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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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EU Member States preparedness for an effective and timely start of the new
Cohesion Policy Programming period
(2013/2095(INI))

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Amendment 1
Jan Kozłowski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. **Takes note of** the political agreement reached on 27 June 2013 on the MFF for 2014-2020; stresses that with a view to swift and effective launch of the new Cohesion Policy period, it is vital that the negotiations on the legislative package, the partnership agreements and the operational programmes be concluded at the earliest opportunity; emphasises that any delay will result, in budgetary terms, in a concentration of payment requests at the end of the period;

Amendment

1. **Welcomes** the political agreement reached on 27 June 2013 on the MFF for 2014-2020; stresses that with a view to swift and effective launch of the new Cohesion Policy period, it is vital that the negotiations on the legislative package, the partnership agreements and the operational programmes be concluded at the earliest opportunity; emphasises that any delay will result, in budgetary terms, in a concentration of payment requests at the end of the period;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Jan Kozłowski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Points out that the backlog of outstanding commitments ('RAL') amounted to two-thirds of Cohesion Policy funding by the end of the MFF for 2007-2013¹; stresses the need to find a reliable means of reducing the risk of implementation of EU programmes being blocked owing to lack of payment; draws attention **to the impact** the N+3 rule will have on accumulation of the RAL in coming years, **not least as a result of the** delay in the launch of the new programmes;

Amendment

2. Points out that the backlog of outstanding commitments ('RAL') amounted to two-thirds of Cohesion Policy funding by the end of the MFF for 2007-2013¹; stresses the need to find a reliable means of reducing the risk of implementation of EU programmes being blocked owing to lack of payment; draws attention **that** the N+3 rule, **whilst being essential to secure the implementation of projects supported by Cohesion Policy**, will have **an impact** on accumulation of the RAL in coming years, **in particular in case of** delay in the launch of the new

programmes;

¹ If amending budget No 2/2013 is approved for an overall value of EUR 11.2 billion, it is estimated that the RAL could reach EUR 224 million in total by the end of 2013, while in its initial estimates the Commission suggested that the RAL would be EUR 180 billion at the end of 2013.

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Or. en

Amendment 3
Jan Kozłowski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Believes the principle of multi-level governance to be essential to effective management of the new Cohesion Policy; stresses in this respect that the local and regional authorities should be fully involved, within their own spheres of competence, **both** in the preparation of the programmes and agreements **and in** their **implementation**;

Amendment

3. Believes the principle of multi-level governance to be essential to effective management of the new Cohesion Policy; stresses in this respect that the local and regional authorities should be fully involved, within their own spheres of competence, in the preparation of the programmes and agreements, **in their implementation and evaluation; underlines the importance of an adequate information flow and technical support for these authorities, in order to facilitate and optimise their contribution in all stages of this process**;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Jan Kozłowski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Reaffirms emphatically its opposition to macroeconomic conditionality and to the performance reserve, both of which could seriously penalise local and regional authorities and discourage innovation;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 5

Nils Torvalds, Hannu Takkula, Alexander Alvaro, George Lyon, Jan Mulder, Anne E. Jensen

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Reaffirms emphatically its opposition to macroeconomic conditionality and to the performance reserve, both of which could seriously penalise local and regional authorities and discourage innovation;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 6

Jan Kozłowski

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. Notes the agreement reached between Council and Parliament on the performance reserve, in the negotiations on the Common Provisions Regulation; recognises the improvements that were brought about in the performance reserve, ensuring stable and predictable rules for the authorities and beneficiaries;

underscores that the performance reserve should not affect the initial pre-financing levels;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Nils Torvalds, Hannu Takkula, Alexander Alvaro, George Lyon, Jan Mulder, Anne E. Jensen

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. Understands the social and economic difficulties that some Member States are experiencing, but reaffirms its strong support and the need for macroeconomic conditionality;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Jan Kozłowski

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Underscores its position on the importance of a compulsory review and revision of the next MFF by the end of 2016, in order to allow the next Commission and Parliament to reassess the EU's political priorities, to adapt it to new challenges and to take full account of the latest macroeconomic projections;

7. Underscores its position on the importance of a compulsory review and revision of the next MFF by the end of 2016, in order to allow the next Commission and Parliament to reassess the EU's political priorities, to adapt it, ***if necessary***, to new challenges and to take full account of the latest macroeconomic projections;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Jan Kozłowski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

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8. Welcomes the positive steps taken towards simplification and greater transparency in the management of EU funds; stresses the need to adopt a more ambitious approach at the level of the Commission and the Member States in order to simplify access to procedures for obtaining funding, public procurement rules and monitoring arrangements, and to ensure that clear and accessible information is available on beneficiaries of EU funds and funding possibilities.

Amendment

8. Welcomes the positive steps taken towards simplification and greater transparency in the management of EU funds; ***underlines that simple procedures lead to reduction of shortcomings and therefore better use of European funds;*** stresses the need to adopt a more ambitious approach at the level of the Commission and the Member States in order to simplify access to procedures for obtaining funding, public procurement rules and monitoring arrangements, and to ensure that clear and accessible information is available on beneficiaries of EU funds and funding possibilities.

Or. en