

realistic eligibility threshold should be set for regional natural disasters;

regions concerned, a realistic eligibility threshold should be set for regional natural disasters;

Or. el

**Amendment 89**  
**Salvatore Cicu**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**13a. In order to improve the EU responsiveness and support towards the affected population, calls on the Commission to put forward a Proposal for an amendment of the current Regulation to the co-legislators, with a view to increasing the advance payments to be made available fast after the submission of the application by the concerned Member State from 10% to 12 % of the anticipated financial contribution and to reduce the deadline, by which the Commission must respond to applications, from 6 months to 15 weeks;**

Or. en

**Amendment 90**  
**Matthijs van Miltenburg**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**14. Reiterates its call, therefore, that in the near future the eligibility threshold for regional natural disasters should be set at 1 % of regional GDP, in particular for the regions worst affected by the economic crisis and the refugee crisis;**

*deleted*

**Amendment 91**  
**Steeve Briois**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Reiterates its call, therefore, that in the near future the eligibility threshold for regional natural disasters should be set at 1 % of regional GDP, ***in particular for the regions worst affected by the economic crisis and the refugee crisis;***

*Amendment*

14. Reiterates its call, therefore, that in the near future the eligibility threshold for regional natural disasters should be set at 1 % of regional GDP, ***whatever the level of economic development of the affected region;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 92**  
**Salvatore Cicu**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Reiterates its call, therefore, that in the near future the eligibility threshold for regional natural disasters should be set at 1 % of regional GDP, in particular for the regions worst affected by the economic crisis ***and*** the refugee crisis;

*Amendment*

14. Reiterates ***also*** its call, therefore, that in the near future the eligibility threshold for regional natural disasters should be set at 1 % of regional GDP, in particular for the regions worst affected by the economic crisis ***or*** the refugee crisis, ***if appropriate, underlining nevertheless that the later cannot be in itself a criteria for eligibility, but a contextual factor to be taken into consideration;***

Or. en

**Amendment 93**  
**Michela Giuffrida, Andrea Cozzolino**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Reiterates its call, therefore, that in the near future the eligibility **threshold** for regional natural disasters should be **set at 1% of regional GDP, in particular for the regions worst affected by the economic crisis and the refugee crisis;**

*Amendment*

14. Reiterates its call, therefore, that in the near future the eligibility **thresholds** for regional natural disasters should be **adjusted, not least to allow for the fact that the economic crisis and the refugee crisis are making themselves felt to varying degrees in the regions concerned;**

Or. it

**Amendment 94**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Reiterates its call, **therefore, that in the near future** the eligibility threshold for regional natural disasters should be set at 1 % of regional GDP, **in particular for the regions worst affected by the economic crisis and the refugee crisis;**

*Amendment*

14. Reiterates its call **that** the eligibility threshold for regional natural disasters should be set at 1 % of regional GDP;

Or. en

**Amendment 95**  
**Ángela Vallina, Neoklis Sylikiotis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Reiterates its call, therefore, that in the near future the eligibility threshold for regional **natural** disasters should be set at 1 % of regional GDP, **in particular for the regions worst affected by the economic**

*Amendment*

14. Reiterates its call, therefore, that in the near future the eligibility threshold for regional disasters should be set at **between 0.75% of regional GDP (for the poorest regions) and 1% of regional GDP (for the**

*crisis and the refugee crisis;*

*richest regions);*

Or. es

**Amendment 96**  
**Bronis Ropè**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Reiterates its call, therefore, that in the near future the eligibility threshold for regional natural disasters should be set at 1 % of regional GDP, *in particular for the regions worst affected by the economic crisis and the refugee crisis;*

*Amendment*

14. Reiterates its call, therefore, that in the near future the eligibility threshold for regional natural disasters should be set at 1 % of regional GDP;

Or. en

**Amendment 97**  
**Kosma Złotowski, Tomasz Piotr Poręba**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Reiterates its call, therefore, that in the near future the eligibility threshold for regional natural disasters should be set at 1 % of regional GDP, in particular for the regions worst affected by the economic crisis *and the refugee crisis;*

*Amendment*

14. Reiterates its call, therefore, that in the near future the eligibility threshold for regional natural disasters should be set at 1 % of regional GDP, in particular for the regions worst affected by the economic crisis;

Or. en

**Amendment 98**  
**Steeve Briois**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**



*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**14a.** *Recalls that the purpose of the EUSF is to mobilise funds rapidly in order to provide financial assistance to regions of European Union Member States that have been devastated by natural disasters, and that it must, in no case, be diverted from its original purpose; insists that this fund must not be activated for the purposes of managing the current migration crisis or financing the reception of illegal migrants;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 99**  
**Salvatore Cicu**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**14a.** *Moreover, calls on the Commission to analyse the possibility of extending the 1% threshold for the eligibility of regional disasters also to islands, due to their geographical exposure and vulnerability to climate change impacts;*

Or. en

**Amendment 100**  
**Michela Giuffrida**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**14a.** *Points to the need to consider what new indicators might be sought in order to*

*go beyond GDP, including for example the Human Development Index and the Regional Social Progress Index;*

Or. it

**Amendment 101**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Welcomes the fact that the seven applications for assistance received *after June 2014 (when the new regulation entered into force)* were accepted by the Commission, and notes that more detailed information will be received for four of them in the 2015 Annual Report, the payments having been made in March and April 2015; awaits the publication of this report, which will provide a clear picture of the impact the revised provisions have had on the mobilisation of the Fund;

*Amendment*

15. Welcomes the fact that the seven applications for assistance received *within* the new regulation were accepted by the Commission, and notes that more detailed information will be received for four of them in the 2015 Annual Report, the payments having been made in March and April 2015; awaits the publication of this report, which will *hopefully* provide a clear picture of the impact the revised provisions have had on the mobilisation of the Fund;

Or. en

**Amendment 102**  
**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Deplores the fact that the procedures for assessing implementation and closure reports took so long under the old regulation and expects closures to be carried out more efficiently and transparently under the amended regulation, and in a manner which ensures that the *Union's* financial interests are

*Amendment*

16. Deplores the fact that the procedures for assessing implementation and closure reports took so long under the old regulation and expects closures to be carried out more efficiently and transparently under the amended regulation, and in a manner which ensures that the financial interests *of the EU*

protected;

*Member States* are protected;

Or. el

### **Amendment 103**

**Marc Joulaud**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***16a. Stresses that the changing security context, marked by an increase in terrorist attacks in Europe, casts new light on the need for and relevance of certain proposals developed by the Commission and the European Parliament in 2005 and 2006, which aim to enlarge the scope of the EUSF so that it can respond to events that have particularly serious consequences for the people affected and that require European solidarity, such as acts of terrorism;***

Or. fr

### **Amendment 104**

**Notis Marias**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***16a. Expresses its profound disagreement at the large number of claims for regional disasters that have been rejected, principally owing to the introduction of an excessive damage threshold of 1.5% of regional GDP at NUTS 2 level, and calls for this threshold to be reduced to 0.5 %;***

Or. el

**Amendment 105**  
**Bronis Ropé**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16a.** *Demands sustainability to be taken into account for money spent under the EUSF so as to contribute to avoid repetition of disasters; calls on the authorities concerned to prefer eco-system based solutions over technical ones;*

Or. en

**Amendment 106**  
**Stanislav Polčák**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16a.** *Calls on the responsible authorities, given the length of time that elapses between tragic events and the provision of assistance, to try to identify a more flexible mechanism for the provision of assistance and to present a proposal on its introduction;*

Or. cs

**Amendment 107**  
**Rosa D'Amato, Isabella Adinolfi, Marco Zullo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16a.** *Deplores the fact that when a*

*number of events, including events of different kinds, have occurred over a longer period of time in an area spanning one or more regions, it is not permitted to bracket those events together;*

Or. it

**Amendment 108**  
**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16b.** *Calls on the EU Solidarity Fund to take immediate measures to ensure full compensation for damage caused by severe weather conditions in Greece during the period 2014-2016;*

Or. el

**Amendment 109**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

17. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council **and** the Commission.

17. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, **Member States and regional authorities.**

Or. en