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## **AMENDMENTS 44 - 128**

**Draft opinion**

**Liisa Jaakonsaari (\*)**  
(PE539.869v01-00)

On the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a programme on interoperability solutions for European public administrations, businesses and citizens (ISA<sup>2</sup>) - Interoperability as a means for modernising the public sector

Proposal for a decision  
(COM(2014)0367 – C8-0037/2014 – 2014/0185(COD))

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**Amendment 44**  
**Vicky Ford**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(1a) The objectives of this Decision are to facilitate efficient and effective electronic cross-border or cross-sector interaction between European public administrations and between them and citizens and businesses, to enable the delivery of electronic public services supporting the implementation of Union policies and activities. Since this cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States acting alone because the coordination function at the European level would be difficult and costly to set up at the level of the Member States by Member States themselves and can therefore, by reason of the scale and effects of the proposed action, 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 1, this Decision does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*This is the wording of the last recital, 36. Given that it clearly explains the logic for the ISA2 Programme, and explains why systems should sometimes be made interoperable, it would be more appropriate to make it Recital 1.*

## Amendment 45

Vicky Ford

### Proposal for a decision

#### Recital 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(4) At Union level, interoperability **facilitates** successful implementation of policies. The following policies in particular rely on interoperability for their effective and efficient implementation:

*Amendment*

(4) At Union level, interoperability **can facilitate** successful implementation of policies **with a relevant cross-border dimension**. The following policies in particular rely on interoperability for their effective and efficient implementation:

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*Interoperability should not be regarded as an end in itself, but a means to achieving greater efficiencies where there is a clear need and where there is clear demand from relevant users. It is especially important not make systems interoperable when those systems are out of date, redundant or in need of modernisation. Interoperability should be secondary to the digitisation and modernisation of Member State governance and public administration systems.*

## Amendment 46

Kaja Kallas, Antanas Guoga

### Proposal for a decision

#### Recital 9

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(9) Interoperability has been a key factor to success in the area of Customs, Taxation and excise duties, in operating trans-European ICT systems spanning all Member States supporting interoperable business services funded by the Fiscalis 2013 and Customs 2013 programmes, implemented and operated by the Commission and national administrations. Assets created under Fiscalis 2013 and Customs 2013 programmes are available

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Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Marc Tarabella**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 16**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(16) In public procurement, Directives 2014/25/EU<sup>51</sup>, 2014/24/EU<sup>52</sup> and 2014/23/EU<sup>53</sup> of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 March 2014 require Member States to implement electronic procurement. They state that the tools and devices to be used for communicating by electronic means, as well as their technical characteristics, have to be interoperable with the information and communication technology products in general use. Moreover, Directive 2014/55/EU<sup>54</sup> on electronic invoicing in public procurement adopted by the Parliament on 11 March 2014 concerns the development of a European standard for electronic invoicing in public procurement to ensure interoperability between electronic invoicing systems across the EU.

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Directive 2004/17/EC. OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p243.

<sup>52</sup>Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on public procurement and repealing Directive 2004/18/EC. OJ L 94, 28.3./014, p65-242.

<sup>53</sup>Directive 2014/23/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the award of concession contracts. OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p1-64.

<sup>54</sup>Directive 2014/55/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on electronic invoicing in public procurement. OJ L 133, 6.5.2014, p. 1.

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Or. fr

## **Amendment 48** **Eva Paunova**

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Or. en

## **Amendment 49**

**Eva Paunova, Philippe Juvin**

### **Proposal for a decision**

#### **Recital 18**

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

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Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Kaja Kallas, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 18**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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*Amendment*

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Or. en



**Amendment 51**  
**Vicky Ford**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 19**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(19) A single sector interoperability perspective is associated with the risk that the adoption of different or incompatible solutions at national or sectoral levels will throw up new e-barriers that impede the proper functioning of the internal market and the associated freedoms of movement, and undermine the openness and competitiveness of markets and the delivery of services of general interest to citizens and enterprises. ***In order to mitigate this risk, Member States and the Union should step up joint efforts to avoid market fragmentation and ensure cross-border or cross-sector interoperability in the implementation of legislation, while reducing administrative burdens and costs, and promote commonly agreed ICT solutions, while ensuring appropriate governance.***

*Amendment*

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Or. en

*Justification*

*Interoperability should not be regarded as an end in itself, but a means to achieving greater efficiencies where there is a clear need and where there is clear demand from relevant users. It is especially important not make systems interoperable when those systems are out of date, redundant or in need of modernisation. Interoperability should be secondary to the digitisation and modernisation of Member State governance and public administration systems.*

**Amendment 52**  
**Marc Tarabella**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 19**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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*Amendment*

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Or. fr

**Amendment 53**  
**Eva Paunova**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 19 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(19a) Modernising European administrations and increasing their interoperability is a prerequisite for the completion of the Digital Single Market, which will lead to the modernisation of traditional industry, and which has***

*estimated gains of EUR 500 billion in additional annual growth, as well as a substantial boost for job creation in Europe. The decision should be in line with the Commission's commitment to enable European citizens fully to benefit from interoperable e-services, from e-government to e-health, prioritising the removal of obstacles such as unconnected e-services in order to make the EU's single market freedoms "go digital".*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 54**

**Vicky Ford**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

#### **Recital 23**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(23) Solutions established or operated under the present ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme should, *as far as possible, form part of a consistent environment of services facilitating interaction between European public administrations, enterprises and citizens, and ensuring, facilitating and enabling cross-border or cross-sector interoperability.*

*Amendment*

(23) Solutions established or operated under the present ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme should *enhance the implementation of Union policies which have a cross-border dimension.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*This amendment seeks to clarify what the purpose of this Decision is, which is not clear in the original text.*

#### **Amendment 55**

**Filiz Hyusmenova, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 23**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Kaja Kallas, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 23 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(23a) For the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme to have a real added value at European level, the "once only" principle, for the registration of relevant data, and the "digital by default" and "open data" principles, should be key pillars of the implementation of the Programme, as part of a comprehensive strategy to build the digital environment for the delivery of public services in Europe.***

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Vicky Ford**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 24**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*(24) Citizens and enterprises should also benefit from common, re-usable and interoperable front-office services resulting from better integration of processes and exchange of data through the European public administrations' back-offices.*

*Amendment*

*(24) In some targeted, specific cases, interoperable systems may help the public administrations of Member States, which are required to implement Union policies with a cross-border dimension, to become more accessible and transparent for citizens and enterprises.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*It is not clear what the original wording of the recital was trying to say. Regardless, it is important to recognise that interoperability is not an end in itself, and that citizens and enterprises will not automatically benefit from the existence of an interoperable system.*

**Amendment 58**  
**Kaja Kallas, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 24**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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*Amendment*

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*promoted.*

Or. en

**Amendment 59**

**Eva Paunova, Philippe Juvin, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Recital 24 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(24a) In order to allow all citizens and businesses to fully benefit from the programme, it should be stressed that fostering e-skills remains a priority for the Union, and that ICT literacy and skills should be promoted at every stage of traditional and vocational education.***

Or. en

**Amendment 60**

**Vicky Ford, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Recital 25**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(25) The ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme ***should be an instrument for*** public-sector modernisation in the Union.

(25) The ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme ***is one of the many instruments for the encouragement of*** public-sector modernisation in the Union.

Or. en

*Justification*

*The modernisation of Member State public sectors is a Member State competence. ISA2 can assist in a targeted manner, where Member States are tasked with implementing a policy with a cross-border dimension, but it should be clear that it is for Member States to decide how they modernise their internal administration.*

**Amendment 61**  
**Kaja Kallas, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 26**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(26) Interoperability is directly connected with, and dependent on the use of, standards and common specifications. The ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme should promote and, where appropriate, support the partial or full standardisation of existing interoperability solutions. This should be achieved in cooperation with other standardisation activities at Union level, European standardisation organisations and other international standardisation organisations.

*Amendment*

(26) ***The lack of interoperability often undermines the implementation of digital end-to-end services and the development of one-stop shops for businesses and citizens.*** Interoperability is directly connected with, and dependent on the use of, ***open*** standards and common specifications. The ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme should promote and, where appropriate, support the partial or full standardisation of existing interoperability solutions. This should be achieved in cooperation with other standardisation activities at Union level, European standardisation organisations and other international standardisation organisations.

Or. en

**Amendment 62**  
**Vicky Ford**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 26 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

***(26a) Although there could be benefits in exploring opportunities to make systems interoperable, it is important to recognise the wide variety of approaches in Member States to governance and public administration, based on local cultural, social and economic traditions. There is also a risk of "locking in" old technologies. Interoperability should not***

*Amendment*

*be an end in itself, but should enhance existing moves to modernise governance and public administration.*

Or. en

**Amendment 63**  
**Vicky Ford**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 28**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(28) Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 includes a thematic objective of ‘enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and an efficient public administration’. In this context, the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme should tie **in with** programmes and initiatives contributing to the modernisation of public administrations like e.g. the DAE, and related networks like e.g. the European Public Administration Network (EUPAN) **and seek synergies with them**.

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Or. en

*Justification*

*The ISA2 Programme should be targeted at Union policies with a specific cross-border dimension. There is no need for the word "synergies" in this context as it does not add anything to the meaning of the recital.*

**Amendment 64**  
**Liisa Jaakonsaari**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 28**



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Or. en

**Amendment 65**  
**Vicky Ford**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 29**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(29) Interoperability of European public administrations concerns **all** levels of administration: European, local, regional and national. It is therefore important that solutions take into account their respective needs, as well as those of citizens and enterprises where relevant.

*Amendment*

(29) Interoperability of European public administrations concerns **those** levels of administration **which are tasked with implementing a Union policy with a cross-border dimension**: European, local, regional and national. It is therefore important that solutions take into account their respective needs, as well as those of citizens and enterprises where relevant, **and only be implemented if there is a need and clear demand for them.**

Or. en

**Amendment 66**  
**Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 29**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 67**  
**Eva Paunova**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 29**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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*Amendment*

(29) Interoperability of European public administrations concerns all levels of administration: European, local, regional and national. It is therefore important that solutions take into account their respective needs, *including the needs of all stakeholders*.

Or. en

**Amendment 68**  
**Liisa Jaakonsaari**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 30**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(30) National administrations can be supported in their endeavours through specific instruments under the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF). Close cooperation under the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme should maximise the benefits expected from such instruments by ensuring that funded projects are aligned with the Union-wide interoperability frameworks and specifications such as the EIF.

*Amendment*

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**Amendment 69**  
**Antanas Guoga**

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Or. en

**Amendment 70**  
**Franz Obermayr**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 32**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(32) Consideration should be given to the possibility of using pre-accession funds to facilitate candidate countries' participation in the ISA2 Programme and the adoption and further implementation in those countries of solutions provided under it.***

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Or. de

**Amendment 71**  
**Franz Obermayr**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 34**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(34) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Decision , implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>63</sup> .***

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***Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.12.201, p. 13).***

Or. de

**Amendment 72**  
**Franz Obermayr**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 35**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(35) The Commission should adopt immediately applicable implementing acts where, in duly justified cases relating to the established rolling work programme, imperative grounds of urgency so require.***

*deleted*

Or. de

**Amendment 73**  
**Vicky Ford**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 36**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(36) The objectives of this Decision are to facilitate efficient and effective electronic cross-border or cross-sector interaction between European public administrations and between them and citizens and businesses, to enable the delivery of electronic public services supporting the implementation of Union policies and activities. Since this cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States acting alone because the coordination function at the European level would be difficult and costly to set up at the level of the Member States by Member States themselves and can therefore, by reason of the scale and effects of the proposed action, 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***

*deleted*

*proportionality, as set out in that Article 1, this Decision does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives,*

Or. en

*Justification*

*Recital 36 should be the first recital since it clearly explains the logic behind the ISA2 Programme.*

**Amendment 74**  
**Franz Obermayr**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 36**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(36) The objectives of this Decision are to facilitate efficient and effective electronic cross-border or cross-sector interaction between European public administrations and between them and citizens and businesses, to enable the delivery of electronic public services supporting the implementation of Union policies and activities. *Since this cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States acting alone because the coordination function at the European level would be difficult and costly to set up at the level of the Member States by Member States themselves and can therefore, by reason of the scale and effects of the proposed action, 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 1, this Decision does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those*

*Amendment*

(36) The objectives of this Decision are to facilitate efficient and effective electronic cross-border or cross-sector interaction between European public administrations and between them and citizens and businesses, to enable the delivery of electronic public services supporting the implementation of Union policies and activities. *These objectives should be pursued by the European Union solely where individual solutions for Member States would be ineffective and would lead to inefficient solutions with a view to the realisation of a single European internal market. The measures should therefore be confined to improving and regulating such electronic interactions as affect the transnational and pan-European level.*

*objectives,*

Or. de

**Amendment 75**

**Vicky Ford**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The ISA<sup>2</sup> programme shall facilitate efficient and effective electronic cross-border or cross-sector interaction between European public administrations and between them and citizens and businesses, in order to enable the delivery of electronic public services supporting the implementation of Union policies and activities.

*Amendment*

The ISA<sup>2</sup> programme shall facilitate, **at the request of Member States**, efficient and effective electronic cross-border or cross-sector interaction between European public administrations and between them and citizens and businesses, in order to enable the delivery of electronic public services supporting the implementation of Union policies and activities.

Or. en

**Amendment 76**

**Vicky Ford**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 1 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Through the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme, **the Union** shall identify, create and operate interoperability solutions implementing Union policies. These solutions shall subsequently be provided for **unlimited** use to other Union institutions and bodies, and to national, regional and local public administrations, thus facilitating cross-border or cross-sector interaction between them.

*Amendment*

2. Through the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme, **the Commission, in conjunction with the Member States, represented by the Committee on Interoperability Solutions for European Public Administrations, Businesses and Citizens (the ISA<sup>2</sup> Committee) established under Regulation (EU) No 182/2011**, shall identify, create and operate interoperability solutions implementing Union policies, **where such solutions have been identified as being useful, cost-efficient and in demand.**

These solutions shall subsequently be provided for use to other Union institutions and bodies, and to national, regional and local public administrations, thus facilitating cross-border or cross-sector interaction between them, **where such solutions have been identified as being useful, cost-efficient and in demand.**

Or. en

*Justification*

*The Commission should not make any decisions under this Programme unless it has fully consulted the Member States through the ISA2 Committee to ensure that unnecessary or wasteful programmes are not commenced or continued.*

**Amendment 77**

**Vicky Ford, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 1 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme shall develop interoperability solutions autonomously or complement and support other Union initiatives by ***piloting*** interoperability solutions ***as a solution incubator or by ensuring their sustainability as a solution bridge.***

*Amendment*

3. The ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme shall develop interoperability solutions autonomously or complement and support other Union initiatives by ***suggesting*** interoperability solutions ***to the ISA<sup>2</sup> Committee, either for developing new solutions or to help implement a solution.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*It is not clear what the added value is of creating the concept "solution incubator" in the context of this Decision since by its nature the ISA2 Programme is designed to "incubate", which is presumed to mean "develop", solutions. It is not clear what the added value is of creating the concept "solution bridge" in the context of this Decision since by its nature the ISA2 Programme is designed to "bridge", which is presumed to mean "help implement", solutions.*



**Amendment 78**  
**Eva Paunova**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*In order to minimise and eliminate fragmentation in the interoperability landscape in Europe, a common understanding of interoperability in the Union and a holistic approach towards interoperability solutions in the EU should be promoted.*

Or. en

**Amendment 79**  
**Eva Paunova**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*The ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme should allow room for adaptation to future technological developments and be open and flexible in order to be able to respond to the needs of new business models and start-ups, which will generate jobs for young people.*

Or. en

**Amendment 80**  
**Eva Paunova, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*The ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme should contribute to*

*the development of a more effective, simplified and user-friendly e-administration at the national, regional and local levels of public administrations, in the cases where this need has been identified by the Member States and for as long as it can be applied to multiple administrations.*

Or. en

**Amendment 81**  
**Vicky Ford, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. The ISA<sup>2</sup> programme succeeds the Union programme on interoperability solutions for public administrations established by Decision No 922/2009/EC (hereinafter referred to as ‘the ISA programme’) and shall consolidate, promote and expand its activities.

*Amendment*

4. The ISA<sup>2</sup> programme succeeds the Union programme on interoperability solutions for public administrations established by Decision No 922/2009/EC (hereinafter referred to as ‘the ISA programme’) and shall consolidate, promote and expand its activities, *where such solutions have been identified as being useful, cost-efficient and in demand.*

Or. en

**Amendment 82**  
**Vicky Ford, Antanas Guoga, Eva Paunova**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) ‘interoperability’ means the ability of *disparate and diverse* organisations to interact towards mutually beneficial and agreed common goals, involving the

*Amendment*

(1) ‘interoperability’ means the ability of *different* organisations to interact towards mutually beneficial and agreed common goals, involving the sharing of information

sharing of information and knowledge between the organisations, through the business processes they support, by means of the exchange of data between their respective information and communication technology (ICT) systems;

and knowledge between the organisations, through the business processes they support, by means of the exchange of data between their respective information and communication technology (ICT) systems;

Or. en

*Justification*

*The word "different" is a more efficient way of saying "disparate and diverse".*

**Amendment 83**

**Eva Paunova, Philippe Juvin**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) 'interoperability solutions' means common frameworks, common services and **generic** tools facilitating cooperation between disparate and diverse organisations, either autonomously funded and developed by the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme or developed in cooperation with other Union initiatives, based on identified requirements of European public administrations;

*Amendment*

(2) 'interoperability solutions' means common frameworks, common services and **functional** tools facilitating cooperation between disparate and diverse organisations, either autonomously funded and developed by the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme or developed in cooperation with other Union initiatives, based on identified requirements of European public administrations;

Or. en

**Amendment 84**

**Vicky Ford, Eva Paunova**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) 'interoperability solutions' means

*Amendment*

(2) 'interoperability solutions' means

common frameworks, common services and generic tools facilitating cooperation between *disparate and diverse* organisations, either autonomously funded and developed by the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme or developed in cooperation with other Union initiatives, based on identified requirements of European public administrations;

common frameworks, common services and generic tools facilitating cooperation between *different* organisations, either autonomously funded and developed by the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme or developed in cooperation with other Union initiatives, based on identified requirements of European public administrations;

Or. en

*Justification*

*The word "different" is a more efficient way of saying "disparate and diverse".*

**Amendment 85**

**Vicky Ford, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(3) acting as a ‘solution incubator’ means the development of, or support for, interoperability solutions during their pilot phase, before they become operational under other Union programmes or initiatives;*

*deleted*

Or. en

*Justification*

*It is not clear what the added value is of creating the concept "solution incubator" in the context of this Decision since by its nature the ISA2 Programme is designed to "incubate", which is presumed to mean "develop", solutions.*

**Amendment 86**

**Vicky Ford, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(4) acting as a 'solution bridge' means the further development of, and support for, fully operational interoperability solutions before their delivery under other Union programmes or initiatives;** *deleted*

Or. en

*Justification*

*It is not clear what the added value is of creating the concept "solution bridge" in the context of this Decision since by its nature the ISA2 Programme is designed to "bridge", which is presumed to mean "help implement", solutions.*

**Amendment 87**  
**Eva Paunova, Philippe Juvin**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(5) 'common frameworks' means specifications, standards, methodologies, guidelines, common semantic assets and similar approaches and documents;

(5) 'common frameworks' means **common reference architecture**, specifications, standards, methodologies, guidelines, common semantic assets and similar approaches and documents;

Or. en

**Amendment 88**  
**Eva Paunova**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 10 – indent 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**- communication of the benefits of the Programme to citizens and businesses;**

Or. en

**Amendment 89**

**Eva Paunova**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 12 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(12a) 'user' means European public administrations at national, regional and local level, whereas the 'end-users' of the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme are citizens and businesses, as well as public administrations.**

Or. en

**Amendment 90**

**Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 12 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(12a) 'European public administrations' means public administrations at EU, national, regional and local levels.**

Or. en

**Amendment 91**

**Vicky Ford**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme shall support and promote:

*Amendment*

The ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme shall support and promote ***activities identified by the ISA<sup>2</sup> Committee as having a cross-border dimension in need of Union interoperability solutions. These activities shall include, inter alia:***

Or. en

*Justification*

*It should be for the Member States to identify where there is added value in having interoperability solutions.*

**Amendment 92**

**Kaja Kallas**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) the assessment of the ICT implications of proposed or adopted Union legislation;

*Amendment*

(c) the assessment of the ICT implications of proposed or adopted Union legislation, ***with, where appropriate, an assessment of the need to enlarge the scope and mandate of the EU Agency for large scale IT systems (eu-LISA);***

Or. en

**Amendment 93**

**Kaja Kallas, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point d**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(d) the identification of legislation gaps that hamper interoperability between European public administrations;

*Amendment*

(d) the identification of legislation gaps that hamper ***cross-border and cross-sector*** interoperability between European public administrations;

Or. en

**Amendment 94**

**Eva Paunova**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point d**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(d) the identification of legislation gaps that hamper interoperability between European public administrations;

*Amendment*

(d) the identification of legislation gaps ***at EU and Member State level*** that hamper interoperability between European public administrations, ***in the cases where this need has been identified by the Member States and for as long as it can be applied to multiple*** administrations;

Or. en

**Amendment 95**

**Liisa Jaakonsaari**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point g**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(g) the assessment, update and promotion of existing common specifications and standards and the development, establishment and promotion of new common specifications and standards through the Union's standardisation platforms and in cooperation with European or international standardisation

*Amendment*

(g) the assessment, update and promotion of existing common specifications and standards and the development, establishment and promotion of new common specifications and standards through the Union's standardisation platforms and in cooperation with European or international standardisation



organisations as appropriate; and

organisations as appropriate, ***including on data transmission, processing and storage security***; and

Or. en

**Amendment 96**  
**Kaja Kallas**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point g**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(g) the assessment, update and promotion of existing common specifications and standards and the development, establishment and promotion of new common specifications and standards through the Union’s standardisation platforms and in cooperation with European or international standardisation organisations as appropriate; and

*Amendment*

(g) the assessment, update and promotion of existing common specifications and standards and the development, establishment and promotion of new common specifications and ***open*** standards through the Union’s standardisation platforms and in cooperation with European or international standardisation organisations as appropriate; and

Or. en

**Amendment 97**  
**Vicky Ford, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

***In addition, the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme may act as a ‘solution incubator’, piloting new interoperability solutions, and as a ‘solution bridge’, operating existing interoperability solutions.***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

Or. en

*Justification*

*It is not clear why this additional paragraph is necessary given the number of activities listed above.*

**Amendment 98**  
**Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

In addition, the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme may act as a 'solution incubator', piloting new interoperability solutions, and as a 'solution bridge', operating existing interoperability solutions.

*Amendment*

In addition, the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme may act as a 'solution incubator', piloting new interoperability solutions, and as a 'solution bridge', operating existing interoperability solutions, **and provide information and training on the importance and utilisation of interoperability solutions throughout Europe.**

Or. en

**Amendment 99**  
**Eva Paunova**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***The Commission shall communicate to citizens and businesses the benefits of the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme. This can be achieved through the use of more user-friendly language and infographics on the Programme's webpage.***

Or. en

**Amendment 100**  
**Vicky Ford**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 4 – paragraph 1 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Actions launched or continued under the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme shall:

*Amendment*

***The ISA<sup>2</sup> Committee shall decide which actions launched or continued under the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme shall **continue**.***

***The decision to launch or continue an action shall be based upon whether such solutions have been identified as being useful, cost-efficient and in demand.***

***When making a decision to launch an action, the ISA<sup>2</sup> Committee shall consider, inter alia, the following principles:***

Or. en

*Justification*

*The decision to continue or discontinue an action should rest with the Member States. The most important features of an action should be whether the action is useful, cost-efficient or in demand.*

**Amendment 101**  
**Vicky Ford, Antanas Guoga, Eva Paunova**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b – indent 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

***– user-centricity;***

*Amendment*

***– a focus on the user;***

Or. en

*Justification*

*It is not clear what is meant by the word "user-centricity".*

**Amendment 102**  
**Franz Obermayr**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b – indent 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*  
– ***inclusion and*** accessibility;

*Amendment*  
– accessibility;

Or. de

**Amendment 103**  
**Kaja Kallas, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*  
(c) be extensible and applicable to other  
business or policy areas; ***and***

*Amendment*  
(c) be extensible and applicable to other  
business or policy areas, ***in particular  
through implementation of open data  
principles;***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Facilitating access to government data stimulates innovation and increase the utility of e-solutions*

**Amendment 104**  
**Eva Paunova, Philippe Juvin, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*  
(c) be extensible and applicable to other  
business or policy areas; ***and***

*Amendment*  
(c) be extensible and applicable to other  
business or policy areas ***and flexible with  
regard to future technological  
developments and other, or new, business***

*or policy areas;*

Or. en

**Amendment 105**  
**Vicky Ford**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 5 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The Commission shall, ***in cooperation with the Member States***, implement the actions specified in the rolling work programme established pursuant to Article 7, in accordance with the implementation rules laid down in Article 6.

*Amendment*

1. The Commission shall, ***at the request of the ISA<sup>2</sup> Committee***, implement the actions specified in the rolling work programme established pursuant to Article 7, in accordance with the implementation rules laid down in Article 6.

Or. en

*Justification*

*All decisions regarding the functioning of the ISA2 Programme should be taken by or in conjunction with the Member States through the ISA2 Committee, not the Commission, to ensure that all interoperability solutions have been identified as being useful, cost-efficient and in demand.*

**Amendment 106**  
**Vicky Ford, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 5 – paragraph 2 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Actions in the form of projects ***shall, where appropriate***, consist of ***the following*** phases:

*Amendment*

***Where appropriate***, actions in the form of projects ***may*** consist of ***multiple*** phases:

Or. en

*Justification*

*There should be flexibility to ensure that this Decision does not constrain the development of a solution.*

**Amendment 107**  
**Vicky Ford, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 5 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The phases of specific projects **shall** be defined and specified at the time when the action is included in the rolling work programme.

*Amendment*

The phases of specific projects **may** be defined and specified at the time when the action is included in the rolling work programme. ***It should be possible to terminate a project at any point, should it no longer be needed or considered effective.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*There should be flexibility to ensure that this Decision does not constrain the development of a solution.*

**Amendment 108**  
**Vicky Ford, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 6 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In the implementation of the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme, ***due consideration shall be given to*** the European Interoperability Strategy, the European Interoperability Framework and their future updates.

*Amendment*

1. In the implementation of the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme, ***solutions shall only be developed if they are fully in line with*** the European Interoperability Strategy, the European Interoperability Framework and their future updates.

Or. en

*Justification*

*It is important to ensure the ISA2 Programme functions within existing agreed strategies on interoperability.*

**Amendment 109**

**Eva Paunova, Philippe Juvin**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 6 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In the implementation of the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme, due consideration shall be given to the European Interoperability Strategy, the European Interoperability Framework and their future updates.

*Amendment*

1. In the implementation of the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme, due consideration shall be given to the European Interoperability Strategy, the European Interoperability Framework and their future updates. ***Additionally, the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme shall be in line with the Commission's Digital Single Market Strategy, and support its implementation.***

Or. en

**Amendment 110**

**Kaja Kallas, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 6 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In the implementation of the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme, due consideration shall be given to the European Interoperability Strategy, the European Interoperability Framework and their future updates.

*Amendment*

1. In the implementation of the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme, due consideration shall be given to the European Interoperability Strategy, the European Interoperability Framework and their future updates. ***The implementation of the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme shall also contribute to the implementation of the digital single market strategy of the Commission.***

Or. en

**Amendment 111**  
**Vicky Ford, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 6 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Involvement of the largest possible number of Member States in a project shall be encouraged. Member States shall be able, and encouraged, to join a project at any stage.

*Amendment*

2. Involvement of the largest possible number of Member States in a project shall be encouraged. Member States shall be able, and encouraged, to join a project at any stage. ***If no Member States are involved in a project, that project shall be terminated.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*If Member States are not involved in the operation of a project, it would imply that the project is not useful, not cost-efficient and not in demand. It should therefore be terminated.*

**Amendment 112**  
**Kaja Kallas**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 6 – paragraph 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. In order to avoid duplication and to speed up the establishing of interoperability solutions, results achieved by other relevant Union and Member State initiatives shall be taken into account ***where appropriate.***

*Amendment*

5. In order to avoid duplication and to speed up the establishing of interoperability solutions, results achieved by other relevant Union and Member State initiatives shall be taken into account.

Or. en

**Amendment 113**  
**Eva Paunova, Philippe Juvin**



**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 6 – paragraph 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. In order to avoid duplication and to speed up the establishing of interoperability solutions, results achieved by other relevant Union and Member State initiatives shall be taken into account where appropriate.

*Amendment*

5. In order to avoid duplication and to speed up the establishing of interoperability solutions, results achieved by other relevant Union and Member State initiatives shall be taken into account where appropriate, **and good practices shall be communicated and promoted.**

Or. en

**Amendment 114**  
**Eva Paunova**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 6 – paragraph 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

7. Interoperability solutions and their updates shall be included in the EIC and made available, where appropriate, for re-use by European public administrations.

*Amendment*

7. Interoperability solutions and their updates shall be included in the EIC and made available, where appropriate, for re-use by European public administrations **and, where applicable, by citizens and businesses.**

Or. en

**Amendment 115**  
**Eva Paunova, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 6 – paragraph 8**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

8. The Commission shall monitor **periodically** the implementation and re-use of interoperability solutions across the

*Amendment*

8. The Commission shall monitor **at least annually** the implementation and re-use of interoperability solutions across the Union,

Union, as part of the rolling work programme established pursuant to Article 7.

as part of the rolling work programme established pursuant to Article 7.

Or. en

**Amendment 116**  
**Vicky Ford, Eva Paunova**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 6 – paragraph 10**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

10. All actions and interoperability solutions funded under the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme shall ***be encouraged***, where appropriate, ***to*** re-use available interoperability solutions.

10. All actions and interoperability solutions funded under the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme shall, where appropriate, re-use available interoperability solutions.

Or. en

*Justification*

*If solutions already exist, they must be used to avoid duplication and unnecessary expense.*

**Amendment 117**  
**Vicky Ford, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 6 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Article 6a***

***Selection Criteria***

***Actions to be funded under the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme shall fall into one of the following three categories:***

***a) the development, establishment and improvement of common frameworks and generic tools;***

*b) the development, establishment and improvement of common services;*

*c) interoperability solutions taken over by the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme for developing new solutions or to help implement a solution.*

*The action shall be in accordance with at least one of the Programme's objectives, as laid down in Article 1.*

*Interoperability solutions shall be in accordance with existing or new European standards or publicly available specifications for information exchange and service integration.*

*Interoperability solutions shall be in accordance with the guidance set by the e-Government Expert Group, the European Interoperability Strategy, the European Interoperability Framework, and the European Statistics Code of Practice, and their future updates, as well as with other groups, as agreed by the ISA<sup>2</sup> Committee.*

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*There is a need for clearer definitions of selection criteria to ensure that Union funds are not wasted on solutions which are not needed, cost-efficient or in demand.*

**Amendment 118**  
**Vicky Ford, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 6 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 6b*

*Prioritisation*

*For an action to be initiated under the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme, a specific user need or area of the market not already being explored must have been identified. There*

*must also have been a clear demonstration of how the action will meet that need, in accordance with the activities laid down in Article 3.*

*The rolling working programme shall take into account the extent to which the general principles laid down in Article 4 are being met.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*There is currently not enough clarity about how this Programme will prioritise its own work. Therefore this new article will ensure a greater degree of prioritisation to ensure the efficient use of Union funds.*

**Amendment 119**

**Vicky Ford, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The rolling work programme shall *identify, prioritise, document, select, design, implement and evaluate* the actions referred to in Article 5, *as well as promote their results.*

*Amendment*

The rolling work programme shall *cover* the actions referred to in Article 5.

Or. en

*Justification*

*There is no need for a list of verbs.*

**Amendment 120**

**Vicky Ford, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 7 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The inclusion of actions in the rolling work programme shall be subject to compliance with a set of **rules and admission criteria** before being included in the rolling work programme. Those rules and criteria and any amendments thereof shall be an integral part of the rolling work programme.

*Amendment*

2. The inclusion of actions in the rolling work programme shall be subject to compliance with a set of **selection criteria, as set out in Article 6a**, before being included in the rolling work programme. **The actions of the rolling work programme shall be prioritised in accordance with Article 6b.** Those rules and criteria and any amendments thereof shall be an integral part of the rolling work programme.

Or. en

**Amendment 121**

**Vicky Ford, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 9 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. Interoperability solutions taken over by the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme **as 'solution incubator' or as 'solution bridge'** shall be funded by the Programme until they are taken over by other programmes or initiatives.

*Amendment*

3. Interoperability solutions taken over by the ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme **either for developing new solutions or to help implement a solution** shall be funded by the Programme until they are taken over by other programmes or initiatives.

Or. en

*Justification*

*The phrases "solution incubator" and "solution bridge" are best amended in this way since it is clearer what is meant by using the words "develop" and "help implement".*

**Amendment 122**

**Franz Obermayr**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**3. On duly justified imperative grounds of urgency, the Commission shall adopt immediately applicable implementing acts in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011. Those acts shall remain in force for a period not exceeding 6 months.**

**deleted**

Or. de

**Amendment 123**  
**Franz Obermayr**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 11 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

1. The Commission and the ISA2 Committee shall regularly monitor the implementation and impact of the ISA2 Programme **and** users' satisfaction with it. They shall also explore synergies with complementary Union programmes.

1. The Commission and the ISA2 Committee shall regularly monitor the implementation and impact of the ISA2 Programme, users' satisfaction with it **and the up-to-dateness of measures to protect users' privacy**. They shall also explore synergies with complementary Union programmes.

Or. de

**Amendment 124**  
**Vicky Ford**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 11 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

3. The Programme shall be subject to an interim evaluation and a final evaluation,

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the results of which shall be communicated to the European Parliament and the Council by 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2021 respectively. In this context, the responsible committee of the Parliament may invite the Commission to present the evaluation results and answer questions raised by its members.

*each of which shall be accompanied by a thorough impact assessment, and* the results of which shall be communicated to the European Parliament and the Council by 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2021 respectively. In this context, the responsible committee of the Parliament may invite the Commission to present the evaluation results and answer questions raised by its members.

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*The proposal for the ISA2 Programme was not accompanied by an impact assessment. Henceforth all evaluations of this programme must be accompanied by one.*

#### **Amendment 125** **Eva Paunova**

#### **Proposal for a decision** **Article 11 – paragraph 3**

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

3. The Programme shall be subject to an interim evaluation and a final evaluation, the results of which shall be communicated to the European Parliament and the Council by 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2021 respectively. ***In this context, the responsible committee of the Parliament may invite the Commission to present*** the evaluation results and answer questions raised by its members.

##### *Amendment*

3. The Programme shall be subject to an interim evaluation and a final evaluation, the results of which shall be communicated to the European Parliament and the Council by 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2021 respectively. ***The Commission shall report annually to the European Parliament on*** the evaluation results and answer questions raised by ***Parliament's*** Members.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 126** **Franz Obermayr**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 11 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. The evaluations shall examine issues such as the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, utility, sustainability *and* coherence of Programme actions. The final evaluation shall, in addition, examine the extent to which the Programme has achieved its objective.

*Amendment*

4. The evaluations shall examine issues such as the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, utility, sustainability, coherence *and data protection* of Programme actions. The final evaluation shall, in addition, examine the extent to which the Programme has achieved its objective.

Or. de

**Amendment 127**  
**Kaja Kallas, Antanas Guoga**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 11 – paragraph 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

6. The evaluations shall also examine the benefits of the actions to the Union for the advancement of common policies, identify areas for potential improvement and verify synergies with other Union initiatives in the area of cross-border or cross-sector interoperability and the modernisation of European public administrations.

*Amendment*

6. The evaluations shall also examine the benefits of the actions to the Union for the advancement of common policies, identify areas for potential improvement and verify synergies with other Union initiatives in the area of cross-border or cross-sector interoperability and the modernisation, *simplification and efficiency* of European public administrations.

Or. en

**Amendment 128**  
**Franz Obermayr**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 13**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Article 13*

*Amendment*

*deleted*



*Non-Union initiatives*

*Without prejudice to other Union policies, interoperability solutions established or operated by the ISA2 Programme may be used by non-Union initiatives, for non-commercial purposes, provided that no extra costs are incurred for the general budget of the Union and the main Union objective of the interoperable solution is not compromised.*

Or. de