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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**  
**Maria Gabriela Zoană**  
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Establishing a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

Proposal for a regulation  
(COM(2018)0385 – C8-0249/2018 – 2018/0209(COD))



**Amendment 21**  
**Younous Omarjee**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Citation 5 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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*having regard to the European Parliament resolution of 14 June 2017 on promoting cohesion and development in the outermost regions of the EU: implementation of Article 349 TFEU (2016/2250(INI));*

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**Amendment 22**  
**Liliana Rodrigues**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 3**

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(3) Pursuing the achievement of the Union's objectives and targets set by environmental, climate and related clean energy legislation, policy, plans and international commitments, the Programme should contribute to the shift towards a clean, circular, energy-efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy, to the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment and to halting and reversing biodiversity loss, either through direct interventions or by supporting the integration of those objectives in other policies.

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**Amendment 23**  
**Davor Škrlec**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(4) The Union is committed to developing a comprehensive response to the sustainable development goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for the Sustainable Development, which highlight the intrinsic connection between the management of natural resources to ensure their long-term availability, ecosystem services, their link to human health and sustainable and socially inclusive economic growth. In this spirit, the Programme should make a material contribution to both economic development and social cohesion.

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**Amendment 24**  
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**Amendment 25**  
**Liliana Rodrigues**

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*Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) Complying with the Union's commitments under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change requires the transformation of the Union into an energy efficient, low carbon and climate resilient society. This in turn requires actions, with a special focus on sectors that contribute most to the current levels of CO<sub>2</sub> output and pollution, contributing to the implementation of the 2030 energy and climate policy framework and the Member States' Integrated National Energy and Climate Plans and preparations for the Union's mid-century and long-term climate and energy strategy. The Programme should also include measures contributing to the implementation of the Union's climate adaptation policy to decrease vulnerability to the adverse effects of climate change.

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### **Amendment 30** **Tonino Picula**

#### **Proposal for a regulation** **Recital 10**

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

(10) Synergies with Horizon Europe should ensure that research and innovation needs to tackle environmental, climate and energy challenges within the EU are identified and established during Horizon Europe's strategic research and innovation planning process. LIFE should continue to act as a catalyst for implementing EU environment, climate and clean energy policy and legislation, including by taking up and applying research and innovation results from Horizon Europe and help deploying them on a larger scale where it can help address environmental, climate or clean energy transition issues. Horizon Europe's European Innovation Council can provide support to scale up and commercialise new breakthrough ideas that may result from the implementation of LIFE projects.

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**Amendment 31**  
**Fernando Ruas**

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*Text proposed by the Commission*

(12) The Union's most recent Environmental Implementation Review package<sup>21</sup> indicates that significant progress is required to accelerate implementation of the Union environment acquis and enhance the integration of environmental and climate objectives into other policies. The Programme should therefore act as a catalyst to achieve the required progress through developing, testing **and** replicating new approaches; supporting policy development, monitoring and review; enhancing **stakeholder** involvement; mobilising investments across Union investment programmes or other financial sources and supporting actions to overcome the various obstacles to the effective implementation of key plans required by environment legislation.

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## Amendment 32

Ruža Tomašić

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 13

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

(13) Halting and reversing biodiversity loss, including in marine ecosystems, requires support for the development, implementation, enforcement and assessment of relevant Union legislation and policy, including the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020<sup>22</sup>, Council Directive 92/43/EEC<sup>23</sup> and Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>24</sup> and Regulation (EU) 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>25</sup>, in particular by developing the knowledge base for policy development and implementation and by developing, testing, demonstrating and applying best practices and solutions on small scale or tailored to specific local, regional or national contexts, including integrated approaches for the implementation of the prioritised action frameworks prepared on the basis of Directive 92/43/EEC. The Union should track its biodiversity-related expenditure to fulfil its reporting obligations under the Convention on Biological Diversity. Requirements for tracking in other relevant Union legislation should also be met.

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### **Amendment 33** **Ruža Tomašić**

#### **Proposal for a regulation** **Recital 14**

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**Amendment 37**  
**Younous Omarjee**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 14 a (new)**

***(14a) The outermost regions of the EU account for a considerable part of the world's biodiversity (around 20% of the world's lagoons and coral reefs) and are at greater risk of the catastrophic and irreversible effects of global warming and the erosion of biodiversity than any other European region. The outermost regions must therefore be given a specific minimum budget, in particular the French outermost regions, which were unjustly excluded by the EU from the Birds and Habitats Directives and are therefore not covered by a binding regulatory framework for the protection of species and habitats, nor do they receive or Natura 2000 funds, while they are all global biodiversity hubs and some are classified - or in the process of being classified - as UNESCO world heritage sites. The French outermost regions have not been fairly treated in the allocation of the various European funds for financing the protection of biodiversity in these territories. At least 2% of funding for the LIFE programme shall therefore be allocated to the outermost regions to protect their invaluable biodiversity, and at least 1% will be allocated to the French outermost regions to compensate for the years of funding they have missed out on.***

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**Amendment 38**  
**Younous Omarjee**

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sustainable use of ecosystem services, including ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and mitigation, in the Union's Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories, **but has barely contributed to the protection of diversity. It is far from enough to fight biodiversity loss in these regions. It should therefore be made to last longer by integrating it into the LIFE programme and increasing its budget.** It is not, however, a substitute for the other funds granted under the LIFE programme to the outermost regions.

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*Amendment*

(15) The voluntary scheme for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Territories of European Overseas (BEST) promotes the conservation of biodiversity, including marine biodiversity, and sustainable use of ecosystem services, including ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and mitigation, in the Union's Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories. BEST has helped to raise awareness for the ecological importance of the Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories for conserving global biodiversity. In their Ministerial Declarations in 2017 and 2018, Overseas Countries and Territories have expressed their appreciation for this small grant scheme for biodiversity. It is ***highly*** appropriate to allow the Programme to continue financing small grants for biodiversity in both the Outermost Regions and the Overseas Countries and Territories.

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Liliana Rodrigues**

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

### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(16) Promoting the circular economy requires a mentality shift in the way of designing, producing, consuming and disposing of materials and products, including plastics. The Programme should contribute to the transition to a circular economy model through financial support targeting a variety of actors (businesses, public authorities and consumers), in particular by applying, developing, and replicating best technology, practices and solutions tailored to specific local, regional or national contexts, including through integrated approaches for the implementation of waste management and prevention plans. Through supporting the implementation of the plastics strategy, action can be taken to address the problem of marine litter *in particular*.

### *Amendment*

(16) Promoting the circular economy requires a mentality shift in the way of designing, producing, consuming and disposing of materials and products, including plastics. The Programme should contribute to the transition to a circular economy model through financial support targeting a variety of actors (businesses, ***national, regional and local*** public authorities and consumers), in particular by applying, developing, and replicating best technology, practices and solutions tailored to specific local, regional or national contexts, including through integrated approaches for the implementation of waste management and prevention plans. Through supporting the implementation of the plastics strategy, action can be taken to address the problem of marine litter, ***thus contributing to the preservation of marine biodiversity***.

Or. pt

## **Amendment 42** **Fernando Ruas**

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

### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(16) Promoting the circular economy requires a mentality shift in the way of designing, producing, consuming and disposing of materials and products, including plastics. The Programme should contribute to the transition to a circular economy model through financial support targeting a variety of actors (businesses, public authorities and consumers), in particular by applying, developing, and replicating best technology, practices and solutions tailored to specific local, regional or national contexts, including through

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integrated approaches for the implementation of waste management and prevention plans. Through supporting the implementation of the plastics strategy, action can be taken to address the problem of marine litter in particular.

integrated **territorial** approaches for the implementation of waste management and prevention plans. Through supporting the implementation of the plastics strategy, action can be taken to address the problem of marine litter in particular.

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Fernando Ruas**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 20**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(20) The improvement of governance on environmental, climate change and related clean energy transition matters requires involvement of civil society by raising public awareness, consumer engagement, and broadening of stakeholder involvement, including non-governmental organisations, in consultation on and implementation of related policies.

*Amendment*

(20) The improvement of governance **at all levels** on environmental, climate change and related clean energy transition matters requires involvement of civil society by raising public awareness, **involving national, regional and local authorities**, consumer engagement, and broadening of stakeholder involvement, including non-governmental organisations, **research and innovation partners and businesses** in consultation on and implementation of related policies.

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 20**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(20) The improvement of governance on environmental, climate change and related clean energy transition matters requires involvement of civil society by raising public awareness, consumer engagement, and broadening of stakeholder involvement, including non-governmental

*Amendment*

(20) The improvement of governance on environmental, climate change and related clean energy transition matters requires involvement of civil society **through more intensive communication and** by raising public awareness, consumer engagement, and broadening of stakeholder

organisations, in consultation on and implementation of related policies.

involvement, including non-governmental organisations, in consultation on and implementation of related policies.

Or. ro

#### **Amendment 45**

**Daniel Buda**

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

##### **Recital 22**

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

(22) The Programme should prepare and support market players for the shift towards a clean, circular, energy-efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy by testing new business opportunities, upgrading professional skills, facilitating consumers' access to sustainable products and services, engaging and empowering influencers **and** testing novel methods to adapt the existing processes and business landscape. To support a broader market uptake of sustainable solutions, general public acceptance and consumer engagement should be promoted.

###### *Amendment*

(22) The Programme should prepare and support market players for the shift towards a clean, circular, energy-efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy by testing new business opportunities, upgrading professional skills, facilitating consumers' access to sustainable products and services, engaging and empowering influencers, testing novel methods to adapt the existing processes and business landscape **and involving local and regional stakeholders in the implementation of circular economy objectives**. To support a broader market uptake of sustainable solutions, general public acceptance and consumer engagement should be promoted.

Or. ro

#### **Amendment 46**

**Fernando Ruas**

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

##### **Recital 22**

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

(22) The Programme should prepare and support market players for the shift towards a clean, circular, energy-efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy by testing new business opportunities,

###### *Amendment*

(22) The Programme should prepare and support market players for the shift towards a clean, circular, energy-efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy by testing new business opportunities,

upgrading professional skills, facilitating consumers' access to sustainable products and services, engaging and empowering influencers and testing novel methods to adapt the existing processes and business landscape. To support a broader market uptake of sustainable solutions, general public acceptance and consumer engagement should be promoted.

upgrading professional skills, facilitating consumers' access to sustainable products and services, engaging and empowering influencers and testing novel methods to adapt the existing processes and business landscape. To support a broader market uptake of sustainable solutions, general public acceptance and consumer engagement should be promoted, *including through media campaigns*.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 47**

**Davor Škrlec**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

##### **Recital 24**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(24) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Programme will contribute to mainstream climate actions and to the achievement of an overall target of **25** % of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. Actions under this Programme are expected to contribute 61% of the overall financial envelope of the Programme to climate objectives. Relevant actions will be identified during the Programme's preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review processes.

*Amendment*

(24) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, this Programme will contribute to mainstream climate actions and to the achievement of an overall target of **50** % of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives. Actions under this Programme are expected to contribute 61% of the overall financial envelope of the Programme to climate objectives. Relevant actions will be identified during the Programme's preparation and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review processes.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 48**

**Younous Omarjee**

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

##### **Recital 25**

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*Text proposed by the Commission*

(25) In the implementation of the Programme due consideration should be given to the strategy for outermost regions<sup>30</sup> in view of Article 349 TFEU and the specific needs and vulnerabilities of these regions. Union policies other than environmental, climate and relevant clean energy transition policies should also be taken into account.

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<sup>30</sup> COM(2017) 623 final

*Amendment*

(25) In the implementation of the Programme due consideration should be given to the strategy for outermost regions<sup>30</sup> in view of Article 349 TFEU and the specific needs and vulnerabilities of these regions. ***The funding granted to these regions under the LIFE programme should therefore be increased significantly, given that it does not currently reflect the real needs and urgency of meeting the objectives of this regulation, in particular: to contribute to the shift towards a clean, circular, energy-efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy, including through the transition to clean energy, to the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment and to halting and reversing biodiversity loss, thereby contributing to sustainable development.*** Union policies other than environmental, climate and relevant clean energy transition policies should also be taken into account.

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<sup>30</sup> COM(2017) 623 final

Or. fr

**Amendment 49**  
**Elsi Katainen, Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 25**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(25) In the implementation of the Programme due consideration should be given to the strategy for outermost regions<sup>30</sup> ***in view of Article 349 TFEU and these*** regions. Union policies other than environmental, climate and relevant clean energy transition policies should also be taken into account.

*Amendment*

(25) In the implementation of the Programme due consideration should be given, ***in accordance with Articles 174 and 349 TFEU, to*** the strategy for outermost regions<sup>30</sup> ***and, in general, to*** the specific needs and vulnerabilities of regions ***which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps.*** Union policies other than

environmental, climate and relevant clean energy transition policies should also be taken into account.

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<sup>30</sup> COM(2017) 623 final

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<sup>30</sup> COM(2017) 623 final

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 25**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(25) In the implementation of the Programme due consideration should be given **to the strategy for outermost regions**<sup>30</sup> in view of **Article 349 TFEU and the** specific needs and vulnerabilities **of these** regions. Union policies other than environmental, climate and relevant clean energy transition policies should also be taken into account.

*Amendment*

(25) **In order to reduce disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions, in the** implementation of the Programme due consideration should be given, in view of **Articles 174 and 349 TFEU, taking into account** specific needs and vulnerabilities, **to the areas covered by those Articles, including the strategy for outermost regions**<sup>30</sup>. Union policies other than environmental, climate and relevant clean energy transition policies should also be taken into account.

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<sup>30</sup> COM(2017) 623 final

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<sup>30</sup> COM(2017) 623 final

Or. hr

**Amendment 51**  
**Fernando Ruas**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 25**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(25) In the implementation of the Programme due consideration **should** be

*Amendment*

(25) In the implementation of the Programme due consideration **will** be given

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given to the strategy for outermost regions<sup>30</sup> in view of Article 349 TFEU and the specific needs and vulnerabilities of these regions. Union policies other than environmental, climate and relevant clean energy transition policies should also be taken into account.

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to the strategy for outermost regions<sup>30</sup> in view of Article 349 TFEU and the specific needs, ***special characteristics, constraints*** and vulnerabilities of these regions. Union policies other than environmental, climate and relevant clean energy transition policies should also be taken into account.

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<sup>30</sup> COM(2017) 623 final

Or. en

**Amendment 52**  
**Liliana Rodrigues**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 25**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(25) In the implementation of the Programme ***due consideration should be given to*** the strategy for outermost regions<sup>30</sup> in view of Article 349 TFEU and the specific needs and vulnerabilities of these regions. Union policies other than environmental, climate and relevant clean energy transition policies should also be taken into account.

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<sup>30</sup> COM(2017) 623 final

*Amendment*

(25) In the implementation of the Programme, the strategy for outermost regions<sup>30</sup> ***should be followed***, in view of Article 349 TFEU and the specific needs and vulnerabilities of these regions. Union policies other than environmental, climate and relevant clean energy transition policies should also be taken into account.

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<sup>30</sup> COM(2017) 623 final

Or. pt

**Amendment 53**  
**Fernando Ruas**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 26**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(26) In support of the implementation of the Programme, the Commission should

*Amendment*

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collaborate with the Programme's national contact points, organise seminars and workshops, publish lists of projects funded under the Programme or undertake other activities *to* disseminate project results and to facilitate exchanges of experience, knowledge and best practices and the replication of project results across the Union. Such activities should in particular target Member States with a low uptake of funds and should facilitate the communication and cooperation between project beneficiaries, applicants or stakeholders of completed and ongoing projects in the same field.

collaborate with the Programme's national contact points, organise seminars and workshops, publish lists of projects funded under the Programme or undertake other activities, ***such as media campaigns, in order to better*** disseminate project results and to facilitate exchanges of experience, knowledge and best practices and the replication of project results across the Union. Such activities should in particular target Member States with a low uptake of funds and should facilitate the communication and cooperation between project beneficiaries, applicants or stakeholders of completed and ongoing projects in the same field.

Or. en

**Amendment 54**  
**Liliana Rodrigues**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 26**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(26) In support of the implementation of the Programme, the Commission should collaborate with the Programme's national contact points, organise seminars and workshops, publish lists of projects funded under the Programme or undertake other activities to disseminate project results and to facilitate exchanges of experience, knowledge and best practices and the replication of project results across the Union. Such activities should in particular target Member States with a low uptake of funds and should facilitate the communication and cooperation between project beneficiaries, applicants or stakeholders of completed and ongoing projects in the same field.

*Amendment*

(26) In support of the implementation of the Programme, the Commission should collaborate with the Programme's national, ***regional and local*** contact points, organise seminars and workshops, publish lists of projects funded under the Programme or undertake other activities to disseminate project results and to facilitate exchanges of experience, knowledge and best practices and the replication of project results across the Union, ***thus promoting cooperation and communication***. Such activities should in particular target Member States with a low uptake of funds and should facilitate the communication and cooperation between project beneficiaries, applicants or stakeholders of completed and ongoing projects in the same field.

Or. pt

**Amendment 55**  
**Ruža Tomašić**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 26**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(26) In support of the implementation of the Programme, the Commission should collaborate with the Programme's national contact points, organise seminars and workshops, publish lists of projects funded under the Programme or undertake other activities to disseminate project results and to facilitate exchanges of experience, knowledge and best practices and the replication of project results across the Union. Such activities should in particular target Member States with a low uptake of funds and should facilitate the communication and cooperation between project beneficiaries, applicants or stakeholders of completed and ongoing projects in the same field.

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Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 31**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(31) The types of financing and the methods of implementation should be chosen on the basis of their ability to achieve the specific objectives of the actions and to deliver results, taking into account, in particular, the costs of controls, the administrative burden, and the expected risk of non-compliance. As regards grants, this should include consideration of the use of lump sums, flat rates and scales of unit

*Amendment*

(31) The types of financing and the methods of implementation should be chosen on the basis of their ability to achieve the specific objectives of the actions and to deliver results, taking into account, in particular, the costs of controls, the administrative burden, and the expected risk of non-compliance. ***The lower co-financing rate for LIFE projects should be adjusted and increased significantly,***

costs.

*unlike the co-financing rate under Horizon 2020.* As regards grants, this should include consideration of the use of lump sums, flat rates and scales of unit costs.

Or. hr

**Amendment 57**  
**Fernando Ruas**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 31**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(31) The types of financing and the methods of implementation should be chosen on the basis of their ability to achieve the specific objectives of the actions and to deliver results, taking into account, in particular, the costs of controls, the administrative burden, and the expected risk of non-compliance. As regards grants, this should include consideration of the use of lump sums, flat rates and scales of unit costs.

*Amendment*

(31) The types of financing and the methods of implementation should be chosen on the basis of their ability to achieve the specific objectives of the actions and to deliver **the best** results, taking into account, in particular, the costs of controls, the administrative burden, and the expected risk of non-compliance. As regards grants, this should include consideration of the use of lump sums, flat rates and scales of unit costs.

Or. en

**Amendment 58**  
**Maria Gabriela Zoană**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

It **lays down** the objectives of the Programme, the budget for the period 2021-2027, the forms of Union funding and the rules for providing such funding.

*Amendment*

It **provides for** the objectives of the Programme, the budget for the period 2021-2027, the forms of Union funding and the rules for providing such funding **from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2027.**

Or. ro

**Amendment 59**  
**Liliana Rodrigues**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 2.º – paragraph 1 – point 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) 'strategic nature projects' means projects that support the achievement of Union nature and biodiversity objectives by implementing coherent programmes of action in the Member States to mainstream these objectives and priorities into other policies and financing instruments, including through coordinated implementation of the priority action frameworks established pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC;

*Amendment*

(1) 'strategic nature projects' means projects that support the achievement of Union nature and biodiversity objectives by implementing coherent programmes of action in the Member States, **at national, regional and local level**, to mainstream these objectives and priorities into other policies and financing instruments, including through coordinated implementation of the priority action frameworks established pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC;

Or. pt

**Amendment 60**  
**Liliana Rodrigues**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 2.º – paragraph 1 – point 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) 'strategic integrated projects' means projects that implement on a regional, multi-regional, national or transnational scale, environmental or climate strategies or action plans developed by Member States' authorities and required by specific environmental, climate or relevant clean energy Union legislation or policy, while ensuring involvement of stakeholders and promoting the coordination with and mobilisation of at least one other Union, national or private funding source;

*Amendment*

(2) 'strategic integrated projects' means projects that implement on a regional, multi-regional, national or transnational scale, environmental or climate strategies or action plans developed by Member States' authorities, **at national, regional and local level**, and required by specific environmental, climate or relevant clean energy Union legislation or policy, while ensuring involvement of stakeholders and promoting the coordination with and mobilisation of at least one other Union, national or private funding source;

Or. pt

## Amendment 61

Davor Škrlec

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 4

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

(4) 'standard action projects' means projects, other than strategic integrated projects, strategic nature projects or technical assistance projects, that pursue the specific objectives of the Programme set out in Article 3(2);

##### *Amendment*

(4) 'standard action projects' means projects, other than strategic integrated projects, strategic nature projects or technical assistance projects, ***such as bottom-up projects (Community-Led Local Development)***, that pursue the specific objectives of the Programme set out in Article 3(2);

Or. en

## Amendment 62

Davor Škrlec

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 3 – paragraph 1

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

1. The general objective of the Programme is to contribute to the shift towards a clean, circular, ***energy-efficient***, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy, including through the transition to clean energy, to the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment and to halting and reversing biodiversity loss, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

##### *Amendment*

1. The general objective of the Programme is to contribute to the shift towards a ***sustainable***, clean, circular, ***energy and resource-efficient***, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy, including through the transition to clean ***and renewable*** energy, to the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment and to halting and reversing biodiversity loss, thereby contributing to sustainable development ***and tackling climate change. The Programme shall also support better environmental and climate governance at all levels, including the stronger involvement of local and regional authorities and civil society organisations.***

**Amendment 63**  
**Liliana Rodrigues**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 3.º – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The general objective of the Programme is to contribute to the shift towards a clean, circular, energy-efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy, including through the transition to clean energy, to the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment and to halting and reversing biodiversity loss, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

*Amendment*

1. The general objective of the Programme is to contribute to the shift towards a clean, circular, energy-efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy, including through the transition to clean energy, to the protection, **preservation** and improvement of the quality of the environment and to halting and reversing biodiversity loss, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Or. pt

**Amendment 64**  
**Davor Škrlec**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) to develop, demonstrate and promote innovative techniques and approaches for reaching the objectives of the Union legislation and policy on environment and climate action, including the transition to clean energy, and to contribute to the application of best practice in relation to nature and biodiversity;

*Amendment*

(a) to develop, demonstrate and promote innovative techniques and approaches for reaching the objectives of the Union legislation and policy on environment and climate action, including the transition to clean **and renewable** energy, and to contribute to the application of best practice in relation to nature and biodiversity;

Or. en

**Amendment 65**

**Liliana Rodrigues**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 3.º – paragraph 2 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) to support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the relevant Union legislation and policy, **including** by improving governance through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;

*Amendment*

(b) to support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the relevant Union legislation and policy, **strengthening the cooperation and communication objective** by improving governance through enhancing capacities of public and private actors, **at national, regional and local level**, and the involvement of civil society;

Or. pt

**Amendment 66**

**Davor Škrlec**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) to support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the relevant Union legislation and policy, including by improving governance through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;

*Amendment*

(b) to support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the relevant Union legislation and policy, including by improving governance through enhancing capacities of public and private actors, **at both regional and local level**, and the involvement of civil society;

Or. en

**Amendment 67**

**Ruža Tomašić**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*



(b) to support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the relevant Union legislation and policy, including by improving governance through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;

(b) to support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the relevant Union legislation and policy, including by improving *multi-level* governance through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;

Or. en

**Amendment 68**  
**Fernando Ruas**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) to support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the relevant Union legislation and policy, including by improving governance through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;

*Amendment*

(b) to support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the relevant Union legislation and policy, including by improving governance *at all levels*, through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;

Or. en

**Amendment 69**  
**Fernando Ruas**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) to catalyse the large-scale deployment of successful technical and policy-related solutions for implementing the relevant Union legislation and policy by replicating results, integrating related objectives into other policies and into public and private sector practices, mobilising investment and improving access to finance.

*Amendment*

(c) to catalyse the large-scale deployment of successful technical and policy-related solutions for implementing the relevant Union legislation and policy by replicating results *and best practices*, integrating related objectives into other policies and into public and private sector practices, mobilising investment and improving access to finance.

**Amendment 70**

**Davor Škrlec**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) the sub-programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation;

*Amendment*

(a) the sub-programme Climate Change **Governance**, Mitigation and Adaptation;

Or. en

**Amendment 71**

**Tonino Picula**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 5 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR **5 450 000 000** in current prices.

*Amendment*

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR **7 000 000 000** in current prices.

Or. hr

**Amendment 72**

**Davor Škrlec**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 5 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR **5 450 000 000 in current prices**.

*Amendment*

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR **7 900 000 000**.

**Amendment 73**

**Davor Škrlec**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point a – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(a) EUR **3 500 000 000** for the field Environment, of which

(a) EUR **5 200 000 000** for the field Environment, of which

Or. en

**Amendment 74**

**Davor Škrlec**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point a – point 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(1) EUR **2 150 000 000** for the sub-programme Nature and Biodiversity and

(1) EUR **3 200 000 000** for the sub-programme Nature and Biodiversity and

Or. en

**Amendment 75**

**Davor Škrlec**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point a – point 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(2) EUR **1 350 000 000** for the sub-programme Circular Economy and Quality of Life;

(2) EUR **2 000 000 000** for the sub-programme Circular Economy and Quality of Life;

Or. en

**Amendment 76**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(b) **EUR 1 950 000 000** for the field  
Climate Action, of which

(b) **EUR 3 500 000 000** for the field  
Climate Action, of which

Or. hr

**Amendment 77**  
**Davor Škrlec**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(b) **EUR 1 950 000 000** for the field  
Climate Action, of which

(b) **EUR 2 700 000 000** for the field  
Climate Action, of which

Or. en

**Amendment 78**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b – point 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(1) **EUR 950 000 000** for the sub-  
programme Climate Change Mitigation  
and Adaptation and

(1) **EUR 1 750 000 000** for the sub-  
programme Climate Change Mitigation  
and Adaptation and

Or. hr

**Amendment 79**  
**Davor Škrlec**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b – point 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) EUR **950 000 000** for the sub-programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation and

*Amendment*

(1) EUR **1 700 000 000** for the sub-programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation and

Or. en

**Amendment 80**

**Davor Škrlec**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b – point 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) EUR **1 000 000 000** for the sub-programme Clean Energy Transition.

*Amendment*

(2) EUR **2 028 000 000** for the sub-programme Clean Energy Transition.

Or. en

**Amendment 81**

**Tonino Picula**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b – point 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) EUR **1 000 000 000** for the sub-programme Clean Energy Transition.

*Amendment*

(2) EUR **1 750 000 000** for the sub-programme Clean Energy Transition.

Or. hr

**Amendment 82**

**Younous Omarjee**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(ba) At least 2% of all funding from the LIFE programme must be allocated to the outermost regions, and at least 1% to the French outermost regions;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 83**  
**Fernando Ruas**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 5 – paragraph 5 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(a) information and communication, including awareness raising ***campaigns***. Financial resources allocated to communication activities pursuant to this Regulation shall also cover corporate communication regarding the political priorities of the Union, as well as regarding the implementation and transposition status of Union environmental, climate or relevant clean energy legislation;

(a) information and communication, including ***media campaigns such as*** awareness raising. Financial resources allocated to communication activities pursuant to this Regulation shall also cover corporate communication regarding the political priorities of the Union, as well as regarding the implementation and transposition status of Union environmental, climate or relevant clean energy legislation;

Or. en

**Amendment 84**  
**Fernando Ruas**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 5 – paragraph 5 – point e**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(e) networking and best-practice platforms;

(e) networking and best-practice platforms ***or projects***;

Or. en

## Amendment 85

Ruža Tomašić

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 7 – paragraph 1

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

The Programme shall be implemented in a way which ensures its consistency with the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, Horizon Europe, the Connecting Europe Facility and InvestEU, in order to create synergies, particularly as regards strategic nature projects and strategic integrated projects, and to support the uptake and replication of solutions developed under the Programme.

##### *Amendment*

The Programme shall be implemented in a way which ensures its consistency **and transparency** with the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, Horizon Europe, the Connecting Europe Facility and InvestEU, in order to create synergies, particularly as regards strategic nature projects and strategic integrated projects, and to support the uptake and replication of solutions developed under the Programme, **where appropriate**.

Or. en

## Amendment 86

Davor Škrlec

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 7 – paragraph 1

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

The Programme shall be implemented in a way which ensures its consistency with the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, Horizon Europe, the Connecting Europe Facility and InvestEU, in order to create synergies, particularly as regards strategic nature projects and strategic integrated projects, and to support the uptake and replication of solutions developed under the Programme.

##### *Amendment*

The Programme shall be implemented in a way which ensures its consistency with **the Cohesion Policy goals**, the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, Horizon Europe, the Connecting Europe Facility and InvestEU, in order to create synergies, particularly as regards strategic nature projects and strategic integrated projects, and to support the uptake and replication of solutions developed under the Programme.

**Amendment 87**  
**Elsi Katainen, Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 8 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2 a. The Commission should aim for a balanced annual distribution of the funding of traditional projects between the Member States.**

Or. en

**Amendment 88**  
**Davor Škrlec**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 9 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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

Grants under the Programme shall be awarded **and co-financed at a rate of 85 %**, and managed in accordance with Title VIII of the Financial Regulation.

Or. en

**Amendment 89**  
**Liliana Rodrigues**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 11.<sup>o</sup> – paragraph 2 – point a – point 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(1) a Member State or an overseas country or territory linked to it;

(1) a Member State or an overseas country or territory, **including outermost regions**, linked to it;



**Amendment 90**  
**Liliana Rodrigues**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 11.º – paragraph 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. Legal entities participating in consortia of at least three independent entities, established in different Member States or overseas countries or territories linked to those states or third countries associated to the Programme or other third countries, are eligible.

*Amendment*

5. Legal entities participating in consortia of at least three independent entities, established in different Member States or overseas countries or territories, ***including outermost regions***, linked to those states or third countries associated to the Programme or other third countries, are eligible.

Or. pt

**Amendment 91**  
**Elsi Katainen, Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(a a) projects shall have a direct and measurable benefit for the environment of the EU Member States;***

Or. en

*Justification*

*LIFE is a small funding instrument. Therefore, all projects, including those with third countries, should have a clear value for the environment of the Member States.*

**Amendment 92**  
**Elsi Katainen, Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point f**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(f) where appropriate, special regard shall be given to projects in geographical areas with specific needs or vulnerabilities, such as areas with specific environmental challenges or natural constraints, trans-border areas or outermost regions.

*Amendment*

(f) where appropriate, special regard shall be given to projects in geographical areas with specific needs or vulnerabilities, such as areas with specific environmental challenges or natural constraints, trans-border areas, ***northern sparsely populated areas*** or outermost regions.

Or. en

**Amendment 93**  
**Younous Omarjee**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point f a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(fa) particular attention is paid to granting funds for the implementation of projects carried out in the outermost regions.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 94**  
**Elsi Katainen, Urmas Paet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point f a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(f a) projects shall respect the general principal of geographical balance;***

Or. en

*Justification*

*The regulation should guarantee a rather equal distribution of funding between Member States.*

**Amendment 95**

**Davor Škrlec**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point f a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(f a) the geographical balance of projects shall be respected.***

Or. en

**Amendment 96**

**Maria Gabriela Zoană**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 15 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***2. Actions awarded a Seal of Excellence certification, or which comply with the following cumulative, comparative conditions:***

***deleted***

***(a) they have been assessed in a call for proposals under the Programme;***

***(b) they comply with the minimum quality requirements of that call for proposals;***

***(c) they may not be financed under that call for proposals due to budgetary constraints.***

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

*shall apply.*

Or. en

**Amendment 97**  
**Fernando Ruas**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 15 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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

*Amendment*

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

Or. en

**Amendment 98**  
**Davor Škrlec**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. All stakeholders, including regional and local authorities as well as civil society organisations, shall be properly involved at all stages of programming and implementation of the work programmes.***

Or. en

