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The European Structural and Investment Funds and sound economic governance: guidelines for the implementation of Article 23 of the Common Provisions Regulation
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Amendment 1

Martina Anderson, Younous Omarjee, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Matt Carthy

Motion for a resolution

Title

Motion for a resolution

on the European Structural and Investment Funds **and sound** economic governance: guidelines for the implementation of Article 23 of the Common Provisions Regulation

Amendment

on the European Structural and Investment Funds **in the context of** economic governance: guidelines for the implementation of Article 23 of the Common Provisions Regulation

Or. en

Amendment 2

Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution

Citation 2

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and in particular Articles 4, 162 **and** 174 to 178 thereof,

Amendment

– having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and in particular Articles 4, 162, 174 to 178 **and 349** thereof,

Or. en

Amendment 3

Martina Anderson, Younous Omarjee, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Matt Carthy, Dimitrios Papadimoulis

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the study for the LIBE Committee of the European Parliament entitled 'The impact of the crisis on

fundamental rights across Member States of the EU'.

Or. en

Amendment 4

Ivan Jakovčić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas cohesion policy *is first and foremost a Treaty-based policy, aimed at strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union, and in particular at reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions;*

Amendment

A. whereas cohesion policy *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 the Fund-specific missions pursuant to their Treaty-based objectives, including economic, social and territorial cohesion taking account of the relevant Europe 2020 Integrated Guidelines and the relevant country-specific recommendations;*

Or. en

Amendment 5

Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas cohesion policy is first and foremost a Treaty-based policy, aimed at strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union, and in particular at reducing disparities between *the levels of development of the various regions;*

Amendment

A. whereas cohesion policy is first and foremost a Treaty-based policy, aimed at strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union, and in particular at reducing *structural* disparities between *the regions of the Union and achieving balanced* development *within its*

territory and real gender equality;

Or. es

Amendment 6
Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas cohesion policy is ***first and foremost*** a Treaty-based policy, aimed at strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union, and in particular at reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions;

Amendment

A. whereas cohesion policy is ***the most significant*** Treaty-based ***EU investment*** policy, aimed at strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union, and in particular at reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions;

Or. pl

Amendment 7
Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas cohesion policy is first and foremost a Treaty-based policy, aimed at strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union, and in particular at reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions;

Amendment

A. whereas cohesion policy is first and foremost a Treaty-based policy, aimed at strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union, and in particular at reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions; ***while the objective of the new Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 is to promote the achievements of Europe 2020 goals and allocate financing to underlying priorities - innovations, business support, employment and modern public administration;***

Amendment 8
Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas cohesion policy is first and foremost a Treaty-based policy, aimed at strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union, and in particular at reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions;

Amendment

A. whereas cohesion policy is first and foremost a Treaty-based policy, aimed at strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union, and in particular at reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions, **and whereas the macroconditionality principle is liable to jeopardise achievement of those objectives**;

Or. it

Amendment 9
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas cohesion policy is **first and foremost** a Treaty-based policy, aimed at strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union, and in particular at reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions;

Amendment

A. whereas cohesion policy is **predominantly** a Treaty-based policy, aimed at strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union, and in particular at reducing disparities between the levels of **economic** development of the various regions;

Or. it

Amendment 10
Bronis Ropè

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas cohesion policy is first and foremost a Treaty-based policy, aimed at strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union, and in particular at reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions;

Amendment

A. whereas cohesion policy is first and foremost a Treaty-based policy **and an expression of European solidarity**, aimed at strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union, and in particular at reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Bronis Ropè

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the current legislative framework for cohesion policy, while establishing links with the EU strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, the European Semester and the Europe 2020 Guidelines, as well as with the relevant country specific recommendations (CSRs) and Council recommendations, is nevertheless subject to very specific missions, objectives and horizontal principles;

Amendment

B. whereas the current legislative framework for cohesion policy, while establishing links with the EU strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, the European Semester and the Europe 2020 Guidelines, as well as with the relevant country specific recommendations (CSRs) and Council recommendations, is nevertheless subject to very specific missions, objectives and horizontal principles **and follows its specific systemic rationale**;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the current legal framework of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) aims *also* to reinforce coordination, complementarity and synergies with other EU policies and instruments;

Amendment

C. whereas the current legal framework of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) aims to reinforce coordination, complementarity and synergies with other EU policies and instruments;

Or. it

Amendment 13
Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the current legal framework of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) aims also to reinforce coordination, complementarity and synergies with other EU policies and instruments;

Amendment

C. whereas the current legal framework of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) aims also to reinforce coordination, complementarity and synergies with other EU policies and instruments; *whereas the sustainability of Cohesion Policy effects is enhanced when interventions are implemented in accordance with an overall strategic vision;*

Or. en

Amendment 14
Daniel Buda, Iuliu Winkler

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the bureaucratic burden and lack of administrative capacity are the main factors that create a gap between commitments and payments;

Or. ro

Amendment 15

Ivan Jakovčić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas there is evidence that good governance and efficient institutions are basic conditions for ***strong economic and social development, although less attention has been paid to the impact of macroeconomic factors on the framework in which cohesion policy operates;***

Amendment

D. whereas there is evidence that good governance and efficient ***public*** institutions are basic conditions for economic ***growth and job creation;***

Or. en

Amendment 16

Bronis Ropè

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas there is evidence that good governance and efficient institutions are basic conditions for strong economic ***and social*** development, although less attention has been paid to the impact of macroeconomic factors on the framework in which cohesion policy operates;

Amendment

D. whereas there is evidence that good governance and efficient institutions are basic conditions for strong economic, ***social and territorial*** development, although less attention has been paid to the impact of macroeconomic factors on the framework in which cohesion policy operates;

Amendment 17
Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas there is evidence that good governance and efficient institutions are basic conditions for strong economic and social development, although less attention has been paid to the impact of macroeconomic factors on the framework in which cohesion policy operates;

Amendment

D. whereas there is evidence that good governance and efficient institutions are basic conditions for strong economic and social development, although less attention has been paid to the impact of macroeconomic factors on the framework in which cohesion policy operates;
whereas in a stable environment, which is an essential precondition for long-term economic success, business will remain active and continue to contribute to sustainable growth only if there is confidence in the government and its continuous and reliable policy;

Amendment 18
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas economic and financial instability and unpredictability ***may result*** in decreasing levels of public and private investment;

Amendment

E. whereas economic and financial instability and unpredictability, ***as well as the austerity policies pursued by the Commission, have resulted*** in decreasing levels of public and private investment;

Amendment 19
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas economic and financial instability and unpredictability **may** result in decreasing levels of public and private investment;

Amendment

E. whereas economic and financial instability and unpredictability result in decreasing levels of public and private investment;

Or. it

Amendment 20
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas economic and financial instability and unpredictability may **result in** decreasing levels of public and private investment;

Amendment

E. whereas economic and financial instability and unpredictability may **bring in their wake** decreasing levels of public and private investment;

Or. es

Amendment 21
Bronis Ropè

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas economic and financial instability and unpredictability may result in decreasing levels of public and private investment;

Amendment

E. whereas economic and financial instability and unpredictability may result in decreasing levels of public and private investment **putting at risk the goals of cohesion and, in presence of such a threat, require timely countercyclical**

response;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Ivan Jakovčić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas economic and financial instability and unpredictability may result in decreasing levels of public and private investment;

Amendment

E. whereas economic and financial instability and unpredictability *of regulatory framework* may result in decreasing levels of public and private investment;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the Member States' track record of implementing the CSRs is low, on the evidence of the Commission's assessments of implementation progress concerning the 279 CSRs issued in 2012 and 2013, showing that 28 CSRs had been fully addressed or showed substantial progress (10 %) and 136 (48.7 %) had achieved some progress, but for 115 (41.2 %) limited progress or no progress was recorded;

Amendment

G. whereas the Member States' track record of implementing the CSRs is low, on the evidence of the Commission's assessments of implementation progress concerning the 279 CSRs issued in 2012 and 2013, showing that 28 CSRs had been fully addressed or showed substantial progress (10 %) and 136 (48.7 %) had achieved some progress, but for 115 (41.2 %) limited progress or no progress was recorded; *whereas the implementation was weaker for the 2013 set of recommendations than for the 2012, it appears to vary with the electoral cycle in Member States and is stronger in policy areas where market pressure requires an*

imminent policy response;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Martina Anderson, Younous Omarjee, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Matt Carthy

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas there are evidences that CSRs are a total failure in the achievement of growth and jobs and imply measures against the objectives of the cohesion policy;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas the Committee of the Regions, through the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform, has analysed the country-specific recommendations for 2015, arriving at the worrying conclusion that LDCs and countries in which regional differences are more pronounced are those in which CSR implementation at sub-national level is lowest;

Or. es

Amendment 26

Martina Anderson, Younous Omarjee, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Matt Carthy

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

Linking effectiveness of the ESI Funds ***to sound*** economic governance

Amendment

Effectiveness of the ESI Funds ***in the context of*** economic governance

Or. en

Amendment 27

Ivan Jakovčić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph -1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-1. Considers that a sound economic governance is the basis for an efficient, effective and result-oriented cohesion policy which could contribute to economic growth and jobs creation;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Louis-Joseph Manscour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph -1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-1. Considers that the application of the new arrangements introduced by Article 23 CPR would impose an unfair double penalty on local and regional authorities, which are not responsible for excessive national public deficits, most of them being constitutionally required to balance

their budgets;

Or. fr

Amendment 29

Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Emphasises the importance of *cohesion policy instruments and resources* in maintaining the level of European added-value investment in Member States and regions;

Amendment

1. Emphasises the importance of *ESI Funds* in maintaining the level of European added-value investment in Member States and regions *when national and regional public and private investments fell significantly due to negative effects of economic and financial crisis.*

Or. en

Amendment 30

Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Emphasises the importance of cohesion policy instruments and resources in maintaining the level of European added-value investment in Member States and regions;

Amendment

1. Emphasises the importance of cohesion policy instruments and resources in maintaining the level of European added-value investment in Member States and regions *and in terms of improvement of administrative capacity and triggering modernisation processes within territorial administration across the Member States by diffusion of standards of good governance and policy practices such as partnership, multi-annual programming, place-based approach to development policy, evaluation and cross-border*

cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Martina Anderson, Younous Omarjee, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Matt Carthy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Emphasises the importance of cohesion policy instruments and resources in maintaining the level of European added-value investment in Member States and regions;

Amendment

1. Emphasises the importance of cohesion policy instruments and resources in maintaining the level of European added-value investment ***and boosting demand, growth, jobs and social inclusion*** in Member States and regions;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Martina Anderson, Younous Omarjee, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Matt Carthy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that an increased emphasis on economic governance mechanisms cannot jeopardise the achievement of the ESI Funds' policy objectives and goals;

Amendment

2. Is strongly opposed to the principle of applying macroeconomic conditionality to the implementation of cohesion policy, and more specifically, to any links between the ESIF and economic governance;

Or. en

Amendment 33

José Blanco López, Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that an increased emphasis on economic governance mechanisms **cannot jeopardise the achievement of the ESI Funds' policy objectives and goals;**

Amendment

2. Believes that **achievement of the ESI Funds' policy objectives and goals will not be jeopardised by** an increased emphasis on economic governance mechanisms;

Or. es

Amendment 34
Ivan Jakovčić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that an increased emphasis on economic governance mechanisms **cannot jeopardise** the achievement of the ESI Funds' policy objectives and goals;

Amendment

2. Believes that an increased emphasis on economic governance mechanisms **can support** the achievement of the ESI Funds' policy objectives and goals;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that an increased emphasis on economic governance mechanisms **cannot** jeopardise the achievement of the ESI Funds' policy objectives and goals;

Amendment

2. Believes that an increased emphasis on economic governance mechanisms **must not** jeopardise the achievement of the ESI Funds' policy objectives and goals;

Or. fr

Amendment 36
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that an increased emphasis on economic governance mechanisms cannot jeopardise the achievement of the ESI Funds' policy objectives and goals;

Amendment

2. Believes that an increased emphasis on economic governance mechanisms cannot jeopardise the achievement of the ESI Funds' policy objectives and goals; ***stresses that stable fiscal and economic environment is basic precondition for the effectiveness and successful implementation of Cohesion policy;***

Or. en

Amendment 37
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that an increased emphasis on economic governance mechanisms cannot jeopardise the achievement of the ESI Funds' policy objectives and goals;

Amendment

2. Believes that an increased emphasis on economic governance mechanisms cannot ***in any way*** jeopardise the achievement of the ESI Funds' policy objectives and goals;

Or. it

Amendment 38
Martina Anderson, Younous Omarjee, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Matt Carthy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Calls for the investment clause to be reviewed so as to enable regional and national investments co-financed through ESI Funds to be excluded from the calculation of national deficits in the framework of the European Semester;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Expresses serious doubts about the effectiveness of penalties in the form of the suspension of structural fund payments, which in practice would amount to a second punishment for the same offence;

Or. pl

Amendment 40
Martina Anderson, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Matt Carthy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Considers that macroeconomic conditionality must only be used to contribute to a more focused and result-driven implementation of the ESI Funds;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 41
Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Considers that macroeconomic conditionality must only be used to contribute to a more focused and result-driven implementation of the ESI Funds;

deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 42
Bronis Ropé

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Considers that macroeconomic conditionality must only be used *to contribute to a more focused and result-driven implementation of the ESI Funds;*

3. Considers that macroeconomic conditionality must only be used *as a measure of last resort;*

Or. en

Amendment 43
José Blanco López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Considers that *macroeconomic conditionality* must only be used to contribute to a more focused and result-driven implementation of the ESI Funds;

3. Considers that *Article 23 of the Common Provisions Regulation* must only be used to contribute to a more focused and result-driven implementation of the ESI

Funds;

Or. es

Amendment 44
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Considers that macroeconomic conditionality must **only be used to contribute to a** more focused and result-driven implementation of the ESI Funds;

Amendment

3. Considers that macroeconomic conditionality must **support** more focused and result-driven implementation of the ESI Funds;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Ivan Jakovčić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Considers that macroeconomic conditionality must **only** be used to contribute to a more focused and result-driven implementation of the ESI Funds;

Amendment

3. Considers that macroeconomic conditionality must **also** be used to contribute to a more focused and result-driven implementation of the ESI Funds;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Considers that macroeconomic conditionality must only be used to contribute to a more focused and result-driven implementation of the ESI Funds;

Amendment

3. Considers that macroeconomic conditionality must only be used to contribute to a more focused and result-driven implementation of the ESI Funds ***and facilitate the rationalisation of regional policy in such a way as not to prevent the achievement of national macroeconomic objectives;***

Or. es

Amendment 47
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Considers that macroeconomic conditionality must only be used to contribute to a more focused and result-driven implementation of the ESI Funds;

Amendment

3. Considers that macroeconomic conditionality must only be used to contribute to a more focused and result-driven implementation of the ESI Funds ***and that it should not jeopardize their proper use;***

Or. en

Amendment 48
Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Calls for the investment clause to be reviewed so as to enable regional and national investments co-financed through EU funds (ESI or CEF funding) to be excluded from the calculation of national

deficits in the framework of the European Semester;

Or. es

Amendment 49
Louis-Joseph Manscour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that public expenditure incurred by Member States by way of co-financing of programmes co-financed by the Structural Funds and the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is not included in the public or equivalent structural expenditure taken into account under the partnership agreement for the purpose of ascertaining that the Stability and Growth Pact is being complied with, given that the latter expenditure constitutes an obligation deriving directly from the observance of additionality; calls, therefore, for public expenditure related to the implementation of programmes co-financed by the European Structural and Investment Funds and EFSI to be completely excluded from the definition of SGP structural deficits because this is expenditure devoted to achieving the goals of Europe 2020 and supporting competitiveness, growth and job creation, especially where youth employment is concerned;

Or. fr

Amendment 50
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. **Recalls** the multiannual and long-term nature of programmes and objectives under the ESI Funds, as well as their strong result-driven nature, **as opposed to the annual cycle of the European semester and the rather weak implementation of the semester recommendations;**

Amendment

4. **Emphasises** the multiannual and long-term nature of programmes and objectives under the ESI Funds, as well as their strong result-driven nature, **which should be aligned with national strategies and sectorial policies; therefore underlines the need for coordination with European semester as an annual cycle of economic policy coordination involving Member States' plans for structural reforms, investments and fiscal consolidation.**

Or. en

Amendment 51
Ivan Jakovčić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Recalls the multiannual and long-term nature of programmes and objectives under the ESI Funds, as well as their strong result-driven nature, as opposed to the annual cycle of the European semester **and the rather weak implementation of the semester recommendations;**

Amendment

4. Recalls the multiannual and long-term nature of programmes and objectives under the ESI Funds, as well as their strong result-driven nature, as opposed to the annual cycle of the European semester;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Bronis Ropè

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Underlines the importance of a cautious approach by the Commission towards the application of the macroeconomic conditionality, taking into consideration that the reprogramming mechanism may be triggered by an unfavourable combination of economic cycles and unfavourable external conditions in a Member State concerned;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Stresses the need for the European Commission to present a white paper setting out a typology for the quality public investments on the basis of their long-term effects, with a view to protecting those that produce good results in this respect;

Or. es

Amendment 54

Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Recalls that cohesion policy has played a **vital** role and has **shown** significant responsiveness to macroeconomic and

5. Recalls that cohesion policy has played a **limited** role and has **failed to show** significant responsiveness to

fiscal constraints *in the context of the current crisis, through* the reprogramming of *more than* 11 % of the available budget between 2007 and 2012, *in order to support* the most pressing needs *and strengthen certain interventions*;

macroeconomic and fiscal constraints, *some of them imposed by the Commission, and that* the reprogramming of 11 % of the available budget between 2007 and 2012 *has not made it possible to respond to all of* the most pressing needs;

Or. fr

Amendment 55

Ivan Jakovčić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recalls that cohesion policy has played a vital role and has shown significant responsiveness to macroeconomic and fiscal constraints in the context of the current crisis, through the reprogramming of more than 11 % of the available budget between 2007 and 2012, in order to support the most pressing needs and strengthen certain interventions;

Amendment

5. Recalls that cohesion policy has played a vital role and has shown significant responsiveness to macroeconomic and fiscal constraints in the context of the current crisis, through the reprogramming of more than 11 % of the available budget between 2007 and 2012, in order to support the most pressing needs and strengthen certain interventions; *highlights therefore that in several Member States the Cohesion policy represented more than 80 of public investments over the period 2007-2013;*

Or. en

Amendment 56

Bronis Ropë

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Asks the Commission to provide further analytical data on the impact of the *macroeconomic mechanisms on regional*

Amendment

6. Asks the Commission to provide further analytical data on the impact of the European economic governance framework

development and on the interaction between the European economic governance framework and cohesion policy, as well as to provide specific information on how cohesion policy contributes to the relevant CSRs and Council recommendations;

and applied macroeconomic mechanisms, including those applied under CSRs and Council recommendations, on the results of regional development operations and achievement of Cohesion Policy goals;

Or. en

Amendment 57
José Blanco López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Asks the Commission to provide further analytical data on the impact of the macroeconomic mechanisms on regional development and on the interaction between the European economic governance framework and cohesion policy, *as well as* to provide specific information on how cohesion policy contributes to the relevant CSRs and Council recommendations;

Amendment

6. Asks the Commission to provide further analytical data on the impact *and significance* of the macroeconomic mechanisms on regional development, *on the effectiveness of cohesion policy* and on the interaction between the European economic governance framework and cohesion policy, *and* to provide specific information on how cohesion policy contributes to the relevant CSRs and Council recommendations;

Or. es

Amendment 58
Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

6a. Stresses that local and regional authorities must not, under any circumstances, be burdened with harsh penalties when governments fail to

comply with macroeconomic stability rules;

Or. pl

Amendment 59
Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls for the investment clause to be revised to allow regional and national investments made as cofinancing for EU funding (ESI funds and the Connecting European Facility) not to be included in the calculation of national public deficits;

Or. it

Amendment 60
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to particularly study the macroeconomic impact of the thematic concentration system;

Or. fr

Amendment 61
Martina Anderson, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Matt Carthy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Recalls that any decision regarding reprogramming or suspension under Article 23 CPR ***must be exceptional, well-weighed, thoroughly justified and implemented in a swift way, in order to ensure transparency and allow for verification and review;***

Amendment

7. Recalls that any decision regarding reprogramming or suspension under Article 23 CPR ***would unfairly penalise local, regional and national authorities and all beneficiaries; believes that such reprogramming or suspension are likely to happen to less developed regions and to Member States already suffering the most from the economic and social crisis and would thus exacerbate the effects of the crisis;***

Or. en

Amendment 62
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Recalls that any decision regarding reprogramming ***or*** suspension under Article 23 CPR must be exceptional, well-weighed, thoroughly justified and implemented ***in a swift way***, in order to ensure transparency and allow for verification and review;

Amendment

7. Recalls that any decision regarding reprogramming ***and*** suspension under Article 23 CPR must be exceptional, well-weighed, thoroughly justified and implemented ***in as precautionary a manner as possible***, in order to ensure transparency and allow for verification and review; ***stresses that the outermost regions must be excluded, under Article 349 TFEU, from any decision to suspend ESI funds that might be taken under Article 23 CPR;***

Or. fr

Amendment 63
Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Recalls that any decision regarding reprogramming or suspension under Article 23 CPR must be exceptional, well-weighted, thoroughly justified and implemented in a swift way, in order to ensure transparency and allow for verification and review;

Amendment

7. Recalls that any decision regarding reprogramming or suspension under Article 23 CPR must be exceptional, well-weighted, thoroughly justified and ***has to indicate the programmes or priorities concerned and the nature of the amendments expected, needs to follow within a limited timeframe in order to avoid collision with potential subsequent recommendations,*** implemented in a swift way, in order to ensure transparency and allow for verification and review;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Recalls that any decision regarding reprogramming or suspension under Article 23 CPR must be exceptional, well-weighted, thoroughly justified and implemented in a swift way, in order to ensure transparency and allow for verification and review;

Amendment

(Does not affect English version)

Or. pl

Amendment 65
Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Notes that it remains to be seen what will be the practical implications of reprogramming on the performance framework and the performance review;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Doubts that the content of reprogramming and associated arrangements will systematically deliver positive outcomes, contribute to improving a country's long-term competitiveness or redirect its economic development towards sectors with future growth potential, given that analysis of emergency measures taken by the Commission and Member States since 2009 has shown that they have given preference to ongoing projects to ensure a more rapid take-up of appropriations and generate cash flows;

Or. es

Amendment 67
Steeve Briois

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Recalls the link between the reprogramming decisions and the

adoption of an inappropriate operational programme which does not meet the needs of project promoters, on account of their limited engineering capacities, particularly in the least developed regions and transition regions;

Or. fr

Amendment 68

Martina Anderson, Younous Omarjee, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Matt Carthy

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8**

Motion for a resolution

8. Considers that the partnership agreements and programmes adopted in the current programming period have taken account of *the relevant* CSRs and *the relevant* Council recommendations, thus making any reprogramming unnecessary *in the medium term*;

Amendment

8. Considers that the partnership agreements and programmes adopted in the current programming period have taken account of CSRs and Council recommendations, thus making any reprogramming unnecessary;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Ivan Jakovčić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8**

Motion for a resolution

8. Considers that the partnership agreements and programmes adopted in the current programming period have taken account of the relevant CSRs and the relevant Council recommendations, *thus making any reprogramming unnecessary in the medium term*;

Amendment

8. Considers that the partnership agreements and programmes adopted in the current programming period have taken account of the relevant CSRs and the relevant Council recommendations;

Amendment 70
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Considers that the partnership agreements and programmes adopted in the current programming period have taken account of the relevant CSRs and the relevant Council recommendations, **thus making any** reprogramming **unnecessary** in the medium term;

Amendment

8. Considers that the partnership agreements and programmes adopted in the current programming period have taken account of the relevant CSRs and the relevant Council recommendations, **with the result that** reprogramming in the medium term **will be the exception**;

Or. es

Amendment 71
Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Considers that the partnership agreements and programmes adopted in the current programming period have taken account of the relevant CSRs and the relevant Council recommendations, thus **making** any reprogramming **unnecessary** in the medium term;

Amendment

8. Considers that the partnership agreements and programmes adopted in the current programming period have taken account of the relevant CSRs and the relevant Council recommendations, thus **avoiding** any reprogramming in the medium term;

Or. es

Amendment 72
Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Considers that the partnership agreements and programmes adopted in the current programming period have taken account of the relevant CSRs and the relevant Council recommendations, thus making any reprogramming unnecessary in the medium term;

Amendment

8. Considers that the partnership agreements and programmes adopted in the current programming period have taken account of the relevant CSRs and the relevant Council recommendations, thus making any reprogramming unnecessary in the medium term, ***unless the conditions are changed and strong need for new economic policy's approach is required;***

Or. en

Amendment 73
Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Asks the Commission to provide more information on how the partnership principle will be applied in a reprogramming exercise under Article 23;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Martina Anderson, Younous Omarjee, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Matt Carthy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Is of the view that reprogramming should be avoided ***to the greatest extent possible*** in order not to disrupt fund

9. Is of the view that reprogramming should be avoided in order not to disrupt fund management or undermine the

management or undermine the stability and predictability of the multiannual investment strategy; welcomes the cautious approach of the Commission in this regard and its intention to keep any reprogramming requests to a minimum;

stability and predictability of the multiannual investment strategy; welcomes the cautious approach of the Commission in this regard and its intention to keep any reprogramming requests to a minimum; ***believes that reprogramming or suspensions could have serious consequences on absorption of ESI funds;***

Or. en

Amendment 75
José Blanco López, Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Is of the view that reprogramming should be avoided ***to the greatest extent possible*** in order not to disrupt fund management or undermine the stability and predictability of the multiannual investment strategy; welcomes the cautious approach of the Commission in this regard and its intention to keep any reprogramming requests to a minimum;

Amendment

9. Is of the view that reprogramming should be avoided in order not to disrupt fund management or undermine the stability and predictability of the multiannual investment strategy; welcomes the cautious approach of the Commission in this regard and its intention to keep any reprogramming requests to a minimum;

Or. es

Amendment 76
Ivan Jakovčić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Is of the view that reprogramming should be avoided ***to the greatest extent possible*** in order not to disrupt fund management or undermine the stability and predictability of the multiannual

Amendment

9. Is of the view that reprogramming should be avoided, ***when possible***, in order not to disrupt fund management or undermine the stability and predictability of the multiannual investment strategy;

investment strategy; welcomes the cautious approach of the Commission in this regard and its intention to keep any reprogramming requests to a minimum;

welcomes the cautious approach of the Commission in this regard and its intention to keep any reprogramming requests to a minimum;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Is of the view that reprogramming should be avoided to the greatest extent possible in order not to disrupt fund management or undermine the stability and predictability of the multiannual investment strategy; welcomes the cautious approach of the Commission in this regard and its intention to keep any reprogramming requests to a minimum;

Amendment

9. Is of the view that reprogramming should be avoided to the greatest extent possible in order not to disrupt fund management or undermine the stability and predictability of the multiannual investment strategy; welcomes the cautious approach of the Commission in this regard and its intention to keep any reprogramming requests to a ***strict*** minimum; ***asks the Commission to elaborate in the greater detail what the strict minimum might mean in practice;***

Or. en

Amendment 78

Bronis Ropè

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Is of the view that reprogramming should be avoided to the greatest extent possible in order not to disrupt fund management or undermine the stability and predictability of the multiannual investment strategy; welcomes the cautious

Amendment

9. Is of the view that reprogramming should be avoided to the greatest extent possible in order not to disrupt fund management or undermine the stability and predictability of the multiannual investment strategy; welcomes the cautious

approach of the Commission in this regard and its intention to keep any reprogramming requests to a minimum;

approach of the Commission in this regard and its intention to keep any reprogramming requests to a minimum ***and emphasizes the need to accompany each such request with a relevant impact assessment;***

Or. en

Amendment 79
Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Stresses that any reprogramming would entail significant bureaucratic and administrative burdens for the national, regional and local authorities concerned;

Or. it

Amendment 80
José Blanco López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Asks the Commission to facilitate effective prioritisation regarding the use of ESI funds so as to avoid application of the provisions of Article 23 of the Common Provisions Regulation; accordingly calls for close coordination between the main bodies responsible for economic governance and those responsible for implementation of the ESI funds;

Or. es

Amendment 81
Bronis Ropė

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Asks the Commission to carry out, in cooperation with the Member *States, an* analysis of all available options other than the application of Article 23 CPR to address issues that may trigger a reprogramming request;

Amendment

10. Asks the Commission to carry out, in *close* cooperation with the Member *State concerned, a comprehensive* analysis of all available options other than the application of Article 23 CPR to address issues that may trigger a reprogramming request;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Asks the Commission to carry out, in cooperation with the Member States, an analysis of all available options other than the application of Article 23 CPR to address issues that may trigger a reprogramming request;

Amendment

10. Asks the Commission to carry out, in cooperation with the Member States, an analysis of all *and possible* available options other than the application of Article 23 CPR to address issues that may trigger a reprogramming request;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Ivan Jakovčić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Deplores any disproportionate increase of the administrative burden for all levels of administration, given the tight deadlines and the complexity of the reprogramming procedure under Article 23 CPR; warns against any overlapping of reprogramming procedures under Article 23 CPR with subsequent European semester cycles;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 84
Krzysztof Hetman

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Deplores any disproportionate increase of the administrative burden for all levels of administration, given the tight deadlines and the complexity of the reprogramming procedure under Article 23 CPR; warns against any overlapping of reprogramming procedures under Article 23 CPR with subsequent European semester cycles;

11. Deplores any disproportionate increase of the administrative burden for all levels of administration, given the tight deadlines and the complexity of the reprogramming procedure under Article 23 CPR; warns against any overlapping of reprogramming procedures under Article 23 CPR with subsequent European semester cycles; ***calls therefore the Commission to apply the early warning approach and inform the country concerned about the possibility of launching the reprogramming procedure under Article 23 of CPR immediately after publication of country-specific recommendations;***

Or. en

Amendment 85
Bronis Ropè

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Deplores any disproportionate increase of the administrative burden for all levels of administration, given the tight deadlines and the complexity of the reprogramming procedure under Article 23 CPR; warns against any overlapping of reprogramming procedures under Article 23 CPR with subsequent European semester cycles;

Amendment

11. Deplores any disproportionate increase of the administrative burden for all levels of administration, given the tight deadlines and the complexity of the reprogramming procedure under Article 23 CPR **and therefore demands at least a triple increase in timeframes, indicated therein**; warns against any overlapping of reprogramming procedures under Article 23 CPR with subsequent European semester cycles;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Recalls that the interpretation and application of Article 23 CPR must **comply with** the horizontal principles provided for in the CPR, in particular with the principles of partnership and multilevel governance, and with the Regulation and the Common Strategic Framework as a whole;

Amendment

12. Recalls that the interpretation and application of Article 23 CPR must **take account of** the horizontal principles provided for in the CPR, in particular with the principles of partnership and multilevel governance, and with the Regulation and the Common Strategic Framework as a whole;

Or. es

Amendment 87
Daniel Buda, Iuliu Winkler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Recalls that the interpretation and application of Article 23 CPR must comply with the horizontal principles provided for in the CPR, in particular with the principles of partnership and multilevel governance, and with the Regulation and the Common Strategic Framework as a whole;

Amendment

12. Recalls that the interpretation and application of Article 23 CPR must comply with the horizontal principles provided for in the CPR, in particular with the principles of partnership and multilevel governance, and with the Regulation and the Common Strategic Framework as a whole; ***takes the view that local and regional authorities should play a more visible part in cooperation on horizontal principles;***

Or. ro

Amendment 88
Bronis Ropè

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

12a. Insists that a proposal for reprogramming submitted in accordance with Article 23(4) CPR requires the prior consultation of the monitoring committee concerned provided for in Article 49(3) of the same regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Asks the Commission to clarify how the horizontal principles will be specifically taken into account in the

Amendment

13. Asks the Commission to clarify how the horizontal principles will be specifically taken into account in the

application of the provisions of Article 23
CPR;

application of the provisions of Article 23
CPR; *notes that Article 23 does not make
explicit reference to general and
horizontal principles which nevertheless
remain applicable;*

Or. en

Amendment 90
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***14. Does not accept that the inability to
properly address macroeconomic issues at
national level may penalise subnational
authorities or call in question the
territorial approach of cohesion policy;***

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 91
Ivan Jakovčić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***14. Does not accept that the inability to
properly address macroeconomic issues at
national level may penalise subnational
authorities or call in question the
territorial approach of cohesion policy;***

***14. Is concerned that the inability of
national governments to follow a sound
economic policy may penalise
beneficiaries and applicants in case of
payment suspensions triggered by the
second stand of Article 23 of the Common
Provisions Regulation;***

Or. en

Amendment 92
Rosa D'Amato, Marco Zullo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Does not accept that the inability to properly address macroeconomic issues at national level may penalise *subnational* authorities or call *in* question the territorial approach of cohesion policy;

Amendment

14. Does not accept that the inability to properly address macroeconomic issues at national level may penalise *regional and local* authorities or call *into* question the territorial approach of cohesion policy, *considering also that the increase in public debt principally stems from central government activities, as was recognised, moreover, in the Sixth Report on Cohesion (Chapter 4.3.6)*;

Or. it

Amendment 93
Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Does not accept that the inability to properly address macroeconomic issues at national level may penalise subnational authorities or call in question the territorial approach of cohesion policy;

Amendment

14. Does not accept that the inability to properly address macroeconomic issues at national level may penalise subnational authorities or call in question the territorial approach of cohesion policy; *emphasizes that the increase in the public debt stems mainly from the activities of the central authorities*;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Considers that, since European Structural and Investment Funds are closely linked to good economic governance, the European Semester must be given a truly territorial dimension, involving local and regional authorities in the preparation and implementation of national reform programmes under the Europe 2020 Strategy;

Or. es

Amendment 95
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Recalls that it is for Member States and regions to select the thematic objectives in function of their needs, and notes that the application of Article 23 CPR may restrict the flexibility of Member States in setting their priorities; recalls in this regard the principle of subsidiarity provided for in Article 4(3) CPR;

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 96
Ivan Jakovčić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Recalls that it is for Member States and regions to select the thematic objectives in function of their needs, and notes that the application of Article 23 CPR may restrict the flexibility of Member States in setting their priorities; recalls in this regard the principle of subsidiarity provided for in Article 4(3) CPR;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 97
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Recalls that it is **for** Member States and regions to select the thematic objectives in function of their needs, and notes that the application of Article 23 CPR may restrict the flexibility of Member States in setting their priorities; recalls in this regard the principle of subsidiarity provided for in Article 4(3) CPR;

15. Recalls that it is **a competence of the** Member States and regions to select the thematic objectives in function of their needs, and notes that the application of Article 23 CPR may restrict the flexibility of Member States in setting their priorities; recalls in this regard the principle of subsidiarity provided for in Article 4(3) CPR;

Or. it

Amendment 98
Bronis Ropè

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Asks the Commission to evaluate, beforehand and in close cooperation with

16. Asks the Commission to evaluate, beforehand and in close cooperation with

the Member States, the impact at regional and local levels of any measures adopted under Article 23 CPR;

the Member States, the impact at regional and local levels of any measures adopted under Article 23 CPR ***taking also into account whether reprogramming would be of less harm than its absence;***

Or. en

Amendment 99
Daniel Buda, Iuliu Winkler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Asks the Commission to evaluate, beforehand and in close cooperation with the Member States, the impact at regional and local levels of any measures adopted under Article 23 CPR;

Amendment

16. Asks the Commission to evaluate, beforehand and in close cooperation with the Member States, the impact at regional and local levels of any measures adopted under Article 23 CPR; ***stresses, in this context, the significant contribution made by the private sector and civil society through public consultations;***

Or. ro

Amendment 100
Ivan Jakovčić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Asks the Commission to apply Article 23 CPR in line with the principle of proportionality, ***by properly taking into account the real situation of those Member States and regions which are facing socio-economic difficulties and where ESI Funds represent a significant share of investment;***

Amendment

17. Asks the Commission to apply Article 23 CPR in line with the principle of proportionality,

Amendment 101

Martina Anderson, Younous Omarjee, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Matt Carthy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Asks the Commission to **apply Article 23 CPR in line with the principle of proportionality, by properly taking** into account the real situation of those Member States and regions which are facing socio-economic difficulties and where ESI Funds represent a significant share of investment;

Amendment

17. Asks the Commission to properly **take** into account the real situation of those Member States and regions which are facing socio-economic difficulties and where ESI Funds represent a significant share of investment;

Amendment 102

Victor Boștinăru

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Asks the Commission to **apply** Article 23 CPR in line with the principle of proportionality, by properly taking into account the real situation of those Member States and regions which are facing socio-economic difficulties and where ESI Funds represent a significant share of investment;

Amendment

17. Asks the Commission to **interpret** Article 23 CPR in line with the principle of proportionality, by properly taking into account the real situation of those Member States and regions which are facing socio-economic difficulties and where ESI Funds represent a significant share of investment;

Amendment 103

Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Asks the Commission to apply Article 23 CPR in line with the principle of proportionality, by properly taking into account the real situation of those Member States and regions which are facing socio-economic difficulties and where ESI Funds represent a significant share of investment;

Amendment

17. Asks the Commission to apply Article 23 CPR in line with the principle of proportionality, by properly taking into account the real situation of those Member States and regions which are facing socio-economic difficulties, ***particularly in the context of the economic and financial crisis of recent years***, and where ESI Funds represent a significant share of investment, ***in order to avoid aggravating these difficulties***;

Or. ro

Amendment 104
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Asks the Commission to apply Article 23 CPR in line with the principle of proportionality, by properly taking into account the real situation of those Member States and regions which are facing socio-economic difficulties and where ESI Funds represent a significant share of investment;

Amendment

17. Asks the Commission to apply Article 23 CPR in line with the principle of proportionality, by properly taking into account the real situation of those Member States and regions which are facing socio-economic difficulties and where ESI Funds represent a significant share of investment; ***stresses that the least developed regions must not be destabilised, either socially or economically, by reprogramming of ESI funds linked to the application of Article 23 CPR***;

Or. fr

Amendment 105
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls for an adequate flow of information between the Commission, the Council and Parliament and for the holding of a debate at the appropriate political level to ensure a common understanding as regards the interpretation of the conditions of application of Article 23 CPR; considers that decisions under Article 23 CPR should be considered by the Council under a configuration especially dedicated to cohesion policy;

Amendment

19. Calls for an adequate flow of information between the Commission, the Council and Parliament and for the holding of a debate at the appropriate political level, ***followed by a corresponding report in real time to the local, regional and national authorities on the conclusions reached***, to ensure a common understanding as regards the interpretation of the conditions of application of Article 23 CPR; considers that decisions under Article 23 CPR should be considered by the Council under a configuration especially dedicated to cohesion policy;

Or. ro

Amendment 106
Enrique Calvet Chambon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Considers it essential to ensure transparency and accountability by giving Parliament democratic oversight of the system of governance in the context of Article 23 CPR, which introduces ***important*** limitations in the bottom-up approach which is an ***important*** feature of cohesion policy;

Amendment

20. Considers it essential to ensure transparency and accountability by giving Parliament democratic oversight of the system of governance in the context of Article 23 CPR, which introduces ***a number of necessary*** limitations in the bottom-up approach which is ***essential for the overall coordination of*** cohesion policy;

Or. es

Amendment 107
Martina Anderson, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Matt Carthy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Recalls that suspension of payments is a matter decided by the Council on the basis of a proposal that the Commission may adopt in the event that the Member State concerned fails to take effective action;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 108
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Recalls that suspension of payments is a matter decided by the Council on the basis of a proposal that the Commission may adopt in the event that the Member State concerned fails to take effective action;

21. Stresses that it is important for the Member States to take effective action to avoid consequences such as suspension of payments, following a Council decision based on a proposal that the Commission may adopt in the event that this action is not carried out;

Or. ro

Amendment 109
Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Martina Anderson, Matt Carthy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Expresses its disapproval for the institutionalisation of the principle of macroeconomic conditionality and the

link between cohesion policy and Structural Funds on the one hand and Stability and Growth Pact, package of economic governance and any economic agreement of Member States, on the other; the assumptions underlying them are undeniably different and their objectives diametrically opposed; emphasises that the purpose of cohesion policy should not be to impose stringent macroeconomic and financial conditions necessitating austerity measures or to penalise Member States and regions; stresses that cohesion policy is designed to ensure balanced growth and eliminate inequalities with a view to achieving genuine convergence; indicates that funding for European regions cannot be suspended for non-compliance by Member States with macroeconomic conditions and suspending funding for Member States in difficulties will make the situation worse;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Ruža Tomašić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Asks the Commission how programmes or priorities concerned will be defined in the proposal for suspension under Article 23(6);

Or. en

Amendment 111
José Blanco López, Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Doubts the effectiveness of a sanction that would do nothing more than penalise the same infringement twice and underlines the substantial legal safeguards contained in Article 23 of the Common Provisions Regulation with a view to ensuring the exceptional nature of the suspension mechanism;

Or. es

Amendment 112

Martina Anderson, Younous Omarjee, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Matt Carthy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Emphasises the penalising nature of any suspension of payments, **and asks the Commission to use its discretionary power to propose the suspension of payments with utmost caution and strictly in line with Article 23(6) CPR, after due consideration of all relevant information and elements arising from and opinions expressed through the structured dialogue;**

22. Emphasises the penalising nature of any suspension of payments;

Or. en

Amendment 113

Bronis Ropè

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Warns against the risk of failure of projects which are implemented under financial instruments affected by the reprogramming, as the private sector and financial institutions might withdraw their engagement in case of suspension of the contribution of the funds;

Or. en

Amendment 114

Iskra Mihaylova, Enrique Calvet Chambon, Ivan Jakovčić, Matthijs van Miltenburg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Points out that the decision on the suspension of payments should be taken as a last resort, because suspending payments could have serious consequences for the respective programmes and regions severely hit by crisis, as well as for the achievement of cohesion policy goals as a whole;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Daniel Buda, Iuliu Winkler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Welcomes, in the context of the criteria for determining the programmes to be suspended and the level of suspension under the first strand, the cautious

23. Welcomes, in the context of the criteria for determining the programmes to be suspended and the level of suspension under the first strand, the cautious

approach adopted in the guidelines whereby account will be taken of the economic and social circumstances of Member States by considering mitigating factors similar to those envisaged in the suspensions under Article 23(9) CPR;

approach adopted in the guidelines whereby account will be taken of the economic and social circumstances of Member States by considering mitigating factors similar to those envisaged in the suspensions under Article 23(9) CPR; ***regrets that the suspension of payments creates a gap and leads to the decommitment of funds, and calls on the Commission to review the criteria and avoid suspensions where minor infringements are detected;***

Or. ro

Amendment 116
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Considers that the involvement of Parliament in line with Article 23(15) CPR should be formalised, by way of a clear procedure allowing Parliament to be ***informed*** at all stages as regards the adoption of reprogramming requests or of any proposals and decisions on suspension of commitments or payments;

Amendment

25. Considers that the involvement of Parliament in line with Article 23(15) CPR should be formalised, by way of a clear procedure allowing Parliament to be ***consulted*** at all stages as regards the adoption of reprogramming requests or of any proposals and decisions on suspension of commitments or payments;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Considers that the involvement of Parliament in line with Article 23(15) CPR

Amendment

25. Considers that the involvement of Parliament, ***as the principal democratic***

should be formalised, by way of a clear procedure allowing Parliament to be informed at all stages as regards the adoption of reprogramming requests or of any proposals and decisions on suspension of commitments or payments;

guarantor for the correct application of the provisions in line with Article 23(15) CPR, should be formalised, by way of a clear procedure allowing Parliament to be informed at all stages as regards the adoption of reprogramming requests or of any proposals and decisions on suspension of commitments or payments;

Or. ro

Amendment 118
Viorica Dăncilă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

26. Considers that such a procedure should include, at least, the following steps:

Amendment

26. ***Stresses the need for constant, clear and transparent collaboration at interinstitutional level and*** considers that such a procedure should include, at least, the following steps:

Or. ro

Amendment 119
Bronis Ropë

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 – indent 2

Motion for a resolution

– the Commission should immediately inform Parliament of any reprogramming request under Article 23(1) CPR or of a proposal for a decision suspending payments under Article 23(6) CPR, allowing Parliament to state its position in due time;

Amendment

– the Commission should immediately inform Parliament of any reprogramming request under Article 23(1) CPR or of a proposal for a decision suspending payments under Article 23(6) CPR, allowing Parliament to state its position in due time; ***the Commission should not take any further step until the Parliament has expressed its position;***

Amendment 120
Bronis Ropè

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 – indent 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**– the Parliament should adopt its position
by vote;**

Or. en

Amendment 121
Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 – indent 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– the Commission should take into account the position expressed by Parliament and any elements arising from or opinions expressed through the structured dialogue under Article 23(15) CPR;

– the Commission should, **as well as consulting the Committee of the Regions**, take into account the position expressed by Parliament and any elements arising from or opinions expressed through the structured dialogue under Article 23(15) CPR;

Or. es

Amendment 122
José Blanco López, Stanislav Polčák

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Calls for the inclusion of the EP

Committee on Regional Affairs in structural dialogue in the framework of the European Semester on matters possibly affecting the implementation of the ESI funds;

Or. es

Amendment 123

Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Martina Anderson, Matt Carthy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Calls on the Parliament to submit a proposal concerning the review of the implementation of Article 23 CPR as defined in paragraph 17 of this Article

Or. en