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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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Amendment 1
Michael Theurer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Stresses that there is an important difference in the type of errors and a distinction should be drawn between major errors, such as overpayment/underpayment or fraud, and minor and clerical errors, since only 0.42% of errors were reported by Member States to be a consequence of fraud for ERDF, Cohesion Fund and ESF programmes in the 2007-2013 programming period;

Amendment

2. Reminds Member States that for 56% of the regional policy transactions affected by errors the European Court of Auditors considered that sufficient information was available to Member States authorities to have detected and corrected one or more of the errors before certifying the expenditure to the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Georgios Stavrakakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft Opinion

2 a. Notes that any error, regardless of size or gravity, in a public procurement procedure leads the Court of Auditors to classify the entire expenditure on that procedure as an error, even when no financial loss has been incurred and the project has been delivered as planned;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 3
Jan Olbrycht

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft Opinion

Amendment

2 a. Draws attention to the different approach by the Commission and the Court to the calculation of error rate in relation to transactions to which the Commission applied flat-rate corrections and calls for the standardisation of the methodology;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Michael Theurer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft Opinion

Amendment

3. Notes that the ***cumulative*** financial corrections ***implemented to the end of*** 2012 for ERDF, Cohesion Fund and ESF programmes, ***in the current programming period, amounts to 0.2%***

3. Notes that the financial corrections ***and recoveries implemented in*** 2012 for ERDF, Cohesion Fund and ESF programmes ***amount to more than EUR 3 billion, and that the individual amounts per policy area represent 8.8% of the ERDF payments, 2.2% of the Cohesion fund payments and 3.8% of the ESF payments;***

Or. en

Amendment 5
Jan Olbrycht

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

4 a. Draws attention to the multiannuality of the cohesion policy management system and underlines that the final evaluation of irregularities related to the policy implementation will be possible only at the closure of the programming period;

Or. en

**Amendment 6
Georgios Stavrakakis**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft Opinion

5. Welcomes the new rules for the 2014-2020 programming period, decided through the co-decision procedure, including measures such as the designations of audit and certifying authorities, accreditations of audit authorities, audit examination and acceptance of accounts, financial corrections and net financial corrections, proportional control, ex-ante conditionalities that aim to further contribute to the reduction of the level of error;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the new rules for the 2014-2020 programming period, decided through the co-decision procedure, including measures such as the designations of audit and certifying authorities, accreditations of audit authorities, audit examination and acceptance of accounts, financial corrections and net financial corrections, proportional control, ex-ante conditionalities that aim to further contribute to the reduction of the level of error; ***supports in this respect also the growing results orientation and the thematic concentration of cohesion policy that should assure high added-value of the co-financed operations.***

Or. en

**Amendment 7
Jan Olbrycht**

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft Opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 8
Michael Theurer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft Opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 9
Jan Olbrycht

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft Opinion

Amendment

5 a. Welcomes the recent Communication of the Commission outlining the approach towards the application of net financial corrections in the areas of agriculture and cohesion policy in the next programming period; awaits the delegated act laying down detailed rules for the criteria for the assessment of the functioning of management and control systems, for establishing the level of financial corrections to be applied and for applying flat-rate corrections.

Or. en