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Basic information			
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation 2015/0026(COD)		Procedure completed	
Youth Employment Initiative: additional initial prefinancing amount paid to operational programmes Amending Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 2011/0268(COD) See also 2015/2554(RSP)			
Subject 4.10.15 European Social Fund (ESF), Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) 4.15.02 Employment: guidelines, actions, Funds 4.40.10 Youth			
Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Employment and Social Affairs	 MORIN-CHARTIER Elisabeth	11/02/2015
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 BENIFEI Brando	
		 ŽITŇANSKÁ Jana	
		 DLABAJOVÁ Martina	
		 REINTKE Terry	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	 Culture and Education		05/03/2015
		 GUILLAUME Sylvie	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	3390	19/05/2015
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion	THYSSEN Marianne	
European Economic and Social Committee			

Key events

04/02/2015	Legislative proposal published	COM(2015)0046	Summary
12/02/2015	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
16/04/2015	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
21/04/2015	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A8-0134/2015	Summary
28/04/2015	Debate in Parliament		
29/04/2015	Results of vote in Parliament		
29/04/2015	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T8-0110/2015	Summary
19/05/2015	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
19/05/2015	End of procedure in Parliament		
20/05/2015	Final act signed		
21/05/2015	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2015/0026(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 2011/0268(COD) See also 2015/2554(RSP)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 164
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	EMPL/8/02781

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(2015)0046	04/02/2015	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		PE549.231	05/03/2015	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE549.461	13/03/2015	EP	
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES1246/2015	18/03/2015	ESC	
Specific opinion	BUDG	PE552.086	01/04/2015	EP	

Committee opinion	CULT	PE551.934	16/04/2015	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0134/2015	21/04/2015	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0110/2015	29/04/2015	EP	Summary
Draft final act		00019/2015/LEX	20/05/2015	CSL	

Final act

[Regulation 2015/779](#)
[OJ L 126 21.05.2015, p. 0001](#) Summary

Youth Employment Initiative: additional initial prefinancing amount paid to operational programmes

PURPOSE: to increase the initial pre-financing amount paid to operational programmes supported by the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI).

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: in light of the persistent high levels of youth unemployment in the Union, a Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) was established to provide support to 7 million young Europeans not in employment, education or training in the most affected regions. The YEI is integrated in the programming of the European Social Fund (ESF).

To ensure a quick response to fighting youth unemployment, Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council laying down general provisions on the five European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) and Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 on the European Social Funds lay down provisions to allow for a quicker mobilisation of the resources allocated to the YEI, including, inter alia, the commitment of all the resources in the first two years of the programming period.

Operations under the YEI therefore have to be implemented, in principle, by the end of 2018 and not 2023 as it is the case for other operations supported by the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds), including the European Social Fund.

The budgetary constraints faced by Member states and the lack of available funding at the initial stage of the programming period have caused significant delays in the implementation of the YEI.

In its Work Programme for 2015, the Commission committed to take initiatives to promote integration and employability in the labour market, including measures to support Member States in getting young people into work.

Taking into account the urgent need to address youth unemployment, the Commission states that it is necessary to increase the level of the initial pre-financing paid to operational programmes supported by the YEI in 2015.

CONTENT: it is proposed to introduce an additional provision in Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 on the additional initial pre-financing for operational programmes supported by the YEI.

In concrete terms, the proposal aims to increase the initial pre-financing amount paid to operational programmes supported by the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) from 1-1.5% as outlined in Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 to a maximum of 30% of the envelope which is allocated to it for 2015.

To ensure that the additional initial pre-financing amount is used for the immediate implementation of the YEI, the proposal foresees that this amount is reimbursed to the Commission, if the Union contribution from the YEI does not amount to an adequate level in interim payment applications submitted to the Commission 12 months after the entry into force of this Regulation.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: the proposed modification does not imply any changes in the Multiannual Financial Framework annual ceilings for commitments and payments as per Annex I of [Regulation \(EU\) No 1311/2013](#).

The annual breakdown of commitment appropriations for the YEI remains unchanged.

The increased need for payment appropriations for the YEI additional initial pre-financing in 2015 will be fully covered by appropriations of the 2015 budget for the YEI specific allocation. Consequently, the proposed modification should not trigger a potential backlog of 2014-2020 unpaid claims.

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The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs adopted the report by Elisabeth MORIN-CHARTIER (EPP, FR) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on the European Social Fund, as regards an increase of the initial pre-financing amount paid to operational programmes supported by

the Youth Employment Initiative.

The committee recommended the European Parliament to adopt its position at first reading, taking over the Commission proposal.

Given the urgency to deal with youth unemployment, the Commission's proposal seeks to raise the initial pre-financing amount paid to operational programmes supported by the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) from 1% to 30% of the envelope which is allocated to it for 2015. The YEI is integrated in the programming of the European Social Fund (ESF).

Youth Employment Initiative: additional initial prefinancing amount paid to operational programmes

The European Parliament adopted by 632 votes to 30, with 31 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on the European Social Fund, as regards an increase of the initial pre-financing amount paid to operational programmes supported by the Youth Employment Initiative.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure taking over the Commission proposal.

To attenuate the budgetary constraints faced by Member states and the lack of available funding at the initial stage of the programming period have caused significant delays in the implementation of the YEI and to take account of the urgency to deal with youth unemployment, the proposed Regulation seeks to raise the initial pre-financing amount paid to operational programmes supported by the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) from 1% to 30% of the envelope which is allocated to it for 2015.

In light of the persistent high levels of youth unemployment in the Union, a Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) was established to provide support to young Europeans not in employment, education or training in the most affected regions. The YEI is integrated in the programming of the European Social Fund (ESF).

Youth Employment Initiative: additional initial prefinancing amount paid to operational programmes

PURPOSE: to increase the initial pre-financing amount paid to operational programmes supported by the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI).

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2015/779 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013, as regards an additional initial prefinancing amount paid to operational programmes supported by the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI).

CONTENT: this Regulation introduced an additional provision in [Regulation \(EU\) No 1304/2013](#) on the additional initial pre-financing for operational programmes supported by the YEI.

In light of the persistently high levels of youth unemployment in the Union, the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) was established to provide support to young persons not in employment, education or training in the most affected regions.

In order to address the budgetary constraints faced by Member States at the initial stage of the programming period and taking into account the urgent need to address youth unemployment and the specific features of the YEI, the Regulation increases the level of the initial prefinancing paid to operational programmes supported by the YEI in 2015 from 1% to 30%.

To ensure that the additional initial prefinancing amount is used for the immediate implementation of the YEI, that amount should be reimbursed to the Commission should the Union contribution from the YEI not amount to an adequate level in interim payment applications submitted to the Commission within 12 months after the entry into force of this Regulation.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 22.5.2015.