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Absorption of Structural and Cohesion Funds: lessons learnt for the future
cohesion policy of the EU
(2010/2305(INI))

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Amendment 1

Karima Delli

Draft opinion

Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the *EU economic, regional and social policy are interlinked and problems of absorption capacity of different funds in Member States are similar*;

Amendment

A. whereas the *problems linked to fund absorption are still an obstacle to the effectiveness of the cohesion policy in many regions, in particular those in new the Member States and whereas the causes of this situation are to be found at Community, national and local level*,

Or. fr

Amendment 2

Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion

Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the EU economic, regional and social policy *are interlinked and problems of absorption capacity of different funds in Member States are similar*;

Amendment

A. whereas the *effectiveness of* EU economic, regional and social policy *depends on solving* problems *which, although common to a number of Member States, differ from region to region on account of the specific social and cultural features of each, resulting in disparities as regards access to and use and uptake of EU funding which need to be taken into consideration*,

Or. it

Amendment 3

Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion

Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the EU economic, regional and social policy are interlinked and problems of absorption capacity of different funds in Member States are similar;

Amendment

A. whereas the EU economic, regional and social policy are interlinked and problems of absorption capacity of different funds in Member States are ***often*** similar;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas the most disadvantaged regions and microregions lack the necessary financial and human resources, and the administrative support to make good use of the accessible EU funds;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Silvia Costa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ***ensure that the future ESF contributes to*** the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy in the fields of employment and social ***policy as an efficient, simple and user friendly instrument;***

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ***agree on simplified, flexible and effective rules governing*** the implementation, ***supervision, monitoring and assessment of future ESF programming, with a view to ensuring that real and proper financial support is provided for*** the Europe 2020 Strategy in the fields of ***training***, employment and social ***inclusion;***

Amendment 6
Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure that the future ESF **contributes** to the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy in the fields of employment and social policy as an efficient, simple and user friendly instrument;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure that the future ESF **makes a meaningful, targeted contribution, with no waste**, to the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy in the fields of employment and social policy as an efficient, simple and user friendly instrument;

Amendment 7
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure that the future ESF contributes to the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy in the fields of employment and social **policy** as **an** efficient, simple and user friendly instrument;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure that the future ESF contributes to the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy in the fields of employment and social **inclusion** as **a visible, transparent**, efficient, simple and user friendly instrument;

Amendment 8
Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure that the future ESF contributes to the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy in the fields of employment and social policy as an efficient, simple and user friendly instrument;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure that the future ESF contributes to the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy in the fields of employment and social policy as an efficient, simple and user friendly instrument ***that is brought to bear to develop human capital***;

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Nadja Hirsch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure that the future ESF contributes to the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy in the fields of employment and social policy as an efficient, simple and user friendly instrument;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure that the future ESF contributes to the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy in the fields of employment and social policy as an efficient, ***flexible***, simple and user friendly instrument;

Or. de

Amendment 10
Edit Bauer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Insists on the real added value generated by one strategic approach and

by common implementation rules for the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Social Fund, within the general framework of the cohesion policy;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Ilda Figueiredo, Patrick Le Hyaric

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that EU regional policy is a vital instrument in promoting economic and social cohesion, which enables the EU to take measures to reduce regional disparities, promote real convergence and stimulate development, quality employment and social progress, and also benefits less developed regions;

Or. pt

Amendment 12
Edit Bauer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Calls on all EU institutions and Member States to facilitate speedier conclusion of key documents, such as the multiannual financial framework and regulations, with a view to overcoming the start-up difficulties that might arise at the beginning of the next programming period, which was also the case at the beginning of the 2007-2013 programming

period;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Ilda Figueiredo, Patrick Le Hyaric

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Stresses the need for gender mainstreaming in the rules and application of all Community funds and draws special attention to the ESF, which should have sufficient capacity to promote policies for equality, high-quality stable jobs and fair redistribution of income;

Or. pt

Amendment 14
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Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Encourages the Commission and the Member States to strengthen multi-level governance, which should include not only the implementation of policies and management of the ESF, but also the development of the strategy as such;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Ilda Figueiredo, Patrick Le Hyaric

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Warns that the cohesion policy and related expenditure should be used to achieve sustainable (economic, social, environmental and regional) development and that it is more than a mere financial instrument, in keeping with its objectives;

Or. pt

Amendment 16
Karima Delli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Stresses ***that there is a need to concentrate efforts on a limited number of priorities in order to*** maximise the impact of the ESF in supporting the Europe 2020 Strategy;

2. Stresses ***the need to focus the ESF's employment and social inclusion measures more clearly on integrated local development strategies; considers that such strategies yield positive results; encourages the development of bottom-up local initiatives for the ESF; stresses the value of creating greater synergy between the ERDF and the ESF, as real levers that can*** maximise the impact of the ESF in supporting the Europe 2020 Strategy;

Or. fr

Amendment 17
Nadja Hirsch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that *there is a need to concentrate* efforts *on a limited number of priorities in order to maximise the impact of the ESF in supporting* the Europe 2020 Strategy;

Amendment

2. Stresses that efforts *and measures should be aimed at leading to the successful implementation of the objectives of* the Europe 2020 Strategy *and that it is therefore appropriate to set priorities which will guide such action; emphasises that account needs to be taken of the different situations in the Member States;*

Or. de

Amendment 18
Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that there is a need to concentrate efforts on a limited number of priorities in order to maximise the impact of the ESF in supporting the Europe 2020 Strategy;

Amendment

2. Stresses that there is a need to concentrate efforts on a limited number of priorities – *the most urgent among them being reducing record levels of unemployment in the internal market* – in order to maximise the impact of the ESF in supporting the Europe 2020 Strategy;

Or. it

Amendment 19
Silvia Costa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Stresses that there is a need to concentrate efforts on a limited number of priorities in order to maximise the impact of the ESF in supporting the Europe 2020

Amendment

2. Stresses that there is a need to concentrate efforts on a limited number of priorities, *with special reference to jobs for young people and women*, in order to

Strategy;

maximise the impact of the ESF in
supporting the Europe 2020 Strategy;

Or. it

Amendment 20
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to ensure that the future ESF reflects the specificities and needs of Member States and regions especially with regards to needs of local labour markets and to a need to create and improve entrepreneurship;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Karima Delli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Supports the establishment for the next planning period of a performance reserve that would enable more rapid take-up of funds and whereby the Commission would reward at the mid-term stage the efforts and achievements of a limited number of EU priorities laid down in the OPs;

Or. fr

Amendment 22
Karima Delli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Member States to *involve* the *social* partners *at national and local levels in order to better identify the needs of the labour market*;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to *adopt a more inclusive approach involving all* the partners, *as they are defined in the general regulation, at all levels in order, firstly, to establish a clear assessment of the needs of regions and, secondly, to inform and raise awareness among the local population of the added value of ESF action*;

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Nadja Hirsch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Member States to involve the social partners at national and local levels in order to better identify the needs of the labour market;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to involve the social partners at national and local levels in order to better identify the needs of the labour market *and at the same time to take adequate account, in relation to the formulating of policy goals in connection with cohesion policy, of regional and local needs*;

Or. de

Amendment 24
Silvia Costa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Member States to involve the social partners at national and local levels in order to better identify the needs of the labour market;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to involve the social partners at national and local levels in order to better identify the needs of the labour market ***and help implement policies geared to the development of new skills, jobs and new welfare arrangements;***

Or. it

Amendment 25
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Member States to involve the social partners at national and local levels in order to better identify the needs of the labour market;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to involve the social partners at national, ***regional*** and local levels in order to better identify the needs of the labour market ***in order to improve the employability of socially disadvantaged groups;***

Or. en

Amendment 26
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Member States to involve the social partners at national and local levels in order to better identify the needs of the labour market;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to involve the social ***and business*** partners, ***academia, NGOs and other relevant stakeholders*** at national and local levels in order to better identify the needs of the labour market;

Amendment 27
Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Member States to involve the social partners at national and local levels in order to better identify the needs of the labour market;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to involve the social partners at national, ***regional*** and local levels in order to better identify the needs of the labour market ***and ensure that they are reflected in the ESF's objectives;***

Or. it

Amendment 28
Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Member States to involve the social partners at national and local levels in order to better identify the needs of the labour market;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to involve the social partners at national and local levels in order to better identify the needs of the labour market; ***calls for special attention to be paid to the training and education of people in low-skilled jobs, in order to improve the employability of this group;***

Or. nl

Amendment 29
Karima Delli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Urges the Member States systematically to involve local and regional authorities and all stakeholders from the priority definition stage to the evaluation stage, including in relation to National Reform Plans; supports the territorialisation of the ESF with a view to avoiding the application within national OPs of measures that do not differentiate between regions; supports, in this connection, the use of global grants for its management, provided the number of intermediary bodies is rationalised on the basis of a territorial approach, guaranteeing ongoing coordination between administrative entities and the use of joint monitoring tools;

Or. fr

Amendment 30
Karima Delli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on Member States to improve ***information on*** accessibility of the ESF and raise project building capacities in order to contribute to ***new job-creation***;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to ensure that one-stop schemes are developed for the submission of applications and the dissemination of information and advice to those concerned as regards their applications, in so far as this simplification would be visible to the public and would rationalise administrative work; Calls on Member States to improve ***the*** accessibility of the ESF and raise project building capacities in order to contribute to ***the creation of new, decent jobs and more effective social inclusion***;

Or. fr

Amendment 31
Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on Member States to improve information on accessibility of the ESF *and raise project building capacities* in order to *contribute* to new job-creation;

Amendment

4. Calls on Member States to improve information on accessibility of the ESF, *in particular at regional and local level, and to make the fund more efficient* in order to *reduce waste and make a meaningful contribution* to new job-creation; *calls for support to be provided for the introduction and dissemination of specific job profiles for the provision of practical assistance to stakeholders in gaining access to ESF funding, so as to ensure that a lack of know-how in obtaining funding no longer a barrier to achieving the fund's important strategic objectives;*

Or. it

Amendment 32
Edit Bauer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to give priority to the integrated approach for local and regional development projects, making it possible to combine several sources of financing: operational programmes, national programmes and private resources at the individual project level;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Ilda Figueiredo, Patrick Le Hyaric

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses that the ESF should provide vital support for labour market policies and play an important role in promoting social inclusion and that its funding therefore needs to be considerably stepped up;

Or. pt

Amendment 34
Edit Bauer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Supports that the regulatory architecture of cohesion policy should allow greater flexibility in organising operational programmes in order to reflect the nature and geography of development processes better; suggests that Member States and regions are given enough flexibility to select priorities and draw up appropriate policy mixes;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure that ***while supporting*** the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy, cohesion policy ***reduces disparities and promotes a harmonious development in the EU;***

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure that ***investment in*** the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy ***is geared to giving*** cohesion policy ***as a whole a key role in addressing the current jobs emergency in the internal market, on the basis of a ‘think small first’ approach which acknowledges the crucial role played by European SMEs in combating unemployment;***

Or. it

Amendment 36

Silvia Costa

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure that while supporting the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy, cohesion policy reduces disparities and promotes a harmonious development in the EU;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure that while supporting the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy, cohesion policy reduces disparities and promotes a harmonious development in the EU, ***including by bringing further targeted instruments and measures to bear in areas which still fall far short of European standards;***

Or. it

Amendment 37

Philippe Boulland

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure that while supporting the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy, cohesion policy reduces disparities and promotes a harmonious development in the EU;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure that while supporting the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy, cohesion policy reduces disparities ***between regions, takes due account of the specific needs of the outermost regions*** and promotes a harmonious development in the EU;

Or. fr

Amendment 38
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure that while supporting the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy, cohesion policy reduces disparities and promotes a harmonious development in the EU;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure that while supporting the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy, cohesion policy reduces disparities ***amongst regions and micro-regions and*** promotes a harmonious development in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Nadja Hirsch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure that while supporting the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy, cohesion policy reduces disparities and promotes a harmonious development in the EU;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure that while supporting the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy ***in all Member States***, cohesion policy reduces disparities and promotes a harmonious development in the EU;

Amendment 40
Ilda Figueiredo, Patrick Le Hyaric

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Considers that, in order to ensure that it does not encourage the relocation of businesses within the EU, the provision of public aid granted under the structural funds should be conditional on the signing of long-term contracts with the companies as regards location, duration and jobs with rights;

Or. pt

Amendment 41
Karima Delli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Regrets that due to lengthy administrative procedures, complicated rules ***and heavy control mechanisms***, the implementation of the ESF is slower than foreseen and that many potential beneficiaries are discouraged to apply for funding;

6. Regrets that due to lengthy administrative procedures ***and*** complicated rules, ***especially in some Member States***, the implementation of the ESF is slower than foreseen and that many potential beneficiaries are discouraged to apply for funding; ***stresses the need for simplification as regards eligibility of expenditure, management and evaluation by means of clear, common and easy-to-use indicators; insists that each region's audit and control systems should meet high standards; calls for closer coordination between the different control levels (regional, national and EU) in terms of dates, recommendations and***

results; takes the view that regionalisation of OPs does not necessarily entail more controls; recommends that the frequency of controls be based to a greater extent on the amounts of subsidies and any irregularities which occur, in accordance with the principle of proportionality, so as not to discourage small project organisers and to increase the number of field-based audits by the Commission with a view to improving the quality of projects;

Or. fr

Amendment 42
Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Regrets that due to lengthy administrative procedures, complicated rules and heavy control mechanisms, the implementation of the ESF is slower than foreseen and that many potential beneficiaries are discouraged to apply for funding;

Amendment

6. Regrets that due to lengthy administrative procedures, complicated rules and heavy control mechanisms, the implementation of the ESF is slower than foreseen and that many potential beneficiaries are discouraged to apply for funding; *calls for the fund's objectives to be brought into line with the real requirements of a labour market that is in need of investment in upgrading vocational training and in measures to protect craft trades;*

Or. it

Amendment 43
Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Regrets that due to lengthy administrative procedures, complicated rules and heavy control mechanisms, the implementation of the ESF is slower than foreseen and that many potential beneficiaries are discouraged *to apply* for funding;

Amendment

6. Regrets that due to lengthy administrative procedures, complicated rules and heavy control mechanisms, the implementation of the ESF is slower than foreseen and that many potential beneficiaries are discouraged *from applying* for funding; ***calls, therefore, on the Commission to simplify the procedures for applying for ESF funding;***

Or. nl

Amendment 44
Karima Delli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Member States to transpose Community legislation more rapidly into national law; stresses the importance of mobilising trained personnel in sufficient numbers to address challenges on the ground more effectively;

Or. fr

Amendment 45
Karima Delli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Calls on the Commission to set up ‘Cohesion Mediation Centres’ as an additional source of information on best

*practices and in the event of any
mismanagement of funds;*

Or. fr

Amendment 46
Philippe Boulland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to review the level of co-financing, to reflect better the level of development; calls on the Member States to create ***mechanisms for helping the small beneficiaries preparing for applications and during the period of implementation;***

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to review the level of co-financing, to reflect better the level of development; calls on the Member States to create ***‘European one-stop shops’ at infra-regional level with a view to collecting and helping with the compiling of cohesion fund applications, both for local authorities and EU citizens;***

Or. fr

Amendment 47
Edit Bauer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to review the level of co-financing, to reflect better the level of development; calls on the Member States to create mechanisms for helping the small beneficiaries preparing for applications and during the period of implementation;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to review the level of co-financing, to reflect better the level of development, ***EU added value, types of action and beneficiaries;*** calls on the Member States to create mechanisms for helping the small beneficiaries preparing for applications and during the period of implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to review the level of co-financing, to reflect better the level of development; calls on the Member States to create mechanisms *for helping* the small beneficiaries *preparing for* applications and during the period of implementation;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to review the level of co-financing, to reflect better the level of development; calls on the Member States to create mechanisms *training* the small beneficiaries *(typically grassroots NGOs and SMEs) to prepare successful* applications and *mentoring them* during the period of implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to review the level of co-financing, to reflect better the level of development; calls on the Member States to create mechanisms for helping the small beneficiaries preparing for applications and during the period of implementation;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to review the level of co-financing, to reflect better the level of development; *regrets the fact that a large proportion of the ESF money available is not being used;* calls, *therefore,* on the Member States to create mechanisms for helping the small beneficiaries preparing for applications and *to provide assistance* during the period of implementation;

Or. nl

Amendment 50
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to review the level of co-financing, to reflect better ***the level of*** development; calls on the Member States to create mechanisms for helping the small beneficiaries preparing for applications and during the period of implementation;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to review the level of co-financing, to reflect better ***absorption capacities and development opportunities of beneficiaries***; calls on the Member States to create mechanisms for helping the small beneficiaries preparing for applications and during the period of implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Tadeusz Cymański

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to review the level of co-financing, to reflect better the level of development; calls on the Member States to create mechanisms for helping the small beneficiaries preparing for applications and during the period of implementation;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to review the level of co-financing, to reflect better the level of development; calls on the Member States to create mechanisms for helping the small beneficiaries preparing for applications and during the period of implementation, ***including small and medium-sized enterprises*** ;

Or. pl

Amendment 52
Franz Obermayr

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to review the

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to review the

level of co-financing, to reflect better the level of development; calls on the Member States to create mechanisms for helping the small beneficiaries preparing for applications and during the period of implementation;

level of co-financing, to reflect better the level of development; calls on the Member States to create mechanisms for helping the small beneficiaries preparing for applications and during the period of implementation, ***thereby ensuring a more efficient process***;

Or. de

Amendment 53
Karima Delli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to review the level of co-financing, to reflect better the level of development; calls on the Member States to create mechanisms for helping the small beneficiaries preparing for applications and during the period of implementation;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to review the level of co-financing, to reflect better the level of development; ***calls, to this end, for an adequate Community budget to be allocated to cohesion policy at a time when national and local contributions are being hampered by national budgetary austerity policies***; calls on the Member States to create mechanisms for helping the small beneficiaries preparing for applications and during the period of implementation;

Or. fr

Amendment 54
Edit Bauer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Stresses that management, reporting and control procedures must be proportionate to the scale of the projects,

because it is difficult for small institutions and small local authorities to implement projects under the present conditions, therefore special provisions must be designed for small-scale EU grants in the next programming period;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Ilda Figueiredo, Patrick Le Hyaric

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Considers that, given the serious economic and financial crisis affecting a number of Member States and their regions, the co-financing rate applicable to national institutions and associations in respect of projects supported by Community funding should not exceed 10% for all the structural funds, with a view to enabling greater uptake of cohesion funding;

Or. pt

Amendment 56
Nadja Hirsch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that cooperation between the different Structural and Cohesion Funds is strengthened and coordinated;

Or. de

Amendment 57
Tadeusz Cymański

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls on the Member States to devise and organise training courses for potential fund beneficiaries;

Or. pl

Amendment 58
Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Calls on the Member States to use the possibility of advance payments to ESF beneficiaries to a greater extent;

8. Calls on the Member States, ***on the basis of clear rules***, to use the possibility of advance payments to ESF beneficiaries to a greater extent;

Or. fr

Amendment 59
Edit Bauer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Calls for a streamlining of programming, monitoring and evaluation of cohesion policy with a view to improving the advisory role of the Commission and decreasing the administrative burden related to control

and audit;

Or. en

Amendment 60

Edit Bauer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Stresses the need for strong and dedicated focus on the actual outcomes and results of the ESF support by the improvement of evaluation, monitoring and indicator systems.

Amendment

9. Stresses the need for strong and dedicated focus on the actual outcomes and results of the ESF support by the improvement of evaluation, monitoring and indicator systems *at Community, national, regional and local levels.*

Or. en

Amendment 61

Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Stresses the need for strong and dedicated focus on the actual outcomes and results of the **ESF support** by the improvement of evaluation, monitoring and indicator systems.

Amendment

9. Stresses the need for strong and dedicated focus on the actual outcomes and results of the **ESF-financed development programmes** by the improvement of evaluation, monitoring and indicator systems.

Or. en

Amendment 62

Silvia Costa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Stresses the need for strong and dedicated focus on the actual outcomes and results of the ESF support by the improvement of evaluation, monitoring and indicator systems.

Amendment

9. Stresses the need for strong and dedicated focus on the actual outcomes and results of the ESF support by the improvement of evaluation, monitoring and indicator systems, ***which should cover not only spending levels but also the quality of the policies conducted.***

Or. it

Amendment 63
Karima Delli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Stresses the need for strong and dedicated focus on the actual outcomes and results of the ESF support by the improvement of evaluation, monitoring and indicator systems.

Amendment

9. Stresses the need for strong and dedicated focus on the actual outcomes and results of the ESF support by the improvement of evaluation, monitoring and indicator systems; ***calls on the Commission to take account of the uncertainty factors affecting long-term return-to-work projects.***

Or. fr

Amendment 64
Kinga Göncz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Commission to create the administrative framework for the closer

cooperation of ESF with ERDF in the interest of complex programs' implementation especially to serve the most disadvantaged social groups in harmony with the European Roma Framework Strategy.

Or. en

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9b. Notes that the institutional capacity of the public sector at national, regional and local level, the technical and administrative capacity of the participating public authorities and beneficiaries are key for successful development, implementation and monitoring of the policies needed to reach Europe 2020 targets.

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Paragraph 9 c (new)

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9c. Notes that a high degree of continuity in management and control system and capacity is necessary in order to build upon acquired management experience and knowledge, so calls on the Member States to take measures to avoid the fluctuation of administrative staff dealing

with the management of funds.

Or. en