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on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down common provisions on 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 covered by the Common Strategic Framework and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006

Proposal for a regulation

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Amendment 170

María Irigoyen Pérez, Teresa Riera Madurell

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) Article 174 of the Treaty provides that, in order to strengthen its economic, social and territorial cohesion, the Union shall aim at reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions or islands, **particular** rural areas, areas affected by industrial transition, and regions which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps. Article 175 of the Treaty requires that the Union would support the achievement of these objectives by action it takes through the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guidance Section, the European Social Fund, the European Regional Development Fund, the European Investment Bank and other instruments.

Amendment

(1) Article 174 of the Treaty provides that, in order to strengthen its economic, social and territorial cohesion, the Union shall aim at reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions or islands, **particularly** rural areas, areas affected by industrial transition, and regions which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps, **such as the northernmost regions with low population density as well as island, border and mountain regions. Also, for the purpose of maximising the effectiveness of the funds, where applicable, disadvantaged urban areas and remote border cities should be taken into account.** Article 175 of the Treaty requires that the Union would support the achievement of these objectives by action it takes through the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guidance Section, the European Social Fund, the European Regional Development Fund, the European Investment Bank and other instruments.

Or. es

Justification

In addition to the regions included under Article 174, disadvantaged urban areas, rural areas in decline and remote border cities should be taken into consideration.

Amendment 171

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

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Or. en

Amendment 172

Giommaria Uggias, Ramona Nicole Mănescu, Vincenzo Iovine, Vilja Savisaar-Toomast

Proposal for a regulation

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Or. en

Amendment 173 **Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 1**

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Fund, Guidance Section, the European Social Fund, the European Regional Development Fund, the European Investment Bank and other instruments.

it takes through the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guidance Section, the European Social Fund, the European Regional Development Fund, the European Investment Bank and other instruments.

Or. fr

Amendment 174
Cornelia Ernst, Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) In line with the conclusions of the European Council of 17 June 2010, whereby the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth was adopted, the Union and Member States should implement the delivery of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, while promoting harmonious development of the Union and reducing regional disparities.

Amendment

(2) In line with the conclusions of the European Council of 17 June 2010, whereby the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth was adopted, the Union and Member States should implement the delivery of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, while promoting harmonious development of the Union and reducing regional disparities. ***Cohesion policy plays a predominant role for the accomplishment of the EU 2020 objectives and a sound autonomous cohesion policy is a prerequisite for a successful implementation of this strategy;***

Or. en

Amendment 175
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) The structural funds must reflect in

their design and implementation the priorities and principles of the Small Business Act for Euorpe, in particular the principle "Think small first";

Or. en

Amendment 176

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) Whereas the reference data that are used in the categorisation and distribution of cohesion funds among the regions and Member States may, in a situation of exceptional crisis like the one that has shaken the Union since 2008, fail to reflect accurately the economic and social effects experienced by them, it considers it necessary to either revise or change them, in order to adapt them to the level of real convergence in which they currently find themselves, at the latest within two years since the period began.

Or. es

Amendment 177

Nuno Teixeira

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5) The outermost regions should benefit from specific measures and additional funding to offset the handicaps resulting from the factors referred to in Article 349 of the Treaty.

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remoteness, insularity, small size, difficult topography and climate, and economic dependence on a few products, the permanence and combination of which severely restrain their economic and social development.

Or. pt

Justification

This information is already in Article 349 of the Treaty and, because of their special characteristics, it must also be included in the Common Strategic Framework.

Amendment 178

María Irigoyen Pérez, Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) The outermost regions should benefit from specific measures and additional funding to offset the handicaps resulting from the factors referred to in Article 349 of the Treaty.

Amendment

(5) The outermost regions should benefit from specific measures and **sufficient** additional funding **to take into consideration the social and economic structural circumstances and** to offset the handicaps resulting from the factors referred to in Article 349 of the Treaty.

Or. es

Justification

The nature of outlying areas, as recognised under Article 349, is denoted by a series of factors of a permanent nature, whose persistence and combination create difficulties for and seriously threaten the development of these regions. It is necessary for these regions to receive treatment that is at least similar to those for the 2007–2013 period.

Amendment 179

Younous Omarjee, Cornelia Ernst, Patrice Tirolien, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Maurice Ponga

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) The outermost regions should benefit from specific measures and additional funding to offset the handicaps resulting from the factors referred to in Article 349 of the Treaty.

Amendment

(5) The outermost regions should benefit from specific, **effective** measures **as well as** additional funding to offset the handicaps resulting from the factors referred to in Article 349 of the Treaty.

Or. fr

Amendment 180
Richard Seeber

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5a) Regions facing particular challenges due to their geographical location, such as mountain regions, should benefit from specific measures and have access to sufficient resources to compensate for the disadvantages resulting from their geographical location.

Or. de

Justification

Mountain regions face particular natural challenges. They have to combat diverse problems, such as migration and economic disadvantages. An integrated approach to assistance from Structural Funds is therefore particularly vital in these regions.

Amendment 181
Younous Omarjee, Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

(8) Under Article 317 of the Treaty, and in the context of shared management, the conditions allowing the Commission to exercise its responsibilities for implementation of the general budget of the European Union should be specified and the responsibilities of cooperation by the Member States clarified. Those conditions should enable the Commission to obtain assurance that Member States are using the CSF Funds in a legal and regular manner and in accordance with the principle of sound financial management within the meaning of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (hereinafter referred to as the 'Financial Regulation')¹. Member States and the bodies designated by them for that purpose should be responsible for implementing programmes at the appropriate territorial level, in accordance with the institutional, legal and financial framework of the Member State. These provisions also ensure that attention is drawn to the need to ensure complementarity and consistency of Union intervention, the proportionality of administrative arrangements and a reduction of the administrative burden of beneficiaries of the CSF Funds.

(8) Under Article 317 of the Treaty, and in the context of shared management, the conditions allowing the Commission to exercise its responsibilities for implementation of the general budget of the European Union should be specified and the responsibilities of cooperation by the Member States ***and by the elected regional and local authorities*** clarified. Those conditions should enable the Commission to obtain assurance that Member States ***and the elected regional and local authorities*** are using the CSF Funds in a legal and regular manner and in accordance with the principle of sound financial management within the meaning of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (hereinafter referred to as the 'Financial Regulation')¹. Member States, ***the elected regional and local authorities***, and the bodies designated by them for that purpose should be responsible for implementing programmes at the appropriate territorial level, in accordance with the institutional, legal and financial framework of the Member State. These provisions also ensure that attention is drawn to the need to ensure complementarity and consistency of Union intervention, the proportionality of administrative arrangements and a reduction of the administrative burden of beneficiaries of the CSF Funds.

Or. fr

Amendment 182

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Besset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, a Member State should organise a partnership with the representatives of competent regional, local, urban and other public authorities, economic and social partners, and bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, **and** bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination. The purpose of such a partnership is to respect the principle of multi-level governance, ensure the ownership of planned interventions by stakeholders and build on the experience and know-how of relevant actors. The Commission should be empowered to adopt delegated acts providing for a code of conduct in order to ensure that partners are involved in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Partnership Contracts and programmes in a consistent manner.

Amendment

(9) For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, a Member State should organise a partnership with the representatives of competent regional, local, urban and other public authorities, economic and social partners, and bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, bodies responsible for promoting **gender** equality and non-discrimination, **as well as non-governmental organisations promoting social inclusion and organisations active in the areas of culture, education and youth policy. Specific attention should be paid to groups that might be affected by the programmes and may have difficulties to influence them.** The cooperation with the partners should follow the best practices. **Each Member State should ensure an adequate level of technical assistance in order to facilitate their involvement and participation in all stages of the programming process.** The purpose of such a partnership is to respect the principle of multi-level governance, ensure the ownership of planned interventions by stakeholders and build on the experience and know-how of relevant actors. **Therefore the partners should represent the different territorial levels in accordance with the institutional structure of the Member States.** The partners should select and appoint their members representing them in the monitoring committee. The Commission should be empowered to adopt delegated acts providing for a code of conduct in order to ensure that partners are involved in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Partnership Contracts and programmes in a consistent

manner.

Or. en

Amendment 183
Peter Simon

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, a Member State should organise a partnership with ***the representatives of competent regional, local, urban and*** other public authorities, ***economic and social partners***, and bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination. The purpose of such a partnership is to respect the principle of multi-level governance, ensure the ownership of planned interventions by stakeholders and build on the experience and know-how of relevant actors. The Commission should be empowered to adopt delegated acts providing for a code of conduct in order to ensure that partners are involved in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Partnership Contracts and programmes in a consistent manner.

Amendment

(9) For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, a Member State should organise a partnership ***by concluding a partnership agreement with the competent regional, local and urban authorities. Member States should also cooperate, in accordance with their institutional, legal and financial framework, with economic and social partners***, other public authorities and bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination. The purpose of such a partnership is to respect the principle of multi-level governance, ensure the ownership of planned interventions by stakeholders and build on the experience and know-how of relevant actors. The Commission should be empowered to adopt delegated acts providing for a code of conduct in order to ensure that partners are involved in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Partnership Contracts and programmes in a consistent manner.

Or. de

Justification

Due to the vital role cities play in establishing a successful Cohesion Policy, urban authorities should also be referred to explicitly in relation to Partnership Contracts

alongside regional and local authorities for clarification purposes

Amendment 184

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, a Member State should organise a partnership with the representatives of competent regional, local, urban and other public authorities, economic and social partners, and bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination. The purpose of such a partnership is to respect the principle of multi-level governance, ensure the ownership of planned interventions by stakeholders and build on the experience and know-how of relevant actors. ***The Commission should be empowered to adopt delegated acts providing for a code of conduct in order to ensure that partners are involved in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Partnership Contracts and programmes in a consistent manner.***

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Or. es

Justification

The establishment of a code of conduct undermines the principle of multi-level governance. We believe that each Member State should decide how to involve agents in agreement with their own political, social and economic structure, and moreover, that sufficient directives and guidelines exist in terms of cohesion policy.

Amendment 185

Hermann Winkler

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, a Member State should organise a partnership with the representatives of competent regional, local, urban and other public authorities, economic and social partners, and bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination. The purpose of such a partnership is to respect the principle of multi-level governance, ensure the ownership of planned interventions by stakeholders and build on the experience and know-how of relevant actors. The Commission should be empowered to adopt delegated acts providing for a code of conduct in order to ensure that partners are involved in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Partnership Contracts and programmes in a consistent manner.

Amendment

(9) For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, a Member State should, ***in accordance with their institutional, legal and financial framework***, organise a partnership with the representatives of competent regional, local, urban and other public authorities, economic and social partners, and bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, ***churches***, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination. The purpose of such a partnership is to respect the principle of multi-level governance, ensure the ownership of planned interventions by stakeholders and build on the experience and know-how of relevant actors. The Commission should be empowered to adopt delegated acts providing for a code of conduct in order to ensure that partners are involved in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Partnership Contracts and programmes in a consistent manner.

Or. de

Amendment 186
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

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local, urban and other public authorities, economic and social partners, and bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination **based on its National Reform Programme.** The purpose of such a partnership is to respect the principle of multi-level governance, ensure the ownership of planned interventions by stakeholders and build on the experience and know-how of relevant actors. The **Member States** should ensure that partners are involved in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Partnership Contracts and programmes in a consistent manner.

Or. en

Amendment 187
Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(9) For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, a Member State should organise **by way of concluding** a partnership **agreement** with the **competent regional and local authorities and economic and social partners. Member States shall also cooperate, in accordance with its institutional, legal and financial framework, a partnership with the** representatives of competent regional, local, urban and other public authorities, economic and social partners, and bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination. The purpose of such a partnership is to

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Or. en

Amendment 188

László Surján

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(9) For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, a Member State should organise a partnership **from the earliest stage possible** with the representatives of competent regional, local, urban and other public authorities, economic and social partners, and bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination. The purpose of such a partnership is to respect the principle of multi-level governance, ensure the ownership of planned interventions by stakeholders and build on the experience and know-how of relevant actors. The Commission should be empowered to adopt delegated acts providing for a code of conduct in order to ensure that partners are involved in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Partnership Contracts and programmes in a consistent manner.

Amendment 189
Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(9) For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, a Member State ***together with the elected regional and local authorities concerned*** should organise a partnership with the other public authorities, economic and social partners, and bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination. The purpose of such a partnership is to respect the principle of multi-level governance, ensure the ownership of planned interventions by stakeholders and build on the experience and know-how of relevant actors. The Commission should be empowered to adopt delegated acts providing for a code of conduct in order to ensure that partners are involved in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Partnership Contracts and programmes in a consistent manner.

Or. fr

Amendment 190
Tamás Deutsch

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) For the Partnership **Contract** and each programme respectively, a Member State should organise a partnership with the **representatives of** competent regional, **local, urban** and other public authorities, economic and social partners, and bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination. The purpose of such a partnership is to respect the principle of multi-level governance, ensure the ownership of planned interventions by stakeholders and build on the experience and know-how of relevant actors. The Commission should be empowered to adopt delegated acts providing for a code of conduct in order to ensure that partners are involved in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Partnership **Contracts** and programmes in a consistent manner.

Amendment

(9) For the Partnership **Agreement** and each programme respectively, a Member State should organise a partnership **by concluding a partnership agreement** with the competent regional **and local authorities. Member States should also cooperate, in accordance with their institutional, legal and financial framework, with economic and social partners**, other public authorities, economic and social partners, and bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination. The purpose of such a partnership is to respect the principle of multi-level governance, ensure the ownership of planned interventions by stakeholders and build on the experience and know-how of relevant actors. The Commission should be empowered to adopt delegated acts providing for a code of conduct in order to ensure that partners are involved in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Partnership **Agreements** and programmes in a consistent manner.

(The amendment "Partnership Agreement" applies throughout the text.)

Or. en

Amendment 191
Mojca Kleva

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

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representatives of competent regional, local, urban and other public authorities, economic and social partners, and bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, **women's organisations** and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination. The purpose of such a partnership is to respect the principle of multi-level governance, ensure the ownership of planned interventions by stakeholders and build on the experience and know-how of relevant actors. The Commission should be empowered to adopt delegated acts providing for a code of conduct in order to ensure that partners are involved in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Partnership Contracts and programmes in a consistent manner.

Or. en

Amendment 192 **Catherine Bearder**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 9**

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, a Member State **should** organise a partnership with the **representatives of** competent regional, **local, urban and other public authorities**, economic and social partners, and bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination. The purpose of such a partnership is to respect the principle of multi-level governance, ensure the ownership of planned interventions by stakeholders and build on the experience and know-how of

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(9) For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, a Member State **shall** organise a partnership **by concluding a partnership agreement** with the competent regional **and local authorities and their designated representatives**. **Member States should also cooperate, in accordance with their institutional, legal and financial framework, with** economic and social partners, **other public authorities** and bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination. The purpose of

relevant actors. The Commission should be empowered to adopt delegated acts providing for a code of conduct in order to ensure that partners are involved in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Partnership Contracts and programmes in a consistent manner.

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Or. en

Amendment 193
Richard Seeber

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) The activities of the CSF Funds and the operations which they support should comply with applicable Union and national law which is directly or indirectly linked to the implementation of the operation.

Amendment

(10) The activities of the CSF Funds and the operations which they support should comply with applicable Union and national law which is directly or indirectly linked to the implementation of the operation. ***In addition, cohesion providing for the strategic orientation of the EU Cohesion Policy and its objectives should be encouraged with regard to amendments to applicable EU law, in particular amendments to EU aid provisions.***

Or. de

Justification

The forthcoming review of EU aid provisions for 2014–2020 establishing the legal basis for many of the activities and projects of the EU regional policy for 2014–2020 must ensure that EU aid policy and the strategic orientation of the EU Cohesion Policy are compatible. Amendments to European and national legal framework conditions should not contradict the objectives and projects of the EU Cohesion Policy for 2014–2020.

Amendment 194

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) In the context of its effort to increase economic, territorial and social cohesion, the Union **should**, at all stages of implementation of the CSF Funds, aim at eliminating inequalities and promoting equality between men and women, **as well as combating discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation.**

Amendment

(11) In the context of its effort to increase economic, territorial and social cohesion, the Union **shall**, at all stages of implementation of the CSF Funds, aim at eliminating inequalities and promoting equality between men and women **in form of a twofold approach, both through systematic integration of gender aspects into all stages of the programming and the implementation process and through additional specific actions. Methods of Gender-budgeting assessment should be used to include the horizontal principal of gender equality in the preparation and implementation of programmes of all Funds.**

Or. en

Amendment 195

María Irigoyen Pérez

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) In the context of its effort to increase economic, territorial and social cohesion, the Union should, at all stages of implementation of the **CSF** Funds, aim at eliminating inequalities and **promoting** equality between men and women, as well as combating discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief,

Amendment

(11) In the context of its effort to increase economic, territorial and social cohesion, the Union should, at all stages of **preparation and** implementation of the **Funds covered by the CPR**, aim at eliminating inequalities and **ensuring genuine and effective** equality between men and women, as well as combating

disability, age or sexual orientation.

discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation.

Or. es

Justification

At all stages of preparation and application of the Funds covered by the CPR, actions should be taken into consideration that guarantee the equality of opportunities between men and women, as well as fighting against discrimination.

Amendment 196
Victor Boştinaru

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) The European Union and most Member States are party to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities while the remaining Member States are in the process of ratifying it. It is important in the implementation of the relevant projects that accessibility for persons with disabilities as mentioned in article 9 of the Convention is considered in the specification of the projects.

Or. en

Justification

After the ratification by the European Union of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, projects receiving EU financial support should ensure accessibility for people with disabilities even more than before.

Amendment 197
Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Besset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) In the context of its effort to increase economic, territorial and social cohesion, the Union should, at all stages of implementation of the CSF Funds, aim at eliminating inequalities and promoting equality between men and women, taking into account the EU gender equality strategy¹, the pact for gender equality² and implementation acts and further policies at Union, national and regional level implementing Article 8 of the Treaty, as well as combating discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, age or sexual orientation, and disability, in particular taking into account the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities which is in force since 3 May 2008 and EU policies to implement the UN Convention.

¹ COM(2010)0491 final.

² European Pact for Gender Equality (2011-2020) adopted by the Council on 7 March 2011.

Or. en

Amendment 198
Marian Harkin, Catherine Bearder

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) The European Union and its Member States are party to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, while the

remaining Member States are in the process of ratifying it. It is important in the implementation of the relevant projects that the obligations stemming from this Convention with regard inter alia to education, employment, and accessibility are considered by all projects supported by the CSF Funds.

Or. en

Amendment 199
Markus Pieper, Joachim Zeller

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) The objectives of the CSF Funds should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of protecting and improving the environment as set out in Article 11 and 19 of the Treaty, taking into account the polluter pays principle. *The Member States should provide information on the support for climate change objectives in line with the ambition to devote at least 20% of the Union budget to this end, using a methodology adopted by the Commission by implementing act.*

Amendment

(12) The objectives of the CSF Funds should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of protecting and improving the environment as set out in Article 11 and 19 of the Treaty, taking into account the polluter pays principle.

Or. de

Amendment 200
Hermann Winkler

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) The objectives of the CSF Funds should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of protecting and improving the environment as set out in Article 11 and 19 of the Treaty, taking into account the polluter pays principle. ***The Member States should provide information on the support for climate change objectives in line with the ambition to devote at least 20% of the Union budget to this end, using a methodology adopted by the Commission by implementing act.***

Amendment

(12) The objectives of the CSF Funds should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of protecting and improving the environment as set out in Article 11 and 19 of the Treaty, taking into account the polluter pays principle.

Or. de

Amendment 201

Oldřich Vlasák, James Nicholson, Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) The objectives of the CSF Funds should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of protecting and improving the environment as set out in Article 11 and 19 of the Treaty, taking into account the polluter pays principle. ***The Member States should provide information on the support for climate change objectives in line with the ambition to devote at least 20% of the Union budget to this end, using a methodology adopted by the Commission by implementing act.***

Amendment

(12) The objectives of the CSF Funds should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of protecting and improving the environment as set out in Article 11 and 19 of the Treaty, taking into account the polluter pays principle.

Or. en

Amendment 202

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) The objectives of the CSF Funds should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of protecting and improving the environment as set out in Article 11 and 19 of the Treaty, taking into account the polluter pays principle. The Member States should provide information on the support for climate change objectives in line with the ambition to devote at least 20% of the Union budget to this end, using a methodology adopted by the Commission by implementing act.

Amendment

(12) The objectives of the CSF Funds should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of protecting and improving the environment as set out in Article 11 and 19 of the Treaty, taking into account the polluter pays principle **and minimising future external costs**. The Member States should provide information on the support for climate change objectives in line with the ambition to devote at least 20% of the Union budget to this end, using a methodology adopted by the Commission by implementing act.

Or. en

Amendment 203

Catherine Bearder

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) The objectives of the CSF Funds should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of protecting and improving the environment as set out in Article 11 and 19 of the Treaty, taking into account the polluter pays principle. The Member States should provide information on the support for climate change objectives in line with the ambition to devote at least 20% of the Union budget to this end, using a methodology adopted by

Amendment

(12) The objectives of the CSF Funds should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of protecting and improving the environment as set out in Article 11 and 19 of the Treaty, taking into account the polluter pays principle. The Member States should provide **quantitative** information on the support for climate change objectives in line with the ambition to devote at least 20% of the Union budget to this end, **and the assessed impacts of**

the Commission by implementing act.

this support on emissions, using a methodology adopted by the Commission by implementing act.

Or. en

Amendment 204
Younous Omarjee, Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) The objectives of the CSF Funds should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of protecting and improving the environment as set out in Article 11 and 19 of the Treaty, taking into account the polluter pays principle. The Member States should provide information on the support for climate change objectives in line with the ambition to devote at least 20% of the Union budget to this end, using a methodology adopted by the Commission by implementing act.

Amendment

(12) The objectives of the CSF Funds should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of *respecting, protecting and improving the environment, biodiversity and ecosystems in particular* as set out in Article 11 and 19 of the Treaty, *also* taking into account the polluter pays principle. The Member States should provide information on the support for climate change objectives in line with the ambition to devote at least 20 % of the Union budget to this end, using a methodology adopted by the Commission by implementing act.

Or. fr

Amendment 205
Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) In order to achieve the targets and objectives of the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, the CSF

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Funds should focus *their support on a limited number of common* thematic objectives. The precise scope of each of the CSF Funds *should* be set out in Funds-specific rules *and may be limited to only some of the thematic objectives defined in this Regulation*.

Funds should focus on thematic objectives. The precise scope of each of the CSF Funds *shall* be set out in Funds-specific rules.

Or. en

Amendment 206
Tamás Deutsch

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) In order to achieve the targets and objectives of the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, the CSF Funds should focus their support on a limited number of common thematic objectives. The precise scope of each of the CSF Funds should be set out in Funds-specific rules and may be limited to only some of the thematic objectives defined in this Regulation.

Amendment

(13) In order to achieve the targets and objectives of the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, the CSF Funds should focus their support on a limited number of common thematic objectives, *which leave sufficient scope for flexibility in order to accommodate the specific needs of regions and give adequate responses to them* . The precise scope of each of the CSF Funds should be set out in Funds-specific rules and may be limited to only some of the thematic objectives defined in this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 207
Erminia Mazzoni, Giommara Uggias, Salvatore Caronna, Francesco De Angelis, Andrea Cozzolino, Vincenzo Iovine

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) *The Commission should adopt by*

Amendment

(14) *In order to achieve* the objectives *and*

delegated act a Common Strategic Framework which translates the objectives of the Union *into key actions* for the *CSF* Funds, in *order* to provide clearer strategic direction to the programming process at the level of Member States and regions. The Common Strategic Framework should facilitate sectoral and territorial coordination of Union intervention under the *CSF* Funds and with other relevant Union policies and instruments.

targets of the Union *strategy* for *smart, sustainable and inclusive growth*, the *Common Strategic Framework should coordinate and balance investment priorities, , with the thematic objectives specific to the Funds covered by the CPR set out in this Regulation. The aim of the Common Strategic Framework is* to provide clearer strategic direction to the programming process at the level of Member States and regions. The Common Strategic Framework should facilitate sectoral and territorial coordination of Union intervention under the Funds *covered by the CPR* and with other relevant Union policies and instruments. *The Common Strategic Framework should be set out in an annex to this Regulation.*

Or. en

Amendment 208

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Besset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) The Commission *should adopt by delegated act* a Common Strategic Framework which *translates* the objectives of the Union *into key actions for the CSF Funds, in order to provide clearer strategic direction to the programming process at the level* of Member States and regions. The Common Strategic Framework should facilitate sectoral and territorial coordination of Union intervention under the CSF Funds and with other relevant Union policies and instruments.

Amendment

(14) The Commission a Common Strategic Framework *contains a non-exhaustive menu of recommended actions supported by each CSF Fund for the funding period 2014-2020, which helps Member States to achieve* the objectives of the Union, to *ensure coherence and consistency of programming under the CSF Funds with the economic and employment policies of the Member States and the Union, while acknowledging the different needs of regions ensuring the necessary flexibility for their development.* The Common Strategic Framework should facilitate sectoral and territorial *and* coordination of

Union intervention under the CSF Funds, **including multifund-approaches and integrated territorial approaches, and coordination** with other relevant Union policies and instruments.

Or. en

Amendment 209
Younous Omarjee, Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) **The** Commission should **adopt by delegated act** a Common Strategic Framework which translates the objectives of the Union **into key actions for the CSF Funds, in order** to provide clearer strategic direction to the programming process at the level of Member States and regions. The Common Strategic Framework should facilitate sectoral and territorial coordination of Union intervention under the CSF Funds and with other relevant Union policies and instruments.

Amendment

(14) **In order to achieve the objectives defined in Article 174 of the Treaty, the** Commission should **propose in an annex to this Regulation** a Common Strategic Framework which translates the objectives of the Union **in order to coordinate investment priorities and to strike a balance between the Funds' specific thematic objectives from the regulation establishing common provisions defined in this Regulation. The objective of the common strategic framework is** to provide clearer strategic direction to the programming process at the level of Member States and regions. The Common Strategic Framework should facilitate sectoral and territorial coordination of Union intervention under the CSF Funds and with other relevant Union policies and instruments.

Or. fr

Amendment 210
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) The Commission should adopt **by delegated act** a Common Strategic Framework which translates the objectives of the Union into key actions for the CSF Funds, in order to provide clearer strategic direction to the programming process at the level of Member States and regions. The Common Strategic Framework should facilitate sectoral and territorial coordination of Union intervention under the CSF Funds and with other relevant Union policies and instruments.

Amendment

(14) The Commission should adopt a Common Strategic Framework which translates the objectives of the Union into key actions for the CSF Funds, in order to provide clearer strategic direction to the programming process at the level of Member States and regions. The Common Strategic Framework should facilitate sectoral and territorial coordination of Union intervention under the CSF Funds and with other relevant Union policies and instruments.

Or. es

Amendment 211

Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) The **Commission should adopt by delegated act** a Common Strategic Framework which translates the objectives of the Union into key actions for the CSF Funds, in order to provide clearer strategic direction to the programming process at the level of Member States and regions. The Common Strategic Framework should facilitate sectoral and territorial coordination of Union intervention under the CSF Funds and with other relevant Union policies and instruments.

Amendment

(14) The Common Strategic Framework **appended to this regulation** which translates the objectives of the Union into key actions for the CSF Funds, in order to provide clearer strategic direction to the programming process at the level of Member States and regions. The Common Strategic Framework should facilitate sectoral and territorial coordination of Union intervention under the CSF Funds and with other relevant Union policies and instruments.

Or. en

Amendment 212

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(15) The Common Strategic Framework should therefore establish the key areas of support, territorial challenges to be addressed, policy objectives, priority areas for cooperation activities, coordination mechanisms and mechanisms for coherence and consistency with the economic policies of Member States and the Union.

Deleted

Or. en

Amendment 213

Alain Cadec, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Maurice Ponga

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(15) The Common Strategic Framework should therefore establish the key areas of support, territorial challenges to be addressed, policy objectives, priority areas for cooperation activities, coordination mechanisms and mechanisms for coherence and consistency with the economic policies of Member States and the Union.

(15) The Common Strategic Framework should therefore establish the key areas of support, territorial challenges to be addressed, policy objectives, priority areas for cooperation activities, coordination mechanisms and mechanisms for coherence and consistency with the economic policies of Member States and the Union ***and with macro regional strategies and sea basins strategies, where Member States and regions participate in such strategies.***

Or. en

Justification

The Funds should be closely coordinated with macro regional strategies and sea basins strategies in order to ensure sufficient allocation from the Funds to these strategies.

Amendment 214

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) On the basis of the Common Strategic Framework adopted by the Commission, each Member State should prepare, in cooperation with its partners and in dialogue with the Commission, a Partnership Contract. The Partnership Contract should translate the elements set out in the Common Strategic Framework into the national context and set out firm commitments to the achievement of Union objectives through the programming of the CSF Funds.

Amendment

(16) On the basis of the Common Strategic Framework adopted by the Commission, each Member State should prepare, in cooperation with its partners and in dialogue with the Commission, a Partnership Contract. The Partnership Contract should translate the elements set out in the Common Strategic Framework into the national context and set out firm commitments to the achievement of Union objectives through the programming of the CSF Funds.

Or. es

Amendment 215

Younous Omarjee, Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) On the basis of the Common Strategic Framework adopted by the Commission, each Member State should prepare, in cooperation with its partners and in dialogue with the Commission, a Partnership Contract. The Partnership Contract should translate the elements set out in the Common Strategic Framework into the national context and set out firm commitments to the achievement of Union objectives through the programming of the CSF Funds.

Amendment

(16) On the basis of the Common Strategic Framework adopted by the Commission, each Member State, ***in consultation with its elected regional and local authorities***, should prepare, in cooperation with its partners and in dialogue with the Commission, a Partnership Contract. The Partnership Contract should translate the elements set out in the Common Strategic Framework into the national context and set out firm commitments to the achievement of Union objectives ***defined in Article 174 of the Treaty and making it***

possible to build a fair and balanced social market economy within the European Union through the programming of the CSF Funds

Or. fr

Amendment 216
Luis Paulo Alves

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) On the basis of the Common Strategic Framework adopted by the Commission, each Member State *should prepare*, in cooperation with its partners and in dialogue with the Commission, a Partnership Contract. The Partnership Contract should translate the elements set out in the Common Strategic Framework into the national context and set out firm commitments to the achievement of Union objectives through the programming of the CSF Funds.

Amendment

(16) On the basis of the Common Strategic Framework adopted by the Commission, each Member State, in cooperation with its partners and in dialogue with the Commission, *should prepare* a Partnership Contract, *at the appropriate territorial level and in line with the respective institutional, legal and financial framework*. The Partnership Contract should translate the elements set out in the Common Strategic Framework into the national context and set out firm commitments to the achievement of Union objectives through the programming of the CSF Funds.

Or. pt

Amendment 217
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) On the basis of the Common Strategic Framework adopted by the Commission,

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each Member State should prepare, in cooperation with its partners and in dialogue with the Commission, a Partnership Contract ***based on its National Reform Programme***. The Partnership Contract should translate the elements set out in the Common Strategic Framework into the national context and set out firm commitments to the achievement of Union objectives through the programming of the CSF Funds.

Or. en

Amendment 218

Oldřich Vlasák, James Nicholson, Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Ryszard Czarnecki

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) On the basis of the Common Strategic Framework adopted by the Commission, each Member State should prepare, in cooperation with its partners and in dialogue with the Commission, a Partnership Contract. The Partnership Contract should translate the elements set out in the Common Strategic Framework into the national context and set out firm commitments to the achievement of Union objectives through the programming of the CSF Funds.

Amendment

(16) On the basis of the Common Strategic Framework adopted by the Commission, each Member State should prepare, in cooperation with its partners, ***as stipulated by Art. 5***, and in dialogue with the Commission, a Partnership Contract. The Partnership Contract should translate the elements set out in the Common Strategic Framework into the national context and set out firm commitments to the achievement of Union objectives through the programming of the CSF Funds.

Or. en

Amendment 219

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) ***On the basis of the Common Strategic Framework adopted by the Commission, each*** Member State should prepare, in cooperation with its partners and in dialogue with the Commission, a Partnership Contract. The Partnership Contract should ***translate the*** elements set out in the Common Strategic Framework into the national context and set out firm commitments to the achievement of Union objectives through the programming of the CSF Funds.

Amendment

(16) ***Each*** Member State should prepare, in cooperation with its partners ***referred to in Article 5 of this Regulation***, and in dialogue with the Commission, a Partnership Contract. The Partnership Contract should ***contain selected*** elements set out in the Common Strategic Framework ***and put them*** into the national context and set out firm commitments to the achievement of Union objectives through the programming of the CSF Funds.

Or. en

Amendment 220
Cornelia Ernst, Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) Member States should concentrate support to ensure a significant contribution to the achievement of Union objectives in line with their specific national and regional development needs. Ex ante conditionalities should be defined to ensure that the necessary framework conditions for the effective use of Union support are in place. ***The fulfilment of those*** ex ante ***conditionalities*** should be ***assessed*** by the ***Commission*** in the framework of its assessment of the Partnership Contract and programmes. ***In cases where there is a failure to fulfil an ex ante conditionality, the Commission should have the power to suspend payments to the programme.***

Amendment

(17) Member States should concentrate support to ensure a significant contribution to the achievement of Union objectives in line with their specific national and regional development needs. Ex ante conditionalities should be defined to ensure that the necessary framework conditions for the effective use of Union support are in place. ***An*** ex ante ***conditionality*** should be ***applied only where it has a direct link to and impact on the effective implementation of CSF Funds, and its scope does not go beyond the regulatory framework applicable in the relevant Union policy areas. The Commission should assess the information provided by Member States on the fulfilment of ex ante conditionalities*** in the framework of its assessment of the Partnership Contract and programmes.

Amendment 221
Hermann Winkler

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) Member States should concentrate support to ensure a significant contribution to the achievement of Union objectives in line with their specific national and regional development needs. *Ex ante* conditionalities should be defined to ensure that the necessary framework conditions for the effective use of Union support are in place. The fulfilment of those *ex ante* conditionalities should be assessed by the Commission in the framework of its assessment of the Partnership Contract and programmes. In cases where there is a failure to fulfil an *ex ante* conditionality, the Commission should have the power to suspend payments to the programme.

Amendment

(17) Member States should concentrate support to ensure a significant contribution to the achievement of Union objectives in line with their specific national and regional development needs. *Ex ante* conditionalities should be defined **where they have a direct link to and impact on the effective implementation of the funds covered by the CPR**, to ensure that the necessary framework conditions for the effective use of Union support are in place. The fulfilment of those *ex ante* conditionalities should be assessed by the Commission in the framework of its assessment of the Partnership Contract and programmes. In cases where there is a failure to fulfil an *ex ante* conditionality, the Commission should have the power to suspend payments to the programme.

Or. de

Amendment 222
Brice Hortefeux, Alain Cadec, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, Maurice Ponga

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

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regional development needs. *Ex ante* conditionalities should be defined to ensure that the necessary framework conditions for the effective use of Union support are in place. ***The fulfilment of those ex ante conditionalities should be assessed by the Commission*** in the framework of its assessment of the Partnership Contract and programmes. In cases where there is a failure to fulfil an *ex ante* conditionality, the Commission should have the power to suspend payments to the programme.

regional development needs. *Ex ante* conditionalities should be defined to ensure that the necessary framework conditions for the effective use of Union support are in place. ***These ex ante conditionalities shall apply only to the extent that they are directly linked to the implementation of the Funds. The European Commission shall assess the information provided by the Member States on the application of the ex ante conditionalities*** in the framework of its assessment of the Partnership Contract and programmes. In cases where there is a failure to fulfil an *ex ante* conditionality, the Commission should have the power to suspend payments to the programme.

Or. fr

Amendment 223
María Irigoyen Pérez

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) Member States should concentrate support to ensure a significant contribution to the achievement of Union objectives in line with their specific national and ***regional*** development needs. ***Ex ante conditionalities should be defined to ensure that the necessary framework conditions for the effective use of Union support are in place.*** The fulfilment of those *ex ante* conditionalities ***should be assessed*** by the Commission in the framework of its assessment of the Partnership Contract and programmes. ***In cases where there is a failure to fulfil an ex ante conditionality, the Commission should have the power to suspend payments to the programme.***

Amendment

(17) Member States should concentrate support to ensure a significant contribution to the achievement of Union objectives in line with their specific national, ***regional*** and ***local*** development needs. The fulfilment of those *ex ante* conditionalities ***will be monitored*** by the Commission in the framework of its assessment of the Partnership Contract and programmes, ***for the purpose of ensuring the necessary framework setting for the effective use of Union funds.***

Justification

The needs and individual characteristics – national, regional and local – should be taken into consideration. Monitoring of the fulfilment of the related ex ante conditions is necessary for each one of the funds to ensure effective application, although in no case should payments to the programme be suspended.

Amendment 224

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation**Recital 17***Text proposed by the Commission*

(17) Member States should concentrate support to ensure a significant contribution to the achievement of Union objectives in line with their specific national and regional development needs. *Ex ante* conditionalities should be defined to ensure **that** the necessary **framework conditions for** the effective use of Union support are in place. The fulfilment of those *ex ante* conditionalities should be assessed by the Commission in the framework of its assessment of the Partnership Contract and programmes. **In cases where there is a failure to fulfil an** *ex ante* conditionality, the Commission **should have the power to suspend payments to the programme.**

Amendment

(17) Member States should concentrate support to ensure a significant contribution to the achievement of Union objectives in line with their specific national and regional development needs. *Ex ante* conditionalities should be defined to ensure the necessary **prior requirements that bear relation and have a direct effect on** the effective **and efficient** use of Union support are in place. The fulfilment of those *ex ante* conditionalities should be assessed by the Commission in the framework of its assessment of the Partnership Contract and programmes. **Breach of a relevant** *ex ante* conditionality **may constitute grounds for the suspension of payments by** the Commission. **In the event that payments are suspended, the Commission should respect the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality as well as the powers at each administrative level involved.**

Amendment 225

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda,

Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) Member States should concentrate support to ensure a significant contribution to the achievement of Union objectives in line with their specific national and regional **development** needs. **Ex ante** conditionalities should be defined to ensure that the necessary framework conditions for the effective use of Union support are in place. The fulfilment of those ex ante conditionalities should be assessed by the Commission in the framework of its assessment of the Partnership Contract and programmes. In cases where there is a failure to fulfil an ex ante conditionality, the Commission should have the power to suspend payments to the programme.

Amendment

(17) Member States should concentrate support to ensure a significant contribution to the achievement of Union objectives in line with their specific national and regional needs **for sustainable development. Relevant ex-ante** conditionalities should be defined to ensure that the necessary framework conditions for the effective use of Union support are in place. The fulfilment of those ex ante conditionalities should be assessed by the Commission in the framework of its assessment of the Partnership Contract and programmes. In cases where there is a failure to fulfil an ex ante conditionality, the Commission should have the power to suspend payments to the programme.

Or. en

Amendment 226

Hermann Winkler

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) A performance framework should be defined for each programme with a view to monitoring progress towards the objectives and targets set for each programme over the course of the programming period. The Commission should undertake a performance review in cooperation with the Member States in 2017 and 2019. **A performance reserve should be foreseen and allocated in 2019 where milestones set in the performance framework have**

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(18) A performance framework should be defined for each programme with a view to monitoring progress towards the objectives and targets set for each programme over the course of the programming period. The Commission should undertake a performance review in cooperation with the Member States in 2017 and 2019. In cases where the shortfall in the achievement of milestones or targets is significant, the Commission should be able

been attained. Due to their diversity and multi-country character, there should be no performance reserve for 'European Territorial Cooperation' programmes. In cases where the shortfall in the achievement of milestones or targets is significant, the Commission should be able to suspend payments to the programme or, at the end of the programming period, apply financial corrections, in order to ensure that the Union budget is not used in a wasteful or inefficient way.

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Or. de

Amendment 227

Markus Pieper, Manfred Weber, Joachim Zeller

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) A performance framework should be defined for each programme with a view to monitoring progress towards the objectives and targets set for each programme over the course of the programming period. The Commission should undertake a performance review in cooperation with the Member States in 2017 and 2019. A performance reserve should be foreseen and allocated in 2019 where milestones set in the performance framework have been attained. Due to their diversity and multi-country character, there should be no performance reserve for 'European Territorial Cooperation' programmes. In cases where the shortfall in the achievement of milestones or targets is significant, the Commission should be able to suspend payments to the programme or, at the end of the programming period, apply financial corrections, in order to ensure that the Union budget is not used in

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(18) A performance framework should be defined for each programme with a view to monitoring progress towards the objectives and targets set for each programme over the course of the programming period. The Commission should undertake a performance review in cooperation with the Member States in 2017 and 2019. A performance reserve should be foreseen and allocated in 2019 where milestones set in the performance framework have been attained. Due to their diversity and multi-country character, there should be no performance reserve for 'European Territorial Cooperation' programmes. In cases where the shortfall in the achievement of milestones or targets is significant, the Commission should be able to suspend payments to the programme or, at the end of the programming period, apply financial corrections, in order to ensure that the Union budget is not used in a wasteful or inefficient way. *Where these*

a wasteful or inefficient way.

corrections or suspensions affect a Member State which is experiencing or is threatened with serious difficulties with regard to its financial stability, the Member State should be able to request that these funds are provided to it in a specific growth programme administered by the Commission. This should be carried out on the basis of the relevant programmes, having regard to priorities and with the maximum economic effectiveness. The purpose of this mechanism is to avoid further worsening of the economically constrained situation.

Or. de

Amendment 228
Erminia Mazzoni, Giommara Uggias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) A performance framework should be defined for each programme with a view to monitoring progress towards the objectives and targets set for each programme over the course of the programming period. The Commission should undertake a performance review in cooperation with the Member States in 2017 and 2019. *A performance reserve should be foreseen and allocated in 2019 where milestones set in the performance framework have been attained. Due to their diversity and multi-country character, there should be no performance reserve for ‘European Territorial Cooperation’ programmes. In cases where the shortfall in the achievement of milestones or targets is significant, the Commission should be able to suspend payments to the programme or, at the end of the programming period, apply financial*

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corrections, in order to ensure that the Union budget is not used in a wasteful or inefficient way.

Or. en

Amendment 229

Vincenzo Iovine, Giommara Uggias, Andrea Cozzolino, Guido Milana, Francesco De Angelis, Leonardo Domenici

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

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Or. it

Justification

The suspension of payments in a period of economic crisis could be too harmful especially in regions with little capacity to absorb it.

Amendment 230

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

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Or. en

Amendment 231

María Irigoyen Pérez

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(18) A performance framework ***based on positive incentives*** should be defined for each programme with a view to monitoring progress towards the objectives and targets set for each programme over the course of the programming period. The Commission should undertake a performance review in cooperation with the Member States ***that require it***, in 2017 and 2019. A performance reserve should be foreseen and allocated in 2019 where milestones set in the performance framework have been attained. Due to their diversity and multi-country character, there should be no performance reserve for 'European Territorial Cooperation' programmes.

Or. es

Justification

The performance review system should be based on positive incentives rather than the transfer of funds to the best performing programmes. Voluntary participation will avoid setting objectives that are easy to achieve and therefore have little impact.

Amendment 232
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. es

Amendment 233
Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18

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flexibility reserve established on the basis of the automatic appropriations should be provided for during the programming period.

Or. fr

Amendment 234
Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 235
Victor Boştinaru

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(19) Establishing a closer link between cohesion policy and the economic governance of the Union will ensure that the effectiveness of expenditure under the CSF Funds is underpinned by sound economic policies and that the CSF Funds can, if necessary, be redirected to addressing the economic problems a country is facing. This process has to be gradual, starting with amendments to the Partnership Contract and to the programmes in support of Council recommendations to address macroeconomic imbalances and social and economic difficulties. Where, despite the enhanced use of CSF Funds, a Member State fails to take effective action in the context of the economic governance process, the Commission should have the right to suspend all or part of the payments and commitments. Decisions on suspensions should be proportionate and effective, taking into account the impact of the individual programmes for addressing the economic and social situation in the relevant Member State and previous amendments to the Partnership Contract. When deciding on suspensions, the Commission should also respect equality of treatment between

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Member States, taking into account in particular the impact of the suspension on the economy of the Member State concerned. The suspensions should be lifted and funds be made available again to the Member State concerned as soon as the Member State takes the necessary action.

Or. en

Amendment 236

Elisabeth Schroedter, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 19

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Or. en

Amendment 237
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. fr

Amendment 238

Markus Pieper, Manfred Weber, Joachim Zeller, Michael Theurer

Proposal for a regulation

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Or. de

Amendment 239
Erminia Mazzoni, Giommara Uggias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 240
María Irigoyen Pérez

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. es

Justification

The option of suspending payments on account of economic policy appears unbalanced and would entail punishing the regions for a national failure to meet recommendations on economic governance. Moreover, it means using instruments of cohesion policy for purposes other than those originally intended, and as a result not using them towards achieving their objectives.

Amendment 241
Luis Paulo Alves

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. pt

Amendment 242

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation

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Justification

A recital would not appear to be the most appropriate place to regulate exhaustively this type of question.

Amendment 243

Younous Omarjee, Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation**Recital 19***Text proposed by the Commission*

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Amendment

(19) Establishing a link between cohesion policy and the economic ***and social*** governance of the Union ***may improve*** the effectiveness of expenditure under the CSF Funds ***by underpinning it with the implementation of intelligent, inclusive and sustainable*** economic ***and social*** policies. ***It is important*** that the CSF Funds can, if necessary, be redirected to addressing the economic problems a country is facing. This process has to be gradual, starting with amendments to the Partnership Contract and to the programmes in support of Council recommendations to address macroeconomic imbalances and social and economic difficulties

particular the impact of the suspension on the economy of the Member State concerned. The suspensions should be lifted and funds be made available again to the Member State concerned as soon as the Member State takes the necessary action.

Or. fr

Amendment 244

Markus Pieper, Manfred Weber, Joachim Zeller, Herbert Reul, Michael Theurer

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 19 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

19a. The Commission should, at the request of the relevant Member State, be able to make an ad hoc decision on the rules and conditions applicable to this programme, in particular on the basis of the funds released due to corrections and suspensions relating to the Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund;

Or. de

Amendment 245

Cornelia Ernst, Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(20) In order to ensure focus on the achievement of the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, common elements should be defined for all programmes. In order to ensure the consistency of programming arrangements for the CSF Funds, the procedures for

(20) In order to ensure focus on the achievement of ***economic, social and territorial cohesion and the achievement of the*** Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, common elements should be defined for all programmes. In order to ensure the consistency of

adoption and amendment of programmes should be aligned. Programming should ensure consistency with the Common Strategic Framework and Partnership Contract, coordination of the CSF Funds between themselves and with the other existing financial instruments and the European Investment Bank.

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Or. en

Amendment 246

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) Territorial cohesion ***has been added to the goals of*** economic and social cohesion by the Treaty, and it is necessary to address the role of cities, functional geographies and sub-regional areas facing specific geographical or demographic problems. ***To this end, to better mobilise potential at a local level, it is necessary to strengthen and facilitate community-led local development by laying down common rules and close coordination for all CSF Funds. Responsibility for the implementation of local development strategies should be given to local action groups representing the interests of the community, as an essential principle.***

Amendment

(21) Territorial cohesion ***is the main instrument to achieve*** economic and social cohesion ***as provided for*** by the Treaty, and it is necessary to address the role of cities, ***urban areas***, functional geographies and sub-regional areas facing specific geographical or demographic problems. ***Therefore, the integrated territorial approach as laid down in article 99 of this regulation should be the main tool to achieve a successful sustainable development of such areas and to promote employment, social inclusion and prosperity of citizens living in those areas.***

Or. en

Amendment 247

László Surján

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) Territorial cohesion has been added to the goals of economic and social cohesion by the Treaty, and it is necessary to address the role of cities, functional geographies and sub-regional areas facing specific geographical or demographic problems. To this end, to better mobilise potential at a local level, it is necessary to strengthen and facilitate community-led local development by laying down common rules and close coordination for all CSF Funds. Responsibility for the implementation of local development strategies should be given to local action groups representing the interests of the community, as an essential principle.

Amendment

(21) Territorial cohesion has been added to the goals of economic and social cohesion by the Treaty, and it is necessary to address the role of cities, functional geographies and sub-regional areas facing specific geographical or demographic problems, ***including inter-ethnic tensions***. To this end, to better mobilise potential at a local level, it is necessary to strengthen and facilitate community-led local development by laying down common rules and close coordination for all CSF Funds. ***Capacity building for the local stakeholders is of utmost importance***. Responsibility for the implementation of local development strategies should be given to local action groups representing the interests of the community, as an essential principle.

Or. en

Amendment 248

Richard Seeber

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) Territorial cohesion has been added to the goals of economic and social cohesion by the Treaty, and it is necessary to address the role of cities, functional geographies and sub-regional areas facing specific geographical or demographic problems. To this end, to better mobilise potential at a local level, it is necessary to strengthen and facilitate community-led local development by laying down common rules and close coordination for all CSF Funds. Responsibility for the implementation of

Amendment

(21) Territorial cohesion has been added to the goals of economic and social cohesion by the Treaty, and it is necessary to address the role of cities, functional geographies and sub-regional areas facing specific geographical or demographic problems, ***in particular mountain regions***. To this end, to better mobilise potential at a local level, it is necessary to strengthen and facilitate community-led local development by laying down common rules and close coordination for all CSF Funds.

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Or. de

Justification

Mountain regions face particular natural challenges. They have to combat diverse problems, such as migration and economic disadvantages. An integrated approach to assistance from Structural Funds is therefore particularly vital in these regions.

Amendment 249

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

**Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(21 a) In order to better mobilise potential at a local level, it is necessary to strengthen and facilitate community-led local development by laying down common rules and close coordination for all CSF Funds. Responsibility for the implementation of local development strategies should be given to local action groups, including existing LEADER-groups, representing the interests of the community, as an essential principle.

Or. en

**Amendment 250
Richard Seeber**

**Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(21a) *The development of new macroeconomic strategies, in particular the strategy for the Alpine macro-region, should be supported by the European Union.*

Or. de

Justification

The Alpine region faces particular demographic and natural challenges. Macro-regions are an appropriate and useful instrument to use in meeting these challenges at a transnational and cross-border level. The establishment of an Alpine macro-region would bring considerable benefits to the local population.

Amendment 251

Mojca Kleva

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(22) Financial instruments are increasingly important due to their leverage effect on **CSF** Funds, their capacity to combine different forms of public and private resources to support public policy objectives, and *because revolving forms of finance make such support more sustainable over the longer term.*

(22) Financial instruments are increasingly important due to their leverage effect on Funds **covered by the CPR**, their capacity to combine different forms of public and private resources to support public policy objectives, and **their ability to guarantee a revolving stream of financial means for strategic investments, supporting long-term, sustainable investments and raising Union's growth potential.**

Or. en

Amendment 252

Cornelia Ernst, Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) Financial instruments are increasingly important due to their leverage effect on CSF Funds, their capacity to combine different forms of public and private resources to support public policy objectives, and because revolving forms of finance make such support more sustainable over the longer term.

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(22) Financial instruments are increasingly important due to their leverage effect on CSF Funds, their capacity to combine different forms of public and private resources to support public policy objectives, and because revolving forms of finance make such support more sustainable over the longer term. ***The provision of grants must always be retained as an option and it must be the responsibility of those involved on the ground to use the funding mix best suited to regional needs;***

Or. en

Amendment 253
Mojca Kleva

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) Financial instruments supported by the **CSF** Funds should be used to address specific market needs in a cost effective way, in accordance with the objectives of the programmes, and should not crowd out private financing. The decision to finance support measures through financial instruments should be determined therefore on the basis of an ex ante **analysis**.

Amendment

(23) Financial instruments supported by the Funds **covered by the CPR** should be used to address **market failures or sub-optimal investment situations, and thereby tackle** specific market needs in a cost effective way, in accordance with the objectives of the programmes, and should not crowd out private financing. The decision to finance support measures through financial instruments should be determined therefore on the basis of an ex ante **assessment, which should directly address local and regional investment needs and potential, identify possible private sector participation, assess the added value resulting from the financial instrument in question and thereby guarantee the**

creation of flexible and efficient responses to development challenges facing European regions.

Or. en

Amendment 254

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) Financial instruments supported by the CSF Funds should be used to address specific market needs in a cost effective way, in accordance with the objectives of the programmes, and should not crowd out private financing. The decision to finance support measures through financial instruments should be determined therefore on the basis of an ex ante analysis.

Amendment

(23) Financial instruments supported by the CSF Funds should be used to address specific market needs in a cost effective way, in accordance with the objectives of the programmes, and should not crowd out private financing. The decision to finance support measures through financial instruments should be determined therefore on the basis of an ex ante analysis **and be subject to democratic scrutiny at the appropriate level.**

Or. en

Amendment 255

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) Financial instruments supported by the CSF Funds should be used to **address specific** market needs in a cost effective way, in accordance with the objectives of the programmes, and should not crowd out private financing. The decision to finance support measures through financial

Amendment

(23) Financial instruments supported by the CSF Funds should be used to **respond to** market needs **and shortcomings** in a cost effective way, in accordance with the objectives of the programmes, and should not crowd out private financing. The decision to finance support measures

instruments should be determined therefore on the basis of an *ex ante* analysis.

through financial instruments should be determined therefore on the basis of an *ex ante* analysis.

Or. es

Amendment 256
Mojca Kleva

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) Financial instruments should be designed and implemented so as to promote substantial participation by private sector investors and financial institutions on an appropriate risk-sharing basis. To be sufficiently attractive to private sector, financial instruments need to be designed and implemented in a flexible manner. Managing authorities should therefore decide on the most appropriate forms to implement financial instruments to address the specific needs of the target regions, in accordance with the objectives of the relevant programme.

Amendment

(24) Financial instruments should be designed and implemented so as to promote substantial participation by private sector investors and financial institutions on an appropriate risk-sharing basis. To be sufficiently attractive to private sector, financial instruments need to be ***simple, catalytic, revolving and*** designed and implemented in a flexible manner. Managing authorities should therefore decide on the most appropriate forms to implement financial instruments to address the specific needs of the target regions, in accordance with the objectives of the relevant programme.

Or. en

Amendment 257
Mojca Kleva

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) The amount of the resources paid at any time from the ***CSF*** Funds to financial instruments should correspond to the amount necessary to implement planned

Amendment

(26) The amount of the resources paid at any time from the Funds ***covered by the CPR*** to financial instruments should correspond to the amount necessary to

investments and payments to final recipients, including management costs and fees, determined on the basis of business plans and cash-flow forecasts for a pre-defined period which should not exceed two years.

implement planned investments and payments to final recipients, including management costs and fees, determined on the basis of business plans and cash-flow forecasts for a pre-defined period which should not exceed two years.

Or. en

Amendment 258

Markus Pieper, Manfred Weber, Joachim Zeller, Michael Theurer

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 27

Text proposed by the Commission

(27) It is necessary to lay down specific rules regarding the amounts to be accepted as eligible expenditure at closure, to ensure that the amounts, including the management costs and fees, paid from the CSF Funds to financial instruments are effectively used for investments and payments to final recipients. It is also necessary to lay down specific rules regarding the reuse of resources attributable to the support from the CSF Funds, including the use of legacy resources after the closure of the programmes.

Amendment

(27) It is necessary to lay down specific rules regarding the amounts to be accepted as eligible expenditure at closure, to ensure that the amounts, including the management costs and fees, paid from the CSF Funds to financial instruments are effectively used for investments and payments to final recipients. It is also necessary to lay down specific rules regarding the reuse of resources attributable to the support from the CSF Funds, including the use of legacy resources after the closure of the programmes. ***These attributable and legacy resources, together with other available resources, e.g. from financial corrections, should be made available to Member States experiencing serious difficulties with regard to their financial stability and managed by the Commission, prioritising the most effective measures to stimulate growth.***

Or. de

Amendment 259

Mojca Kleva

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 27

Text proposed by the Commission

(27) It is necessary to lay down specific rules regarding the amounts to be accepted as eligible expenditure at closure, to ensure that the amounts, including the management costs and fees, paid from the **CSF** Funds to financial instruments are effectively used for investments and payments to final recipients. It is also necessary to lay down specific rules regarding the reuse of resources attributable to the support from the **CSF** Funds, including the use of legacy resources after the closure of the programmes.

Amendment

(27) It is necessary to lay down specific rules regarding the amounts to be accepted as eligible expenditure at closure, to ensure that the amounts, including the management costs and fees, paid from the Funds **covered by the CPR** to financial instruments are effectively used for investments and payments to final recipients. It is also necessary to lay down specific rules regarding the reuse of resources attributable to the support from the Funds **covered by the CPR**, including the use of legacy resources after the closure of the programmes. ***Detailed reporting provisions regarding financial instruments should be specified for managing authorities, Member States as well as the Commission. Member States should in an annex to the annual implementation report include a specific report covering operations comprising financial instruments. To further enhance transparency and effectiveness of financial instruments, the Commission should annually synthesise reporting information regarding the use and effectiveness of financial instruments across different Funds covered by the CPR, thematic objectives and Member States.***

Or. en

Amendment 260
Mojca Kleva

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 27 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(27a) The Commission should prepare concrete actions to increase the dissemination of information and know-how about the use of financial instruments and help increasing technical capacity for application and management of financial instruments at the level of managing authorities, financial intermediaries and other actors involved in order to increase the success of the implementation of financial instruments.

Or. en

Amendment 261

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 29

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(29) Alignment of the monitoring and reporting arrangements of the CSF Funds is necessary to simplify management arrangements at all levels. It is important to ensure proportionate reporting requirements but also the availability of comprehensive information on progress made at key review points. Therefore it is necessary that reporting requirements reflect information needs ***in given years and are aligned with the timing of the performance reviews.***

(29) Alignment of the monitoring and reporting arrangements of the CSF Funds is necessary to simplify management arrangements at all levels. It is important to ensure proportionate reporting requirements but also the availability of comprehensive information on progress made at key review points. Therefore it is necessary that reporting requirements reflect information needs.

Or. es

Amendment 262

Younous Omarjee, Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 29

Text proposed by the Commission

(29) Alignment of the monitoring and reporting arrangements of the CSF Funds is necessary to simplify management arrangements at all levels. It is important to ensure proportionate reporting requirements but also the availability of comprehensive information on progress made at key review points. Therefore it is necessary that reporting requirements reflect information needs in given years **and are aligned with the timing of the performance reviews.**

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Or. fr

Amendment 263

Younous Omarjee, Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 32

Text proposed by the Commission

(32) It is necessary to evaluate the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of assistance from the CSF Funds in order to improve the quality of implementation and design of programmes, and to determine the impact of programmes in relation to the targets for the Union **strategy for smart sustainable and inclusive growth** and in relation to GDP and unemployment, where relevant. The responsibilities of Member States and the Commission in this regard should be specified.

Amendment

(32) It is necessary to evaluate the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of assistance from the CSF Funds in order to improve the quality of implementation and design of programmes, and to determine the impact of programmes in relation to the targets for the Union **objectives defined in Article 174 of the Treaty** and in relation to GDP and unemployment, where relevant. The responsibilities of Member States and the Commission in this regard should be specified.

Or. fr

Amendment 264
Mojca Kleva

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 32

Text proposed by the Commission

(32) It is necessary to evaluate the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of assistance from the CSF Funds in order to improve the quality of implementation and design of programmes, and to determine the impact of programmes in relation to the targets for the Union strategy for smart sustainable and inclusive growth and in relation to GDP and **unemployment**, where relevant. The responsibilities of Member States and the Commission in this regard should be specified.

Amendment

(32) It is necessary to evaluate the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of assistance from the CSF Funds in order to improve the quality of implementation and design of programmes, and to determine the impact of programmes in relation to the targets for the Union strategy for smart sustainable and inclusive growth and in relation to GDP, **unemployment** and **gender and accessibility mainstreaming**, where relevant. The responsibilities of Member States and the Commission in this regard should be specified.

Or. en

Amendment 265
Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Besset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 33

Text proposed by the Commission

(33) In order to improve the quality and design of each programme, and verify that objectives and targets can be reached, an ex ante evaluation of each programme should be carried out.

Amendment

(33) In order to improve the quality and design of each programme, and verify that objectives and targets can be reached, an ex ante evaluation of each programme should be carried out. ***For each programme, the ex-ante evaluation should include an evaluation of the horizontal principles relating to compliance with Union and national law, promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, and sustainable development, as defined in this Regulation.***

Amendment 266
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 34

Text proposed by the Commission

(34) An evaluation plan should be drawn up by the authority responsible for the preparation of the programme. During the programming period managing authorities should carry out evaluations to assess the effectiveness and impact of a programme. The monitoring committee and the Commission should be informed about the results of evaluations to facilitate management decisions.

Amendment

(34) An evaluation plan should be drawn up by the authority responsible for the preparation of the programme ***taking Project and Programme management concerns into full account***. During the programming period managing authorities should carry out evaluations to assess the effectiveness and impact of a programme. The monitoring committee and the Commission should be informed about the results of evaluations to facilitate management decisions.

Amendment 267
Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 36

Text proposed by the Commission

(36) It is useful to specify the types of action that may be undertaken at the initiative of the Commission and of the Member States as technical assistance with support from the CSF Funds.

Amendment

(36) It is useful to specify the types of action that may be undertaken at the initiative of the Commission and of the Member States as technical assistance with support from the CSF Funds. ***Member States should ensure that an adequate level of technical assistance is allocated to the partners referred to in Article 5 in order to facilitate their involvement and participation in the preparation and***

implementation of the Partnership Contracts and in the whole programming process. Technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission should support thematic umbrella organizations, non-governmental organizations, social and economic partners and networks and associations representing local, urban and regional authorities working at EU-level on cohesion policy.

Or. en

Amendment 268

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

(38) The starting and closing dates for the eligibility of expenditure should be defined so as to provide for a uniform and equitable rule applying to the implementation of the CSF Funds across the Union. In order to facilitate the execution of programmes, it is appropriate to establish that the starting date for the eligibility of expenditure may be prior to 1 January 2014 if the Member State concerned submits a programme before that date. *With a view to ensuring an effective use of EU Funds and reducing the risk to the EU budget, it is necessary to put in place restrictions on support for completed operations.*

Amendment

(38) The starting and closing dates for the eligibility of expenditure should be defined so as to provide for a uniform and equitable rule applying to the implementation of the CSF Funds across the Union. In order to facilitate the execution of programmes, it is appropriate to establish that the starting date for the eligibility of expenditure may be prior to 1 January 2014 if the Member State concerned submits a programme before that date.

Or. es

Amendment 269

Markus Pieper, Manfred Weber, Hermann Winkler, Michael Theurer, Joachim Zeller, Herbert Reul

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 41

Text proposed by the Commission

(41) To ensure the effectiveness, fairness and sustainable impact of the intervention of the CSF Funds, there should be provisions guaranteeing that investments in businesses and infrastructures are long-lasting and prevent the CSF Funds from being used to undue advantage. Experience has shown that a period of **five** years is an appropriate minimum period to be applied, except where State aid rules foresee a different period. It is appropriate to exclude actions supported by the ESF and those not entailing productive investment or investment in infrastructure from the general requirement of durability, unless such requirements are derived from applicable State aid rules, and to exclude contributions to or from financial instruments.

Amendment

(41) To ensure the effectiveness, fairness and sustainable impact of the intervention of the CSF Funds, there should be provisions guaranteeing that investments in businesses and infrastructures are long-lasting and prevent the CSF Funds from being used to undue advantage. Experience has shown that a period of **10** years is an appropriate minimum period to be applied, except where State aid rules foresee a different period. It is appropriate to exclude actions supported by the ESF and those not entailing productive investment or investment in infrastructure from the general requirement of durability, unless such requirements are derived from applicable State aid rules, and to exclude contributions to or from financial instruments.

Or. de

Justification

See Article 77; European Parliament resolution of 5 July 2011 on the Commission's fifth Cohesion Report and the strategy for post-2013 cohesion policy (2011/2035(INI))

Amendment 270

Markus Pieper, Manfred Weber, Angelika Niebler, Joachim Zeller, Hermann Winkler, Herbert Reul

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 41 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(41a) When assessing projects in excess of EUR 25 million, the Commission should be in possession of all information necessary to judge whether the financial

contribution of the Funds will lead to significant job losses at existing locations in the European Union, in order to ensure that Community funding does not contribute to relocations within the Union.

Or. de

Amendment 271

Markus Pieper, Manfred Weber, Joachim Zeller, Hermann Winkler, Herbert Reul

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 41 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(41b) In the case of direct subsidies to undertakings, it should be recognised that cohesion policy funding, rather than influencing decisions by companies, particularly bigger companies, to open a plant in a given location, tends to be pocketed by companies which have already taken such decisions (deadweight effect). Support for large private undertakings should therefore be focussed on investment in research and development or provided, in more cases, indirectly through infrastructure financing;

Or. de

Justification

See Article 71; European Parliament resolution of 5 July 2011 on the Commission's fifth Cohesion Report and the strategy for post-2013 cohesion policy (2011/2035(INI))

Amendment 272

Markus Pieper, Manfred Weber, Angelika Niebler, Joachim Zeller, Herbert Reul

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 41 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(41c) The Structural Funds Regulation should contain an explicit regulation excluding all EU financing for relocations within the Union and reducing the threshold for reviewing investments of this kind to EUR 25 million, thereby excluding large enterprises from receiving direct subsidies and limiting the duration of operation to 10 years;

Or. de

Justification

See Article 71, European Parliament resolution of 5 July 2011 on the Commission's fifth Cohesion Report and the strategy for post-2013 cohesion policy (2011/2035(INI))

Amendment 273
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 42

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(42) Member States should adopt adequate measures to guarantee the proper set up and functioning of their management and control systems to give assurance on the legal and regular use of the CSF Funds. The obligations of Member States as regards the management and control systems of programmes, and in relation to the prevention, detection and correction of irregularities and infringements of Union law should therefore be specified.

(42) Member States should adopt adequate measures to guarantee the proper set up and functioning of their management and control systems to give assurance on the legal and regular use of the CSF Funds ***according to international standards of Project and Programme Management*** The obligations of Member States as regards the management and control systems of programmes, and in relation to the prevention, detection and correction of irregularities and infringements of Union law should therefore ***also*** be specified ***in the Article of the Regulation***.

Amendment 274

Erminia Mazzoni, Giommara Uggias, Salvatore Caronna, Francesco De Angelis, Andrea Cozzolino, Vincenzo Iovine

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 43

Text proposed by the Commission

(43) In accordance with the principles of shared management, Member States should have the primary responsibility, through their management and control systems, for the implementation and control of the operations in programmes. In order to strengthen the effectiveness of the control over the selection and implementation of operations and the functioning of the management and control system, the functions of the managing authority should be specified.

Amendment

(43) In accordance with the principles of shared management, Member States **and regional and local authorities** should have the primary responsibility, through their management and control systems, for the implementation and control of the operations in programmes. In order to strengthen the effectiveness of the control over the selection and implementation of operations and the functioning of the management and control system, the functions of the managing authority should be specified.

Amendment 275

Younous Omarjee, Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 43

Text proposed by the Commission

(43) In accordance with the principles of shared management, Member States should have the primary responsibility, through their management and control systems, for the implementation and control of the operations in programmes. In order to strengthen the effectiveness of the control over the selection and implementation of operations and the functioning of the

Amendment

(43) In accordance with the principles of shared management, Member States should have, **jointly with the elected regional and local authorities**, the primary responsibility, through their management and control systems, for the implementation and control of the operations in programmes. In order to strengthen the effectiveness of the control

management and control system, the functions of the managing authority should be specified.

over the selection and implementation of operations and the functioning of the management and control system, the functions of the managing authority should be specified

Or. fr

Amendment 276
Hermann Winkler

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 44

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(44) In order to provide assurance ex ante on the set up and design of the main systems of management and control, Member States should designate an accrediting body that is responsible for the accreditation and withdrawal of accreditation of managing and control bodies.

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 277
Cornelia Ernst, Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 44

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(44) In order to provide assurance ex ante on the set up and design of the main systems of management and control, Member States should designate an accrediting body that is responsible for the accreditation and withdrawal of accreditation of managing and control bodies.

deleted

Justification

The aim is to avoid the proliferation of bodies and actors which would make the management and control system still more complex.

Amendment 278

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 44

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(44) In order to provide assurance ex ante on the set up and design of the main systems of management and control, Member States should designate an accrediting body that is responsible for the accreditation and withdrawal of accreditation of managing and control bodies. ***deleted***

Or. es

Justification

The authority of the auditors makes the ex ante assessment and as a result gives approval to the management and monitoring system. Moreover, the EEC wishes that other organisations or the same one would establish the procedure to grant certification for the management authority. This means an increment in the administrative charge and works against the process of simplification.

Amendment 279

Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 45

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(45) The powers and responsibilities of the **(45) The powers and responsibilities of the**

Commission to verify the effective functioning of the management and control systems, and to require Member State action, should be laid down. The Commission should also have the power to carry out audits focused on issues relating to sound financial management in order to draw conclusions on the performance of Funds.

Commission to verify the effective functioning of the management and control systems, ***including the evaluation of their Project and programme management capabilities and*** to require Member State action, should be laid down. The Commission should also have the power to carry out audits focused on issues relating to sound financial management in order to draw conclusions on the performance of Funds.

Or. en

Amendment 280
Nuno Teixeira

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 47

Text proposed by the Commission

(47) The pre-financing payment at the start of programmes ensures that the Member State has the means to provide support to beneficiaries ***in*** the implementation of the programme ***from programme adoption***. Therefore, provisions should be made for initial pre-financing amounts from the CSF Funds. Initial pre-financing should be totally cleared at closure of the programme.

Amendment

(47) The pre-financing payment at the start of programmes ensures that the Member State ***also*** has the means to provide ***ex ante*** support to beneficiaries ***from the start of*** the implementation of the programme, ***so as to ensure that the beneficiaries have the financial sustainability to make the allocated investments***. Therefore, provisions should be made for initial pre-financing amounts from the CSF Funds. Initial pre-financing should be totally cleared at closure of the programme.

Or. pt

Justification

Given that the Commission may offer a pre-financing amount to Member States, the latter should also use pre-financing to make payments to the beneficiaries of the adopted projects, so as to provide companies with the liquidity to make investments.

Amendment 281
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 49

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(49) In order to ensure that expenditure co-financed by the Union budget in any given financial year is used in accordance with the applicable rules, an appropriate framework should be created for the annual clearance of accounts. Under this framework, the accredited bodies should submit to the Commission, in respect of each programme, a management declaration of assurance accompanied by the certified annual accounts, a summary report of controls and an independent audit opinion and control report.

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 282
Hermann Winkler

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 49

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(49) In order to ensure that expenditure co-financed by the Union budget in any given financial year is used in accordance with the applicable rules, an appropriate framework should be created for the annual clearance of accounts. ***Under this framework, the accredited bodies should submit to the Commission, in respect of each programme, a management declaration of assurance accompanied by the certified annual accounts,*** a summary report of controls and an independent audit opinion and control report.

(49) In order to ensure that expenditure co-financed by the Union budget in any given financial year is used in accordance with the applicable rules, an appropriate framework should be created for the annual clearance of accounts. ***This framework should include*** a summary report of controls and an independent audit opinion and control report.

Amendment 283
Cornelia Ernst, Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 49

Text proposed by the Commission

(49) In order to ensure that expenditure co-financed by the Union budget in any given financial year is used in accordance with the applicable rules, an appropriate framework should be created for the annual clearance of accounts. ***Under this framework, the accredited bodies should submit to the Commission, in respect of each programme, a management declaration of assurance accompanied by the certified annual accounts, a summary report of controls and an independent audit opinion and control report.***

Amendment

(49) In order to ensure that expenditure co-financed by the Union budget in any given financial year is used in accordance with the applicable rules, an appropriate framework should be created for the annual clearance of accounts.

Amendment 284
Markus Pieper, Manfred Weber, Joachim Zeller

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 51

Text proposed by the Commission

(51) In order to encourage financial discipline, it is appropriate to define the arrangements for decommitment of any part of the budget commitment in a programme, in particular where an amount may be excluded from decommitment, notably when delays in implementation result from circumstances which are independent of the party concerned, abnormal or unforeseeable and whose

Amendment

(51) In order to encourage financial discipline, it is appropriate to define the arrangements for decommitment of any part of the budget commitment in a programme, in particular where an amount may be excluded from decommitment, notably when delays in implementation result from circumstances which are independent of the party concerned, abnormal or unforeseeable and whose

consequences cannot be avoided despite the diligence shown.

consequences cannot be avoided despite the diligence shown. *If a Member State is in a difficult financial position, the Commission should, at the request of this Member State, be able to assume financial administration responsibility and set up a programme promoting economic growth in the relevant Member State.*

Or. de

Amendment 285
Cornelia Ernst, Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 52

Text proposed by the Commission

(52) Additional general provisions are necessary in relation to the specific functioning of the Funds. In particular, in order to increase their added value, and to enhance their contribution to the priorities of the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, the functioning of these Funds should be simplified and concentrated on the goals of 'Investment for growth and jobs' and 'European territorial cooperation'.

Amendment

(52) Additional general provisions are necessary in relation to the specific functioning of the Funds. In particular, in order to increase their added value, and to enhance their contribution to the ***economic, social and territorial cohesion and to the*** priorities of the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, the functioning of these Funds should be simplified and concentrated on the goals of 'Investment for growth and jobs' and 'European territorial cooperation'.

Or. en

Amendment 286
Hermann Winkler

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 54

Text proposed by the Commission

(54) In order to promote the Treaty objectives of economic, social and

Amendment

(54) In order to promote the Treaty objectives of economic, social and

territorial cohesion, the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal should support all regions. To provide balanced and gradual support and reflect the level of economic and social development, resources under that goal should be allocated from the ERDF and the ESF among the less developed regions, the transition regions and the more developed regions according to their gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in relation to the EU average. In order to ensure the long-term sustainability of investment from the Structural Funds, regions whose GDP per capita for the 2007-2013 period was less than 75% of the average of the EU-25 for the reference period but whose GDP per capita has grown to more than 75% of the EU-27 average should receive at least two thirds of their 2007-2013 allocation. Member States whose per capita gross national income (GNI) is less than 90 % of that of the Union average should benefit under the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal from the CF.

territorial cohesion, the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal should support all regions. To provide balanced and gradual support and reflect the level of economic and social development, resources under that goal should be allocated from the ERDF and the ESF among the less developed regions, the transition regions and the more developed regions according to their gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in relation to the EU average. In order to ensure the long-term sustainability of investment from the Structural Funds, regions *which received support in the period 2007–2013 under the 'Convergence' objective, including regions which received support in this period as 'Phasing Out' regions in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006 laying down general provisions on the European Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999¹*, whose GDP per capita for the 2007–2013 period was less than 75 % of the average of the EU-25 for the reference period but whose GDP per capita has grown to more than 75 % of the EU-27 average should receive at least two thirds of their 2007–2013 allocation. Member States whose per capita gross national income (GNI) is less than 90 % of that of the Union average should benefit under the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal from the CF.

¹ *OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 25.*

Or. de

Justification

Regions which are currently (2007–2013) so-called Phasing Out Regions under the terms of the Convergence objective, should also benefit from the so-called safety net which guarantees minimum funding of 2/3 of current funding. It must be clarified that, to consolidate the

progress achieved, all regions are included, including Phasing Out Regions in accordance with Article 8(1) of Regulation No 1083/2006, which do not now fall within the terms of the Convergence objective.

Amendment 287

Constanze Angela Krehl, Hermann Winkler

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 54

Text proposed by the Commission

(54) In order to promote the Treaty objectives of economic, social and territorial cohesion, the ‘Investment for growth and jobs’ goal should support all regions. To provide balanced and gradual support and reflect the level of economic and social development, resources under that goal should be allocated from the ERDF and the ESF among the less developed regions, the transition regions and the more developed regions according to their gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in relation to the EU average. In order to ensure the long-term sustainability of investment from the Structural Funds, regions whose GDP per capita for the 2007-2013 period was less than 75% of the average of the EU-25 for the reference period but whose GDP per capita has grown to more than 75% of the EU-27 average should receive at least two thirds of their 2007-2013 allocation. Member States whose per capita gross national income (GNI) is less than 90 % of that of the Union average should benefit under the ‘Investment for growth and jobs’ goal from the CF.

Amendment

(54) In order to promote the Treaty objectives of economic, social and territorial cohesion, the ‘Investment for growth and jobs’ goal should support all regions. To provide balanced and gradual support and reflect the level of economic and social development, resources under that goal should be allocated from the ERDF and the ESF among the less developed regions, the transition regions and the more developed regions according to their gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in relation to the EU average. In order to ensure the long-term sustainability of investment from the Structural Funds, regions whose GDP per capita for the 2007-2013 period was less than 75% of the average of the EU-25 for the reference period but whose GDP per capita has grown to more than 75% of the EU-27 average ***and the regions currently under the phasing-out status*** should receive at least two thirds of their 2007-2013 allocation. Member States whose per capita gross national income (GNI) is less than 90 % of that of the Union average should benefit under the ‘Investment for growth and jobs’ goal from the CF.

Or. en

Amendment 288
Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 54

Text proposed by the Commission

(54) In order to promote the Treaty objectives of economic, social and territorial cohesion, the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal should support all regions. To provide balanced and gradual support and reflect the level of economic and social development, resources under that goal should be allocated from the ERDF and the ESF among the less developed regions, the transition regions and the more developed regions according to their gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in relation to the EU average. In order to ensure the long-term sustainability of investment from the Structural Funds, regions whose GDP per capita *for the 2007-2013 period was less than 75% of the average of the EU-25 for the reference period but whose GDP per capita has grown to more than 75% of the EU-27 average* should receive at least two thirds of their 2007-2013 allocation. Member States whose per capita gross national income (GNI) is less than 90 % of that of the Union average should benefit under the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal from the CF.

Amendment

(54) In order to promote the Treaty objectives of economic, social and territorial cohesion, the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal should support all regions. To provide balanced and gradual support and reflect the level of economic and social development, resources under that goal should be allocated from the ERDF and the ESF among the less developed regions, the transition regions and the more developed regions according to their gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in relation to the EU average. In order to ensure the long-term sustainability of investment from the Structural Funds, regions *which were eligible for funding under Convergence objective according to Article 5 (1) Council regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 and whose GDP per capita is above 75% of the GDP average of the EU-27, and regions which were eligible for funding under Transitional support according to Article 8 (1) Council regulation (EC) No 1083/2006* should receive at least two thirds of their 2007-2013 allocation. Member States whose per capita gross national income (GNI) is less than 90 % of that of the Union average should benefit under the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal from the CF.

Or. en

Amendment 289
Markus Pieper, Joachim Zeller, Herbert Reul

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 54

(54) In order to promote the Treaty objectives of economic, social and territorial cohesion, the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal should support all regions. To provide balanced and gradual support and reflect the level of economic and social development, resources under that goal should be allocated from the ERDF and the ESF among the less developed regions, the transition regions and the more developed regions according to their gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in relation to the EU average. In order to ensure the long-term sustainability of investment from the Structural Funds, regions whose GDP per capita for the 2007-2013 period was less than 75% of the average of the EU-25 for the reference period but whose GDP per capita has grown to more than 75% of the EU-27 average should receive at least two thirds of their 2007-2013 allocation. Member States whose per capita gross national income (GNI) is less than 90 % of that of the Union average should benefit under the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal from the CF.

(54) In order to promote the Treaty objectives of economic, social and territorial cohesion, the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal should support all regions. To provide balanced and gradual support and reflect the level of economic and social development, resources under that goal should be allocated from the ERDF and the ESF among the less developed regions, the transition regions and the more developed regions according to their gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in relation to the EU average. In order to ensure the long-term sustainability of investment from the Structural Funds, ***all regions which received support for the 2007–2013 period under the ‘Convergence’ goal, including regions which received support in this period, including ‘Phasing Out’ regions referred to in Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006 laying down general provisions on the European Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999¹***, whose GDP per capita for the 2007–2013 period was less than 75 % of the average of the EU-25 for the reference period but whose GDP per capita has grown to more than 75 % of the EU-27 average should receive at least two thirds of their 2007–2013 allocation. Member States whose per capita gross national income (GNI) is less than 90 % of that of the Union average should benefit under the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal from the CF.

¹ *OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 25.*

Or. de

Amendment 290

María Irigoyen Pérez, Antolín Sánchez Presedo, Carmen Romero López, Luis Yáñez-Barnuevo García

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 54

Text proposed by the Commission

(54) In order to promote the Treaty objectives of economic, social and territorial cohesion, the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal should support all regions. To provide balanced and gradual support and reflect the level of economic and social development, resources under that goal should be allocated from the ERDF and the ESF among the less developed regions, the transition regions and the more developed regions according to their gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in relation to the EU average. In order to ensure the long-term sustainability of investment from the Structural Funds, regions whose GDP per capita for the 2007-2013 period was less than 75% of the average of the EU-25 for the reference period but whose GDP per capita has grown to more than 75% of the EU-27 average should receive at least two thirds of their 2007-2013 allocation. Member States whose per capita gross national income (GNI) is less than 90 % of that of the Union average should benefit under the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal from the CF.

Amendment

(54) In order to promote the Treaty objectives of economic, social and territorial cohesion, the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal should support all regions. To provide balanced and gradual support and reflect the *real* level of economic and social development, resources under that goal should be allocated from the ERDF and the ESF among the less developed regions, the transition regions and the more developed regions according to their gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in relation to the EU average. In order to ensure the long-term sustainability of investment from the Structural Funds, *and to encourage the economic growth and social cohesion of the European regions*, regions whose GDP per capita for the 2007–2013 period was less than 75 % of the average of the EU-25 for the reference period but whose GDP per capita has grown to more than 75 % of the EU-27 average should receive at least two thirds of their 2007–2013 allocation *for the purpose of consolidating the development achieved*. Member States whose per capita gross national income (GNI) is less than 90 % of that of the Union average should benefit under the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal from the CF. *In the aim of reflecting the real impact of the crisis, it is necessary to revise the economic data used and introduce new criteria such as the rate of unemployment to allocate cohesion policy funds, and to introduce an adjustment clause that allows for revising the category of the regions during the period, depending on substantial changes in*

circumstances, so that greater support may be given to a region for any deterioration.

Or. es

Justification

The latest available data have been used as the economic data for allocating cohesion policy funding at regional level and are not an accurate reflection of the impact of the crisis. For this reason, it is necessary to provide an adjustment clause that enables the reviewing of the category for the regions over the period based on substantial changes in their situation, so that greater support may be given to a region for any deterioration.

Amendment 291
Michael Theurer

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 54

Text proposed by the Commission

(54) In order to promote the Treaty objectives of economic, social and territorial cohesion, the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal should support all regions. To provide balanced and gradual support and reflect the level of economic and social development, resources under that goal should be allocated from the ERDF and the ESF among the less developed regions, the transition regions and the more developed regions according to their gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in relation to the EU average. In order to ensure the long-term sustainability of investment from the Structural Funds, regions ***whose GDP per capita for the 2007-2013 period was less than 75% of the average of the EU-25 for the reference period but*** whose GDP per capita has grown to more than 75% of the EU-27 average should receive at least two thirds of their 2007-2013 allocation. Member States whose per capita gross national

Amendment

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that of the Union average should benefit under the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal from the CF.

Or. de

Justification

A transition rule should be introduced to avoid undue hardship and statistical distortions.

Amendment 292

Nuno Teixeira

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 54

Text proposed by the Commission

(54) In order to promote the Treaty objectives of economic, social and territorial cohesion, the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal should support all regions. To provide balanced and gradual support and reflect the level of economic and social development, resources under that goal should be allocated from the ERDF and the ESF among the less developed regions, the transition regions and the more developed regions according to their gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in relation to the EU average. In order to ensure the long-term sustainability of investment from the Structural Funds, regions whose GDP per capita for the 2007-2013 period was less than 75% of the average of the EU-25 for the reference period but whose GDP per capita has grown to more than 75% of the EU-27 average should receive at least two thirds of their 2007-2013 allocation. Member States whose per capita gross national income (GNI) is less than 90 % of that of the Union average should benefit under the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal from

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the CF.

the CF. *Due to their social and economic situation and the additional costs incurred by their remoteness and insularity, the outermost regions should be regarded as less-developed regions and should receive benefits to offset these handicaps.*

Or. pt

Justification

The natural constraints of the outermost regions show that they are severely held back by the considerable investment they have to make in different areas. As such, it is important they are regarded as less-developed regions and receive an allocation from the Structural Funds for the period 2014–2020 to offset their natural handicaps.

Amendment 293

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation Recital 55 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(55 a) The modulation of the co-financing rate from the Funds to a priority axis shall take into account the coverage of areas with severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps, of island Member States eligible under the Cohesion Fund and other islands except those on which the capital of a Member State is situated or which have a fixed link to the mainland, of mountainous areas as defined by the national legislation of the Member State, and of sparsely and very sparsely populated areas and other areas with severe demographic handicaps.

Or. en

Amendment 294

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 55

Text proposed by the Commission

(55) Objective criteria should be fixed for designating eligible regions and areas for support from the Funds. To this end, the identification of the regions and areas at Union level should be based on the common system of classification of the regions established by Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) .

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 295

László Surján

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 55

Text proposed by the Commission

(55) Objective criteria should be fixed for designating eligible regions and areas for support from the Funds. To this end, the identification of the regions and areas at Union level should be based on the common system of classification of the regions established by Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) .

Amendment

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intra-regional disparities, poverty loops should also be set up, and such disparities should be addressed through the Funds as well, in order to avoid social, inter-ethnic, poverty driven tensions.

Or. en

Amendment 296

Giommara Uggias, Vilja Savisaar-Toomast, Ramona Nicole Mănescu, Vincenzo Iovine

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 55

Text proposed by the Commission

(55) Objective criteria should be fixed for designating eligible regions and areas for support from the Funds. To this end, the identification of the regions and areas at Union level should be based on the common system of classification of the regions established by Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) .

Amendment

(55) Objective criteria should be fixed for designating eligible regions and areas for support from the Funds. To this end, the identification of the regions and areas at Union level should be based on the common system of classification of the regions established by Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) *Special attention should be paid to regions which suffer from serious and permanent natural or demographic handicaps, such as regions with very low population density and island, cross-border and mountain regions, taking into account the fact that these territorial characteristics do not necessarily correspond to the breakdown currently proposed by the NUTS classification.*

Or. en

Amendment 297

László Surján

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 56

Text proposed by the Commission

(56) In order to set out an appropriate financial framework, the Commission should establish, by means of implementing acts, the indicative annual breakdown of available commitment appropriations using an objective and transparent method with a view to targeting the regions whose development is lagging behind, including those receiving transitional support.

Amendment

(56) In order to set out an appropriate financial framework, the Commission should establish, by means of implementing acts, the indicative annual breakdown of available commitment appropriations using an objective and transparent method with a view to targeting the regions whose development is lagging behind, including those receiving transitional support ***and those struggling with severe intra-regional disparities creating social, poverty-led or inter-ethnic tensions.***

Or. en

Amendment 298
María Irigoyen Pérez, Inés Ayala Sender

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 57 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(57a) The Cohesion Fund should support the infrastructure projects planned by Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of [...], establish the Connecting Europe Facility, with a total amount of EUR XX that must be exclusively used for the benefit of eligible Member States for funding payable by the Cohesion Fund, and the cofinancing rates planned for the latter should be applied. The procedure for selecting projects should be completed in accordance with the objectives and the criteria established under Article [11] of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility; however, until 31 December 2016, the selection of

eligible projects for financing must be completed by respecting the national contributions transferred from the Cohesion fund to the Connecting Europe Facility.

Or. es

Justification

A three-year transition period will be necessary during which the required contributions will be guaranteed for ensuring that all Member States avail of the aid instruments available from the Commission.

Amendment 299

Jan Olbrycht, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 57

Text proposed by the Commission

(57) It is necessary to fix the limits of those resources for the ‘Investment for growth and jobs’ goal and to adopt objective criteria for their allocation to regions and Member States. ***In order to encourage the necessary acceleration of development of infrastructure in transport and energy as well as information and communication technologies across the Union, a Connecting Europe Facility should be created. The allocation of the annual appropriations from the Funds and the amounts transferred from the Cohesion Fund to the Connecting Europe Facility to a Member State should be limited to a ceiling that would be fixed taking into account the capacity of that particular Member State to absorb these appropriations.*** In addition, in line with the headline target on poverty reduction, it is necessary to reorient the scheme for food support for the most deprived persons to promote social inclusion and the

Amendment

(57) It is necessary to fix the limits of those resources for the ‘Investment for growth and jobs’ goal and to adopt objective criteria for their allocation to regions and Member States. In line with the headline target on poverty reduction, it is necessary to reorient the scheme for food support for the most deprived persons to promote social inclusion and the harmonious development of the Union. A mechanism is envisaged which transfers resources to this instrument and ensures that these will be constituted from ESF allocations through an implicit corresponding decrease of the minimum percentage of the Structural Funds to be allocated to the ESF in each country.

harmonious development of the Union. A mechanism is envisaged which transfers resources to this instrument and ensures that these will be constituted from ESF allocations through an implicit corresponding decrease of the minimum percentage of the Structural Funds to be allocated to the ESF in each country.

Or. en

Amendment 300
Hermann Winkler

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 58

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(58) In order to strengthen the focus on results and achievement of the Europe 2020 objectives and targets, five per cent of the resources for the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal should be set aside as a performance reserve for each Fund, and category of region in each Member State.

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Or. de

Amendment 301
Erminia Mazzoni, Giommaria Uggias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 58

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(58) In order to strengthen the focus on results and achievement of the Europe 2020 objectives and targets, five per cent of the resources for the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal should be set aside as a performance reserve for each Fund,

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and category of region in each Member State.

Or. en

Amendment 302
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 58

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(58) In order to strengthen the focus on results and achievement of the Europe 2020 objectives and targets, five per cent of the resources for the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal should be set aside as a performance reserve for each Fund, and category of region in each Member State. *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 303
Vincenzo Iovine, Giommara Uggias, Andrea Cozzolino, Salvatore Caronna, Leonardo Domenici, Francesco De Angelis, Guido Milana

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 58

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(58) In order to strengthen the focus on results and achievement of the Europe 2020 objectives and targets, five per cent of the resources for the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal should be set aside as a performance reserve for each Fund, and category of region in each Member State. *deleted*

Or. it

Justification

The introduction of a performance reserve could have negative effects, inducing the Member States and local authorities to set modest goals that are lacking in innovation in order to obtain the extra subsidies.

Amendment 304

Younous Omarjee, Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 58

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(58) In order to strengthen the focus on results and achievement of the Europe 2020 objectives and targets, five per cent of the resources for the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal should be set aside as a performance reserve for each Fund, and category of region in each Member State.

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 305

Tamás Deutsch

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 58

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(58) In order to strengthen the focus on results and achievement of the Europe 2020 objectives and targets, five per cent of the resources for the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal should be set aside as a performance reserve for each Fund, and category of region in each Member State.

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Or. en

Amendment 306

Francesco De Angelis, Salvatore Caronna, Vincenzo Iovine, Andrea Cozzolino, Leonardo Domenici, Patrizia Toia, Guido Milana, Mario Pirillo

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 58

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(58) In order to strengthen the focus on results and achievement of the Europe 2020 objectives and targets, five per cent of the resources for the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal should be set aside as a performance reserve for each Fund, and category of region in each Member State.

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Or. it

Amendment 307

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 58

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(58) In order to strengthen the focus on results and achievement of the Europe 2020 objectives and targets, five per cent of the resources for the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal ***should be*** set aside as a performance reserve for each Fund, and category of region in ***each*** Member State.

(58) In order to strengthen the focus on results and achievement of the Europe 2020 objectives and targets, five per cent of the resources ***assigned to a Member State***, for the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal ***may be*** set aside as a performance reserve for each Fund, and category of region in ***that*** Member State.

Or. es

Amendment 308

Hermann Winkler

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 59

Text proposed by the Commission

(59) As regards the Funds ***and with a view to ensuring an appropriate allocation to each category of regions***, resources ***should not be transferred*** between less developed, transition and more developed regions ***except in duly justified circumstances linked to the delivery of one or more thematic objectives and for no more than 2 % of the total appropriation for that category of region.***

Amendment

(59) As regard the Funds, ***it should be possible to transfer*** resources between less developed, transition and more developed regions ***under specific circumstances.***

Or. de

Justification

It must be possible to offer the option of redistributing resources internally between different categories, for example in a Federal Land, in order to prevent aid disparities.

Amendment 309
Nuno Teixeira

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 59

Text proposed by the Commission

(59) As regards the Funds and with a view to ensuring an appropriate allocation to each category of regions, resources should not be transferred between less developed, transition and more developed regions ***except in duly justified circumstances linked to the delivery of one or more thematic objectives and for no more than 2% of the total appropriation for that category of region.***

Amendment

(59) As regards the Funds and with a view to ensuring an appropriate allocation to each category of regions, resources should not be transferred between less developed, transition and more developed regions.

Or. pt

Justification

The regions already have a specific financial envelope and should not be able to transfer funds between regions, especially when the major beneficiaries are the more developed regions at the cost of those that are less developed. It is clear that the spill-over effect in question here will not contribute to greater economic, social and territorial cohesion, as referred to in Article 174 of the Treaty. This is in line with the amendment to Article 85(2).

Amendment 310 **Cornelia Ernst**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 59**

Text proposed by the Commission

(59) As regards the Funds and with a view to ensuring an appropriate allocation to each category of regions, resources should not be transferred between less developed, transition and more developed regions except in duly justified circumstances linked to the delivery of one or more thematic objectives and for no more than 2 % of the total appropriation for that category of region.

Amendment

(59) As regards the Funds and with a view to ensuring an appropriate allocation to each category of regions, resources should not be transferred between less developed, transition and more developed regions except in duly justified circumstances linked to the delivery of one or more thematic objectives and for no more than 5 % of the total appropriation for that category of region.

Or. en

Amendment 311 **Markus Pieper, Joachim Zeller, Michael Theurer, Tamás Deutsch, Oldřich Vlasák**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 59**

Text proposed by the Commission

(59) As regards the Funds and with a view to ensuring an appropriate allocation to each category of regions, resources should not be transferred between less developed, **transition** and more developed regions except in duly justified circumstances linked to the delivery of one or more

Amendment

(59) As regards the Funds and with a view to ensuring an appropriate allocation to each category of regions, resources should not be transferred between less developed and more developed regions except in duly justified circumstances linked to the delivery of one or more thematic objectives

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Or. de

Amendment 312
Tamás Deutsch

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 59

Text proposed by the Commission

(59) As regards the Funds and with a view to ensuring an appropriate allocation to each category of regions, resources should not be transferred between less developed, transition and more developed regions except in duly justified circumstances linked to the delivery of one or more thematic objectives and for no more than 2 % of the total appropriation for that category of region.

Amendment

(59) As regards the Funds and with a view to ensuring an appropriate allocation to each category of regions, resources should not be transferred between less developed, transition and more developed regions except in duly justified circumstances linked to the delivery of one or more thematic objectives and for no more than 6 % of the total appropriation for that category of region.

Or. en

Amendment 313
Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 59 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(59 a) Experience with the current financial framework shows that absorption of funding requires to be maintained at 4% of GDP the capping rates for cohesion allocations;

Or. en

Amendment 314
Markus Pieper, Joachim Zeller, Herbert Reul

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 60

Text proposed by the Commission

(60) In order to ensure a genuine economic impact, support from the Funds should not replace public expenditure or equivalent structural expenditure by Member States under the terms of this Regulation. In addition, so that the support from the Funds takes into account a broader economic context, the level of public expenditure should be determined with reference to the general macroeconomic conditions in which the financing takes place based on the indicators provided in the Stability and Convergence Programmes submitted annually by Member States in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1466/1997 of 7 July 1997 on the strengthening of the surveillance of budgetary positions and the surveillance and coordination of economic policies. Verification by the Commission of the principle of additionality should ***concentrate on the Member States in which less developed and transition regions cover at least 15% of the population because of the scale of the financial resources allocated to them.***

Amendment

(60) In order to ensure a genuine economic impact, support from the Funds should not replace public expenditure or equivalent structural expenditure by Member States under the terms of this Regulation. In addition, so that the support from the Funds takes into account a broader economic context, the level of public expenditure should be determined with reference to the general macroeconomic conditions in which the financing takes place based on the indicators provided in the Stability and Convergence Programmes submitted annually by Member States in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1466/1997 of 7 July 1997 on the strengthening of the surveillance of budgetary positions and the surveillance and coordination of economic policies. Verification by the Commission of the principle of additionality should ***consider all*** regions.

Or. de

Justification

See Article 1, European Parliament resolution of 5 July 2011 on the Commission's fifth Cohesion Report and the strategy for post-2013 cohesion policy (2011/2035(INI))

Amendment 315
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 61

Text proposed by the Commission

(61) It is necessary to lay down additional provisions concerning the programming, management, monitoring and control of operational programmes supported by the Funds. Operational programmes should set out priority axes corresponding to thematic objectives, elaborate a consistent intervention logic to tackle the development needs identified, and set out the framework for performance assessment. They should also contain other elements necessary to underpin the effective and efficient implementation of these Funds.

Amendment

(61) It is necessary to lay down additional provisions concerning the programming, management, monitoring, **reporting methodology, Project and Programme Management practices and** control of operational programmes supported by the Funds. Operational programmes should set out priority axes corresponding to thematic objectives, elaborate a consistent intervention logic to tackle the development needs identified, and set out the framework for performance assessment. They should also contain other elements necessary to underpin the effective and efficient implementation of these Funds.

Or. en

Amendment 316

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Besset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 61

Text proposed by the Commission

(61) It is necessary to lay down additional provisions concerning the programming, management, monitoring and control of operational programmes supported by the Funds. Operational programmes should set out priority axes corresponding to thematic objectives, elaborate a consistent intervention logic to tackle the development needs identified, and set out the framework for performance assessment. They should also contain other elements necessary to underpin the effective and efficient implementation of

Amendment

(61) It is necessary to lay down additional provisions concerning the programming, management, monitoring and control of operational programmes supported by the Funds. Operational programmes should set out priority axes corresponding to thematic objectives **and to the horizontal principles relating to compliance with Union and national law, promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, and sustainable development, as defined in this Regulation**, elaborate a consistent

these Funds.

intervention logic to tackle the development needs identified, and set out the framework for performance assessment. They should also contain other elements necessary to underpin the effective and efficient implementation of these Funds.

Or. en

Amendment 317

Nuno Teixeira

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 62

Text proposed by the Commission

(62) With a view to improving complementarities and simplifying implementation, it should be possible to **combine** support from the CF and the ERDF with support from the ESF in joint operational programmes under the growth and jobs goal.

Amendment

(62) With a view to improving complementarities and simplifying **access to structural funds for beneficiaries and the consequent** implementation of **projects**, it should be possible to **promote a multi-management approach, combining** support from the CF and the ERDF with support from the ESF in joint operational programmes under the growth and jobs goal.

Or. pt

Justification

The multi-management approach will enable a beneficiary with a project development plan to submit only one application for funding from the ERDF, the CF or the ESF for the different investments it intends to make. This approach should facilitate project development and implementation and mean that beneficiaries no longer have to submit several applications to specific funding programmes.

Amendment 318

Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 64

Text proposed by the Commission

(64) In order to give Member States the option of implementing part of an operational programme using a result-based approach, it is useful to provide for a joint action plan comprising a set of actions to be carried out by a beneficiary to contribute to the objectives of the operational programme. In order to simplify and reinforce the result orientation of the Funds the management of the joint action plan should be exclusively based on jointly agreed milestones, outputs and results as defined in the Commission decision adopting the joint action plan. Control and audit of a joint action plan should also be limited to the achievement of these milestones, outputs and results. Consequently, it is necessary to lay down rules on its preparation, content, adoption, financial management and control of joint action plans.

Amendment

(64) In order to give Member States the option of implementing part of an operational programme using a result-based approach, it is useful to provide for a joint action plan comprising a set of actions to be carried out by a beneficiary to contribute to the objectives of the operational programme. In order to simplify and reinforce the result orientation of the Funds the management of the joint action plan should be exclusively based on jointly agreed **Project management** milestones, outputs and results as defined in the Commission decision adopting the joint action plan. Control and audit of a joint action plan should also be limited to the achievement of these milestones, outputs and results. Consequently, it is necessary to lay down rules on its preparation, content, adoption, financial management and control of joint action plans.

Or. en

Amendment 319

Jan Olbrycht, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 65

Text proposed by the Commission

(65) Where an urban or territorial development strategy requires an integrated approach because it involves investments under more than one priority axis of one or several operational programmes, action supported by the Funds should be carried out as an integrated territorial investment **within an**

Amendment

(65) Where an urban or territorial development strategy requires an integrated approach because it involves investments under more than one priority axis of one or several operational programmes, action supported by the Funds should be carried out as an integrated territorial investment.

operational programme.

Or. en

Amendment 320

Cornelia Ernst, Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 67

Text proposed by the Commission

(67) To ensure the availability of essential and up to date information on programme implementation, it is necessary that Member States provide the Commission with the key data on a regular basis. In order to avoid an additional burden on Member States, this should be limited to data collected continuously, and the transmission should be performed by way of electronic data exchange.

Amendment

(67) To ensure the availability of essential and up to date information on programme implementation, it is necessary that Member States provide the Commission with the key data on a regular basis. In order to avoid an additional burden on Member States, this should be limited to data collected continuously, and the transmission should be performed by way of electronic data exchange. ***Insofar as these transfers include personal data, the provisions of Directive 95/46/EC and of Regulation (EC) 45/2001 should apply.***

Or. en

Amendment 321

Cornelia Ernst, Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 70

Text proposed by the Commission

(70) It is important to bring the achievements of the Union's Funds to the attention of the general public. Citizens have the right to know how the Union's financial resources are invested. The responsibility to ensure that the appropriate information is communicated to the public should lie with both the managing

Amendment

(70) It is important to bring the achievements of the Union's Funds to the attention of the general public. Citizens have the right to know how the Union's financial resources are invested. The responsibility to ensure that the appropriate information is communicated to the public should lie with both the managing

authorities and the beneficiaries. To ensure more efficiency in communication to the public at large and stronger synergies between the communication activities undertaken at the initiative of the Commission, the resources allocated to communication actions under this Regulation shall also contribute to *cover the corporate communication of the political priorities of the European Union as far as they are related to the general objectives of this Regulation.*

authorities and the beneficiaries. To ensure more efficiency in communication to the public at large and stronger synergies between the communication activities undertaken at the initiative of the Commission, the resources allocated to communication actions under this Regulation shall also contribute to *raise awareness about the objectives of cohesion policy and its role as an issue of genuine relevance to EU citizens;*

Or. en

Amendment 322

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 72

Text proposed by the Commission

(72) With a view to strengthening accessibility and transparency of information about funding opportunities and project beneficiaries, in each Member State a single website or website portal providing information on all the operational programmes, including the lists of operations supported under each operational programme, should be made available.

Amendment

(72) With a view to strengthening accessibility and transparency of information about funding opportunities and project beneficiaries, *and explaining more clearly the thinking behind the European integration process in the areas of regional development and cross-sectoral action, in* each Member State a single website or website portal *using clear and comprehensible language and* providing information on all the operational programmes, including the lists of operations supported under each operational programme, should be made available.

Or. en

Amendment 323

María Irigoyen Pérez

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 72

Text proposed by the Commission

(72) With a view to strengthening accessibility and transparency of information about funding opportunities and project beneficiaries, in each Member State a single website or website portal providing information on all the operational programmes, including the lists of operations supported under each operational programme, should be made available.

Amendment

(72) With a view to strengthening accessibility and transparency of information about funding opportunities and project beneficiaries, in each Member State a single website or website portal providing ***comprehensible and easily accessible*** information on all the operational programmes, including the lists of operations supported under each operational programme, should be made available.

Or. es

Justification

There should be some assurance that the information provided is comprehensible and accessible.

Amendment 324
Hermann Winkler

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 73

Text proposed by the Commission

(73) It is necessary to determine the elements for modulating the co-financing rate from the Funds to operational programmes, in particular, to increase the multiplier effect of Union resources. It is also necessary to establish the maximum rates of co-financing by category of region in order to ensure respect of the principle of co-financing through an appropriate level of national support.

Amendment

Deleted

Or. de

Amendment 325
Tamás Deutsch

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 73

Text proposed by the Commission

(73) It is necessary to determine the elements for modulating the co-financing rate from the Funds to operational programmes, in particular, to increase the multiplier effect of Union resources. It is also necessary to establish the maximum rates of co-financing by category of region in order to ensure respect of the principle of co-financing through an appropriate level of national support.

Amendment

(73) It is necessary to determine the elements for modulating the co-financing rate from the Funds to operational programmes, in particular, to increase the multiplier effect of Union resources. It is also necessary to establish the maximum rates of co-financing by category of region in order to ensure respect of the principle of co-financing through an appropriate level of ***both public and private*** national support. ***Current national co-financing rates should not be raised in the present economic situation which already poses numerous challenges for the regions. In capital regions which are the only more developed region in a Member State, more flexibility should be provided for.***

Or. en

Amendment 326
Nuno Teixeira

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 73

Text proposed by the Commission

(73) It is necessary to determine the elements for modulating the co-financing rate from the Funds to operational programmes, in particular, to increase the multiplier effect of Union resources. It is also necessary to establish the maximum rates of co-financing by category of region in order to ensure respect of the principle

Amendment

(73) It is necessary to determine the elements for modulating the co-financing rate from the Funds to operational programmes, ***taking into account the conditions of economic governance under the Stability and Growth Pact of each Member State***, in particular, to increase the multiplier effect of Union resources. It is

of co-financing through an appropriate level of national support.

also necessary to establish the maximum rates of co-financing by category of region in order to ensure respect of the principle of co-financing through an appropriate level of national support.

Or. pt

Justification

The co-financing rate should be decided in accordance with the economic conditions of each Member State under the Stability and Growth Pact. It is intended to be flexible enough to enable the Commission to increase the rate of co-financing and facilitate project development should a Member State face increased budgetary difficulties.

Amendment 327

Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 74

Text proposed by the Commission

(74) It is necessary for Member States to designate a managing authority, a certifying authority and a functionally independent auditing authority for each operational programme. To provide flexibility for Member States in the set up of control systems, it is appropriate to provide the option for the functions of the certifying authority to be carried out by the managing authority. The Member State should also be allowed to designate intermediate bodies to carry out certain tasks of the managing authority or the certifying authority. The Member State should in that case lay down clearly their respective responsibilities and functions.

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Or. en

Amendment 328
Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 74

Text proposed by the Commission

(74) It is necessary for Member States to designate a managing authority, a certifying authority and a functionally independent auditing authority for each operational programme. To provide flexibility for Member States in the set up of control systems, it is appropriate to provide the option for the functions of the certifying authority to be carried out by the managing authority. The Member State should also be allowed to designate intermediate bodies to carry out certain tasks of the managing authority or the certifying authority. The Member State should in that case lay down clearly their respective responsibilities and functions.

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Or. en

Amendment 329
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 75

Text proposed by the Commission

(75) The managing authority bears the main responsibility for the effective and efficient implementation of the Funds and thus fulfils a substantial number of functions related to programme management and monitoring, financial

Amendment

(75) The managing authority bears the main responsibility for the effective and efficient implementation of the Funds and thus fulfils a substantial number of functions related to ***project and*** programme management and monitoring, financial

management and controls as well as project selection. Its responsibilities and functions should be set out.

management and controls as well as project selection. Its responsibilities and functions should be set out *in the Articles of the Regulation*.

Or. en

Amendment 330
Hermann Winkler

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 78

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(78) In order to take account of the specific organisation of the management and control systems for the ERDF, ESF and CF and the need to ensure a proportionate approach, specific provisions are required for the accreditation and withdrawal of accreditation of the managing authority and the certifying authority.

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 331
Cornelia Ernst, Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 78

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(78) In order to take account of the specific organisation of the management and control systems for the ERDF, ESF and CF and the need to ensure a proportionate approach, specific provisions are required for the accreditation and withdrawal of accreditation of the managing authority and the certifying authority.

deleted

Amendment 332**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 78***Text proposed by the Commission*

(78) In order to take account of the specific organisation of the management and control systems for the ERDF, ESF and CF and the need to ensure a proportionate approach, specific provisions are required for the **accreditation** and **withdrawal of accreditation** of the managing authority and the certifying authority.

Amendment

(78) In order to take account of the specific organisation of the management and control systems for the ERDF, ESF and CF and the need to ensure a proportionate approach, specific provisions are required for the **procedures** and **operations** of the managing authority and the certifying authority.

Or. es

Amendment 333**Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 80***Text proposed by the Commission*

(80) In addition to common rules on financial management, additional provisions are necessary for the ERDF, ESF and CF. In particular, with a view to ensuring reasonable assurance for the Commission **prior to the annual clearance of accounts**, applications for interim payments should be reimbursed at a rate of 90 % of the amount resulting from applying the co-financing rate for each priority axis as laid down in the decision adopting the operational programme to the eligible expenditure for the priority axis. The outstanding amounts due should be paid to the Member States **upon annual**

Amendment

(80) In addition to common rules on financial management, additional provisions are necessary for the ERDF, ESF and CF. In particular, with a view to ensuring reasonable assurance for the Commission, applications for interim payments should be reimbursed at a rate of 90 % of the amount resulting from applying the co-financing rate for each priority axis as laid down in the decision adopting the operational programme to the eligible expenditure for the priority axis. The outstanding amounts due should be paid to the Member States **at the end of year**, provided that reasonable assurance

clearance of accounts, provided that reasonable assurance has been attained in regard to the eligibility of expenditure *for the year covered by the clearance procedure*.

has been attained in regard to the eligibility of expenditure.

Or. es

Justification

The closing of annual accounts, according to the EEC, is intended to alleviate some of the work of the end of period and to reduce the duration of the retention of accounting documents. In practice, the simplification proposed by the Commission makes the work more difficult, due to the complexity involved in implementing it during a programming period in which the improvements should be focused, alternatively, on the evaluation of results.

Amendment 334

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 81

Text proposed by the Commission

(81) To ensure that beneficiaries receive the support as soon as possible and to reinforce the assurance for the Commission it is appropriate to require that payment applications include only expenditure for which the support has been paid to beneficiaries. Pre-financing *each year* should be foreseen to ensure that Member State have sufficient means to operate under such arrangements. Such pre-financing should be cleared *each year* with the *clearance of accounts*.

Amendment

(81) To ensure that beneficiaries receive the support as soon as possible and to reinforce the assurance for the Commission it is appropriate to require that payment applications include only expenditure for which the support has been paid to beneficiaries. Pre-financing should be foreseen to ensure that Member State have sufficient means to operate under such arrangements. Such pre-financing should be cleared *in accordance* with the *procedures established*.

Or. es

Amendment 335

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 83

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(83) It is necessary to specify the detailed procedure for the annual clearance of accounts applicable to the Funds to ensure a clear basis and legal certainty for these arrangements. It is important to envisage a limited possibility for the Member State to define a provision in its annual accounts for an amount, which is subject to an ongoing procedure with the audit authority. *deleted*

Or. es

Amendment 336
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 84

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(84) The process of annual clearance of accounts should be accompanied by an annual closure of completed operations (for the ERDF and the CF) or expenditure (for the ESF). In order to reduce the costs associated with the final closure of operational programmes, to reduce the administrative burden for beneficiaries and to provide legal certainty, annual closure should be obligatory thereby limiting the period during which the supporting documents need to be maintained and during which operations can be audited and financial corrections imposed. *deleted*

Or. es

Amendment 337
Younous Omarjee, Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 84

Text proposed by the Commission

(84) The process of annual clearance of accounts should be accompanied by an annual closure of completed operations (for the ERDF and the CF) or expenditure (for the ESF). In order to reduce the costs associated with the final closure of operational programmes, to reduce the administrative burden for beneficiaries and to provide legal certainty, annual closure **should be obligatory** thereby limiting the period during which the supporting documents need to be maintained and during which operations can be audited and financial corrections imposed.

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(84) The process of annual clearance of accounts should be accompanied by an annual closure of completed operations (for the ERDF and the CF) or expenditure (for the ESF). In order to reduce the costs associated with the final closure of operational programmes, to reduce the administrative burden for beneficiaries and to provide legal certainty, **Member States may opt for the** annual closure thereby limiting the period during which the supporting documents need to be maintained and during which operations can be audited and financial corrections imposed.

Or. fr

Amendment 338
Markus Pieper, Manfred Weber, Joachim Zeller

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 86 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(86a) In the case of Member States experiencing or threatened by a difficult financial situation and already receiving support measures from the Union in the form of financial assistance, the Commission should be able to make available to the Member States corrected and/or recovered resources and/or interest earnings or other amounts recovered by the central funds management system, in accordance with Article 53a of the Financial Regulation, in a separate

programme focussing on investments for growth, in particular grants for economy-related infrastructure works.

Or. de

Amendment 339

Markus Pieper, Manfred Weber, Joachim Zeller

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 86 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(86b) In order to avoid exacerbating the financial situation of Member States already experiencing or threatened by a difficult financial situation, the Commission should, at the request of these Member States and under their management, be able to make available to these Member States recovered or suspended resources without delay and within the framework of a separate programme supporting specific growth stimulation measures (including grants for economy-related infrastructure works).

Or. de

Amendment 340

Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 87

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(87) The frequency of audits on operations should be proportionate to the extent of the Union's support from the Funds. In particular, *the number of audits s carried out* should be *reduced* where the total

(87) The frequency of audits on operations should be proportionate to the extent of the Union's support from the Funds. In particular, *only one audit* should be *carried out* where the total eligible

eligible expenditure for an operation does not exceed EUR **100** 000. Nevertheless, it should be possible to carry out audits at any time where there is evidence of an irregularity or fraud, or, following closure of a completed operation, as part of an audit sample. ***In order that the level of auditing by the Commission is proportionate to the risk, the Commission should be able to*** reduce its audit work in relation to operational programmes where there are no significant deficiencies or where the audit authority can be relied on.

expenditure for an operation does not exceed EUR **250** 000. Nevertheless, it should be possible to carry out audits at any time where there is evidence of an irregularity or fraud, or, following closure of a completed operation, as part of an audit sample. ***The*** Commission should reduce its audit work in relation to operational programmes where there are no significant deficiencies or where the audit authority can be relied on.

Or. en

Amendment 341
Markus Pieper, Joachim Zeller, Herbert Reul

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 87

Text proposed by the Commission

(87) The frequency of project audits should be proportionate to the support provided by the EU from the Funds. The number of audits should be limited particularly in cases where the total eligible costs of the project do not exceed EUR 100 000. The option of auditing a project within the framework of sample audit should always be available if there is any suggestion of irregularity or fraud, or after a project has been completed. To ensure the extent of the audits performed by the Commission is proportionate to the risk, the Commission should reduce its audit work relating to operational programmes if there are no significant deficiencies or if the audit authority ***is*** reliable.

Amendment

(87) The frequency of project audits should be proportionate to the support provided by the EU from the Funds. The number of audits should be limited particularly in cases where the total eligible costs of the project do not exceed EUR 100 000. ***The Commission should have an audit obligation for projects exceeding EUR 25 million.*** The option of auditing a project within the framework of sample audit should always be available if there is any suggestion of irregularity, ***relocation*** or fraud, or after a project has been completed. To ensure the extent of the audits performed by the Commission is proportionate to the risk, the Commission should reduce its audit work relating to operational programmes if there are no significant deficiencies or if the audit authority ***has shown itself to be reliable in previous funding periods.***

Amendment 342

Francesco De Angelis, Salvatore Caronna, Andrea Cozzolino, Patrizia Toia, Vincenzo Iovine, Guido Milana, Mario Pirillo

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 87

Text proposed by the Commission

(87) The frequency of audits on operations should be proportionate to the extent of the Union's support from the Funds. In particular, *the number of audits* carried out *should be reduced where* the total eligible expenditure for an operation does not exceed EUR **100** 000. Nevertheless, it should be possible to carry out audits at any time where there is evidence of an irregularity or fraud, or, following closure of a completed operation, as part of an audit sample. In order that the level of auditing by the Commission is proportionate to the risk, the Commission should be able to reduce its audit work in relation to operational programmes where there are no significant deficiencies or where the audit authority can be relied on.

Amendment

(87) The frequency of audits on operations should be proportionate to the extent of the Union's support from the Funds. In particular, *only one audit shall be* carried out *whenever* the total eligible expenditure for an operation does not exceed EUR **200** 000. Nevertheless, it should be possible to carry out audits at any time where there is evidence of an irregularity or fraud, or, following closure of a completed operation, as part of an audit sample. In order that the level of auditing by the Commission is proportionate to the risk, the Commission should be able to reduce its audit work in relation to operational programmes where there are no significant deficiencies or where the audit authority can be relied on.

Or. en

Justification

In order to ensure real proportionality in the monitoring of operational programmes, it is proposed that the eligible expenditure that does not exceed EUR 200 000 should be subject to no more than one audit.

Amendment 343

Jan Olbrycht, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 87

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 344

Younous Omarjee, Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 87

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(87) The frequency of audits on operations should be proportionate to the extent of the Union's support from the Funds. In particular, the number of audits carried out should, ***as far as possible***, be reduced ***to just one*** where the total eligible expenditure for an operation does not exceed EUR 100 000. Nevertheless, it should be possible to carry out audits at any time where there is evidence of an irregularity or fraud, or, following closure of a completed operation, as part of an audit sample. In order that the level of auditing by the Commission is

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Or. fr

Amendment 345
Cornelia Ernst, Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 88

Text proposed by the Commission

(88) In order to supplement and amend certain non-essential elements of this Regulation, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of a code of conduct on the objectives and criteria to support the implementation of partnership, ***the adoption of a Common Strategic Framework, additional rules on the allocation of the performance reserve, the definition of the area and population covered by the local development strategies***, detailed rules on financial instruments (***ex ante assessment***, combination of support, eligibility, types of activities not supported), the rules on certain types of financial instruments set up at national, regional, transnational or cross-border level, rules concerning funding agreements, transfer and management of assets, the arrangements for management and control, the rules on payment requests, and establishment of a system of capitalisation of annual instalments, the definition of the flat rate for revenue generating operations, the definition of the flat rate applied to indirect costs for grants based on existing methods and corresponding rates applicable in Union

Amendment

(88) In order to supplement and amend certain non-essential elements of this Regulation, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of a code of conduct on the objectives and criteria to support the implementation of partnership, detailed rules on financial instruments (combination of support, eligibility, types of activities not supported), the rules on certain types of financial instruments set up at national, regional, transnational or cross-border level, rules concerning funding agreements, transfer and management of assets, the arrangements for management and control, the rules on payment requests, and establishment of a system of capitalisation of annual instalments, the definition of the flat rate for revenue generating operations, the definition of the flat rate applied to indirect costs for grants based on existing methods and corresponding rates applicable in Union policies, the responsibilities of Member States concerning the procedure for reporting irregularities and recovery of sums unduly paid, the modalities of exchange of information of operations, the arrangements for the adequate audit trail,

policies, the responsibilities of Member States concerning the procedure for reporting irregularities and recovery of sums unduly paid, the modalities of exchange of information of operations, the arrangements for the adequate audit trail, the conditions of national audits, the accreditation criteria for managing authorities and certifying authorities, the identification of commonly accepted data carriers, and the criteria for establishing the level of financial correction to be applied. The Commission should also be empowered to amend Annex V in order to address future adaptation needs. It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level.

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Or. en

Amendment 346
Hermann Winkler

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 88

Text proposed by the Commission

(88) In order to supplement and amend certain non-essential elements of this Regulation, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of a code of conduct on the objectives and criteria to support the implementation of partnership, the adoption of a Common Strategic Framework, ***additional rules on the allocation of the performance reserve***, the definition of the area and population covered by the local development strategies, detailed rules on financial instruments (ex ante assessment, combination of support, eligibility, types of

Amendment

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activities not supported), the rules on certain types of financial instruments set up at national, regional, transnational or crossborder level, rules concerning funding agreements, transfer and management of assets, the arrangements for management and control, the rules on payment requests, and establishment of a system of capitalisation of annual instalments, the definition of the flat rate for revenue generating operations, the definition of the flat rate applied to indirect costs for grants based on existing methods and corresponding rates applicable in Union policies, the responsibilities of Member States concerning the procedure for reporting irregularities and recovery of sums unduly paid, the modalities of exchange of information of operations, the arrangements for the adequate audit trail, the conditions of national audits, *the accreditation criteria for managing authorities and certifying authorities*, the identification of commonly accepted data carriers, and the criteria for establishing the level of financial correction to be applied. The Commission should also be empowered to amend Annex V in order to address future adaptation needs. It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level.

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Or. de

Justification

Adjustments to the amendments to Article 20 and Article 64

Amendment 347

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 88

(88) In order to supplement and amend certain non-essential elements of this Regulation, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of ***a code of conduct on the objectives and criteria to support the implementation of partnership, the adoption of a Common Strategic Framework, additional rules on the allocation of the performance reserve, the definition of the area and population covered by the local development strategies***, detailed rules on financial instruments (*ex ante* assessment, combination of support, eligibility, types of activities not supported), the rules on certain types of financial instruments set up at national, regional, transnational or cross-border level, rules concerning funding agreements, transfer and management of assets, the arrangements for management and control, the rules on payment requests, and establishment of a system of capitalisation of annual instalments, the definition of the flat rate for revenue generating operations, the definition of the flat rate applied to indirect costs for grants based on existing methods and corresponding rates applicable in Union policies, the responsibilities of Member States concerning the procedure for reporting irregularities and recovery of sums unduly paid, the modalities of exchange of information of operations, the arrangements for the adequate audit trail, the conditions of national audits, the accreditation criteria for managing authorities and certifying authorities, the identification of commonly accepted data carriers, and the criteria for establishing the level of financial correction to be applied. The Commission should also be empowered to amend Annex V in order to address future adaptation needs. It is of

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Or. es

Amendment 348
Tamás Deutsch

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 88

Text proposed by the Commission

(88) In order to supplement and amend certain non-essential elements of this Regulation, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of a code of conduct on the objectives and criteria to support the implementation of partnership, the ***adoption of a Common Strategic Framework, additional rules on the allocation of the performance reserve***, the definition of the area and population covered by the local development strategies, detailed rules on financial instruments (ex ante assessment, combination of support, eligibility, types of activities not supported), the rules on certain types of financial instruments set up at national, regional, transnational or cross-border level, rules concerning funding agreements, transfer and management of assets, the arrangements for management and control, the rules on payment requests, and establishment of a system of capitalisation of annual instalments, the definition of the flat rate for revenue generating operations, the definition of the flat rate applied to indirect costs for grants based on existing methods and corresponding rates applicable in Union policies, the responsibilities of Member

Amendment

(88) In order to supplement and amend certain non-essential elements of this Regulation, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of a code of conduct ***containing recommendations and best practices*** on the objectives and criteria to support the implementation of partnership, the ***methodology used to provide information on the support for climate change objectives***, the ***minimum criteria for the*** definition of the area and population covered by the local development strategies, detailed rules on financial instruments (ex ante assessment, combination of support, eligibility, types of activities not supported), the rules on certain types of financial instruments set up at national, regional, transnational or cross-border level, rules concerning ***the minimum provisions to be included in funding agreements and strategy documents***, transfer and management of assets, the arrangements for management and control, the rules on payment requests, and establishment of a system of capitalisation of annual instalments, the definition of the flat rate for revenue generating operations, the definition of the flat rate applied to indirect costs for grants

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Or. en

Amendment 349

Markus Pieper, Joachim Zeller

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 90

Text proposed by the Commission

(90) The Commission should be empowered to adopt, by means of implementing acts, as regards all CSF Funds, decisions approving the Partnership Contracts, decisions on the allocation of the performance reserve, decisions suspending payments linked to Member States' economic policies, and, in the case of decommitment, decisions to amend decisions adopting programmes; and as regards the Funds, decisions identifying the regions and Member States fulfilling the Investment for growth and jobs criteria,

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decisions setting out the annual breakdown of commitment appropriations to the Member States, decisions setting out the amount to be transferred from each Member State's CF allocation to the Connecting Europe Facility, decisions setting out the amount to be transferred from each Member State's Structural Funds allocation for food for deprived people, decisions adopting and amending operational programmes, decisions on major projects, decisions on joint action plans, decisions suspending payments and decisions on financial corrections.

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Or. de

Amendment 350
Erminia Mazzoni, Giommara Uggias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 90

Text proposed by the Commission

(90) *The* Commission should be empowered to adopt, by means of implementing acts, *as regards all CSF Funds*, decisions approving the Partnership Contracts, *decisions on the allocation of the performance reserve, decisions suspending payments linked to Member States' economic policies*, and, in the case of decommitment, decisions to amend decisions adopting programmes; and as regards the Funds, decisions identifying the regions and Member States fulfilling the Investment for growth and jobs criteria, decisions setting out the annual breakdown of commitment appropriations to the Member States, decisions setting out the amount to be transferred from each Member State's CF allocation to the Connecting Europe Facility, decisions

Amendment

(90) *With regard to all of the Funds covered by the CPR, the* Commission should be empowered to adopt, by means of implementing acts, decisions approving the Partnership Contracts, and, in the case of decommitment, decisions to amend decisions adopting programmes; and as regards the Funds, decisions identifying the regions and Member States fulfilling the Investment for growth and jobs criteria, decisions setting out the annual breakdown of commitment appropriations to the Member States, decisions setting out the amount to be transferred from each Member State's CF allocation to the Connecting Europe Facility, decisions setting out the amount to be transferred from each Member State's Structural Funds allocation for food for deprived people,

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Or. en

Amendment 351

Jan Olbrycht, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 90

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 352

Cornelia Ernst, Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 90

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 353

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 90

Text proposed by the Commission

(90) The Commission should be empowered to adopt, by means of implementing acts, as regards all CSF Funds, decisions approving the Partnership Contracts, decisions *on the allocation of the performance reserve, decisions suspending payments linked to Member States' economic policies, and, in the case of decommitment, decisions* to amend decisions adopting programmes; and as regards the Funds, decisions identifying the regions and Member States fulfilling the Investment for growth and jobs criteria, decisions setting out the annual breakdown of commitment appropriations to the Member States, decisions setting out the amount to be transferred from each Member State's CF allocation to the Connecting Europe Facility, decisions setting out the amount to be transferred from each Member State's **Structural Funds** allocation for food for deprived people, decisions adopting and amending operational programmes, decisions on major projects, decisions on joint action plans, decisions suspending payments and decisions on financial corrections.

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Or. es

Amendment 354
María Irigoyen Pérez, Teresa Riera Madurell

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 93

Text proposed by the Commission

(93) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely to reduce disparities between levels

Amendment

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of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions or islands, particular rural areas, areas affected by industrial transition, and regions which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps, cannot be sufficiently achieved by Member States but can be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective,

of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions or islands, particular rural areas, areas affected by industrial transition, and regions which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps, *such as the northernmost regions with low population density as well as island, border and mountain regions, and the outermost regions, disadvantaged urban areas and remote border cities*, cannot be sufficiently achieved by Member States but can be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective,

Or. es

Justification

Both the regions included in Article 174 as well as disadvantaged urban area, rural areas in decline and remote border cities should be taken into consideration.

Amendment 355

Younous Omarjee, Cornelia Ernst, Patrice Tirolien, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Maurice Ponga

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 93

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

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regions which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps, cannot be sufficiently achieved by Member States but can be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective,

outermost regions and regions which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps, cannot be sufficiently achieved by Member States but can be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective,

Or. fr

Amendment 356
Monika Smolková, Anna Záborská

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 93 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(93a) Pursuant to the Declaration of the European Council from 30 January 2012, the European Union and the Member States must modernise their economies and improve their competitiveness to secure sustainable growth. The European Union and the Member States must adopt a consistent and comprehensive approach which combines smart fiscal consolidation that preserves investments with structural measures for future growth and jobs. While upholding the principle of subsidiarity, future growth and jobs necessitate the implementation of new, innovative methods of cooperation on transnational and macro-regional levels. The macro-regional development funds that represent the innovative part of the Common Strategic Framework play a major role in meeting these objectives. The macro-regional partnership of the Member States for the realisation of

common large projects, financed by the macro-regional development funds, is the synergic embodiment of the new goals of the Union and of the interests of the Member States.

Or. sk

Justification

At present, the majority of the Union agrees about the breakdown of the current arrangement of the structural funds and the Cohesion Fund of the European Union because of the changed economic conditions and because of the problematic implementation of measures to alleviate the effects of the crisis (inefficient use of the public resources of the European Union, disagreement with the new objectives of the Union, corruption, violation of the rules, and superficial compliance). This implies that measures to prevent ineffective and bad-faith use of CSF Funds must be adopted. The CSF Funds cannot become the instrument that deepens the financial and economic crisis. To the contrary, they must become the instrument of growth and jobs. This line is corroborated by the press statement on the eurozone regarding Greece issued at an informal dinner of the European Council on 23 May 2012, stating that 'We shall secure the mobilisation of European structural funds and instruments in order to put Greece on the path of growth and jobs.' The inevitability of corrective measures is evidenced by the current developments and by the cessation of payments for several operational programmes in various Member States. The consequent amendments of financial policies implemented for the fiscal period of 2007–2013 can have a dramatic and negative effect on the budgets of several Member States and so on fiscal consolidation. The Greek situation can thus be repeated in other Member States in the fiscal period of 2014–2020. The macro-regional strategies and thus defined macro-regions (approved European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, approved European Union Strategy for the Danube Region, and the future European Union Strategy for the Atlantic Region) offer a platform for the implementation of the above measures. The transnational macro-regional strategies can eliminate the failure risks of an individual Member State. Moreover, these measures must make provision for a comprehensive approach which combines smart fiscal consolidation that preserves investments with structural measures for future growth and jobs. The political leaders of the Member States are also publicly voicing the necessity to adopt these measures.

Amendment 357

Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation

Part 1 – article 1 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The rules in this regulation should reflect

the priorities and principles of the SBA for Europe and allow his implementation applied at European, national and territorial level.

Or. en

Amendment 358
Younous Omarjee, Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation
Part 1 – article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1)'Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth' means the **targets and shared** objectives guiding the action of Member States and the Union set out in the Communication of the Commission: Europe 2020: A strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, and contained in the Conclusions adopted by the European Council of 17 June 2010 as Annex I (New European Strategy for Jobs and Growth, EU Headline Targets), Council Recommendation of 13 July 2010 on broad guidelines for the economic policies of the Member States and the Union¹ and Council Decision of 21 October 2010 on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States², and any revision of such **targets and shared** objectives.

Amendment

(1) 'Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth' means the objectives guiding the action of Member States and the Union set out in the Communication of the Commission: Europe 2020: A strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, and contained in the Conclusions adopted by the European Council of 17 June 2010 as Annex I (New European Strategy for Jobs and Growth, EU Headline Targets), Council Recommendation of 13 July 2010 on broad guidelines for the economic policies of the Member States and the Union¹ and Council Decision of 21 October 2010 on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States², and any revision of such objectives.

Or. fr

Amendment 359
Younous Omarjee, Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation
Part 1 – article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) 'Common Strategic Framework' means the document **translating** the objectives and targets of the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth into key actions for the CSF Funds, establishing for each thematic objective the key actions to be supported by each CSF Fund and the mechanisms for ensuring the coherence and consistency of the programming of the CSF Funds with the economic **and** employment policies of the Member States and of the Union;

Amendment

(2) 'Common Strategic Framework' means the **framework** document **coordinating and allocating the investment priorities needed to achieve** the objectives and targets of the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth into key actions for the CSF Funds, establishing for each thematic objective the key actions to be supported by each CSF Fund and the mechanisms for ensuring the coherence and consistency of the programming of the CSF Funds with the **social**, economic, employment **and sustainable development** policies of the Member States and of the Union;

Or. fr

Amendment 360

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

Part 1 – article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) 'Common Strategic Framework' means the **document translating** the objectives and targets of the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth **into key actions for the CSF Funds, establishing for each thematic objective the key actions to be supported by each CSF Fund** and the mechanisms **for** ensuring **the** coherence and consistency of the programming **of** the CSF Funds with the economic and employment policies of the Member States and **of** the Union;

Amendment

(2) 'Common Strategic Framework' (**CSF**) means the **Annex to this Regulation containing a non-exhaustive menu of recommended actions supported by each CSF Fund for the funding period 2014-2020, which help Member States to achieve the** objectives and targets of the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and **particularly the thematic objectives laid down in Article 9 of this Regulation. The document also contains mechanisms that help** ensuring coherence and consistency of the programming **under** the CSF Funds with the economic and employment policies of

the Member States and the Union *with other relevant Union policies and instruments, and coordination among the CSF Funds. In recognition of the different needs of regions and in order to ensure the necessary flexibility for regional sustainable development, the selection of actions from the proposed non-exhaustive menu of recommended actions should be the responsibility of the Member States and regions.*

Or. en

Amendment 361

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

Part 1 – article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) ‘programming’ means the process of organisation, decision-making and allocation of financial resources in several stages intended to implement, on a multi-annual basis, the joint action by the Union and the Member States to achieve Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth;

Amendment

(4) ‘programming’ means the process of organisation, decision-making and allocation of financial resources in several stages, *with the involvement of partners and in line with the multi-level governance approach in accordance with Article 5*, intended to implement, on a multi-annual basis, the joint action by the Union and the Member States to achieve Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth;

Or. en

Amendment 362

László Surján

Proposal for a regulation

Part 1 – article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) ‘programming’ means the process of organisation, decision-making and allocation of financial resources in several stages intended to implement, on a multi-annual basis, the joint action by the Union and the Member States to achieve Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth;

Amendment

(4) ‘programming’ means the process of organisation, decision-making and allocation of financial resources in several stages intended to implement, on a multi-annual basis ***and through the multi-level governance approached involvement of the beneficiaries from the earliest stage possible***, the joint action by the Union and the Member States to achieve Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth;

Or. en

Amendment 363

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation

Part 1 – article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) ‘programming’ means the process of organisation, decision-making and allocation of financial resources in several stages intended to implement, on a multi-annual basis, the joint action by the Union and the Member States to achieve Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth;

Amendment

(4) ‘programming’ means the process of organisation, decision-making and allocation of financial resources in several stages intended to implement, on a multi-annual basis, the joint action by the Union and the Member States to achieve ***the main objectives*** Union ***through a*** strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth;

Or. es

Amendment 364

Markus Pieper, Joachim Zeller

Proposal for a regulation

Part 1 – article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) 'beneficiary' means a public or private body responsible for initiating or initiating and implementing operations; in the context of State aid, the term 'beneficiary' means the body which receives the aid; in the context of financial instruments, the term 'beneficiary' means the body that implements the financial instrument;

Amendment

(8) 'beneficiary' means a public or private body responsible for initiating or initiating and implementing operations; in the context of State aid, the term 'beneficiary' means the body which receives the aid; in the context of financial instruments, the term 'beneficiary' means the body that implements the financial instrument;

Or. de

Amendment 365

Younous Omarjee, Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation

Part 1 – article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) 'local development strategy' means a coherent set of operations to meet local objectives and needs, which contributes to meeting the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and which is implemented in partnership at the appropriate level;

Amendment

16) 'local development strategy' means a coherent set of operations to meet local objectives and needs, which contributes, **at least in part**, to meeting the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and which is implemented in partnership at the appropriate level;

Or. fr

Amendment 366

Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation

Part 1 – article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) 'local development strategy' means a coherent set of operations to meet local objectives and needs, which contributes to meeting the Union strategy for smart,

Amendment

(16) 'local development strategy' means a coherent set of operations to meet local objectives and needs, which contributes to meeting the Union strategy for smart,

sustainable and inclusive growth and which is implemented in partnership at the appropriate level;

sustainable and inclusive growth and which is implemented *by a local authority* in partnership at the appropriate level;

Or. en

Amendment 367
Fiorello Provera

Proposal for a regulation
Part 1 – article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) ‘local development strategy’ means a coherent set of operations to meet local objectives and needs, which contributes to meeting the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and which is implemented in partnership at the appropriate level;

Amendment

(16) ‘local development strategy’ means a coherent set of operations to meet local objectives and needs, which contributes to meeting the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and which is implemented *by a local authority* in partnership at the appropriate level;

Or. fr

Amendment 368
Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation
Part 1 – article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) ‘local development strategy’ means a coherent set of operations to meet local objectives and needs, which contributes to meeting the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and which is implemented in partnership at *the appropriate level*;

Amendment

(16) ‘local development strategy’ means a coherent set of operations to meet local objectives and needs *and aims at an integrated sustainable development at local level*, which contributes to meeting the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and which is implemented in partnership at *specific sub-regional territorial levels*;

Or. en

Amendment 369
Boguslaw Sonik

Proposal for a regulation
Part 1 – article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) ‘local development strategy’ means a coherent set of operations to meet local objectives and needs, which contributes to meeting the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and which is implemented in partnership at the appropriate level;

Amendment

(16) ‘local development strategy’ means a coherent set of operations to meet local objectives and needs, which contributes to meeting the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and which is implemented **by a local authority** in partnership at the appropriate level;

Or. en

Amendment 370
Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă

Proposal for a regulation
Part 1 – article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) ‘local development strategy’ means a coherent set of operations to meet local objectives and needs, which contributes to meeting the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and which is implemented in partnership at the appropriate level;

Amendment

(16) ‘local development strategy’ means a coherent set of operations to meet local objectives and needs, which contributes to meeting the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and which is implemented **by a local authority** in partnership at the appropriate level;

Or. en

Justification

The local authorities are the principal actor in the implementation of Union regional development strategy.

Amendment 371

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation

Part 1 – article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) ‘local development strategy’ means a coherent set of operations to meet local objectives and needs, which contributes to meeting the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and which is implemented in partnership at the appropriate level;

Amendment

(16) ‘local development strategy’ means a coherent set of operations to meet local objectives and needs, which contributes to meeting the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and, **where applicable**, which is implemented in partnership at the appropriate level;

Or. es

Amendment 372

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation

Part 1 – article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) ‘rolling closure’ means closure of operations **as a result of the annual clearance of account exercise and** before the general closure of the programme;

Amendment

(17) ‘rolling closure’ means closure of operations before the general closure of the programme;

Or. es

Amendment 373

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

Part 1 – article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) ‘Partnership Contract’ means the document prepared by the Member State

Amendment

(18) ‘Partnership Contract’ means the document prepared by the Member State

with the involvement of partners in line with the multi-level governance approach, which sets out the Member State's strategy, priorities and arrangements for using the CSF Funds in an effective and efficient way to pursue the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, and which is approved by the Commission following assessment and dialogue with the Member State;

with the involvement of partners in line with the multi-level governance approach ***as laid down in Article 5 of this Regulation***, which sets out the Member State's strategy, priorities and arrangements for using the CSF Funds in an effective and efficient way to pursue the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth ***while recognizing the different needs of the regions, and guarantees the necessary flexibility for the sustainable regional development, and*** which is approved by the Commission following assessment and dialogue with the Member State;

Or. en

Amendment 374

Markus Pieper, Oldřich Vlasák, Joachim Zeller, Tamás Deutsch, Michael Theurer

Proposal for a regulation

Part 1 – article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) 'category of regions' means the categorisation of regions as 'less developed regions', '***transition regions***' or 'more developed regions' according to Article 82(2);

Amendment

(19) 'category of regions' means the categorisation of regions as 'less developed regions' or 'more developed regions' according to Article 82(2);

Or. de

Amendment 375

Monika Smolková, Anna Záborská

Proposal for a regulation

Part 1 – article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 24 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(24a) 'macro-region' means a territorial structure of the regions of a group of Member States as defined by an approved

macro-regional strategy; it is the area of a programme for a macro-regional development fund;

Or. sk

Justification

A definition of the new term is necessary.

Amendment 376

Monika Smolková, Anna Záborská

Proposal for a regulation

Part 1 – article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 24 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(24b) 'macro-regional development fund' means a transnational financial fund established by agreement of a group of Member States forming a macro-region and financed from the CSF funds and other sources; it represents an innovative part of the Common Strategic Framework.

Or. sk

Justification

A definition of the new term is necessary.

Amendment 377

Cornelia Ernst, Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation

Part 2 – article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The CSF Funds shall provide support, through multi-annual programmes, which

1. The CSF Funds shall provide support, through multi-annual programmes, which

complements national, regional and local intervention, to deliver the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, taking account of the Integrated Guidelines, *the country-specific recommendations under Article 121(2) of the Treaty* and the *relevant Council recommendations adopted under 148(4) of the Treaty*.

complements national, regional and local intervention, to *achieve economic, social and territorial cohesion and to* deliver the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, taking account of the Integrated Guidelines and the *National Reform Programmes*.

Or. en

Amendment 378

Monika Smolková, Anna Záborská

Proposal for a regulation

Part 2 – article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The CSF Funds shall provide support, through multi-annual programmes, which complement national, regional and local intervention, to deliver the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, taking account of the Integrated Guidelines, the country-specific recommendations under Article 121(2) of the Treaty and the relevant Council recommendations adopted under 148(4) of the Treaty.

Amendment

1. The CSF Funds shall provide support, through multi-annual programmes *and macro-regional development fund programmes*, which complement national, regional and local intervention, to deliver the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, taking account of the Integrated Guidelines, the country-specific recommendations under Article 121(2) of the Treaty and the relevant Council recommendations adopted under 148(4) of the Treaty.

Or. sk

Justification

Supplementing the innovative part of the Common Strategic Framework.

Amendment 379

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Besset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The CSF Funds shall provide support, through multi-annual programmes, which complements national, regional and local intervention, to deliver the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, taking account of the Integrated Guidelines, the country-specific recommendations under Article 121(2) of the Treaty and the relevant Council recommendations adopted under 148(4) of the Treaty.

Amendment

1. The CSF Funds shall provide support, through multi-annual programmes, which complements national, regional and local intervention, to deliver the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth **as well as to fulfil the specific missions of the Funds pursuant to their Treaty-based objectives**, taking account of the **relevant** Integrated Guidelines, the **relevant** country-specific recommendations under Article 121(2) of the Treaty and the relevant Council recommendations adopted under 148(4) of the Treaty.

Or. en

Amendment 380
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The CSF Funds shall provide support, through multi-annual programmes, which complements national, regional and local intervention, to **deliver** the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, taking account of the Integrated Guidelines, the country-specific recommendations under Article 121(2) of the Treaty and the relevant Council recommendations adopted under 148(4) of the Treaty.

Amendment

1. The CSF Funds shall provide support, through multi-annual programmes, which complements national, regional and local intervention, to **advance the objectives defined in** the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, taking account of the Integrated Guidelines, the country-specific recommendations under Article 121(2) of the Treaty and the relevant Council recommendations adopted under 148(4) of the Treaty.

Or. es

Amendment 381

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

Part 2 – article 4 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission and the Member States shall ensure that support from the CSF Funds is consistent with the policies and priorities of the Union and complementary to other instruments of the Union.

Amendment

2. The Commission and the Member States shall ensure that support from the CSF Funds is consistent with the **relevant** policies **including the horizontal targets** and priorities of the Union and complementary to other instruments of the Union.

Or. en

Amendment 382

Hermann Winkler

Proposal for a regulation

Part 2 – article 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Member States and the **bodies designated by them for that purpose** shall be responsible for implementing programmes and carrying out their tasks under this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules at the appropriate territorial level, in accordance with the institutional, legal and financial framework of the Member State and subject to compliance with this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules.

Amendment

4. Member States and the **appropriate territorial levels according to the constitutional framework** shall be responsible for implementing programmes and carrying out their tasks under this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules at the appropriate territorial level, in accordance with the institutional, legal and financial framework of the Member State and subject to compliance with this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules.

Or. de

Amendment 383

Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4 Member States and the bodies designated by them for that purpose shall be responsible for implementing programmes and carrying out their tasks under this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules at the appropriate territorial level, in accordance with the institutional, legal and financial framework of the Member State and subject to compliance with this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules.

Amendment

4 Member States and the bodies designated by them for that purpose shall be responsible for implementing programmes ***in partnership with economic and social partners and*** carrying out their tasks under this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules at the appropriate territorial level, in accordance with the institutional, legal and financial framework of the Member State and subject to compliance with this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules.

Or. en

Amendment 384
Younous Omarjee, Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Member States and the bodies designated by them for that purpose shall be responsible for implementing programmes and carrying out their tasks under this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules at the appropriate territorial level, in accordance with the institutional, legal and financial framework of the Member State and subject to compliance with this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules.

Amendment

4. Member States, ***at the appropriate territorial level, in accordance with the institutional, legal and financial framework of the Member State,*** and the bodies designated by them for that purpose shall be responsible for ***preparing and*** implementing programmes and carrying out their tasks under this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules at the appropriate territorial level, in accordance with the institutional, legal and financial framework of the Member State and subject to compliance with this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules.

Or. fr

Amendment 385

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

Part 2 – article 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4 Member States and the bodies designated by them for that purpose shall be responsible for implementing programmes and carrying out their tasks under this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules at the appropriate territorial level, in accordance with the institutional, legal and financial framework of the Member State and subject to compliance with this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules.

Amendment

4. Member States and the bodies designated by them for that purpose shall be responsible for ***preparing and*** implementing programmes and carrying out their tasks under this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules at the appropriate territorial level, in accordance with the institutional, legal and financial framework of the Member State and subject to compliance with this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules.

Or. en

Amendment 386

María Irigoyen Pérez

Proposal for a regulation

Part 2 – article 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Member States and the bodies designated by them for that purpose shall be responsible for implementing programmes and carrying out their tasks under this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules at the appropriate territorial level, in accordance with the institutional, legal and financial framework of the Member State and subject to compliance with this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules.

Amendment

4. Member States and the bodies designated by them for that purpose shall be responsible for ***preparing and*** implementing programmes and carrying out their tasks under this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules at the appropriate territorial level, in accordance with the institutional, legal and financial framework of the Member State and subject to compliance with this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules.

Or. es

Justification

The participation of the Member States and the organisations designated by them at the appropriate territorial level should be taken into consideration at all stages of the preparation and application of the Funds.

Amendment 387

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

Part 2 – article 4 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. Arrangements for the implementation and use of the CSF Funds, and in particular the financial and administrative resources required for the implementation of the CSF Funds, in relation to the reporting, evaluation, management and control shall take into account the principle of proportionality having regard to the level of support allocated.

Amendment

5. Arrangements for the implementation and use of the CSF Funds, and in particular the financial and administrative resources required for the implementation of the CSF Funds, in relation to the reporting, evaluation, management and control shall take into account the principle of proportionality having regard to the level of support allocated **and the size of the beneficiary.**

Or. en

Amendment 388

Richard Seeber

Proposal for a regulation

Part 2 – article 4 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. Arrangements for the implementation and use of the CSF Funds, and in particular the financial and administrative resources required for the implementation of the CSF Funds, in relation to the reporting, evaluation, management and control shall take into account the principle of proportionality having regard to the level

Amendment

5. Arrangements for the implementation and use of the CSF Funds, and in particular the financial and administrative resources required for the implementation of the CSF Funds, in relation to the reporting, evaluation, **programming**, management and control shall take into account the principle of proportionality having regard

of support allocated.

to the level of support allocated.

Or. en

Amendment 389

Richard Seeber

Proposal for a regulation

Part 2 – article 4 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. Arrangements for the implementation and use of the CSF Funds, and in particular the financial and administrative resources required for the implementation of the CSF Funds, in relation to the reporting, evaluation, management and control shall take into account the principle of proportionality having regard to the level of support allocated.

Amendment

5. Arrangements for the implementation and use of the CSF Funds, and in particular the financial and administrative resources required for the implementation of the CSF Funds, in relation to the reporting, evaluation, management and control shall take into account the principle of proportionality having regard to the level of support allocated ***and shall apply to all programmes with an EU contribution lower than 150 Mio €.***

Or. en

Amendment 390

Jutta Haug, Patrice Tirolien, Ramona Nicole Mănescu, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karin Kadenbach

Proposal for a regulation

Part 2 – article 4 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. In accordance with their respective responsibilities, the Commission and the Member States shall ensure coordination among the CSF Funds, and with other Union policies and instruments, including those in the framework of the Union's external action.

Amendment

6. In accordance with their respective responsibilities, the Commission and the Member States shall ensure coordination among the CSF Funds, and with other Union policies and instruments, including those in the framework of the Union's external action. ***Special attention shall be given and, where relevant, resources be allocated for areas in which other Union***

funds explicitly provide for an integrated approach, such as joint funding for integrated projects in the field of environment and climate.

Or. en

Justification

Mainstreaming of environment and climate into all EU funding is one of the major requests of the Parliament's MFF Resolution. 'Integrated Projects' under LIFE are a concrete mainstreaming tool. They have the potential to significantly contribute to an efficient use of funds. They aim to support, jointly with other EU funds, the implementation of major environmental legislation such as waste management plans or climate strategies — all with a major potential to create employment and growth.

Amendment 391

Oldřich Vlasák, Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Ryszard Czarnecki

Proposal for a regulation

Part 2 – article 4 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. The part of the Union budget allocated to the CSF Funds shall be implemented within the framework of shared management between the Member States and the Commission, in accordance with Article 53(b) of the Financial Regulation, with the exception of ***the amount of the CF transferred to the Connecting Europe Facility referred to in Article 84(4) and*** innovative actions at the initiative of the Commission under Article 9 of the ERDF Regulation, and technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.

Amendment

7. The part of the Union budget allocated to the CSF Funds shall be implemented within the framework of shared management between the Member States and the Commission, in accordance with Article 53(b) of the Financial Regulation, with the exception of innovative actions at the initiative of the Commission under Article 9 of the ERDF Regulation, and technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.

Or. en

Amendment 392

Jan Olbrycht, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 4 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. The part of the Union budget allocated to the CSF Funds shall be implemented within the framework of shared management between the Member States and the Commission, in accordance with Article 53(b) of the Financial Regulation, with the exception of ***the amount of the CF transferred to the Connecting Europe Facility referred to in Article 84(4) and*** innovative actions at the initiative of the Commission under Article 9 of the ERDF Regulation, and technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.

Amendment

7. The part of the Union budget allocated to the CSF Funds shall be implemented within the framework of shared management between the Member States and the Commission, in accordance with Article 53(b) of the Financial Regulation, with the exception of innovative actions at the initiative of the Commission under Article 9 of the ERDF Regulation, and technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.

Or. en

Amendment 393
Markus Pieper, Joachim Zeller

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 4 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. The part of the Union budget allocated to the CSF Funds shall be implemented within the framework of shared management between the Member States and the Commission, in accordance with Article 53(b) of the Financial Regulation, with the exception of the amount of the CF transferred to the Connecting Europe Facility referred to in Article 84(4) and innovative actions at the initiative of the Commission under Article 9 of the ERDF Regulation, and technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.

Amendment

7. The part of the Union budget allocated to the CSF Funds shall be implemented within the framework of shared management between the Member States and the Commission, in accordance with Article 53(b) of the Financial Regulation, with the exception of the amount of the CF transferred to the Connecting Europe Facility referred to in Article 84(4) and innovative actions at the initiative of the Commission under Article 9 of the ERDF Regulation, and technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission ***and the support programmes for Member States in financial difficulties referred to in Article 22(2a).***

Amendment 394

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

Part 2 – article 4 – paragraph 9

Text proposed by the Commission

9. The Commission and the Member States shall ensure the effectiveness of the CSF Funds, in particular through monitoring, reporting and evaluation.

Amendment

9. The Commission and the Member States shall ensure the effectiveness of the CSF Funds, in particular through monitoring, reporting and evaluation, ***informing the potential beneficiaries about funding opportunities and making publicly known the role and the achievements of cohesion policy.***

Or. en

Amendment 395

Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation

Part 2 – article 4 – paragraph 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1) The rules set out in the Regulation should reflect the priorities and principles of the SBA for Europe and it can be applied both at European, national and regional level;

Or. en

Amendment 396

Hermann Winkler

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. For the Partnership Contract and each programme **respectively**, a Member State shall organise a partnership with the following partners:

1. For the Partnership Contract and each programme, a Member State shall organise a partnership with **the relevant regional authorities and** the following partners **in accordance with Article 4(4)**:

Or. de

Amendment 397

Salvatore Caronna, Andrea Cozzolino, Francesco De Angelis, Patrizia Toia, Mario Pirillo, Vincenzo Iovine, Leonardo Domenici, Giancarlo Scottà, Guido Milana

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, **a Member State shall organise** a partnership with the following partners:

1. For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, **the Member States and local and regional authorities shall organise** a partnership with the following partners:

Or. it

Justification

The regional and local authorities must take part in the partnership on an equal foot with the Member States.

Amendment 398
Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. For the Partnership Contract and each

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programme respectively, a Member State shall organise a partnership with the following partners:

programme respectively, a Member State **and the elected regional and local authorities, in accordance with Article 4(4)**, shall organise a partnership with the following partners:

Or. fr

Amendment 399
Kerstin Westphal

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, a Member State shall organise a partnership with the following partners:

Amendment

1. For the Partnership Contract and each programme, a Member State shall organise a partnership **by concluding a partnership agreement with the competent regional and local authorities and** with the following partners **in accordance with Article 4(4)**:

Or. de

Amendment 400
Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, **a** Member **State** shall organise a partnership with the following partners:

Amendment

1. For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, Member **States, competent regional, local, urban and other public authorities and economic and social partners** shall organise a partnership with the following partners:

Or. en

Amendment 401
Jens Nilsson

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. For the Partnership Contract and each programme *respectively*, a Member State shall organise a partnership with the following partners:

Amendment

1. For the Partnership Contract and each programme, a Member State shall organise a partnership **by concluding a partnership agreement** with the **competent regional and local authorities in accordance with Article 4(4)**. **Member States and the competent regional and local authorities shall also cooperate with the** following partners:

Or. en

Amendment 402
Peter Simon

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, a Member State shall organise a partnership **with the following partners**:

Amendment

1. For the Partnership Contract and each Programme, a Member State shall organise a partnership **by concluding a partnership agreement with the competent regional, local and urban authorities in accordance with Article 4(4)**:

Or. de

Justification

Due to the vital role cities play in establishing a successful Cohesion Policy, urban authorities should also be referred to explicitly in relation to Partnership Contracts alongside regional and local authorities for clarification purposes.

Amendment 403
Giommaria Uggias

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, **a** Member **State** shall organise a partnership with the following partners:

Amendment

1. For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, **the** Member **States and local and regional authorities** shall organise a partnership with the following partners:

Or. it

Amendment 404
Richard Seeber

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. For the Partnership Contract **and each programme respectively**, a Member State shall organise a partnership with the following partners:

Amendment

1. For the Partnership Contract, a Member State shall organise a partnership with the following partners:

Or. en

Amendment 405
Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) competent regional, local, urban and other public authorities;

Amendment

Deleted

Or. en

Amendment 406
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) competent regional, local, urban and other public authorities;

Amendment

(a) competent regional, local, urban and other public authorities ***which shall also organise a partnership with partners mentioned at point (b) and (c)***;

Or. en

Amendment 407
Salvatore Caronna, Andrea Cozzolino, Francesco De Angelis, Patrizia Toia, Mario Pirillo, Vincenzo Iovine, Leonardo Domenici, Giancarlo Scottà, Guido Milana

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

a) ***regional, local, urban and*** other public authorities

Amendment

a) other public authorities

Or. it

Justification

The regional and local authorities must take part in the partnership on an equal footing with the Member States.

Amendment 408
Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) **competent regional, local, urban and other public authorities;**

Amendment

(a) other **competent** public authorities;

Or. fr

Amendment 409
Kerstin Westphal

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) competent **regional, local, urban and other public authorities,**

Amendment

(a) competent authorities **other than those referred to in the introductory sentence to this paragraph,**

Or. de

Amendment 410
Fiorello Provera

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) competent regional, local, urban and other public authorities;

Amendment

(a) competent regional, local, urban, **mountain** and other public authorities;

Or. fr

Amendment 411
Bogusław Sonik

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) competent regional, local, urban and other public authorities;

Amendment

(a) competent regional, local, urban, **mountain** and other public authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 412
Giommaria Uggias

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) competent **regional, local, urban and** other public authorities;

Amendment

(a) other competent public authorities;

Or. it

Amendment 413
Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) economic and social partners; and

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 414
Markus Pieper

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) bodies representing civil society,

Amendment

(c) **relevant** bodies representing civil

including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination.

society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination.

Or. de

Amendment 415
Younous Omarjee, Cornelia Ernst

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination.

Amendment

(c) bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination ***and social inclusion, and organisations representing young people.***

Or. fr

Amendment 416
Hermann Winkler

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination,

Amendment

(c) bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, ***churches***, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination,

Or. de

Amendment 417

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Besset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination.

Amendment

(c) bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations and bodies responsible for promoting **gender** equality and non-discrimination, **and non-governmental organisations promoting social inclusion and organisations active in the areas of culture, education and youth policy.**

Or. en

Amendment 418

María Irigoyen Pérez

Proposal for a regulation

Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for **promoting** equality and non-discrimination.

Amendment

(c) bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for **ensuring genuine and effective gender equality between men and women and for fighting against** non-discrimination.

Or. es

Justification

The participation of organisations responsible for ensuring equal opportunities for men and women and for fighting discrimination should be taken into consideration.

Amendment 419
Nuno Teixeira

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination.

Amendment

(c) bodies representing civil society, including **businesses, science and technology organisations**, environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination.

Or. pt

Justification

Businesses (commercial or industrial) play a key role in modernising regional and local economies, and should be involved in partnership agreements. The same applies to universities and technology centres, which are crucial in promoting the skills that will help people integrate more easily into the labour market.

Amendment 420
Giommaria Uggias

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination.

Amendment

(c) bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, **which include non-profit organisations that promote social inclusion**, and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination.

Or. it

Amendment 421

Jan Olbrycht, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska

Proposal for a regulation

Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) churches and religious communities active in the areas of transnational cooperation, education, culture and social inclusion.

Or. en

Amendment 422

Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation

Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. A Member State shall include those institutions, organisations and groups in the Partnership that might influence or might be affected by the implementation of the programmes. Specific attention shall be paid to groups that might be affected by the programmes and may suffer difficulties to influence them, in particular the most vulnerable and marginalised groups.

Or. en

Amendment 423

Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation

Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. In accordance with the multi-level governance approach, the partners shall be involved by Member States in the preparation of Partnership Contracts and progress reports and in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes. The partners shall participate in the monitoring committees for programmes.

Amendment

2. In accordance with the multi-level governance approach **and with the Partnership Agreement, as referred to in paragraph 1**, the partners shall be involved by Member States in the preparation of Partnership Contracts and progress reports and in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes. The partners shall participate in the monitoring committees for programmes.

Or. en

Amendment 424
Younous Omarjee

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. In accordance with the multi-level governance approach, the partners shall be involved by Member States in the preparation of Partnership Contracts and progress reports and in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes. The partners shall participate in the monitoring committees for programmes.

Amendment

2. In accordance with the multi-level governance approach, the partners shall be involved by Member States **and elected regional and local authorities in accordance with Article 4(4)** in the preparation of Partnership Contracts and progress reports and in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes. The partners shall participate in the monitoring committees for programmes.

Or. fr

Amendment 425
Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze, Raül Romeva i Rueda

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. In accordance with the multi-level governance approach, the partners shall be involved by Member States in the preparation of Partnership Contracts and progress reports and in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes. The partners shall participate in the monitoring committees for programmes.

Amendment

2. In accordance with the multi-level governance approach, the partners ***representing the different territorial levels in accordance with the institutional structure of the Member States*** shall be involved by Member States in ***all stages of*** the preparation of Partnership Contracts and progress reports and in ***all stages of*** the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes. The partners shall participate in the monitoring committees for programmes.

Or. en

Amendment 426
Jens Nilsson

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. In accordance with the multi-level governance approach, the partners shall be involved by Member States in the preparation of Partnership Contracts and progress reports and in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes. The partners shall participate in the monitoring committees for programmes.

Amendment

2. In accordance with the multi-level governance approach, ***and in line with the partnership agreement, as referred to in paragraph 1, the*** partners shall be involved by Member States ***and the competent regional and local authorities, in accordance with Article 4(4)*** in the preparation of Partnership Contracts and progress reports and in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes. The partners shall participate in the monitoring committees for programmes.

Or. en

Amendment 427
Marian Harkin, Catherine Bearder

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. In accordance with the multi-level governance approach, the partners shall be involved by Member States in the preparation of Partnership Contracts and progress reports and in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes. The partners shall participate in the monitoring committees for programmes.

Amendment

2. In accordance with the multi-level governance approach, the partners shall be involved by Member States in the preparation of Partnership Contracts and progress reports and in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes. The partners shall participate in the monitoring committees for programmes. ***The partners shall be ensured equal access to the funding provided for these purposes.***

Or. en

Amendment 428
László Surján

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. In accordance with the multi-level governance approach, the partners shall be involved by Member States in the preparation of Partnership Contracts and progress reports and in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes. The partners shall participate in the monitoring committees for programmes.

Amendment

2. In accordance with the multi-level governance approach, the partners shall be involved by Member States in the preparation of Partnership Contracts and progress reports and in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes ***from the earliest stage possible***. The partners shall participate in the monitoring committees for programmes.

Or. en

Amendment 429
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. In accordance with the multi-level governance approach, the partners ***shall be involved by*** Member States in the preparation of Partnership Contracts and progress reports and in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes. The partners shall participate in the monitoring committees for programmes.

Amendment

2. In accordance with the multi-level governance approach, the partners ***in collaboration with the*** Member States in the preparation of Partnership Contracts and progress reports and in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes. The partners shall participate in the monitoring committees for programmes.

Or. es

Amendment 430
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Veronica Lope Fontagné

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 142 to provide for a European code of conduct that lays down objectives and criteria to support the implementation of partnership and to facilitate the sharing of information, experience, results and good practices among Member States.

Amendment

Deleted

Or. es

Amendment 431
Richard Seeber

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 142 to provide for a European code of conduct that lays down objectives and criteria to support the implementation of partnership and to facilitate the sharing of information, experience, results and good practices among Member States.

Deleted

Or. de

Amendment 432
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 142 to provide for a European code of conduct that lays down objectives and criteria to support the implementation of partnership and to facilitate the sharing of information, experience, results and good practices among Member States.

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 142 to provide for a European code of conduct that lays down *specific* objectives and criteria, *making explicit reference* to **Programme and Project Management capabilities in order to** support the implementation of partnership and to facilitate the sharing of information, experience, results and good practices among Member States.

Or. en

Amendment 433
Elisabeth Schroedter, François Alfonsi, Nikos Chrysogelos, Karima Delli, Ana Miranda, Jean-Paul Basset, Catherine Grèze

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 142 to provide for a European code of conduct that lays down objectives and criteria to **support** the implementation of partnership and to facilitate the sharing of information, experience, results and **good** practices among Member States.

Amendment

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt, **following comprehensive consultation of the partners referred to in paragraph 1 at Union level**, delegated acts in accordance with Article 142 to provide for a European code of conduct, **based on best practices**, that lays down objectives and criteria to **ensure** the implementation of partnership **during the preparation, implementation monitoring and evaluation of Partnership Contracts and programmes**, and to facilitate the sharing of information, experience, results and **best** practices among Member States.

Or. en

Amendment 434
Tamás Deutsch

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. **The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 142 to provide for a** European code of conduct **that lays down** objectives and criteria to support the implementation of partnership and to facilitate the sharing of information, experience, results and good practices among Member States.

Amendment

3. **A** European code of conduct **shall be provided for containing recommendations and best practices on the** objectives and criteria to support the implementation of partnership and to facilitate the sharing of information, experience, results and good practices among Member States. **The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 142 to provide for this European code of conduct.**

Or. en

Amendment 435
Lambert van Nistelrooij, Constanze Angela Krehl

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. The European Code of Conduct should outline inter alia the following specifications:

- (a) minimum requirements to ensure transparent selection of partners and clarity about their role in the policy process and their responsibilities;***
- (b) minimum requirements and indications on how to identify relevant partners, ranging from authorities of different territorial levels, social and economic partners, civil society and bodies responsible for promoting equality and non-discrimination;***
- (c) the cooperation procedure among the competent national, regional and local authorities;***
- (d) guidance on how to tailor partnership to programmes, including specificities of multifund programmes, joint action plans and integrated territorial investments;***
- (e) minimum requirements of ensuring meaningful involvement of partners in the preparation of the Partnership Contract and the Programmes.***
- (f) minimum requirements in terms of the procedures established to ensure effective organisation of partnerships;***
- (g) guidance on the involvement of partners in monitoring committees, project selection, monitoring and evaluation;***
- (h) minimum requirements on providing guidance to partners and on facilitating capacity building among partners;***
- (i) outlining the framework to exchange good practices across Member States.***

Justification

For the sake of clarity and transparency, the scope of the delegated act through which the European Code of Conduct will be adopted should be better defined in this Regulation.

Amendment 436
Giommaria Uggias

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. The Code of Good Conduct will define, a number of partnership criteria that will be part of the Partnership Contract. These partnership criteria will cover following minimum specifications:

(a) description of the partner institutions that form the formal partnership;

(b) the cooperation procedure with the competent national, regional and local institutions, ensuring binding voting rights in partnership decisions, including changes of the operational programme;

(c) description of the formal consultation procedure of the partner institutions in the drafting of national guidance notes and supplementary implementing rules;

(e) description of the stakeholders involved in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the programmes;

(f) transparency of the procedures and the relevant documents concerning the Development and Investment Partnership Contract and the operational programmes.

Amendment 437
Michael Theurer

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. The Code of Good Conduct will define, a number of partnership criteria that will be part of the Partnership Contract and the Operational Programmes. These partnership criteria will cover following minimum specifications:

(a) description of the partner institutions that from the formal partnership;

(b) the cooperation procedure with the competent nation, regional and local institutions, ensuring binding voting rights in partnership decisions, including changes of the Operational Programme;

(c) description of the formal consultation procedure of the partner institutions in the drafting of national guidance notes and supplementary implementing rules;

(e) description of the stakeholders involved in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Operational Programmes;

(f) transparency of the procedures and the relevant documents concerning the Development and Investment Partnership Contract and the Operational Programmes.

These criteria shall be verified ex ante, as well as be subject to annual reporting by the Member States to the Commission.

Or. en

Justification

This amendment aims at clarifying the proposed Code of Conduct already on the level of the regulation in order to allow for a genuine implementation of the multi-level-governance and partnership principles across all levels in the spirit of the Lisbon Treaty.

Amendment 438

Manfred Weber

Proposal for a regulation

Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. The Code of Good Conduct will define, a number of partnership criteria that will be part of the Partnership Contract and the Operational Programmes. These partnership criteria will cover following minimum specifications:

(a) description of the partner institutions that from the formal partnership;

(b) the cooperation procedure with the competent nation, regional and local institutions, ensuring binding voting rights in partnership decisions, including changes of the Operational Programme;

(c) description of the formal consultation procedure of the partner institutions in the drafting of national guidance notes and supplementary implementing rules;

(d) description of the stakeholders involved in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Operational Programmes;

(e) transparency of the procedures and the relevant documents concerning the Development and Investment Partnership Contract and the Operational Programmes.

These criteria shall be verified ex ante, as well as be subject to annual reporting by

the Member States to the Commission.

Or. en

Amendment 439
Giommaria Uggias

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3b. These criteria shall be verified ex ante, as well as be subject to annual reporting by the Member States to the Commission.

Or. en

Amendment 440
Lambert van Nistelrooij, Constanze Angela Krehl

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. At least once a year, for each **CSF** Fund, the Commission shall consult the organisations which represent the partners at Union level on the implementation of support from the **CSF** Funds.

4. At least once a year, for each Fund **covered by the CPR**, the Commission shall consult the organisations which represent the partners at Union level on the implementation of support from the Funds **covered by the CPR**.

Or. en

Amendment 441
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. At least once a year, for each CSF Fund, the Commission shall consult the organisations which represent the partners at Union level on the implementation of support from the CSF Funds.

Amendment

4. At least once a year, for each CSF Fund, the Commission shall consult the organisations which represent the partners at Union level on the implementation of support from the CSF Funds. ***To this end, the Commission undertakes beforehand an analysis of this implementation and the participation of stakeholders, particularly the economic and social partners;***

Or. en

Amendment 442
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1) Member States shall ensure that the partners are provided capacity building to participate in partnership and public consultation processes effectively;

Or. en

Amendment 443
Manfred Weber

Proposal for a regulation
Part 2 – article 5 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. At least once a year, for each CSF Fund, the Commission shall consult the organisations which represent the partners at Union level on the implementation of support from the CSF

Funds.

(This shall be paragraph 5.)

Or. en