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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Budgetary Control

for the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Social Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1081/2006 (COM(2011)0607 – C7-0327/2011 – 2011/0268(COD))

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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Budgetary Control calls on the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following amendments in its report:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) Regulation (EU) No [...] on the financial rules applicable to the annual budget of the Union lays down the general principles with regard to the implementation of the annual budget of the Union. Therefore it is necessary to ensure consistency between that Regulation and the provisions governing the ESF.

Or. en

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 - paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. By derogation to Article 60(2) of Regulation (EU) No [...], the ESF may provide support for expenditure incurred for operations which take place outside the programme area, but within the Union, provided that the two following conditions are satisfied:

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- (b) the obligations of the authorities for the

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programme in relation to management, control and audit concerning the operation are fulfilled by the authorities responsible for the programme under which that operation is supported or they enter into agreements with authorities in the Member State in which the operation is implemented *provided that the conditions set out in paragraph 2 (a) and the obligations in relation to management, control and audit concerning the operation are fulfilled.*

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Or. en

Justification

Aligning with COM(2011)0615.

Amendment 3

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 - paragraph 3**

Text proposed by the Commission

3. In addition to the expenditure referred to in Article 59(3) of Regulation (EU) No [...], the purchase of infrastructure, land and real estate shall not be eligible for a contribution from the ESF.

Amendment

3. In addition to the expenditure referred to in Article 59(3) of Regulation (EU) No [...], the purchase of infrastructure, land and real estate, *regardless of the value*, shall not be eligible for a contribution from the ESF.

Or. en

Justification

Aligning with COM(2011)0615.

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 - paragraph 1 - subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In addition to the methods referred to in Article 57 of Regulation (EU) No [...], the Commission may reimburse expenditure paid by Member States on the basis of standard scales of unit costs and lump sums ***defined by the Commission***. The amounts calculated on this basis shall be regarded as public support paid to beneficiaries and as eligible expenditure for the purpose of applying Regulation (EU) No [...].

Amendment

1. In addition to the methods referred to in Article 57 of Regulation (EU) No [...], the Commission may reimburse expenditure paid by Member States on the basis of standard scales of unit costs and lump sums ***in accordance with Article 116a of Regulation (EU) No [...] [on the financial rules applicable to the annual budget of the Union]***. The amounts calculated on this basis shall be regarded as public support paid to beneficiaries and as eligible expenditure for the purpose of applying Regulation (EU) No [...].

Or. en

Justification

Aligning with the EP position on COM(2010)0815.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 - paragraph 1 - subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Financial audit shall ***exclusively*** aim at verifying that the conditions for reimbursements by the Commission on the basis of standard scales of unit costs and lump sums have been fulfilled.

Amendment

Any financial audit ***deemed necessary*** shall aim at verifying that the conditions for reimbursements by the Commission on the basis of standard scales of unit costs and lump sums have been fulfilled.

Or. en

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 - paragraph 1 - subparagraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Where these forms of funding are used, the Member State may apply its accounting practices to support operations. ***For the purpose of this regulation and Regulation (EU) No [...] these accounting practices and the resulting amounts shall not be subject to audit by the audit authority or by the Commission.***

Amendment

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Or. en