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on the proposal for a Council regulation on Union support for the nuclear decommissioning assistance programmes in Bulgaria, Lithuania and Slovakia

Proposal for a regulation

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Amendment 11
Rolandas Paksas

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) In line with the Accession Treaty obligations and with the support of Community assistance, Bulgaria, Lithuania and Slovakia have closed the nuclear power plants and made significant progress towards their decommissioning. Further work is necessary in order to continue the progress with the actual dismantling operations ***until an irreversible state within the safe decommissioning process is reached***, whilst ensuring that the highest safety standards are applied. Based on the available estimates, completion of decommissioning work will require substantial additional financial resources.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 12
Edit Herczog

Proposal for a regulation
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Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 13
Rolandas Paksas

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) The premature shutdown and consequent decommissioning of the Ignalina Power Plant with two 1500 MW RBMK reactor units inherited from the Soviet Union is of an unprecedented nature and represents for Lithuania an exceptional financial burden not commensurate with the size and economic strength of the country, Protocol No. 4 states that the Union assistance under the Ignalina Programme will be seamlessly continued and extended beyond 2006, for the period of next financial perspectives. This extended programme will be based on the same elements and principles as during the 2004-2006 and 2007-2013 periods.

Or. en

Amendment 14
Edit Herczog

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5 a (new)

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Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5a) Although the shutdown of all units concerned took place within the respective deadlines, the decommissioning programmes continue to encounter delays that are economically damaging and politically unacceptable; this should be tackled by the revised detailed decommissioning plan.

Or. en

Amendment 15
Edit Herczog

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5b) As the programmes have not yet triggered the organisational changes needed for effective decommissioning, it should be ensured that the necessary transformation of organisational structures is performed.

Or. en

Amendment 16
Ivailo Kalfin

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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period 2014-2020: ‘A Budget for Europe 2020’⁵ for a sum of EUR 700 million from the general budget of the European Union for nuclear safety and decommissioning. From this the amount EUR 500 million in 2011 prices which is about EUR 553 million in the current prices is foreseen for a new Programme to further support the decommissioning of the Bohunice V1 units 1-2 and the Ignalina units 1-2 over the period from 2014 to 2017 and the Kozloduy units 1-4 nuclear power plants over the period from 2014 to 2020. Funding under this new Programme should be made available in a gradually decreasing manner.

sufficient financial Union participation, corresponding to the considerable funding gap for each decommissioning plan.

Or. en

Amendment 17 **Edit Herczog**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 6**

Text proposed by the Commission

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(6) Following the request for further funding from Bulgaria, Lithuania and Slovakia, provision has been made in the Commission proposal for the next Multi-Annual financial framework for the period 2014-2020: ‘A Budget for Europe 2020’⁶ for a sum of EUR **500** million **in constant 2011 prices** from the general budget of the European Union for decommissioning. **This** amount is foreseen for a new Programme to further support the decommissioning of the Bohunice V1 units 1-2 and the Ignalina units 1-2 over the period from 2014 to 2017 and the Kozloduy units 1-4 nuclear power plants over the period from 2014 to 2020. Funding under this new Programme should be made available in a gradually

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Or. en

Justification

Justification: To avoid confusion we should always refer to the same indicative amount (500 million in constant 2011 prices)

Amendment 18

Eduard Kukan

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) The amount of the appropriations allocated to the Programmes, as well as the programming period and distribution amongst the Kozloduy, Ignalina and Bohunice programmes may be reviewed based on the results of the mid-term and the final evaluation report, respecting that the highest safety standards and steady process of decommissioning in accordance with respective decommissioning plans will not be endangered.

Or. en

Amendment 19

François Alfonsi

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) Proper account should be taken of

the Special Report 16/2011: EU financial assistance for the decommissioning of nuclear power plants in Bulgaria, Lithuania and Slovakia: achievements and future challenges, from the Court of Auditors which includes conclusions and recommendations.

Or. en

Amendment 20
François Alfonsi
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6b) The conclusions of the fact-finding mission of the Committee on Budgetary Control to Lithuania from 10 to 12 July 2012 which express support to the Commission proposal, on the basis of which additional EUR 230 million could be made available from 2014 to 2017 for the Ignalina Programme but also a statement on the fact that at that stage EU financial assistance should end and that any funding under the new Multiannual Financial Framework should be put in reserve until such times when the conditionality, as outlined in this Regulation, is met, and the effective use of the money can be guaranteed.

Or. en

Amendment 21
Edit Herczog

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) The decommissioning of the nuclear power plants covered by this Regulation should be carried out with recourse to the best available technical expertise, **and** with due regard to the nature and technological specifications of the units to be shut down, in order to ensure the highest possible efficiency.

Amendment

(9) The decommissioning of the nuclear power plants covered by this Regulation should be carried out with recourse to the best available technical expertise, with due regard to the nature and technological specifications of the units to be shut down **and with comprehensive assessments on the progress of the decommissioning and mitigation processes**, in order to ensure the highest possible efficiency.

Or. en

Amendment 22
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) The activities covered by this Regulation and the operations which they support **should** comply with applicable Union and national law which is directly or indirectly linked to the implementation of the operation. The decommissioning of the nuclear power plants covered by this Regulation **should** be carried out in line with the legislation on nuclear safety and waste management and on the environment.

Amendment

(10) The activities covered by this Regulation and the operations which they support **must** comply with applicable Union and national law which is directly or indirectly linked to the implementation of the operation. The decommissioning of the nuclear power plants covered by this Regulation **must** be carried out in line with the legislation on nuclear safety and waste management and on the environment.

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 24
Rolandas Paksas

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The general objective of the Programme is to ***assist the Member States concerned to reach an irreversible state within*** the decommissioning ***process*** of Kozloduy units 1 to 4, Ignalina units 1 and 2 and Bohunice V1 units 1 and 2 nuclear power plants, in accordance with their respective decommissioning plans, while keeping the highest level of safety.

Amendment

1. The general objective of the Programme is to ***implement the steady process towards*** the decommissioning ***end state*** of Kozloduy units 1 to 4, Ignalina units 1 and 2 and Bohunice V1 units 1 and 2 nuclear power plants, in accordance with their respective decommissioning plans, while keeping the highest level of safety.

Or. en

Amendment 25
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. fr

Amendment 26

Ivailo Kalfin

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 shall **be EUR 552 947 000 in current prices.**

Amendment

Considering the losses incurred by the units' early closure, and in order to meet the highest safety standards, the financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 shall ***include sufficient financial Union participation, corresponding to the considerable funding gap for the respective decommissioning plans.***

Or. en

Justification

In the long term, the implementation of the decommissioning plans in Bulgaria, Lithuania and Slovakia required additional resources and co-financing for efficient and safe decommissioning. The overall financing plan and the calculation of the full costs should thus be identified by the beneficiaries and the managing authorities, and be subject to yearly update

Amendment 27

Edit Herczog

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The financial *envelope* for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 shall be EUR 552 947 000 in current prices.

Amendment

The indicative financial *reference amount as defined in the point [18] of the Interinstitutional Agreement of xx/201z between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on cooperation in budgetary matters and sound financial management* for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 shall be EUR 500 million in constant 2011 prices.

Or. en

Amendment 28

Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 shall be EUR 552 947 000 in current prices.

Amendment

The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 shall be EUR 552 947 000 in current prices. *It shall be paid to the Member States in which the nuclear facilities to be declassified are situated.*

Or. fr

Amendment 29

Edit Herczog

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Annual appropriations shall be authorised by the budgetary authority without prejudice to the provisions of the Regulation laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 and the Interinstitutional Agreement xxx/201z between the European Parliament, Council and the Commission on cooperation in budgetary matters and sound financial management.

Or. fr

Amendment 30

Ivailo Kalfin

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

That amount shall be distributed among the Kozloduy, Ignalina and Bohunice Programmes as follows:

deleted

(a) EUR 208 503 000 for the Kozloduy Programme for the period 2014 to 2020;

(b) EUR 229 629 000 for the Ignalina Programme for the period 2014 to 2017;

(c) EUR 114 815 000 for the Bohunice Programme for the period 2014 to 2017.

Or. en

Amendment 31

Edit Herczog

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

That amount shall be distributed among the Kozloduy, Ignalina and Bohunice Programmes as follows:

Amendment

That amount shall be ***indicatively*** distributed among the Kozloduy, Ignalina and Bohunice

Programmes as follows:

Or. en

Amendment 32
Rolandas Paksas

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) EUR 229 629 000 for the Ignalina Programme for the period 2014 to **2017**;

Amendment

(b) EUR **/229 629 000/** for the Ignalina Programme for the period 2014 to **2020**;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Eduard Kukan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) EUR 114 815 000 for the Bohunice Programme for the period 2014 to 2017.

Amendment

(c) EUR **/114 815 000/** for the Bohunice Programme for the period 2014 to 2017.

Or. en

Justification

Most recent cost analyses commissioned by Slovakia have shown insufficient financial support a GAP of 425 millions of EUR for decommissioning of V1 Jaslovske Bohunice. Therefore, we consider the amount of 114 mil EUR extremely low, taking under consideration impact and burden arising from shutting-down the V1 Jaslovske Bohunice. Moreover, Slovakia has implemented number of projects aimed at decommissioning of V1 Jaslovske

Bohunice from its own national resources, amounting to 263 millions EUR (e.g. for handling spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste). At the same time, other countries can apply for EU financial support to the similar projects, which seems to create general imbalance. In order to continue in dimensioning work and eliminate negative impacts on environment we propose to raise the support for Bohunice Programme 2014-2020.

Amendment 34
Edit Herczog

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission will review the performance of the Programme **and** assess the progress of the Kozloduy, Ignalina and Bohunice Programmes against the milestones and target dates referred to in Art 2.3 by the end of 2015 within the framework of the interim evaluation referred to in Art. 8. Based on the results of this assessment, the Commission may review the amount of the appropriations allocated to the Programme, as well as the programming period and distribution amongst the Kozloduy, Ignalina and Bohunice Programmes.

Amendment

2. The Commission will review the performance of the Programme, assess the progress of the Kozloduy, Ignalina and Bohunice Programmes against the milestones and target dates referred to in Art 2.3 by the end of 2015 within the framework of the interim evaluation referred to in Art. 8 ***in order to assure that financial programming and the allocation of financial resources are based on actual needs and absorption capacity.*** Based on the results of this assessment, the Commission may review the amount of the appropriations allocated to the Programme, as well as the programming period and distribution amongst the Kozloduy, Ignalina and Bohunice Programmes, ***while fully respecting prerogatives of the budget authority in the annual budgetary procedure.***

Or. en

Amendment 35
Ivailo Kalfin

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Considering the substantial losses following the early closure of the units, every effort should be made to continue at a sufficient level the co-financing practice established under the pre-accession assistance and the assistance given over the period 2007-2013 for all 3 Member States' decommissioning efforts as well as to attract co-financing from other sources as appropriate.

Or. en

Amendment 36
Ingeborg Gräßle

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The allocation may also cover preparatory work for the construction of a final repository. Measures to deal with the consequences of closure and decommissioning may not be covered.

Or. en

Amendment 37
Edit Herczog

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The financial allocation may also cover the technical and administrative assistance expenses necessary to ensure the transition between the Programme and the measures

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adopted under Council Regulation (EC) 1990/2006, Regulation (Euratom) No 549/2007 and Council Regulation (Euratom) 647/2010.

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Or. en

Amendment 38
Ingeborg Gräßle

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. Disagreements on the interpretation of treaties and award of contracts must be submitted to an arbitration procedure.

Resultant delays in construction may lead to postponement of payment and reductions in the financial allocation. An annual report on this issue shall be submitted by the Commission to the European Parliament.

Or. en

Amendment 39
Rolandas Paksas

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) Comply with Union's acquis; in particular in the area of nuclear safety the transposition into national law of the Council Directive 2009/71/Euratom on nuclear safety and the Council Directive 2011/70/Euratom on the management of

deleted

spent fuel and radioactive waste.

Or. en

Justification

All Member States must comply with Union's acquis, not only Bulgaria, Lithuania and Slovakia.

Amendment 40

Edit Herczog

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) Submit to the Commission a revised detailed decommissioning plan

Amendment

(c) Submit to the Commission a revised detailed decommissioning plan ***that includes the specific objectives, projects schedule, project cost structures, co-financing proportions and an overall financial plan identifying sources for the national part of the funding in the long term.***

Or. en

Justification

Objectives and deadlines should strictly be met in the decommissioning processes by all parties, an effective organisational structure should consolidate the programs, sufficient funding should be secured from the EU and national budgets, by which even unpredictable technical and safety stops during the decommissioning process must be covered.

Amendment 41

Andrey Kovatchev

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall assess the information provided on the fulfilment of the ex ante conditionalities when preparing the 2014 annual work programme as referred to in Article 6(1). ***It may decide, when adopting the annual work programme, to suspend all or part of the Union financial assistance pending the satisfactory completion of the ex ante conditionalities.***

Amendment

2. The Commission shall assess the information provided on the fulfilment of the ex ante conditionalities when preparing the 2014 annual work programme as referred to in Article 6(1). ***If there is a reasoned opinion by the Commission in respect of an infringement for non-compliance with conditionality referred to in paragraph 1(a) or if conditionalities referred to in paragraph 1(b) or 1(c) is not satisfactory, the decision on suspension of part or of all of the Union financial assistance may be taken in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 9(2). Such decision shall be reflected in the adoption of the 2014 annual work programme. The amount of suspended assistance shall be defined in accordance with criteria set out in the act referred to in Article 6(2).***

Or. en

Amendment 42
Paul Rübzig

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

2. The Commission shall assess the information provided on the fulfilment of the ex ante conditionalities when preparing the 2014 annual work programme as referred to in Article 6(1). ***The assessment shall include an opinion obtained from ENSREG (the European Nuclear Safety Regulators Group). The Commission*** may decide, when adopting the annual work programme, to suspend all or part of the Union financial assistance pending the satisfactory completion of the ex ante

conditionalities.

Or. de

Amendment 43
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Programme shall be implemented by one or several of the forms provided for by Regulation (EU) No XXX/2012 [New Financial Regulation], in particular, grants and procurements.

Amendment

1. The Programme shall be implemented by one or several of the forms provided for by Regulation (EU) No XXX/2012 [New Financial Regulation], in particular, grants and procurements. ***Public procurement contracts financed by this programme shall preferably be awarded to EU companies or companies in states which comply with the principle of reciprocity in their commercial relations with the EU.***

Or. fr

Amendment 44
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission may entrust the implementation of the Union's financial assistance under this Programme to the bodies set out in Article 55(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) No XXXX/2012 [New Financial Regulation].

Amendment

2. Implementation of the Union's financial assistance under this Programme shall be delegated by the Commission to the Member States in which the nuclear facilities to be declassified are situated under the shared management principle, the rules for which are set out in Article 59 of Regulation (EU; Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general

*budget of the Union*¹.

¹ *OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.*

Or. fr

Amendment 45
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The annual work programmes and the acts setting out the implementation procedures referred to in paragraph 1 and 2 shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 9(2).

Amendment

3. The annual work programmes and the acts setting out the implementation procedures referred to in paragraph 1 and 2 shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 9(2). ***These shall be communicated to the European Parliament.***

Or. fr

Amendment 46
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1(a) By 31 March of the year following each accounting year, the Member States shall report on the use of the financial envelope. These reports, certified by national audit bodies, shall be sent to the Commission and the Council to be incorporated into the general EU budget discharge procedure.

Or. fr

Amendment 47
Jean-Pierre Audy

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

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission or its representatives and the Court of Auditors shall have the power of audit, on the basis of documents and on-the-spot, over all grant beneficiaries, contractors and subcontractors who have received Union funds.

Amendment

2. The Commission or its representatives, ***the national audit bodies of the Member States in which the nuclear facilities to be declassified are situated*** and the Court of Auditors shall have the power of audit, on the basis of documents and on-the-spot, over all grant beneficiaries, contractors and subcontractors who have received Union funds under the Programme. ***The results of the audits shall be communicated to the European Parliament.***

Or. fr

Amendment 48
Jean-Pierre Audy

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

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

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

the European Parliament.

Or. fr

Amendment 49
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Without prejudice to the first and second sub-paragraphs, cooperation agreements with third countries and international organisations and grant agreements and grant decisions and contracts resulting from the implementation of this Regulation shall expressly empower the Commission, the Court of Auditors and OLAF to conduct such audits, on-the-spot checks and inspections.

Amendment

Without prejudice to the first and second sub-paragraphs, cooperation agreements with third countries and international organisations and grant agreements and grant decisions and contracts resulting from the implementation of this Regulation shall expressly empower the Commission, ***the national audit body of the Member State concerned***, the Court of Auditors and OLAF to conduct audits, on-the-spot checks and inspections ***and shall ensure that the results of these are communicated to the European Parliament.***

Or. fr

Amendment 50
Ivailo Kalfin

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No later than end 2015, an evaluation report shall be established by the Commission on the achievement of the objectives of all the measures, at the level of results and impacts, the efficiency of the use of resources and its Union added value, in view of a decision amending or suspending the measures. The evaluation

Amendment

1. No later than end 2015, an ***interim*** evaluation report shall be established by the Commission, ***in close cooperation with the beneficiaries***, on the achievement of the objectives of all the measures, at the level of results and impacts, the efficiency of the use of resources and its Union added value, in view of a decision amending or

shall additionally address the scope for simplification, its internal and external coherence, the continued relevance of all objectives. It shall take into account evaluation results on the long-term impact of the predecessor measures.

suspending the measures. ***Based on the results of this assessment, the Commission may review the appropriateness of the appropriations allocated to the Programme and their distribution amongst Kozloduy, Ignalina and Bohunice.*** The evaluation shall additionally address the scope for simplification, its internal and external coherence, the continued relevance of all objectives. It shall take into account evaluation results on the long-term impact of the predecessor measures.

Or. en

Amendment 51

Rolandas Paksas

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No later than end **2015**, an evaluation report shall be established by the Commission on the achievement of the objectives of all the measures, at the level of results and impacts, the efficiency of the use of resources and its Union added value, in view of a decision amending or suspending the measures. The evaluation shall additionally address the scope for simplification, its internal and external coherence, the continued relevance of all objectives. It shall take into account evaluation results on the long-term impact of the predecessor measures.

Amendment

1. No later than end **2017**, an evaluation report shall be established by the Commission on the achievement of the objectives of all the measures, at the level of results and impacts, the efficiency of the use of resources and its Union added value, in view of a decision amending or suspending the measures. The evaluation shall additionally address the scope for simplification, its internal and external coherence, the continued relevance of all objectives. It shall take into account evaluation results on the long-term impact of the predecessor measures.

Or. en

Justification

Taking into account all the related procedures, it is too early to establish an evaluation report one year after the start of the 2014 – 2020 financial perspective. A mid-term evaluation would

be more appropriate.

Amendment 52
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No later than end 2015, **a** mid-term evaluation report shall be established **by the Commission** on the achievement of the objectives of all the measures, at the level of results and impacts, the efficiency of the use of resources and its Union added value, in view of a decision amending or suspending the measures. The evaluation shall additionally address the scope for simplification, its internal and external coherence, the continued relevance of all objectives. It shall take into account evaluation results on the long-term impact of the predecessor measures.

Amendment

1. No later than end 2015, **an independent** mid-term evaluation report shall be established on the achievement of the objectives of all the measures, at the level of results and impacts, the efficiency of the use of resources and its Union added value, in view of a decision amending or suspending the measures. The evaluation shall additionally address the scope for simplification, its internal and external coherence, the continued relevance of all objectives. It shall take into account evaluation results on the long-term impact of the predecessor measures.

Or. fr

Amendment 53
Eduard Kukan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall carry out ex-post evaluation in close cooperation with the Member States **and beneficiaries**. The ex-post evaluation shall examine the effectiveness and efficiency of the Programme and its impact on decommissioning.

Amendment

2. The Commission shall carry out ex-post evaluation in close cooperation with the **beneficiary** Member States. The ex-post evaluation shall examine the effectiveness and efficiency of the Programme and its impact on decommissioning.

Or. en

Amendment 54
Paul Rübig

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Evaluations shall take account of progress against performance indicators as referred to in Article 2(2).

Amendment

3. Evaluations shall take account of progress against performance indicators as referred to in Article 2(2). ***The assessment report shall be submitted to ENSREG (the European Nuclear Safety Regulators Group) for review.***

Or. de

Amendment 55
Edit Herczog

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Evaluations shall take account of progress against performance indicators as referred to in Article 2(2).

Amendment

3. Evaluations shall take account of progress against performance indicators as referred to in Article 2(2) ***and fulfilment of requirements set out in Article 4(1)(c).***

Or. en

Amendment 56
Jean-Pierre Audy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission shall communicate the ***conclusions of these evaluations*** to the European Parliament and the Council.

Amendment

4. The Commission shall communicate the ***above-mentioned evaluation reports*** to the European Parliament, ***in the official***

languages of the EU, and the Council.

Or. fr

Amendment 57

Ivailo Kalfin

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 8 a

Final Evaluation for the period 2014-2020

1. The Commission shall carry out ex-post evaluation in close cooperation with the beneficiaries. The ex-post evaluation shall examine the effectiveness and efficiency of the Programme and its impact on decommissioning.

2. Before 31 December 2020, the Commission shall establish in close cooperation with the Member States and beneficiaries, a final evaluation report the effectiveness and efficiency of the Programme, as well as the effectiveness of financed measures in terms of impacts, use of resources and added value for the Union.

3. The final evaluation shall take account of progress against performance indicators as referred to in Article 2(2).

4. The Commission shall communicate the conclusions of this evaluation to the European Parliament and the Council.

5. The Commission shall take into account the various decommissioning expertise and strategies employed by these Member States to explore possible ways of harmonising approaches of decommissioning in the Union in order to ensure timely accumulation of the necessary knowledge in order to improve

*the competitiveness of the Union nuclear
industry in that domain.*

Or. en