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Establishment of the Structural Reform Support Programme for the period 2017 to 2020 and amending Regulations (EU) No 1303/2013 and (EU) No 1305/2013

Proposal for a regulation
(COM(2015)0701 – C8-0373/2015 – 2015/0263(COD))

Amendment 28
Theodoros Zagorakis, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) In accordance with Article 9 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union shall take into account requirements linked to the promotion of a high level of employment, the guarantee of adequate social protection, the fight against social exclusion, and a high level of education, training and protection of human health. In addition, as set out in Article 11 of the of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, environmental protection requirements **must** be integrated in the Union policies with a view to promoting sustainable development.

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Or. en

Amendment 29
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Up to now, the Union has failed to achieve these objectives, particularly in the countries which have already received structural aid from the Commission, since access to education has been reduced in Greece whilst unemployment has constantly risen (with 50.1% youth unemployment in this country) due to the austerity policies.

Amendment 30
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Articles 120 and 121 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union provide that Member States shall conduct their economic policies with a view to contributing to the achievement of the objectives of the Union and in the context of the broad guidelines that the Council shall formulate. Thereby, the coordination of the economic policies of the Member States is a matter of common concern.

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(2) Articles 120 and 121 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union provide that Member States shall conduct their economic policies with a view to contributing to the achievement of the objectives of the Union and in the context of the broad guidelines that the Council shall formulate. Thereby, the coordination of the economic policies of the Member States is a matter of common concern. ***This common concern must not however be pursued to the detriment of the economic and social stability of the Member States of the Union and in particular must not lead to sacrifices in the educational and social policies for young people.***

Amendment 31
Momchil Nekov

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

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Member States, which affected the right to education. The priority given to reduce macroeconomic imbalances has to be balanced with the need to ensure and maintain minimum standards in the field of education which deserves special attention. The Union has identified the implementation of structural reforms among its policy priorities to set the recovery on a sustainable path, unlock the growth potential to strengthen the adjustment capacity, and support the process of convergence.

Or. en

Amendment 32
Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(3) Several Member States have been, and continue to ***be, victims of austerity manoeuvres which prevent their*** potential growth.

Or. it

Amendment 33
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

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(3) Several Member States have been undergoing and continue to undergo adjustment processes to correct macroeconomic imbalances accumulated in the past and ***it has to be admitted that despite the reforms led by the EU, many are facing the challenge of low potential growth, thus calling into question the soundness of the austerity policies. It should nevertheless be remembered that*** the Union has identified the implementation of structural reforms among its policy priorities, ***but has not yet succeeded in setting*** the recovery on a sustainable path, ***unlocking*** the growth potential ***needed and ensuring the social achievements which should be the objective of all economic policy.***

Or. fr

Amendment 34
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Several Member States have been undergoing and continue to undergo adjustment processes ***to correct macroeconomic imbalances accumulated in the past*** and many are facing the challenge of low potential growth. The Union has identified the implementation of structural reforms among its policy priorities ***to set the recovery on a sustainable path, unlock the growth potential to strengthen the adjustment capacity, and support the process of convergence.***

Amendment

(3) Several Member States have been undergoing and continue to undergo adjustment processes and many ***of them, mainly southern European countries such as Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Cyprus,*** are facing the challenge of low potential growth. The Union has identified the implementation of structural reforms among its policy priorities, ***which, as shown by the example of Greece, Spain and Portugal, have meant poverty, distress and social deprivation for millions.***

Or. el

Amendment 35

Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Reforms are by their very nature complex processes *that require a complete chain of highly-specialised knowledge and skills. Addressing structural reforms in a variety of public policy areas is challenging since their benefits often take time to materialise. Therefore, early and efficient design and implementation is crucial, be it for crisis-struck or structurally-weak economies. In this context, the provision of support by the Union in the form of technical assistance has been crucial in supporting the economic adjustment of Greece and Cyprus in the last years.*

Amendment

(4) Reforms are by their very nature complex processes *and for that reason, account should always be taken of the needs of the public and of local and professional stakeholders before their entry into force.*

Or. el

Amendment 36

Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a regulation

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detrimental, as clearly demonstrated in the case of Greece.

Or. it

Amendment 37
Dominique Bilde

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Recital 4

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Amendment

(4) Reforms are by their very nature complex processes that require a complete chain of highly-specialised knowledge and skills. Addressing structural reforms in a variety of public policy areas is challenging since their benefits *have not yet been demonstrated*. Therefore, *a design tailored to the specific features of each Member State and an impact assessment with a clear evaluation of the priority sectors are crucial*, be it for crisis-struck or structurally-weak economies. In this context, the provision of support by the Union in the form of technical assistance *to Greece and Cyprus* has been *disastrous in terms of education and training and has resulted in reduced access to education in these countries and reduced employment openings for young graduates.*

Or. fr

Amendment 38
Momchil Nekov

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Or. en

Amendment 39
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Member States ***may benefit*** from support in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. These ***challenges may be dependent on various factors, including limited administrative and institutional capacity or inadequate application and implementation of Union legislation.***

Amendment

(5) Member States ***have not benefited*** from support in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. These ***reforms have, on the contrary, massively swelled the ranks of the unemployed and helped social inequalities to take hold within the EU, while leaving increasing numbers of citizens destitute by the day.***

Or. el

Amendment 40
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(5) Member States may benefit from support in addressing challenges as regards the design and implementation of structural reforms. These challenges may be dependent on various factors, including **limits on** administrative and institutional capacity **due to budget austerity or application or excessive standardisation of European rules which fail to take account of the specific features** of **national socio-economic conditions**.

Or. fr

Amendment 41
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) The Union has **a long-lasting** experience on providing **specific** support to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building **and similar actions** in certain sectors (**e.g.** taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy. **The experience gained by the Union in assisting national authorities carrying out reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to Member States. Comprehensive and integrated action is indeed necessary in order to provide support to those Member States that are undertaking growth-enhancing reforms and request assistance from the Union in this respect.**

Amendment

(6) The **workings of the Union over the years reveal that it** has **no** experience on providing support to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building in certain sectors **such as** taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises and in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy.

Amendment 42
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) The Union *has a long-lasting experience on providing* specific support to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises) and *in relation to the implementation of cohesion policy*. The experience gained by the *Union in assisting* national authorities carrying out reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to Member States. *Comprehensive and integrated action* is indeed necessary in order to provide support to those Member States that are undertaking growth-enhancing reforms and request assistance from the Union in this respect.

Amendment

(6) The Union *can provide* specific support to national administrations and other authorities of Member States as regards capacity building and similar actions in certain sectors (e.g. taxation, customs, support to small and medium-sized enterprises), *but may not proceed in the place of the Member States, which form the most appropriate level both for identifying the needs at local and/or regional level and for coordinating the necessary changes to ensure that such changes are fully consistent with the needs of the national populations and the necessity for economic stability in Member States*. The experience gained by the *various* national authorities carrying out reforms should be used in order to enhance the capacity of the Union to provide support to Member States. *Drawing on the experience of proven best practices, whilst at the same time respecting the specificities of each Member State*, is indeed necessary in order to provide support to those Member States that are undertaking growth-enhancing reforms and request assistance from the Union in this respect.

Or. fr

Amendment 43
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Against this background, *it is necessary to establish a Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-enhancing administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. The Programme is intended to contribute to the achievement of common goals towards obtaining economic recovery, job creation, boosting Europe's competitiveness and stimulating investment in the real economy.*

Amendment

(7) Against this background, Structural Reform Support **Programmes such as the memorandums have demonstrated, especially in Greece and Portugal, that they are failing to contribute to growth or greater economic prosperity in the Member States and are, on the contrary, massively swelling the ranks of the unemployed, aggravating social inequalities and leaving millions of EU citizens destitute.**

Or. el

Amendment 44
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Recital 7

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Amendment 45
Jill Evans, Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Against this background, it is necessary to establish a Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') with the objective of strengthening the capacity of *Member States* to prepare and implement growth-enhancing administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. The Programme is intended to contribute to the achievement of common goals towards obtaining economic recovery, job creation, boosting Europe's competitiveness and stimulating investment in the real economy.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 46
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) *Support* under the Programme *should be provided by the Commission upon request by a Member State, in areas such as budget and taxation, public function, institutional and administrative reforms, the justice system, anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering, business environment, private*

Amendment

(8) *Under* the Programme, *Member States seeking to apply for Commission support should always have the support of the public and of business stakeholders.*

sector development, investment, competition, public procurement, privatization processes, access to finance, investment, trade, sustainable development, innovation, education and training, labour policies, public health, asylum, migration policies, agriculture and rural development and financial sector policies.

Or. el

Amendment 47
Jill Evans, Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) Support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission upon request by a Member State, in areas *such as budget and taxation, public function, institutional and administrative reforms, the justice system, anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering, business environment, private sector development, investment, competition, public procurement, privatization processes, access to finance, investment, trade, sustainable development, innovation, education and training, labour policies, public health, asylum, migration policies, agriculture and rural development and financial sector policies.*

Amendment

(8) Support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission upon request by a Member State in *policy* areas *with specific national and regional needs to be determined by the Member State in consultation with its regional authorities.*

Or. en

Amendment 48
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

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Text proposed by the Commission

(8) Support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission upon request by a Member State, in areas such as budget and taxation, public function, institutional and administrative reforms, the justice system, anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering, **business environment, private sector development, investment, competition, public procurement, privatization processes**, access to finance, investment, trade, sustainable development, innovation, **education and training, labour policies, public health, asylum, migration policies, agriculture and rural development and financial sector policies.**

Amendment

(8) Support under the Programme should be provided by the Commission upon request by a Member State, **and only upon such request, in full compliance with its sovereignty and with the principle of subsidiarity**, in areas such as budget and taxation, public function, institutional and administrative reforms, the justice system, anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering, **simplification of the tax and administrative environment for very small enterprises (VSEs) and SMEs**, investment, **fair competition and combating social dumping, fair access to education and training with a view to quality education**, access to finance, investment, trade, sustainable development, innovation, **public health, and combating the desertification of rural and outlying areas, in addition to policies concerning the financial sector.**

Or. fr

Amendment 49

Theodoros Zagorakis, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

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education and training, *youth mobility and* labour policies, *cultural heritage*, public health, asylum, migration policies, agriculture and rural development and financial sector policies.

Or. en

Amendment 50
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9) *Member States should be able to request support from the Commission under the Programme in relation to the implementation of reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of Country Specific Recommendations in the context of the European Semester, to actions related to the implementation of Union law, as well as in relation to the implementation of economic adjustment programmes. They should also be able to request support in relation to reforms undertaken at their own initiative, in order to achieve sustainable investment, growth and job creation.*

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Or. el

Amendment 51
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. fr

Amendment 52

Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management and *determine the support to be provided based on urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of socioeconomic indicators, and the general administrative capacity of the Member State*. The Commission should also, in close cooperation with the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support *measures* to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support, *taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes*.

Amendment

(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management and *provide immediate support*. The Commission should also, in close cooperation with the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support.

Amendment 53
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, ***including in the context of the European Semester***, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management and determine the support to be provided based on urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of ***socioeconomic*** indicators, and the general administrative capacity of the Member State. The Commission should also, in close cooperation with the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support, taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes.

Amendment

(10) Further to a dialogue with the requesting Member State, the Commission should analyse the request, taking into account the principles of ***subsidiarity, proportionality and*** transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management and determine the support to be provided based on urgency, breadth and depth of the problems as identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas envisaged, analysis of ***socio-economic*** indicators, and the general administrative capacity of the Member State. The Commission should also, in close cooperation with the Member State concerned, identify the priority areas, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support, taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, ***but also ensuring that the measures taken do not have negative effects on areas which should not be considered simply as economic adjustment variables, such as education, training, public health or access to fundamental public services.***

Or. fr

Amendment 54
Jill Evans, Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 55

Theodoros Zagorakis, Santiago Fisas Aixelà

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10a) In order to create an appropriate socio-economic framework to improve access to education, which is primarily a fundamental human right, support should not be measured exclusively in financial terms but also in terms of citizenship, personal development and employability.

Or. en

Amendment 56
Momchil Nekov

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10a) In accordance with Article 14 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, education is a fundamental human right and therefore needs to be high-quality, inclusive and accessible for all. In this regard, the priority given to economic recovery has to be balanced with the need to give special attention to the sector of education.

Or. en

Amendment 57
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11) The Commission Communications ‘The EU Budget Review’¹³ and ‘A budget for Europe 2020’¹⁴ underline the importance of focusing funding on activities with clear European added value, i.e. where the Union intervention can bring additional value compared to action of Member States alone. Against this background, the support actions carried out under the Programme should ensure complementarity and ***synergy*** with other programmes and policies at national, Union and international level. The actions under the Programme should allow elaborating and implementing solutions that address national challenges which have impact on cross-border or Union-wide challenges and achieve a ***consistent*** and coherent implementation of Union law. In

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addition, they should contribute to further develop trust and promote cooperation **with the Commission and** among Member States. Moreover, the Union **is in a better position than Member States to provide** a platform for the **provision and** sharing of good practices **from peers as well as to mobilise expertise**.

¹³COM(2010) 700 of 19 October 2010

¹⁴ COM(2011) 500 final of 29 June 2011

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¹³ COM(2010) 700 of 19 October 2010.

¹⁴ COM(2011) 500 final of 29 June 2011

Or. fr

Amendment 58 Momchil Nekov

Proposal for a regulation Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) The financial envelope of the Programme should consist of financial resources deducted from allocations for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission under Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁶ and Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁷. In order to allow such deduction, it is necessary to amend those Regulations.

¹⁶ Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development

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¹⁶ Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development

and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

¹⁷ Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487).

and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

¹⁷ Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487).

Or. en

Amendment 59 **Notis Marias**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 14**

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) Member States that request support should ***be able to contribute to*** the financial envelope of the Programme ***with additional funds***. Currently, Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 limits the possibility of a transfer of resources dedicated to technical assistance at the initiative of a Member State to those Member States which face temporary budgetary difficulties. ***Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 should therefore be amended in order to allow all Member States to participate financially to the Programme.*** The resources transferred to the Union budget should be used for supporting actions contributing to ***smart, sustainable and inclusive growth or Fund-specific purposes in the Member States concerned.***

Amendment

(14) Member States that request support should ***obtain it immediately and unconditionally from*** the financial envelope of the Programme. Currently, Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 limits the possibility of a transfer of resources dedicated to technical assistance at the initiative of a Member State to those Member States which face temporary budgetary difficulties. The resources transferred to the Union budget should be used for supporting actions contributing to growth, ***health, education, the environment, etc.***

Or. el

Amendment 60

Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) Considering the importance of sustaining the efforts of Member States in pursuing and implementing *structural, institutional and administrative* reforms, it is necessary to allow a co-financing rate of 100% of the eligible costs *in order to achieve the objectives of the Programme, whilst ensuring compliance with the principles of co-financing and no-profit.*

Amendment

(16) Considering the importance of sustaining the efforts of Member States in pursuing and implementing institutional reforms, it is necessary to allow a co-financing rate of 100% of the eligible costs.

Or. el

Amendment 61

Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) In the event of unforeseen and duly justified grounds of urgency requiring immediate response, such as a serious disturbance in the economy or significant circumstances seriously affecting the economic or social conditions in a Member State going beyond its control, upon request of a Member State, the Commission should be able to adopt *special* measures, *for a limited proportion of the annual work programme, in accordance with objectives* and actions *eligible under the Programme* to support the national authorities in addressing the urgent needs.

Amendment

(17) In the event of unforeseen and duly justified grounds of urgency requiring immediate response, such as a serious disturbance in the economy or significant circumstances seriously affecting the economic or social conditions in a Member State going beyond its control, upon request of a Member State, the Commission should be able to adopt measures and actions to support the national authorities in addressing the urgent needs.

Or. el

Amendment 62
Angel Dzhambazki

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) In the event of unforeseen and duly justified grounds of urgency requiring immediate response, such as a serious disturbance in the economy or significant circumstances seriously affecting the economic or social conditions in a Member State going beyond its control, upon request of a Member State, the Commission should be able to adopt special measures, for a limited proportion of the annual work programme, in accordance with objectives and actions eligible under the Programme to support the national authorities in addressing the urgent needs.

Amendment

(17) In the event of unforeseen and duly justified grounds of urgency requiring immediate response, such as a serious disturbance in the economy or significant circumstances seriously affecting the economic or social conditions in a Member State going beyond its control, upon request of a Member State, the Commission should be able to adopt special measures, for a limited proportion of the annual work programme, in accordance with objectives and actions eligible under the Programme to support the **local, regional and** national authorities in addressing the urgent needs.

Or. en

Justification

One of the key points of the EESC opinion stresses that the programme must be open to local and regional authorities, which must be directly involved in putting together the structural reform project in question, when concerned.

Amendment 63
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) The financial interests of the Union should be protected through proportionate measures throughout the expenditure cycle, including the prevention, detection and investigation of irregularities, **the recovery**

Amendment

(19) The financial interests of the Union should be protected through proportionate measures throughout the expenditure cycle, including the prevention, detection and

of funds lost, wrongly paid or incorrectly used and, where appropriate, penalties.

investigation of irregularities.

Or. el

Amendment 64
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) The financial interests of the Union should be protected through proportionate measures throughout the expenditure cycle, including the prevention, detection and investigation of irregularities, the recovery of funds lost, wrongly paid or incorrectly used and, where appropriate, penalties.

Amendment

(19) The financial interests of the ***Member States, on whose contributions the Union budget is based,*** should be protected through proportionate measures throughout the expenditure cycle, including the prevention, detection and investigation of irregularities, the recovery of funds lost, wrongly paid or incorrectly used and, where appropriate, penalties.

Or. fr

Amendment 65
Momchil Nekov

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) To facilitate the evaluation of the Programme, a proper framework for monitoring the results achieved by the Programme should be put in place from the very beginning. A mid-term evaluation looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, its efficiency and its added value at the European level should be carried out. A final evaluation should, in addition, deal with the long-term impact and the sustainability effects of the Programme. Those evaluations

Amendment

(20) To facilitate the evaluation of the Programme, a proper framework for monitoring the results achieved by the Programme should be put in place from the very beginning. A mid-term evaluation looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, its efficiency and its added value at the European level should be carried out. A final evaluation should, in addition, deal with the long-term impact and the sustainability effects of the Programme. Those evaluations

should be based on the indicators,
measuring the effects of the Programme.

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measuring the effects of the Programme.
***The implementation of the Programme
should be subject to annual monitoring as
well as to independent interim and ex-post
evaluation on the basis of which the
possible suspension after 2020 could be
decided. Therefore, output indicators
could be added to the proposed set of
indicators.***

Or. en

Amendment 66
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(21) In order to adapt the list of indicators measuring the achievement of the objectives of the Programme, in the light of experience during the implementation of the Programme, the power to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the amendment of the list. It is of particular importance that the Commission carries out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level. The Commission, when preparing and drawing up delegated acts, should ensure a simultaneous, timely and appropriate transmission of relevant documents to the European Parliament and to the Council.

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 67
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(22) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation as regards the adoption of the multi-annual and annual work programmes, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission.

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 68
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(23) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely to contribute to the institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States alone, but can rather, by reason of their scale and effects, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that

deleted

objective, since the scope of the support would be mutually agreed with the Member State concerned.

Or. el

Amendment 69
Angel Dzhambazki

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely to contribute to the institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States alone, but can rather, by reason of their scale and effects, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective, since the scope of the support would be mutually agreed with the Member State concerned.

Amendment

(23) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely to contribute to the institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to **local, regional and** national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States alone, but can rather, by reason of their scale and effects, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective, since the scope of the support would be mutually agreed with the Member State concerned.

Or. en

Justification

One of the key points of the EESC opinion stresses that the programme must be open to local and regional authorities, which must be directly involved in putting together the structural reform project in question, when concerned.

Amendment 70
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely to contribute to the institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States alone, but can rather, by reason of their scale and effects, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective, since the scope of the support would be mutually agreed with the Member State concerned.

Amendment

(23) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely to contribute to the institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States ***which desire and call for such action***, by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States alone, but can rather, by reason of their scale and effects, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective, since the scope of the support would be mutually agreed with the Member State concerned.

Or. fr

Amendment 71
Notis Marias

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) In order to allow for the prompt application of the measures provided for in

Amendment

(24) In order to allow for the prompt application of the measures provided for in

this Regulation, this Regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

this Regulation, this Regulation should ***reflect fully the wishes of the public and, if this essential condition is met,*** enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Or. el

Amendment 72
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. 'Union funds' means the European Structural and Investment funds referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the Fund for the European Aid to the Most Deprived, established by Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council, ***the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund established by Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council, the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management established as part of the Internal Security Fund, by Regulation (EU) No 513/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa established, as part of the Internal Security Fund, by Regulation (EU) 515/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council.***

Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014, on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (OJ L 72, 12.3.2014, p. 1).

Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Amendment

2. 'Union funds' means the European Structural and Investment funds referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the Fund for the European Aid to the Most Deprived, established by Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁹.

¹⁹ Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014, on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (OJ L 72, 12.3.2014, p. 1).

of 16 April 2014 establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, amending Council Decision 2008/381/EC and repealing Decisions No 573/2007/EC and No 575/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decision 2007/435/EC (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 168).

Regulation (EU) No 513/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management and repealing Council Decision 2007/125/JHA (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 93).

Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa and repealing Decision No 574/2007/EC (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 143).

Or. fr

Amendment 73
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Programme shall finance actions with European added value. To that effect, the Commission shall ensure that actions selected for funding are likely to produce results with European added value and shall monitor whether European added value is actually achieved.

Amendment

1. The Programme shall finance actions with European added value. To that effect, the **Member States and the** Commission shall ensure that actions selected for funding are likely to produce results with European added value and shall monitor whether European added value is actually achieved.

Or. fr

Amendment 74
Angel Dzhambazki

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Programme shall finance actions with European added value. To that effect, the Commission shall ensure that actions selected for funding are likely to produce results with European added value and shall monitor whether European added value is actually achieved.

Amendment

1. The Programme shall finance actions with European added value. To that effect, the Commission shall ensure that actions selected for funding are likely to produce results with European added value and shall monitor whether European added value is actually achieved. ***Action should be closely monitored and feedback should be taken into account and implemented accordingly.***

Or. en

Justification

Some precision is needed on how and when the actions should be monitored before the interim and ex-post evaluation. This could be helpful to take the right decisions for the following actions and projects and bring the desired European added value.

Amendment 75
Beatrix von Storch

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Actions and activities of the Programme ***shall*** ensure European added value ***in particular through:***

Amendment

2. Actions and activities of the Programme ensure European added value ***only if at least three of the following conditions are met:***

Or. de

Amendment 76
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) their complementarity **and synergy** with other Union programmes and policies at national, Union and international level;

Amendment

(b) their complementarity with other Union programmes and policies at national, Union and international level;

Or. fr

Amendment 77
Momchil Nekov

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) their complementarity and synergy with other Union programmes and policies at national, Union and international level;

Amendment

(b) their complementarity and synergy with other Union programmes and policies at national, **regional, local**, Union and international level;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) the promotion of mutual trust between Beneficiary Member States and **the Commission and** cooperation among Member States.

Amendment

(e) the promotion of mutual trust between Beneficiary Member States and cooperation among Member States.

Or. fr

Amendment 79
Jill Evans, Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) the promotion of European values, in particular the solidarity which has been the base of all regional policies, including the empowerment of all citizens in regional and local decision-making processes.

Or. en

Amendment 80
Theodoros Zagorakis, Santiago Fisas Aixelà

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) the promotion of intercultural dialogue through education, training and creative sector.

Or. en

Amendment 81
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities ***which desire and call for such support***, for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance,

in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing competitiveness, growth, jobs, and investment, *in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for* the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing competitiveness, growth, jobs, and investment, *calling into question Directive 96/71/CE on the posting of workers and ensuring* the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

Or. fr

Amendment 82
Jill Evans, Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing competitiveness, growth, jobs, and *investment, in particular in the context of economic governance processes*, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

Amendment

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national *and regional* authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing competitiveness, growth, jobs, and *sustainable investment* including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

Or. en

Amendment 83
Angel Dzhambazki

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional,

Amendment

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional,

administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing competitiveness, growth, jobs, and investment, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to **local, regional and** national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing competitiveness, growth, jobs, and investment, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

Or. en

Justification

One of the key points of the EESC opinion stresses that the programme must be open to local and regional authorities, which must be directly involved in putting together the structural reform project in question, when concerned.

Amendment 84 **Momchil Nekov**

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

Text proposed by the Commission

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing competitiveness, growth, jobs, and investment, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

Amendment

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming institutions, governance, administration, economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges with a view to enhancing competitiveness, **sustainable** growth, jobs, and investment, **and economic social and territorial cohesion**, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds.

Amendment 85
Angel Dzhambazki

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to assist the initiatives of national authorities to design their reforms according to priorities, taking into account initial conditions and expected socio-economic impacts;

Amendment

(a) to assist the initiatives of **local, regional and** national authorities to design their reforms according to priorities, taking into account initial conditions and expected socio-economic impacts;

Or. en

Justification

One of the key points of the EESC opinion stresses that the programme must be open to local and regional authorities, which must be directly involved in putting together the structural reform project in question, when concerned.

Amendment 86
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to assist the initiatives of national authorities to design their reforms according to priorities, taking into account initial conditions and expected socio-economic impacts;

Amendment

(a) to assist the initiatives of national authorities to design their reforms according to priorities **and to the specific features of the beneficiary country**, taking into account initial conditions and expected socio-economic impacts;

Or. fr

Amendment 87
Theodoros Zagorakis, Santiago Fisas Aixelà

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) to assist Member States competent authorities to provide high quality, sustainable and inclusive public and private education, to promote excellence, evaluation, research and development of education at every level.

Or. en

Amendment 88
Jill Evans, Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) to encourage the involvement of citizens in decision making through consultations and to strengthen citizenship through participatory elements.

Or. en

Amendment 89
Theodoros Zagorakis, Santiago Fisas Aixelà

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

To encourage Member States competent authorities to support their cultural facilities, so as to enable synergies in favour of national and local development.

Or. en

Amendment 90
Momchil Nekov

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

These objectives shall be pursued *in close cooperation with* Beneficiary Member States

Amendment

These objectives shall be pursued *upon the request of* Beneficiary Member States *and in close cooperation with them.*

Or. en

Amendment 91
Jill Evans, Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The *specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 shall refer to* policy areas *related to competitiveness, growth, jobs and investment, in particular to the following:*

Amendment

2. The *Member State shall, in consultation with its regional authorities, where applicable, determine the* policy areas *it wishes to tackle in accordance with specific national and regional needs.*

Or. en

Amendment 92
Momchil Nekov

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 shall refer to policy areas related to competitiveness, growth, jobs and investment, in particular to the following:

Amendment

2. The specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 shall refer to policy areas related to competitiveness, *sustainable* growth, jobs and investment, *and economic, social and territorial cohesion*, in particular to the following:

Amendment 93
Jill Evans, Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) *public financial management, budget process, debt management and revenue administration;* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 94
Jill Evans, Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) *institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public administration, effective rule of law, reform of the justice system and reinforcement of anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering;* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 95
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public and service-oriented functioning of public

administration, effective rule of law, ***reform of the justice system*** and reinforcement of anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering;

administration, effective rule of law, and reinforcement of anti-fraud, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering;

Or. fr

Amendment 96

Jill Evans, Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) ***business environment, private sector development, investment, privatization processes, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for innovation;***

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 97

Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) ***business environment, private sector development, investment, privatization processes, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for innovation;***

(c) ***simplification of the tax and administrative environment for very small enterprises (VSEs) and SMEs, investment, fair competition and combating social dumping, fair access to education and training with a view to quality education, access to finance, investment, trade, sustainable development, innovation, public health and combating the desertification of rural and outlying areas, in addition to policies concerning the financial sector;***

Or. fr

Amendment 98
Beatrix von Storch

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, asylum, migration and borders policies;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 99
Jill Evans, Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, asylum, migration and borders policies;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 100
Momchil Nekov

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, asylum,

(d) education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, ***combating poverty***, public health and

migration and borders policies;

healthcare systems, asylum, migration and borders policies, **ICT**;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, ***asylum, migration and borders policies***;

Amendment

(d) education and training, labour market policies, social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems;

Or. fr

Amendment 102
Jill Evans, Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) ***policies for the agricultural sector and the sustainable development of rural areas***;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 103
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) policies for the agricultural sector and *the sustainable development* of rural areas;

Amendment

(e) policies for the agricultural sector and *for combating the desertification* of rural *and outlying* areas;

Or. fr

Amendment 104

Jill Evans, Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

(f) *financial sector policies and access to finance.*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 105

Beatrix von Storch

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) expertise related to *policy advice, policy change, and* legislative, institutional, structural and administrative reforms;

Amendment

(a) expertise related to legislative, institutional, structural and administrative reforms;

Or. de

Amendment 106

Beatrix von Storch

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the provision of expert(s) (including resident experts), for a short or long period, to perform tasks in specific domains or to carry out operational activities, where necessary with ***interpretation, translation and cooperation support***, administrative assistance and infrastructure and equipment facilities;

Amendment

(b) the provision of expert(s) (including resident experts), for a short or long period, to perform tasks in specific domains or to carry out operational activities, where necessary with administrative assistance and infrastructure and equipment facilities;

Or. de

Amendment 107
Momchil Nekov

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the provision of expert(s) (including resident experts), for a short or long period, to perform tasks in specific domains or to carry out operational activities, where necessary with interpretation, translation and cooperation support, administrative assistance and infrastructure and equipment facilities;

Amendment

(b) the provision of expert(s) (including resident experts), for a short or long period, to perform tasks in specific domains or to carry out operational activities, where necessary with interpretation, translation and cooperation support, administrative assistance and infrastructure and equipment facilities.
Combining foreign with local experts would help maximize effectiveness, by making it easier to understand problems and design tailor-made solutions to the specific situation in the requesting Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Beatrix von Storch

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point c – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) working visits to relevant Member States or a third country to enable officials to acquire or increase their expertise or knowledge in relevant matters; *deleted*

Or. de

Amendment 109
Beatrix von Storch

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) collection of data and statistics; development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; *deleted*

Or. de

Amendment 110
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) organisation of local operational support in areas such as asylum, migration, border control; *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 111
Beatrix von Storch

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) organisation of local operational support in areas such as asylum, migration, border control; *deleted*

Or. de

Amendment 112
Beatrix von Storch

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(g) studies, researches, analyses and surveys; evaluations and impact assessments; elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material; *deleted*

Or. de

Amendment 113
Beatrix von Storch

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(h) communication projects: learning, cooperation, awareness raising, dissemination activities, and exchange of good practices; organisation of awareness-raising and information campaigns, media campaigns and events, including corporate communication; *deleted*

Or. de

Amendment 114
Beatrix von Storch

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) compilation and publication of materials to disseminate information as well as results of the Programme: development, operation and maintenance of systems and tools using information and communication technologies;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 115
Beatrix von Storch

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point j

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(j) any other activity in support of the general and specific objectives set out in Articles 4 and 5.

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 116
Jill Evans, Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. A Member State wishing to receive support under the Programme shall submit a request for support to the Commission, identifying the policy areas and the

1. A Member State wishing to receive support under the Programme shall submit a request for support to the Commission, identifying the policy areas and the

priorities for support within the scope of the Programme as set out in Article 5(2). This request shall be submitted at the latest by 31 October of each calendar year.

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Or. en

Amendment 117
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management, further to a dialogue with the Member State, ***including in the context of the European Semester***, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State. Taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, the Commission in close cooperation with the Member State concerned shall identify the priority areas for support, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support.

Amendment

2. Taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management, further to a dialogue with the Member State, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State. Taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, the Commission in close cooperation with the Member State concerned shall identify the priority areas for support, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support.

Or. fr

Amendment 118
Jill Evans, Ernest Maragall

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management, further to a dialogue with the Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State. Taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, the Commission in close cooperation with the Member State concerned shall identify the priority areas for support, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support.

Amendment

2. Taking into account the principles of **subsidiarity**, transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management, further to a dialogue with the Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State. Taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, the Commission in close cooperation with the Member State concerned shall identify the priority areas for support, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support.

Or. en

Amendment 119
Momchil Nekov

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management, further to a dialogue with the Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the

Amendment

2. Taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and sound financial management, further to a dialogue with the Member State, including in the context of the European Semester, the Commission shall analyse the request for support referred to in paragraph 1 based on the urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of socioeconomic indicators and general administrative capacity of the

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Member State. Taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, the Commission in close cooperation with the Member State concerned shall identify the priority areas for support, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the global financial contribution for such support. ***The Structural Reform Support Programme shall remain voluntary for Members States providing that it doesn't involve compulsory and stigmatizing procedures.***

Or. en

Amendment 120
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the implementation of reforms ***in the context of economic governance processes, in particular of the relevant Country Specific Recommendations issued in the context of the European Semester or of relevant actions related to the implementation of Union law;***

Amendment

(a) the implementation of ***relevant*** reforms;

Or. fr

Amendment 121
Beatrix von Storch

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) ***the implementation of economic adjustment programmes for Member States that receive Union financial***

Amendment

deleted

assistance under existing instruments, in particular in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council²³ for the euro area Member States and Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002²⁴ for non-euro area Member States;

²³ *Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on the strengthening of economic and budgetary surveillance of Member States in the euro area experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability (OJ L 140, 27.5.2013, p. 1).*

²⁴ *Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002 of 18 February 2002 establishing a facility providing medium-term financial assistance for Member States' balances of payments (OJ L 53, 23.2.2002, p. 1).*

Or. de

Amendment 122

Theodoros Zagorakis, Santiago Fisas Aixelà

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 3 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the implementation of reforms by Member States, undertaken at their own initiative, notably to achieve sustainable investment, growth and job creation.

Amendment

(c) the implementation of reforms by Member States, undertaken at their own initiative, notably to achieve sustainable investment, growth, **high quality education, research, training** and job creation.

Or. en

Amendment 123

Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission may define the support envisaged for Beneficiary Member States in cooperation with *other* Member States *or international organisations*.

Amendment

1. The Commission may define the support envisaged for Beneficiary Member States in cooperation with *those* Member States.

Or. fr

Amendment 124
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Beneficiary Member State, in coordination with the Commission, may enter into partnership with one or more other Member States which shall act as Reform Partners in respect of specific areas of reform. A Reform Partner shall, in coordination with the *Commission*, help formulate strategy, reform roadmaps, design high-quality assistance or oversee implementation of strategy and projects.

Amendment

2. The Beneficiary Member State, in coordination with the Commission, may enter into partnership with one or more other Member States which shall act as Reform Partners in respect of specific areas of reform. A Reform Partner shall, in coordination with the *Beneficiary Member State*, help formulate strategy, reform roadmaps, design high-quality assistance or oversee implementation of strategy and projects.

Or. fr

Amendment 125
Momchil Nekov

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Beneficiary Member State, in coordination with the Commission, may enter into partnership with one or more other Member States which shall act as

Amendment

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Reform Partners in respect of specific areas of reform. A Reform Partner shall, in coordination with the ***Beneficiary Member State and the*** Commission, help formulate strategy, reform roadmaps, design high-quality assistance or oversee implementation of strategy and projects.

Or. en

Amendment 126
Beatrix von Storch

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme shall be up to EUR **142 800 000**.

Amendment

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme shall be up to EUR **14 280 000**.

Or. de

Amendment 127
Beatrix von Storch

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. ***The financial allocation of the Programme may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities which are required for the management of the Programme and the achievement of its objectives, in particular studies, meetings of experts, information and communication actions, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, as far as they are related to the general objectives of this Regulation, expenses linked to IT***

Amendment

deleted

networks focusing on information processing and exchange, together with all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the Programme.

Or. de

Amendment 128
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The financial allocation of the Programme may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities which are required for the management of the Programme and the achievement of its objectives, in particular studies, meetings of experts, information and communication actions, *including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union*, as far as they are related to the general objectives of this Regulation, expenses linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, together with all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the Programme.

Amendment

2. The financial allocation of the Programme may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities which are required for the management of the Programme and the achievement of its objectives, in particular studies, meetings of experts, information and communication actions, as far as they are related to the general objectives of this Regulation, expenses linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, together with all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the Programme.

Or. fr

Amendment 129
Theodoros Zagorakis, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The budgetary authority shall authorise the available annual appropriations within the limits of the Multiannual Financial Framework established by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013.

Amendment

3. The budgetary authority shall authorise the available annual appropriations within the limits of the Multiannual Financial Framework established by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013, ***which should guarantee appropriate resources in actions, plans, programs and projects in education, training and culture.***

Or. en

Amendment 130
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In addition to the financial envelope set out in Article 9, the Programme may be financed through additional contributions from Member States.

Amendment

1. In addition to the financial envelope set out in Article 9, the Programme may be financed through additional contributions from Member States, ***on a voluntary basis.***

Or. fr

Amendment 131
Momchil Nekov

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. These additional contributions referred to in paragraph 1 shall be used to support actions which contribute to delivering the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. A contribution made by a Beneficiary Member State in accordance with

Amendment

3. These additional contributions referred to in paragraph 1 shall be used to support actions which contribute to delivering the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. A contribution made by a Beneficiary Member State in accordance with

paragraph 2 shall be used exclusively in that Member State.

paragraph 2 shall be used exclusively in that Member State. ***The financing of the Structural Reform Support Programme should not constitute a precedent for any future initiatives by the Commission to be financed from the Cohesion Policy.***

Or. en

Amendment 132
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall implement the Programme in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

Amendment

1. The Commission, ***in close collaboration with the Beneficiary Member State and always with its consent,*** shall implement the Programme in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

Or. fr

Amendment 133
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The measures of the Programme may be implemented ***either*** directly by the Commission ***or indirectly, by entities and persons other than Member States*** in accordance with Article 60 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012. In particular, Union financial support for actions provided for in Article 6 of this Regulation shall take the form of:

Amendment

2. The measures of the Programme may be implemented directly by the Commission in accordance with Article 60 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012. In particular, Union financial support for actions provided for in Article 6 of this Regulation shall take the form of:

Or. fr

Amendment 134
Angel Dzhambazki

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) grants (including grants to the Member States' national authorities);

Amendment

(d) grants (including grants to the Member States' **local, regional and** national authorities);

Or. en

Amendment 135
Angel Dzhambazki

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Grants may be awarded to Member States' national authorities, the European Investment Bank group, international organisations, public and/or private bodies and entities legally established in any of the following:

Amendment

3. Grants may be awarded to Member States' **local, regional and** national authorities, the European Investment Bank group, international organisations, public and/or private bodies and entities legally established in any of the following:

Or. en

Amendment 136
Angel Dzhambazki

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Support may also be provided by individual experts who may be invited to contribute to selected activities organised under the Programme wherever that is

Amendment

4. Support may also be provided by individual experts who may be invited to contribute to selected activities organised under the Programme wherever that is

necessary for the achievement of the specific objectives set out in Articles 5.

necessary for the achievement of the specific objectives set out in Articles 5 **and a follow up to the monitoring activities/procedures of their contribution should be duly envisaged.**

Or. en

Amendment 137

Theodoros Zagorakis, Santiago Fisas Aixelà

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. In order to implement the Programme, the Commission shall adopt, by way of implementing acts, multi-annual work programmes. Multi-annual work programmes shall set out the policy objectives pursued through the envisaged support and the expected results, as well as funding priorities in the relevant policy areas. The multi-annual work programmes shall be further specified in annual work programmes, adopted by way of implementing acts, identifying the measures needed for their implementation, together with all the elements required by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

Amendment

5. In order to implement the Programme, the Commission shall adopt, by way of implementing acts, multi-annual work programmes, **following consultation with social partners and stakeholders, local authorities and experts.** Multi-annual work programmes shall set out the policy objectives pursued through the envisaged support and the expected results, as well as funding priorities in the relevant policy areas. The multi-annual work programmes shall be further specified in annual work programmes, adopted by way of implementing acts, identifying the measures needed for their implementation, together with all the elements required by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

Or. en

Amendment 138

Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission and the Beneficiary

Amendment

The Commission and the Beneficiary

Member States, within their respective responsibilities, shall *foster synergies and* ensure effective coordination between the Programme and other Union programmes and instruments, and in particular with measures financed by the Union funds. To this end, they shall:

Member States, within their respective responsibilities, shall ensure effective coordination between the Programme and other Union programmes and instruments, and in particular with measures financed by the Union funds. To this end, they shall:

Or. fr

Amendment 139
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

a) ensure complementarity and *synergy* between different instruments at Union and national levels, in particular in relation to measures financed by Union funds, both in the planning phase and during implementation;

Amendment

a) ensure complementarity and *coherence* between different instruments at Union and national levels, in particular in relation to measures financed by Union funds, both in the planning phase and during implementation;

Or. fr

Amendment 140
Momchil Nekov

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) ensure complementarity and synergy between different instruments at Union and national levels, in particular in relation to measures financed by Union funds, both in the planning phase and during implementation;

Amendment

(a) ensure complementarity and synergy between different instruments at Union and national, *regional and local* levels, in particular in relation to measures financed by Union funds, both in the planning phase and during implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 141
Angel Dzhambazki

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) optimise mechanisms for coordination to avoid duplication of effort;

Amendment

(b) optimise mechanisms for coordination to avoid duplication of effort **and cost**;

Or. en

Amendment 142
Momchil Nekov

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation at Union and national level to deliver coherent and streamlined support actions.

Amendment

(c) ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation at Union and national, **regional and local** level to deliver coherent and streamlined support actions.

Or. en

Amendment 143
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission **shall take appropriate measures ensuring** that, when actions financed under this Regulation are implemented, the financial interests of the Union are protected by the application of preventive measures against fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities,

Amendment

1. The Commission, **whatever measures are taken, shall ensure** that, when actions financed under this Regulation are implemented, the financial interests of the **Member States, which underpin the budget of the Union by their contribution**, are protected by the

by effective checks and, if irregularities are detected, by the recovery of the amounts wrongly paid and, where appropriate, by effective, proportionate and deterrent penalties.

application of preventive measures against fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities, by effective checks and, if irregularities are detected, by the recovery of the amounts wrongly paid and, where appropriate, by effective, proportionate and deterrent penalties.

Or. fr

Amendment 144 **Dominique Bilde**

Proposal for a regulation **Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2**

Text proposed by the Commission

The European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF) may carry out on-the-spot checks and inspections on economic operators concerned directly or indirectly by such funding in accordance with the procedures laid down in Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 with a view to establishing whether there has been fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of the Union in connection with a grant agreement or grant decision or a contract concerning Union funding.

Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 2).

Amendment

The European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF), ***which is currently under suspicion of irregularities in its administrative management and therefore needs to restore its operational stability***, may, ***where appropriate***, carry out on-the-spot checks and inspections on economic operators concerned directly or indirectly by such funding in accordance with the procedures laid down in Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 with a view to establishing whether there has been fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of the Union in connection with a grant agreement or grant decision or a contract concerning Union funding.

Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 2).

Or. fr

Amendment 145
Momchil Nekov

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall provide the European Parliament and the Council with an interim evaluation report, by mid of 2019, at the latest, and an ex-post evaluation report by end of December 2021.

Amendment

2. The Commission shall provide the European Parliament and the Council with **annual monitoring reports**, an interim evaluation report, by mid of 2019, at the latest, and an ex-post evaluation report by end of December 2021.

Or. en

Amendment 146
Angel Dzhambazki

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall provide the European Parliament and the Council with an interim evaluation report, by **mid of 2019**, at the latest, and an ex-post evaluation report by end of December 2021.

Amendment

2. The Commission shall provide the European Parliament and the Council with an interim evaluation report, by **December 2018**, at the latest, and an ex-post evaluation report by end of December 2021.

Or. en

Justification

Earlier interim evaluation report will be of better use.

Amendment 147
Angel Dzhambazki

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The interim evaluation report shall include information on the achievement of the Programme's objectives, the efficiency of the use of resources and the Programme's European added value and assessment on whether funding in areas covered by the Programme needs to be adapted or extended after 2020. It shall also address the continued relevance of all objectives and actions. The ex-post evaluation report shall include information on the longer-term impact of the Programme.

Amendment

3. The interim evaluation report shall include information on the achievement of the Programme's objectives, the efficiency of the use of resources and the Programme's European added value and assessment on whether funding in areas covered by the Programme needs to be adapted or extended after 2020. It shall also address the continued relevance of all objectives and actions. The ex-post evaluation report shall include information on the longer-term impact of the Programme ***and shall assess the Programme as a whole, both its weaknesses and its strengths.***

Or. en

Amendment 148
Momchil Nekov

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. The implementation of the Programme should be subject to annual monitoring as well as to independent interim and ex-post evaluation on the basis of which the possible suspension after 2020 could be decided. Therefore, output indicators could be added to the proposed set of indicators.

Or. en

Amendment 149
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. *The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article.* **deleted**

Or. fr

Amendment 150
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. *The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 15(1) shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of four years from 1 January 2017.* **deleted**

Or. fr