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Establishment of the Reform Support Programme

Proposal for a regulation
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Amendment 21

Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 22

Maria Gabriela Zoană

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Or. ro

Amendment 23 Constanze Krehl

Proposal for a regulation Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(3a) Preference should be given to measures that are aimed at:

- *shifting taxation away from labour towards wealth and pollution,*
- *stronger employment and social*

policies that empower people, especially more women, to productively participate in the economy and society,

– *fighting tax avoidance through significantly improved transparency, notably ensuring that national tax policies and cooperation among tax authorities are fully in line with the principle of sincere cooperation,*

– *strategies for innovative and sustainable re-industrialisation, and*

– *improvements in education and training systems, notably in new growth areas such as the digital single market.*

Or. en

Amendment 24 **Terry Reintke**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 4**

Text proposed by the Commission

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in the Union.

Or. en

Amendment 25

Ivana Maletić

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Recital 4

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Amendment 26

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

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Or. hr

Amendment 27 **Constanze Krehl**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 6**

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) The degree of implementation of structural reforms in the Member States is still not sufficient across the Union. Experience with the implementation of the economic policy coordination mechanism under the European Semester shows that, in general, the implementation of structural reforms has been slow and uneven and that national reform efforts should be reinforced and incentivised.

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Amendment 28
Constanze Krehl

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) *Other Union instruments and programmes also provide a significant contribution to improving conditions underpinning certain investments in Member States, which can be conducive to or be part of such reforms. In particular, the Union Funds covered by Regulation (EU) No YYY/XX of the European Parliament and of the Council [CPR] link investment to enabling conditions (formerly known as ex-ante conditionalities), foresee a macroeconomic governance mechanism and may finance costs of structural reforms linked to investments in policy areas relevant for cohesion policy.*

However, currently, no instrument foresees direct financial support that provides incentives for the Member States to implement reforms in all policy areas, in response to challenges identified in the European Semester. Moreover, there is currently no instrument providing specific and targeted financial and technical support to Member States whose currency is not the euro in their efforts to implement reforms that are relevant for joining the euro area.

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Amendment 29
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Amendment 30
Csaba Molnár

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Justification

The introduction of the single currency is a Treaty obligation for all Member States that do not have a specific opt-out. Therefore, even – or especially – where the responsible national authorities fail to make specific commitments to comply with that obligation, joining the euro area should be kept on the agenda of public debate.

Amendment 31

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

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Or. hr

Amendment 32 Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

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Regional and local authorities have an important role to play in structural reform, to a degree which depends on the constitutional and administrative organisation of each Member State. It is therefore necessary to provide for an appropriate level of involvement and consultation of regional and local authorities in the preparation and implementation of structural reform.

Or. en

Amendment 33 **Terry Reintke**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 13**

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

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Ivana Maletić

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Or. en

Amendment 35
Csaba Molnár

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Justification

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Amendment 38
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Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 40
Constanze Krehl

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 17

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Terry Reintke

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Amendment 42
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Or. ro

Amendment 44

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Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

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Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

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Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 50 **Constanze Krehl**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 20**

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 51
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) In the interest of transparency and efficiency, in the subsequent stage lasting until the end of the Programme, a system of periodic calls should be set out by the Commission to allocate the remaining half (EUR **11 000 000 000**) of the overall financial envelope of the instrument, plus the amounts unused from the previous stage. Simple procedures should be organised to that effect. Under each call, all Member States should be invited to submit reform proposals concurrently, **and could be awarded their maximum financial contribution on the basis of their reform proposals**. In the interest of transparency, the first call organised by the Commission during the second stage should be for an amount corresponding to the remaining part (EUR **11 000 000 000**) of the overall financial envelope of the instrument. Further calls should be organised by the Commission only where the overall financial envelope has not been fully used. The Commission should adopt and publish an indicative calendar of the further calls to be organised, and should indicate, at each call, the remaining amount of the overall envelope, which is available under that call.

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Or. en

Amendment 52
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Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 53
Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(21) In the interest of transparency and efficiency, in the subsequent stage lasting until the end of the Programme, a system of periodic calls should be set out by the Commission to allocate the remaining **25% (EUR 5 500 000 000)** of the overall financial envelope of the instrument, plus the amounts unused from the previous stage. Simple procedures should be organised to that effect. Under each call, all Member States should be invited to submit reform proposals concurrently, and could be awarded their maximum financial contribution on the basis of their reform proposals. In the interest of transparency, the first call organised by the Commission during the second stage should be for an amount corresponding to the remaining part (EUR 5 500 000 000) of the overall financial envelope of the instrument. Further calls should be organised by the Commission only where the overall financial envelope has not been fully used. The Commission should adopt and publish an indicative calendar of the further calls to be organised, and should indicate, at each call, the remaining amount of the overall envelope, which is available under that call.

Or. en

Amendment 54
Maria Gabriela Zoană

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) It is necessary to establish a process for the submission of proposals for reform commitments by the Member States, and the content thereof. With a view to

Amendment

(22) It is necessary to establish a **clear and straightforward** process for the submission of proposals for reform commitments by the Member States, and

ensuring the expediency of procedures, a Member State should submit the proposal for reform commitments together with its national reform programme, but in the form of a separate annex, which may also be submitted at a different point in time. While participation in the Programme is voluntary, Member States experiencing excessive imbalances should be particularly encouraged to come forward with reform proposals under the reform delivery tool, which address the problems that led to such excessive imbalances.

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Or. ro

Amendment 55
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(23a) For reform commitments, the Member State should organise a partnership with the representatives of competent regional and local authorities, economic and social partners and relevant bodies representing civil society and non-governmental organisations. The purpose of this partnership is to ensure respect for multi-level governance, and also of subsidiarity, proportionality and the specificities of the Member States' different institutional and legal frameworks, as well as to ensure the ownership of the planned structural reform.

Or. en

Amendment 56
Maria Gabriela Zoană

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) The Commission should assess the nature and the importance of the reform commitments proposed by the Member States and should determine the amount to be allocated on the basis of transparent criteria. To that effect, it should take into account the substantive elements provided by the Member States and assess whether the reform commitments proposed by the Member States are expected to effectively address challenges identified in the context of the European Semester, whether they represent a comprehensive reform package, whether they are expected to strengthen the performance and resilience of the national economy and whether their implementation is expected to have a lasting impact in the Member State where relevant by strengthening the institutional and administrative capacity of the Member State concerned. In addition, the Commission should assess whether the internal arrangements proposed by the Member States, including the proposed milestones and targets, and the related indicators, are expected to ensure effective implementation of the reform commitments during a maximum period of three years.

Amendment

(24) The Commission should assess the nature and the importance of the reform commitments proposed by the Member States and should determine the amount to be allocated on the basis of *fair and* transparent criteria. To that effect, it should take into account the substantive elements provided by the Member States and assess whether the reform commitments proposed by the Member States are expected to effectively address challenges identified in the context of the European Semester, whether they represent a comprehensive reform package, whether they are expected to strengthen the performance and resilience of the national economy and whether their implementation is expected to have a lasting impact in the Member State where relevant by strengthening the institutional and administrative capacity of the Member State concerned. In addition, the Commission should assess whether the internal arrangements proposed by the Member States, including the proposed milestones and targets, and the related indicators, are expected to ensure effective implementation of the reform commitments during a maximum period of three years.

Or. ro

Amendment 57
Maria Gabriela Zoană

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) In order to contribute to the preparation of high quality proposals and assist the Commission in the assessment of the proposals for reform commitments submitted by the Member States and in the assessment of the degree of their achievement, provision should be made for the use of peer counselling and expert advice. In addition, the Council for Economic Policy Committee of the Council dealing with the European Semester, in consultation, where appropriate, with relevant Treaty-based committees, should be able to provide an opinion on the proposals for reform commitments as submitted by Member States. In the interest of simplification, the reporting by Member States on the progress made in the implementation of reform commitments should be made within the framework of the European Semester.

Amendment

(26) In order to contribute to the preparation of high quality proposals and assist the Commission in the assessment of the proposals for reform commitments submitted by the Member States and in the *periodic* assessment of the degree of their achievement, provision should be made for the use of peer counselling and expert advice *for the purpose of avoiding any penalties*. In addition, the Council for Economic Policy Committee of the Council dealing with the European Semester, in consultation, where appropriate, with relevant Treaty-based committees, should be able to provide an opinion on the proposals for reform commitments as submitted by Member States. In the interest of simplification, the reporting by Member States on the progress made in the implementation of reform commitments should be made within the framework of the European Semester.

Or. ro

Amendment 58

Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 59 **Terry Reintke**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 27**

Text proposed by the Commission

(27) For the purpose of simplification, the determination of the financial contribution should follow simple criteria. The financial contribution should be the total *maximum indicative* amount if the reform commitments proposed by the Member State fully meet the criteria for assessment, and should be half *the maximum indicative* amount if the reform commitments proposed by the Member State meet those criteria only in a satisfactory manner. No financial contribution should be awarded to the Member State if the proposal for reform commitments does not satisfactorily address the assessment criteria.

Amendment

(27) For the purpose of simplification, the determination of the financial contribution should follow simple criteria. The financial contribution should be the total amount *to be fixed on the basis of financing needs for the implementation of the structural reform* if the reform commitments proposed by the Member State fully meet the criteria for assessment, and should be half *that* amount if the reform commitments proposed by the Member State meet those criteria only in a satisfactory manner. No financial contribution should be awarded to the Member State if the proposal for reform commitments does not satisfactorily address the assessment criteria.

Or. en

Amendment 60
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 28

Text proposed by the Commission

(28) To foster the stability of the reform commitments, a Member State should have the possibility to amend the reform commitments **only once** within the period of implementation, where objective circumstances justify such a course of action.

Amendment

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Or. hr

Amendment 61
Maria Gabriela Zoană

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 29

Text proposed by the Commission

(29) For the purposes of transparency, the reform commitments adopted by the Commission **should** be communicated to the European Parliament and the Council and communication activities should be carried out by the Commission as appropriate.

Amendment

(29) For the purposes of transparency, the reform commitments adopted by the Commission **must** be communicated to the European Parliament and the Council and communication activities should be carried out **periodically** by the Commission as appropriate.

Or. ro

Amendment 62
Maria Gabriela Zoană

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 31

Text proposed by the Commission

(31) For the purpose of sound financial

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management, specific rules should be laid down for budget commitments, payments, suspension, cancellation and recovery of funds. Payments should be based on a positive assessment by the Commission of the implementation of the reform commitments by the Member State. Suspension and cancellation of the financial contribution should be possible when the reform commitments have not been implemented in a satisfactory manner by the Member State. To ensure a sustainable impact of the reforms after they are implemented, a reasonable period defining the durability of the reforms after the payment of the financial contribution should be established. A period of five years should be considered to be a reasonable minimum to be applied. Appropriate contradictory procedures should be established to ensure that the decision by the Commission in relation to suspension, cancellation and recovery of amounts paid respects the right of Member States to provide observations.

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Or. ro

Amendment 63 **Ivana Maletić**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 31**

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 64
Maria Gabriela Zoană

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 34

Text proposed by the Commission

(34) In line with the rules and practice already existing under the SRSP, a light process for the submission of requests for technical support should be established. Respecting the overarching principle of equal treatment, sound financial management and transparency, appropriate criteria for the analysis of the requests submitted by Member States should be laid down. Those criteria should be based on the urgency, the severity and extent of the problems, as well as on the support needs identified in respect of the policy areas where technical support is envisaged.

Amendment

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Or. ro

Amendment 65

Maria Gabriela Zoană

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 36

Text proposed by the Commission

(36) For the purposes of accountability, transparency and to ensure visibility of the Union action, subject to certain conditions that protect sensitive information, the cooperation and support plans *should* be provided to the European Parliament and the Council and communication activities should be carried out by the Commission as appropriate.

Amendment

(36) For the purposes of accountability, transparency and to ensure visibility of the Union action, subject to certain conditions that protect sensitive information, the cooperation and support plans *must* be provided to the European Parliament and the Council and communication activities should be carried out *periodically* by the Commission as appropriate.

Or. ro

Amendment 66

Csaba Molnár

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

(38) The convergence facility should aim at providing both financial support and technical support to Member States (in addition to that already available under the two other instruments of the Programme), whose currency is not the euro and which have taken demonstrable steps towards adopting the single currency within a given time-frame, with a view to helping them prepare for membership in the euro area. To that effect, “demonstrable steps” should consist of a formal letter from the government of the Member State concerned to the Commission stating its clear commitment to join the euro area within a reasonable and defined timeframe

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and presenting a credible, time-bound roadmap, after consultation with the Commission, for implementing concrete measures to prepare for successful participation in the euro area, including steps to ensure full alignment of its national legislation with the requirements under Union law (including the Banking Union).

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Or. en

Justification

Where the convergence facility is not used by the national authorities of a Member State the currency of which is not yet the euro, the specific objective of the facility needs to be adjusted.

Amendment 67

Maria Gabriela Zoană

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

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concerned to the Commission stating its clear commitment to join the euro area within a reasonable and defined timeframe and presenting a credible, time-bound roadmap, after consultation with the Commission, for implementing concrete measures to prepare for successful participation in the euro area, including steps to ensure full alignment of its national legislation with the requirements under Union law (including the Banking Union).

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Or. ro

Amendment 68 **Csaba Molnár**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 39**

Text proposed by the Commission

(39) The instrument should be made up of **two** different components, **which** should aim to provide increased financial incentives for Member States that are embarking on and completing relevant structural reforms for joining the euro area, **and should also aim** to offer additional and targeted technical support for the design and implementation of such reforms.

Amendment

(39) The instrument should be made up of **three** different components. **These** should aim, **first**, to provide increased financial incentives for Member States that are embarking on and completing relevant structural reforms for joining the euro area, **second** to offer additional and targeted technical support for the design and implementation of such reforms, **and third, where the responsible national authorities have not yet devised such reforms, to support a deep and comprehensive public debate involving a wide range of stakeholders from academia, business and civil society.**

Or. en

Justification

Where the convergence facility is not used by the national authorities of a Member State the currency of which is not yet the euro, a third type of intervention – grants to projects by non-governmental stakeholders – needs to be defined.

Amendment 69
Csaba Molnár

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 40

Text proposed by the Commission

(40) In the interest of consistency and simplification, the financial and technical support components carried out under the convergence facility should follow the same rules and implementation process as the other instruments under the Programme. Therefore, relevant provisions relating to the reform delivery tool and the technical support instrument under the Programme should also apply to the relevant components of the convergence facility, complemented by certain specific rules.

Amendment

(40) In the interest of consistency and simplification, the financial and technical support components carried out under the convergence facility should follow the same rules and implementation process as the other instruments under the Programme. Therefore, relevant provisions relating to the reform delivery tool and the technical support instrument under the Programme should also apply to the relevant components of the convergence facility, complemented by certain specific rules. ***The selection and financial management rules regarding grants to projects devised by academia, business and civil society organisations in support of research, information and an open public debate on introducing the euro shall be based on the best practices for union instruments under centralised management, such as Horizon 2020.***

Or. en

Justification

The provision of grants to non-governmental stakeholders requires specific financial management rules, which the Commission should devise based on the best practices of existing centrally managed union instruments.

Amendment 70
Csaba Molnár

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 45

Text proposed by the Commission

(45) The reform commitments to be implemented by the Member States, the determination of the financial contribution from the budget of the Programme allocated to them, and the work programmes for the implementation of technical support should be established. In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission.

Amendment

(45) The reform commitments to be implemented by the Member States, the determination of the financial contribution from the budget of the Programme allocated to them, and the work programmes for the implementation of technical support – ***or, where relevant, under the convergence instrument, the implementation of projects proposed by non-governmental stakeholders, selected by open, competitive calls*** – should be established. In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission.

Or. en

Justification

Work programmes by the Commission should also prepare for the eventuality that a Member State does not use the opportunities offered by the convergence facility.

Amendment 71

Maria Gabriela Zoană

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. ‘technical support’ means measures that help Member States to carry out institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms, including measures that help Member States, whose currency is not the euro, to prepare for participation in the euro area;

Amendment

1. ‘technical support’ means measures that help Member States to carry out institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms, including measures that help Member States whose currency is not the euro to prepare for participation in the euro area ***and implement the relevant programme;***

Or. ro

Amendment 72
Maria Gabriela Zoană

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. ‘eligible Member State’, under the convergence facility, means a Member State, whose currency is not the euro and which has taken demonstrable steps towards adopting the single currency within a given time-frame, in its preparation to join the euro area. Demonstrable steps shall consist of a formal letter from the government of the Member State concerned to the Commission stating its clear commitment to join the euro area within a reasonable and defined timeframe and presenting a credible time-bound roadmap, after consultation with the Commission, for implementing concrete measures to prepare for successful participation in the euro area, including steps to ensure full alignment of its national legislation with the requirements under Union law (including the Banking Union).

Amendment

6. ‘eligible Member State’, under the convergence facility, means a Member State, whose currency is not the euro and which has taken ***and is taking*** demonstrable steps towards adopting the single currency within a given time-frame, in its preparation to join the euro area. Demonstrable steps shall consist of a formal letter from the government of the Member State concerned to the Commission stating its clear commitment to join the euro area within a reasonable and defined timeframe and presenting a credible time-bound roadmap, after consultation with the Commission, for implementing concrete measures to prepare for successful participation in the euro area, including steps to ensure full alignment of its national legislation with the requirements under Union law (including the Banking Union).

Or. ro

Amendment 73
Csaba Molnár

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6a. ‘eligible non-governmental stakeholders’ shall mean academic institutions, business organisations, and civil society organisations with the intention of promoting European integration in general, and monetary

union in particular, in a Member State whose currency is not yet the euro, whether as their primary organisational mission or in the framework of a particular project.

Or. en

Justification

It is necessary to define the range of stakeholders considered eligible to receive grants from the convergence facility, where national authorities do not use the opportunity.

Amendment 74
Terry Reintke

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to contribute to addressing national reform challenges of a structural nature aimed at improving the performance of the national economies and at promoting resilient economic and social structures in the Member States, thereby **contributing to** cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, growth **and employment**; and

Amendment

(a) to contribute to addressing national reform challenges of a structural nature aimed at improving the performance of the national economies and at promoting resilient economic and social structures in the Member States, thereby **enhancing** cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, **sustainable** growth, **job creation, investment and social inclusion and contributing to real convergence in the Union**; and

Or. en

Amendment 75
Ivana Maletić

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to contribute to addressing national reform challenges of a structural nature

Amendment

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aimed at improving the performance of the national economies and at promoting resilient economic and social structures in the Member States, thereby contributing to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, growth and employment; and

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Or. en

Amendment 76
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) to contribute to strengthening the administrative capacity of the Member States in relation to challenges faced by institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors.

Amendment

(b) to contribute to strengthening the administrative capacity of the Member States in relation to challenges faced by institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors ***in response to economic, social and environmental challenges.***

Or. en

Amendment 77
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) to contribute to strengthening the administrative capacity of the Member States in relation to challenges faced by institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors.

Amendment

(b) to contribute to strengthening the administrative capacity of the Member States ***at all levels of government*** in relation to challenges faced by institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors.

Or. hr

Amendment 78
Csaba Molnár

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) support the efforts of national authorities of eligible Member States in improving their administrative capacity to design, develop and implement reforms relevant for preparation for euro-area participation, including through exchange of good practices, appropriate processes and methodologies and ***more effective and efficient human resources management.***

Amendment

(ii) support the efforts of national authorities of eligible Member States in improving their administrative capacity to design, develop and implement reforms relevant for preparation for euro-area participation, including through exchange of good practices, appropriate processes and methodologies, and

Or. en

Justification

Language needed to introduce sub-paragraph ii a below.

Amendment 79
Csaba Molnár

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point c – point ii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iia) where demonstrable steps towards the introduction of the single currency have not yet been taken by a Member State whose currency is not yet the euro, support actions by eligible non-governmental stakeholders aimed at research, information and an open social debate about the benefits of introducing the single currency and the necessary reforms for that aim, in a manner that is sustainable and beneficial for the economic and social development of the

Member State in question.

Or. en

Justification

Definition of a specific objective for grants to eligible non-governmental stakeholders.

Amendment 80
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The general and the specific objectives set out in Articles 4 and 5 shall refer to policy areas related to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, research and innovation, smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth, jobs and investment, and in particular to one or more of the following:

Amendment

The general and the specific objectives set out in Articles 4 and 5 shall refer to policy areas related to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, research and innovation, smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth, jobs and investment, ***social inclusion, environmental and climate protection*** and in particular to one or more of the following:

Or. en

Amendment 81
Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The general and the specific objectives set out in Articles 4 and 5 shall refer to policy areas related to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, research and innovation, smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth, jobs and investment, and in particular to one or more of the following:

Amendment

The general and the specific objectives set out in Articles 4 and 5 shall refer to policy areas related to cohesion, ***convergence***, competitiveness, productivity, research and innovation, smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth, jobs and investment, and in particular to one or more of the following:

Amendment 82
Maria Gabriela Zoană

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) business environment, including for small and medium-sized enterprises, re-industrialisation, private sector development, product and service markets, investment, public participation in enterprises, privatisation processes, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for research and innovation and digitisation;

Amendment

(c) business environment, including for small and medium-sized enterprises, ***focusing on rural SMEs for the development of rural areas, making them more competitive and attractive, and*** re-industrialisation, private sector development ***and public-private partnerships***, product and service markets, investment, public participation in enterprises, privatisation processes, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for research and innovation and digitisation;

Amendment 83
Terry Reintke

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) business environment, ***including*** for small and medium-sized enterprises, re-industrialisation, private sector development, product and service markets, investment, public participation in enterprises, ***privatisation processes***, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for

Amendment

(c) business environment, ***in particular*** for small and medium-sized enterprises, re-industrialisation, private sector development, product and service markets, investment, public participation in enterprises, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for research and

research and innovation and digitisation;

innovation and digitisation;

Or. en

Amendment 84

Maria Gabriela Zoană

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) education and training, labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of jobs, digital skills, the fight against poverty, the promotion of social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, as well as cohesion, asylum, migration and border policies;

Amendment

(d) education and training, ***including long-term training to reduce unemployment***, labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of jobs, digital skills, the fight against poverty, the promotion of ***gender equality and*** social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, as well as cohesion, asylum, migration and border policies;

Or. ro

Amendment 85

Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) education and training, labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of jobs, digital skills, the fight against poverty, the promotion of social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, as well as cohesion, asylum, migration and border policies;

Amendment

(d) education and training, labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of jobs, digital skills, the fight against poverty, the promotion of social inclusion, social security and social welfare systems, public health and healthcare systems, ***pension systems***, as well as cohesion, asylum, migration and border policies;

Or. en

Amendment 86

Maria Gabriela Zoană

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) policies for implementing climate action, mobility, promoting energy and resource efficiency, renewable energy sources, achieving energy diversification and ensuring energy security, and for the agricultural sector, fisheries and the sustainable development of rural areas; and

Amendment

(e) policies for implementing climate action, ***programmes to combat climate change***, mobility, promoting energy and resource efficiency, renewable energy sources, achieving energy diversification and ensuring energy security, and for the agricultural sector, fisheries and the sustainable development of rural areas; and

Or. ro

Amendment 87

Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) policies for implementing climate action, mobility, promoting energy and resource efficiency, renewable energy sources, achieving energy diversification and ensuring energy security, and for the agricultural sector, fisheries and the sustainable development of rural areas; and

Amendment

(e) policies for implementing climate action, mobility, ***connectivity***, promoting energy and resource efficiency, renewable energy sources, achieving energy diversification and ensuring energy security, and for the agricultural sector, fisheries and the sustainable development of rural ***and remote*** areas; and

Or. en

Amendment 88

Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) policies for implementing climate action, mobility, promoting energy and resource efficiency, renewable energy sources, achieving energy diversification and ensuring energy security, and for the agricultural sector, fisheries and the sustainable development of rural areas; and

Amendment

(e) policies for implementing climate action, **sustainable** mobility, promoting energy and resource efficiency, renewable energy sources, achieving energy diversification and ensuring energy security, and for the agricultural sector, fisheries and the sustainable development of rural areas; and

Or. en

Amendment 89 Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR **25 000 000 000** in current prices.

Amendment

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR **8 000 000 000** in current prices.

Or. en

Amendment 90 Constanze Krehl

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR **25 000 000 000** in current prices.

Amendment

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR **7 500 000 000** in current prices.

Or. en

Amendment 91
Constanze Krehl

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) up to EUR **22 000 000 000** for the reform delivery tool;

Amendment

(a) up to EUR **4 500 000 000** for the reform delivery tool;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) up to EUR **22 000 000 000** for the reform delivery tool;

Amendment

(a) up to EUR **5 000 000 000** for the reform delivery tool;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Csaba Molnár

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Where, by the 31 December 2023, under the convergence facility, a non-euro-area Member State has not taken demonstrable steps to adopt the single currency within a given time-frame, the maximum amount available for that Member State under the financial support component of the convergence facility pursuant to Article 26 shall be *reallocated to the reform delivery*

Amendment

Where, by the 31 December 2023, under the convergence facility, a non-euro-area Member State has not taken demonstrable steps to adopt the single currency within a given time-frame, the maximum amount available for that Member State under the financial support component of the convergence facility pursuant to Article 26 shall be *made available to eligible non-*

tool referred to in point (a) of the first subparagraph of this paragraph. The Commission shall adopt a decision to that effect after having given the Member State concerned the possibility to present its observations within a period of two months of the communication of its conclusions.

governmental stakeholders in the Member State in question, in compliance with the specific objective defined by Article 5(2)(c)(ii a), via an open call for projects managed by the Commission. The Commission shall adopt a decision to that effect after having given the Member State concerned the possibility to present its observations within a period of two months of the communication of its conclusions.

Or. en

Justification

The introduction of the euro is an obligation for Member States that do not have a specific opt-out. Therefore, funds dedicated to this purpose should not be diverted to any other purpose, even – or especially – if the relevant national authorities of a Member State fail to undertake the required steps.

Amendment 94 **Terry Reintke**

Proposal for a regulation **Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2**

Text proposed by the Commission

Where, by the 31 December 2023, under the convergence facility, a non-euro-area Member State has not taken demonstrable steps to adopt the single currency within a given time-frame, the maximum amount available for that Member State under the financial support component of the convergence facility pursuant to Article 26 shall be reallocated to the **reform delivery tool** referred to in point (a) of the first subparagraph of this paragraph. The Commission shall adopt a decision to that effect after having given the Member State concerned the possibility to present its observations within a period of two months of the communication of its conclusions.

Amendment

Where, by the 31 December 2023, under the convergence facility, a non-euro-area Member State has not taken demonstrable steps to adopt the single currency within a given time-frame, the maximum amount available for that Member State under the financial support component of the convergence facility pursuant to Article 26 shall be reallocated to the **technical support instrument** referred to in point (b) of the first subparagraph of this paragraph. The Commission shall adopt a decision to that effect after having given the Member State concerned the possibility to present its observations within a period of two months of the communication of its conclusions.

Amendment 95
Maria Gabriela Zoană

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The financial envelope for 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, in so far as they are related to the objectives of this Regulation, expenses linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, including corporate information technology tools, and all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the Programme. Expenses may also cover, under each of the three instruments referred to in Article 3, the costs of other supporting activities such as quality control and monitoring of technical support projects on the ground and the costs of peer counselling and experts for the assessment and implementation of structural reforms.

Amendment

3. The financial envelope for 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 ***at not only national but also regional and local level where appropriate***, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, in so far as they are related to the objectives of this Regulation, expenses linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange, including corporate information technology tools, and all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the Programme. Expenses may also cover, under each of the three instruments referred to in Article 3, the costs of other supporting activities such as quality control and monitoring of technical support projects on the ground and the costs of peer counselling and experts for the assessment and implementation of structural reforms.

Amendment 96
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. Double financing shall be avoided.

Or. en

Amendment 97
Constanze Krehl

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. Resources allocated to Member States under shared management may, at their request, be transferred to the Programme. The Commission shall implement those resources directly in accordance with point (a) of Article 62(1) of the Financial Regulation or indirectly in accordance with point (c) of that Article. Where possible those resources shall be used for the benefit of the Member State concerned. **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 98
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. Resources allocated to Member States under shared management may, at their request, be transferred to the Programme. The Commission shall implement those resources directly in accordance with point (a) of Article 62(1) **deleted**

of the Financial Regulation or indirectly in accordance with point (c) of that Article. Where possible those resources shall be used for the benefit of the Member State concerned.

Or. en

Amendment 99

Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Resources allocated to Member States under shared management may, at their request, be transferred to the Programme. The Commission shall implement those resources directly in accordance with point (a) of Article 62(1) of the Financial Regulation or indirectly in accordance with point (c) of that Article. Where possible those resources shall be used for the benefit of the Member State concerned.

Amendment

4. Resources allocated to Member States under shared management may, at their request, be transferred to the Programme ***only if all funds available under the Programme for the Member State are absorbed***. The Commission shall implement those resources directly in accordance with point (a) of Article 62(1) of the Financial Regulation or indirectly in accordance with point (c) of that Article. Where possible those resources shall be used for the benefit of the Member State concerned.

Or. en

Amendment 100

Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 9

Maximum financial contribution

Annex I lays down a maximum financial

Amendment

deleted

contribution available for each Member State out of the overall envelope of the reform delivery tool referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2). Such a maximum financial contribution is calculated for each Member State using the criteria and methodology set out in that Annex, based on the population of each Member State. Such a maximum financial contribution shall be available for allocation to each Member State, in part or in full, at each stage and call of the allocation process set out in Article 10.

Or. en

Amendment 101
Ruža Tomašić

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Annex I lays down a maximum financial contribution available for each Member State out of the overall envelope of the reform delivery tool referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2). Such a maximum financial contribution is calculated for each Member State using the criteria and methodology set out in that Annex, based on the population of each Member State. Such a maximum financial contribution shall be available for allocation to each Member State, in part or in full, at each stage and call of the allocation process set out in Article 10.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 102
Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Annex I lays down a maximum financial contribution available for each Member State out of the overall envelope of the reform delivery tool referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2). Such a maximum financial contribution is calculated for each Member State using the criteria and methodology set out in that Annex, based on the **population of each Member State**. Such a maximum financial contribution shall be available for allocation to each Member State, in part or in full, at each stage and call of the allocation process set out in Article 10.

Amendment

Annex I lays down a maximum financial contribution available for each Member State out of the overall envelope of the reform delivery tool referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2). Such a maximum financial contribution is calculated for each Member State using the criteria and methodology set out in that Annex, based on the **number and complexity of the Country Specific Recommendations, macroeconomic imbalances, the level of unemployment, the level of poverty and social exclusion, and GDP per capita in relation to the EU average GDP**. Such a maximum financial contribution shall be available for allocation to each Member State, in part or in full, at each stage and call of the allocation process set out in Article 10.

(The amendment will require consequential adjustments to the calculation in Annex I.)

Or. en

Amendment 103
Constanze Krehl

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Annex I lays down a maximum financial contribution available for each Member State out of the overall envelope of the reform delivery tool referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2). Such a maximum financial contribution is calculated for each Member State using the criteria and methodology set out in that Annex, based on the population of each Member State. Such a maximum financial contribution shall be

Amendment

Annex I lays down a maximum financial contribution available for each Member State out of the overall envelope of the reform delivery tool referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2). Such a maximum financial contribution is calculated for each Member State using the criteria and methodology set out in that Annex, based on the population of each Member State, **as well as on its social and economic needs**. Such

available for allocation to each Member State, in part or in full, at each stage and call of the allocation process set out in Article 10.

a maximum financial contribution shall be available for allocation to each Member State, in part or in full, at each stage and call of the allocation process set out in Article 10.

Or. en

Amendment 104
Iskra Mihaylova

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Annex I lays down a maximum financial contribution available for each Member State out of the overall envelope of the reform delivery tool referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2). Such a maximum financial contribution is calculated for each Member State using *the criteria and* methodology set out in *that* Annex, based on the population of each Member State. Such a maximum financial contribution shall be available for allocation to each Member State, in part or in full, at each stage and call of the allocation process set out in Article 10.

Amendment

Annex I lays down a maximum financial contribution available for each Member State out of the overall envelope of the reform delivery tool referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2). Such a maximum financial contribution is calculated for each Member State, using *an appropriate* methodology set out in Annex *I*, based on the population of each Member State *and the respective GDP per capita*. Such a maximum financial contribution shall be available for allocation to each Member State, in part or in full, at each stage and call of the allocation process set out in Article 10.

Or. en

Amendment 105
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. *The allocation process of the maximum financial contribution available for each Member State, referred to in*

Amendment

deleted

Article 9, shall take place in stages and calls. For each stage and at each call, Member States may propose to receive up to the full amount of the maximum financial contribution, referred to in Article 9, to fulfil reform commitments proposed in accordance with Article 11.

Or. en

Amendment 106
Constanze Krehl

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. A transfer of EUR 17.5 billion, in 2018 prices, is established from the proposed financial allocation for the Reform Delivery Tool to Heading 2 (Cohesion and values) for economic, social and territorial cohesion, in order to increase the financial allocation for the Interreg and the ESF+ envelope within it.

Or. en

Amendment 107
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. For a period of twenty months from the date of application of this Regulation, the Commission shall make available for allocation EUR **11 000 000 000**, which represents 50% of the overall envelope referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2).
Each Member State may propose to

2. For a period of twenty months from the date of application of this Regulation, the Commission shall make available for allocation EUR **2 500 000 000**, which represents 50% of the overall envelope referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2).

receive up to the full amount of the maximum financial contribution, referred to in Article 9, to fulfil reform commitments proposed in accordance with Article 11.

Or. en

Amendment 108
Constanze Krehl

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. For a period of twenty months from the date of application of this Regulation, the Commission shall make available for allocation EUR **11 000 000 000**, which represents 50% of the overall envelope referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2). Each Member State may propose to receive up to the full amount of the maximum financial contribution, referred to in Article 9, to fulfil reform commitments proposed in accordance with Article 11.

Amendment

2. For a period of twenty months from the date of application of this Regulation, the Commission shall make available for allocation EUR **2 250 000 000**, which represents 50% of the overall envelope referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2). Each Member State may propose to receive up to the full amount of the maximum financial contribution, referred to in Article 9, to fulfil reform commitments proposed in accordance with Article 11.

Or. en

Amendment 109
Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. For a period of **twenty** months from the date of application of this Regulation, the Commission shall make available for allocation EUR **11 000 000 000**, which represents **50%** of the overall envelope referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2). Each

Amendment

2. For a period of **forty** months from the date of application of this Regulation, the Commission shall make available for allocation EUR **16 500 000 000**, which represents **75%** of the overall envelope referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2). Each

Member State may propose to receive up to the full amount of the maximum financial contribution, referred to in Article 9, to fulfil reform commitments proposed in accordance with Article 11.

Member State may propose to receive up to the full amount of the maximum financial contribution, referred to in Article 9, to fulfil reform commitments proposed in accordance with Article 11.

Or. en

Amendment 110
Constanze Krehl

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. For the period starting after the end of the period referred to in paragraph 2, the Commission shall make available for allocation EUR **11 000 000 000**, which represent the remaining 50% of the overall envelope for the reform delivery tool referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2), plus the amount that has not been allocated in accordance with paragraph 2, on the basis of calls organised and published under the reform delivery tool. The first call shall be for allocating EUR **11 000 000 000**.

Amendment

3. For the period starting after the end of the period referred to in paragraph 2, the Commission shall make available for allocation EUR **2 250 000 000**, which represent the remaining 50% of the overall envelope for the reform delivery tool referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2), plus the amount that has not been allocated in accordance with paragraph 2, on the basis of calls organised and published under the reform delivery tool. The first call shall be for allocating EUR **2 250 000 000**.

Or. en

Amendment 111
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. For the period starting after the end of the period referred to in paragraph 2, the Commission shall make available for allocation EUR **11 000 000 000**, which represent the remaining 50% of the overall

Amendment

3. For the period starting after the end of the period referred to in paragraph 2, the Commission shall make available for allocation EUR **2 500 000 000**, which represent the remaining 50% of the overall

envelope for the reform delivery tool referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2), plus the amount that has not been allocated in accordance with paragraph 2, on the basis of calls organised and published under the reform delivery tool. The first call shall be for allocating EUR **11 000 000 000**.

envelope for the reform delivery tool referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2), plus the amount that has not been allocated in accordance with paragraph 2, on the basis of calls organised and published under the reform delivery tool. The first call shall be for allocating EUR **2 500 000 000**.

Or. en

Amendment 112
Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. For the period starting after the end of the period referred to in paragraph 2, the Commission shall make available for allocation EUR **11 000 000 000**, which represent the remaining **50%** of the overall envelope for the reform delivery tool referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2), plus the amount that has not been allocated in accordance with paragraph 2, on the basis of calls organised and published under the reform delivery tool. The first call shall be for allocating EUR **11 000 000 000**.

Amendment

3. For the period starting after the end of the period referred to in paragraph 2, the Commission shall make available for allocation EUR **5 500 000 000**, which represent the remaining **25%** of the overall envelope for the reform delivery tool referred to in point (a) of Article 7(2), plus the amount that has not been allocated in accordance with paragraph 2, on the basis of calls organised and published under the reform delivery tool. The first call shall be for allocating EUR **5 500 000 000**.

Or. en

Amendment 113
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. *Should the remaining amount referred to in paragraph 4 not be sufficient to cover the financial*

Amendment

deleted

contributions to Member States having submitted a proposals under a call, as determined in accordance with Article 12, the allocations to the Member States concerned shall be adjusted proportionally in accordance with the method set out in Annex I.

Or. en

Amendment 114
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. A Member State wishing to receive support under the reform delivery tool shall submit a proposal for reform commitments to the Commission. That proposal shall set out a detailed set of measures for the implementation of structural reforms in response to challenges identified in the European Semester process and shall contain milestones, targets and a timetable for the implementation of the reforms over a maximum period of three years.

Amendment

1. A Member State wishing to receive support under the reform delivery tool shall submit a proposal for reform commitments to the Commission. That proposal shall set out a detailed set of measures for the implementation of structural reforms in response to challenges identified in the European Semester process and shall contain milestones, targets and a timetable for the implementation of the reforms over a maximum period of three years.

For reform commitments, the Member State shall in, accordance with its institutional and legal framework, organise a reform partnership with the competent regional and local authorities, economic and social partners, and relevant bodies representing civil society and non-governmental organisations. The partners referred to in the second sub-paragraph shall be involved by the Member State in the preparation, monitoring and evaluation of measures for the implementation of structural reforms.

Or. en

Amendment 115
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the expected economic *and* social impacts of the reform in the Member State concerned and, where possible, the spillover effects in other Member States;

Amendment

(b) the expected economic, social *and environmental* impacts of the reform in the Member State concerned and, where possible, the spillover effects in other Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 3 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) the actions taken to involve partners referred to in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1; and

Or. en

Amendment 117
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5. When assessing the proposal for reform commitments, the Commission shall act in close cooperation with the Member State concerned. The Commission may make observations or seek additional

5. When assessing the proposal for reform commitments, the Commission shall act in close cooperation with the Member State concerned. The Commission may make observations or seek additional

information. The Member State concerned shall provide the requested additional information and may revise the proposal if needed, prior to its official submission.

information. The Member State concerned shall provide the requested additional information and may revise the proposal if needed, *after consultation of its partners as referred to above*, prior to its official submission.

Or. en

Amendment 118 **Terry Reintke**

Proposal for a regulation **Article 11 – paragraph 9**

Text proposed by the Commission

9. The Economic Policy Committee, set up by Council decision 2000/604/EC on the Composition and Statutes of the Economic Policy Committee³¹, may provide its opinion on the proposals for reform commitments submitted by Member States.

³¹ Council Decision of 29 September 2000 on the composition and the statutes of the Economic Policy Committee (2000/604/EC) (OJ L 257, 11.10.2000, p. 28–31)

Amendment

9. The Economic Policy Committee, set up by Council decision 2000/604/EC on the Composition and Statutes of the Economic Policy Committee³¹, may provide its opinion *after consultation with the European Economic and Social Committee and the European Committee of the Regions* on the proposals for reform commitments submitted by Member States.

³¹ Council Decision of 29 September 2000 on the composition and the statutes of the Economic Policy Committee (2000/604/EC) (OJ L 257, 11.10.2000, p. 28–31)

Or. en

Amendment 119 **Terry Reintke**

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) where the proposal for reform commitments submitted by the Member State concerned complies fully with the criteria set out in Article 11(7), the reform commitments shall be considered to be “major”, and the *total* amount of the *maximum* financial contribution *referred to in Article 9* shall be allocated to the Member State concerned;

(a) where the proposal for reform commitments submitted by the Member State concerned complies fully with the criteria set out in Article 11(7), the reform commitments shall be considered to be “major”, and the amount of the financial contribution *to be fixed on the basis of financing needs for the implementation of structural reform* shall be allocated to the Member State concerned;

Or. en

Amendment 120 **Terry Reintke**

Proposal for a regulation **Article 12 – paragraph 2 – point b**

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) where the proposal for reform commitments by the Member State concerned complies satisfactorily with the criteria set out in Article 11(7), the reform commitments shall be considered to be “significant”, and half of the *maximum* financial contribution *referred to in Article 9* shall be allocated to the Member State concerned; and

Amendment

(b) where the proposal for reform commitments by the Member State concerned complies satisfactorily with the criteria set out in Article 11(7), the reform commitments shall be considered to be “significant”, and half of the financial contribution *to be fixed on the basis of financing needs for the implementation of structural reform* shall be allocated to the Member State concerned; and

Or. en

Amendment 121 **Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš**

Proposal for a regulation **Article 12 – paragraph 4**

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Where the Commission gives a negative assessment to a proposal for

Amendment

4. Where the Commission gives a negative assessment to a proposal for

reform commitments submitted by a Member State, it shall communicate that assessment within *four* months of the official submission of the proposal for reform commitments by the Member State.

reform commitments submitted by a Member State, it shall communicate that assessment within *three* months of the official submission of the proposal for reform commitments by the Member State.

Or. hr

Amendment 122
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Where the reform commitments, including relevant milestones and targets, are no longer achievable, either partially or totally, by the Member State concerned because of objective circumstances, the Member State concerned may make a reasoned request to the Commission to amend or replace the decision referred to in Article 12(1). To that effect, the Member State may propose a modified set or a new set of reform commitments.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 123
Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Payment of financial contributions to the Member State concerned under this Article shall be made in accordance with the budget appropriations and subject to

Amendment

3. Payment of financial contributions to the Member State concerned under this Article *shall include pre-financing payment and* shall be made in accordance

the available funding.

with the budget appropriations and subject to the available funding.

Or. en

Amendment 124

Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Upon completion of the reform commitments, the Member State concerned shall submit to the Commission a duly justified request for payment of the financial contribution. The Commission shall assess, within two months of the submission of the request, whether the relevant milestones and targets set out in the decision referred to in Article 12(1) have been satisfactorily implemented. For that purpose, it may be assisted by relevant experts as referred to in Article 11(8).

Amendment

Upon completion of the reform commitments, the Member State concerned shall submit to the Commission a duly justified request for payment *for the remaining part* of the financial contribution. The Commission shall assess, within two months of the submission of the request, whether the relevant milestones and targets set out in the decision referred to in Article 12(1) have been satisfactorily implemented. For that purpose, it may be assisted by relevant experts as referred to in Article 11(8).

Or. en

Amendment 125

Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Where the assessment has a positive outcome, the disbursement of the financial contribution shall be made in accordance with the Financial Regulation.

Amendment

Where the assessment has a positive outcome, the disbursement *of the remaining part* of the financial contribution shall be made in accordance with the Financial Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 126

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Proposal for a regulation

Article 18 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Pursuant to the objectives set out in point (b) of Article 4 and point (b) of Article 5(2), the technical support instrument shall finance, in particular, the following types of action:

Amendment

Pursuant to the objectives set out in point (b) of Article 4 and point (b) of Article 5(2), the technical support instrument shall finance, in particular, the following types of action ***at national and other levels of government:***

Or. hr

Amendment 127

Maria Gabriela Zoană

Proposal for a regulation

Article 18 – paragraph 1 – point c – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) seminars, conferences and workshops;

Amendment

(i) seminars, conferences and workshops, ***including exchanges of best practices, when appropriate;***

Or. ro

Amendment 128

Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation

Article 18 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

(e) organisation of local operational support in areas such as asylum, migration and ***social inclusion;***

Amendment 129
Maria Gabriela Zoană

Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) studies, research, analyses and surveys, evaluations and impact assessments, and the development and publication of guides, reports and educational material;

Amendment

(g) studies, research, analyses and surveys, evaluations and impact assessments, and the development and publication of guides, reports and educational material ***and information***;

Or. ro

Amendment 130
Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. A Member State wishing to receive technical support under this instrument shall submit a request for technical support to the Commission, identifying the policy areas and the priorities for support within the scope of the Programme as set out in Article 6. The Commission shall organise calls under the technical support instrument, which will set appropriate deadlines for the submission of requests. The Commission may provide guidance on the main elements to be included in the request for support.

Amendment

1. A Member State wishing to receive technical support under this instrument shall submit a request for technical support to the Commission, identifying the policy areas and the priorities for support within the scope of the Programme as set out in Article 6. The Commission shall organise calls under the technical support instrument, which will set appropriate deadlines for the submission of requests. The Commission may provide guidance on the main elements to be included in the request for support. ***Priority should be given to Member States based on the quality of the proposals, compliance with the requirements in calls and the criteria set by Article 9.***

Or. en

Amendment 131

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the implementation of reforms by Member States, undertaken on their own initiative, in particular to achieve sustainable economic growth and job creation;

Amendment

(a) the implementation of reforms by Member States, undertaken on their own initiative, in particular to achieve sustainable economic growth and job creation ***and preservation***;

Or. hr

Amendment 132

Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) the preparation of a proposal for reform commitments ***and the implementation of the reform commitments undertaken by Member States***;

Amendment

(d) the preparation of a proposal for reform commitments;

Or. en

Amendment 133

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall transmit, with the consent of the Member State concerned, the cooperation and support

Amendment

1. The Commission shall transmit, with the consent of the Member State concerned, the cooperation and support

plan to the European Parliament and the Council without undue delay. The Member State concerned may refuse to give such consent in the case of *sensitive or* confidential information, the disclosure of which would jeopardise public interests of the Member State.

plan to the European Parliament and the Council without undue delay. The Member State concerned may refuse to give such consent in the case of confidential information, the disclosure of which would jeopardise public interests of the Member State.

Or. hr

Amendment 134

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) as soon as the Member State concerned has redacted all *sensitive or* confidential information, the disclosure of which would jeopardise public interests of the Member State;

Amendment

(a) as soon as the Member State concerned has redacted all confidential information, the disclosure of which would jeopardise public interests of the Member State;

Or. hr

Amendment 135

Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. *The additional voluntary contributions referred to in paragraph 1 may consist of contributions made in accordance with Article 100 of Regulation [CPR successor], and pursuant to the procedure set out in that Article, as referred to in Article 7(4).*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 136
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Article 22

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 22

deleted

Complementary funding

Actions financed under the technical support instrument may receive support from other Union programmes, instruments or funds under the Union's budget provided that such support does not cover the same cost.

Or. en

Amendment 137
Csaba Molnár

Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The convergence facility for euro-area membership is available to any eligible Member State as referred to in Article 2(6). Support shall consist of the following **two** components:

1. The convergence facility for euro-area membership is available to any eligible Member State as referred to in Article 2(6). Support shall consist of the following **three** components:

Or. en

Justification

Definition of the third component of the convergence facility: grants to non-governmental stakeholders.

Amendment 138
Csaba Molnár

Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) grants to eligible non-governmental stakeholders.

Or. en

Justification

Definition of the third component of the convergence facility: grants to non-governmental stakeholders.

Amendment 139
Csaba Molnár

Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. The rules regarding grants to eligible non-governmental stakeholders are set out in Section 2a below.

Or. en

Justification

Reference to the (amended) sections of the draft regulation defining the applicable rules – similar to the other two components included in the Commission's draft.

Amendment 140
Ivana Maletić

Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Annex X lays down a maximum financial contribution available for each Member

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State out of the overall financial envelope referred to in point (c)(i) of Article 7(2). Such maximum financial contribution is calculated for each eligible Member State using the criteria and methodology set out in that Annex, based on **population of each Member State**, and applies for each of the allocation stages and calls set out in Article 10.

State out of the overall financial envelope referred to in point (c)(i) of Article 7(2). Such maximum financial contribution is calculated for each eligible Member State using the criteria and methodology set out in that Annex, based on **based on the number and complexity of the Country Specific Recommendations related to convergence criteria, findings and recommendations from the Convergence reports, the level of unemployment, the level of poverty and social exclusion, and GDP per capita in relation to the EU average GDP**, and applies for each of the allocation stages and calls set out in Article 10.

Or. en

Amendment 141

Csaba Molnár

Proposal for a regulation

Chapter 4 – section 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Section 2a - Grants to eligible non-governmental stakeholders

Article 32a - Eligible actions

1. Pursuant to the objectives set out in point (b) of Article 4 and point (c)(ii a) of Article 5(2), in line with Article 25, the convergence facility may finance, in a Member State that is not yet the member of the euro area, grants to support actions by eligible non-governmental stakeholders to stimulate research and an open public debate about the benefits of introducing the single currency and the reforms necessary to achieve that objective, in a sustainable manner beneficial to the economic and social development of the Member State in question.

2. Eligible expenditure shall include, for example:

(a) seminars, conferences and workshops;

(b) studies, research, analyses and surveys, evaluations and impact assessments, reports, educational materials, and the publication of these;

(c) communication projects for learning, cooperation, awareness raising, and dissemination activities, and exchange of good practices; organisation of awareness-raising and information campaigns, media campaigns and events, including corporate communication and communication, where appropriate through social networks; and

(d) the compilation and publication of materials to disseminate information and the results of the Programme, including through the development, operation and maintenance of systems and tools using information and communication technologies.

Article 32b - Rules for the selection of projects and the financial management of grants

1. The rules for the selection and award criteria for grants via open calls managed by the Commission, as well as the provisions regarding the financial management, control, audit and evaluation of such projects, and other elements required by the Financial Regulation, shall be laid down in a Commission decision.

2. The rules referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall guarantee the fair and transparent selection of proposals, minimise the administrative burden for beneficiaries, and guarantee the sound and efficient management of grants, based on the existing best practices for Union instruments under centralised

management (such as Horizon 2020).

Or. en

Justification

Defining the actions eligible under the proposed new third component of the convergence facility and the manner in which the management rules for grants under the convergence facility can be defined based on available best practice.

Amendment 142

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Proposal for a regulation

Article 33 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

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

Or. hr

Amendment 143

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Proposal for a regulation

Article 33 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation at Union, national and, *where appropriate*, regional levels to deliver coherent and streamlined support actions under each of the instruments established under this Regulation.

Amendment

(c) ensure close cooperation between those responsible for implementation at Union, national and regional levels to deliver coherent and streamlined support actions under each of the instruments established under this Regulation.

Amendment 144
Csaba Molnár

Proposal for a regulation
Article 35 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. In relation to the convergence facility, the annual report shall include summarised information on grants provided to eligible non-governmental stakeholders under the third component of the convergence facility as defined in Article 24 paragraph 1 (c) including an assessment of their results achieved. Detailed information about each of those projects, including their beneficiaries, objectives, budgets, and main activities and outputs, shall be published on the Commission's website.

Or. en

Justification

It is necessary that the Commission's annual reports on the SRSP also contain information on grants to non-governmental stakeholders under the convergence facility. Furthermore, it is appropriate that the details of those projects are made available to the general public.

Amendment 145
Csaba Molnár

Proposal for a regulation
Article 38 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The financial envelope of the Programme referred to in point (b) and point (c)(ii) of Article 7(2) may also cover technical and administrative assistance expenses, including monitoring, communication and evaluation required pursuant to Regulation No (EU) 2017/825

2. The financial envelope of the Programme referred to in point (b) and point (c)(ii) of Article 7(2) – **as well as, where appropriate, the envelope made available for grants to eligible non-governmental stakeholders under the convergence facility** – may also cover

and not completed by 31 December 2020.

technical and administrative assistance expenses, including monitoring, communication and evaluation required pursuant to Regulation No (EU) 2017/825 and not completed by 31 December 2020.

Or. en

Justification

It is appropriate and necessary that the Commission have technical assistance at their disposal to facilitate, monitor, evaluate and communicate grants under the convergence facility.

Amendment 146
Ruža Tomašić

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 147
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

This annex lays out the methodology for calculating *the maximum financial contribution available for each Member State under the financial support instrument, as referred to in Article 9, and* the maximum financial contribution available for each Member State under the financial support component of the convergence support instrument, as referred to in Article 26.

This annex lays out the methodology for calculating the maximum financial contribution available for each Member State under the financial support component of the convergence support instrument, as referred to in Article 26.

Amendment 148
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – subheading 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Reform delivery tool

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Amendment 149
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The maximum financial contribution of a Member State under the reform delivery tool is defined as follows:

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$$\alpha_i \times FS$$

where :

FS (Financial Support) is the available financial envelope under the reform delivery tool as referred to Article 7(2)(a); and

the allocation key of Member State i, α_i , is defined as:

$$\alpha_i = \frac{pop_i}{pop_{EU}}$$

pop_i is the total population in country i,

pop_{EU} is the total population of all EU-27 Member States.

Amendment 150
Constanze Krehl

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

pop_i is the total population in country i,

Amendment

pop_i is the total population in country i, **as well as its economic and social needs;**

Or. en

Amendment 151
Constanze Krehl

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

pop_{EU} is the total population of all EU-27 Member States.

Amendment

pop_{EU} is the total population of all EU-27 Member States, **as well as their economic and social needs.**

Or. en

Amendment 152
Terry Reintke

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Application of this formula results in the following share and amount for the maximum financial contribution under the reform delivery tool, which would be available to each Member States at each stage and call of the allocation process described by Article 10:

Amendment

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	Share as % of total	Million (EUR)
BE	2.55	281
BG	1.58	174
CZ	2.37	261
DK	1.30	143
DE	18.58	2,044
EE	0.29	32
IE	1.07	118
EL	2.38	262
ES	10.42	1,146
FR	15.09	1,660
HR	0.92	101
IT	13.53	1,489
CY	0.19	21
LV	0.43	47
LT	0.62	68
LU	0.14	15
HU	2.18	240
MT	0.10	11
NL	3.85	423
AT	1.98	218
PL	8.59	945
PT	2.30	253
RO	4.33	477
SI	0.46	51
SK	1.22	134
FI	1.24	136
SE	2.28	251
Total	100.00	11,000

Or. en