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# **AMENDMENTS**

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### **Draft opinion**

**Roberto Gualtieri**

(PE622.207v01-00)

Increase of the financial envelope of the Structural Reform Support Programme and adapt its general objective

Proposal for a regulation

(COM(2017)0825 – C8-0433/2017 – 2017/0334(COD))



**Amendment 14**  
**Miguel Viegas, Matt Carthy**

**Proposal for a regulation**

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*Proposal for rejection*

***The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs calls on the Committee on Regional Development, as the committee responsible, to propose rejection of the Commission proposal.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*The real objective of the Structural Reform Support Programme is to force the implementation of neoliberal policies, such as both labor and product markets liberalization and deregulation, loss of labor and social rights and a State model weakened at social level and contrary to the interests of workers and people. The programme aims to reinforce EC interference and its instruments of blackmail in Member States domestic affairs.*

**Amendment 15**  
**Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Citation 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Having regard to Article 119(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the Union,***

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Recital 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(1) The Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') **was**  
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*established with* the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement **growth-sustaining** administrative **and structural** reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. Support under the Programme is provided by the Commission, upon request by a Member State, and can cover a wide range of policy areas. ***Developing resilient economies built on strong economic and social structures, which allow Member States to efficiently absorb shocks and swiftly recover from them, contributes to economic and social cohesion. The implementation of institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms is an appropriate tool for achieving such a development.***

objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement ***economic and*** administrative reforms ***aimed at promoting robust and sustainable growth, quality job creation, social and territorial cohesion and convergence, competitiveness, productivity and shared prosperity, enhanced resilience to shocks***, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. Support under the Programme is provided by the Commission, upon request by a Member State, and can cover a wide range of policy areas ***in line with the national reform programmes.***

Or. en

## Amendment 17 Ivana Maletić

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 1

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) The Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') was established with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-sustaining administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. Support under the Programme is provided by the Commission, upon request by a Member State, and can cover a wide range of policy areas. Developing resilient economies built on strong economic ***and*** social structures, which allow Member States to efficiently absorb shocks and swiftly recover from them, contributes to economic ***and*** social cohesion. The implementation of institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining

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structural reforms is an appropriate tool for achieving such a development.

sustaining structural reforms is an appropriate tool for achieving such a development.

Or. en

## **Amendment 18**

**Philippe Lamberts**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 1**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) The Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') was established with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-sustaining administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. Support under the Programme is provided by the Commission, upon request by a Member State, and can cover a wide range of policy areas. Developing resilient economies built on strong economic and social structures, which allow Member States to efficiently absorb shocks and swiftly recover from them, contributes to economic and social cohesion. The implementation of institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms is an appropriate tool for achieving such a development.

##### *Amendment*

(1) The Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') was established with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-sustaining administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. Support under the Programme is provided by the Commission, upon request by a Member State, and can cover a wide range of policy areas. Developing resilient economies ***and societies*** built on strong economic and social structures, which allow Member States to efficiently absorb shocks and swiftly recover from them, contributes to economic and social cohesion. The implementation of institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms is an appropriate tool for achieving such a development. ***It is important that structural reforms are backed by democratic support, thus making the involvement of national and regional parliaments, partners from local and regional authorities, economic and social partners and representatives of civil society indispensable.***

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Marco Valli, Rosa D'Amato**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) The Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') was established with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-sustaining administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. Support under the Programme is provided by the Commission, upon request by a Member State, and can cover a wide range of policy areas. Developing resilient economies built on strong economic and social structures, which allow Member States to efficiently absorb shocks and swiftly recover from them, contributes to economic and social cohesion. The implementation of institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms is an appropriate tool for achieving such a development.

*Amendment*

(1) The Structural Reform Support Programme ('the Programme') was established with the objective of strengthening the capacity of Member States to prepare and implement growth-sustaining administrative and structural reforms, including through assistance for the efficient and effective use of the Union funds. ***Preference should be given to measures that are aimed at shifting taxation away from labour, at promoting higher quality employment and implementing social policies that empower people to participate in the economy and society.*** Support under the Programme is provided by the Commission, upon request by a Member State, and can cover a wide range of policy areas. Developing resilient economies built on strong economic and social structures, which allow Member States to efficiently absorb shocks and swiftly recover from them, contributes to economic and social cohesion. The implementation of institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms is an appropriate tool for achieving such a development.

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Ivana Maletić**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(1 a) Investments, structural reforms and fiscal responsibility are the three***

*main pillars for achieving high and long-term sustainable growth, recovery and convergence in the Union. Funds for investments are ensured through EFSI and ESI funds, as well as other instruments from the EIB and EBRD. Without the implementation of structural reforms, the impact of investments will be postponed and only mitigate the decline of Member States instead of achieving development and growth.*

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(1 a) Structural reforms are to include the correct and timely transposition and implementation of legal acts of the Union as the proper functioning of these acts is fundamental to achieve economic convergence.*

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(1 a) The euro is the currency of the European Union, as indicated in Article 119(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.*

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Ivana Maletić**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 1 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(1 b) The Programme should be consistent with and linked to the objectives set out in the European Semester and the implementation of country-specific recommendations in the Member States.***

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 1 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(1 b) All Member States except Denmark and the United Kingdom are set to adopt the euro upon meeting the converge criteria.***

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Ivana Maletić**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 1 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(1 c) Successful implementation of structural reforms requires political will, decisiveness, an efficient and effective public administration and often the support from all segments of society, not only at national level but also at the regional and local level. Implementation***



*of the provision requiring Member States to include actors at regional and local level and all other relevant stakeholders into defining and implementing reforms is inevitable for achieving successful implementation, and not only well designed reforms which do not achieve results in practice.*

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Ivana Maletić**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) Member States have increasingly taken up support under the Programme, beyond the initial expectations. The requests for support received by the Commission during the 2017 cycle have, based on their estimated value, significantly exceeded the available annual allocation. During the 2018 cycle, the estimated value of requests received was five times the financial resources available for that year. Almost all Member States have requested support under the Programme and requests are distributed across all policy areas covered by the Programme.

*Amendment*

(2) Member States have increasingly taken up support under the Programme, beyond the initial expectations. The requests for support received by the Commission during the 2017 cycle have, based on their estimated value, significantly exceeded the available annual allocation ***resulting in several requests not having been selected for funding***. During the 2018 cycle, the estimated value of requests received was five times the financial resources available for that year. Almost all Member States have requested support under the Programme and requests are distributed across all policy areas covered by the Programme.

Or. en

**Amendment 27**  
**Ivana Maletić**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(2 a) While taking into account**

*budgetary limitations and the large number of requests for support from the Programme, the selection criteria should prioritise reforms with spill-over effects on other sectors and aimed at boosting economic growth, job creation and cohesion.*

Or. en

**Amendment 28**  
**Ivana Maletić**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 2 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(2 b) The presentation and transparency of the Programme results should be increased by making an overview of implementation of reforms in each Member State publicly available on-line , in order to ensure exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices between Member States.*

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Ivana Maletić**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(3) Strengthening economic and social cohesion by reinforcing structural reforms is crucial for successful participation in the Economic and Monetary Union. That is particularly important for Member States whose currency is not the euro, in their preparation to join the euro area.

(3) Strengthening economic and social cohesion by reinforcing structural reforms is crucial for successful participation in the Economic and Monetary Union *and for its long-term stability and prosperity*. That is particularly important for Member States whose currency is not the euro, in their preparation to join the euro area.

Or. en

## Amendment 30

**Philippe Lamberts**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(4) It is thus appropriate to stress in the general objective of the Programme – within its contribution towards responding to economic and social challenges – that enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, and job creation should also contribute to ***the preparations for future participation in the euro area by those Member States whose currency is not the euro.***

*Amendment*

(4) It is thus appropriate to stress in the general objective of the Programme – within its contribution towards responding to economic and social challenges – that enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, and job creation should also contribute to ***convergence in and outside*** the Euro area.

Or. en

## Amendment 31

**Kay Swinburne**

on behalf of the ECR Group

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(4) It is thus appropriate to stress in the general objective of the Programme – within its contribution towards responding to economic and social challenges – that enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, and job creation should also contribute to the preparations for future participation in the euro area by those Member States whose currency is not the euro.

*Amendment*

(4) It is thus appropriate to stress in the general objective of the Programme – within its contribution towards responding to economic and social challenges – that enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, and job creation should also contribute to the preparations for future participation in the euro area by those Member States whose currency is not the euro. ***A thorough ex-post evaluation of how the Programme has assisted structural reforms in Member States is a necessary part of that general objective.***

Or. en

## Amendment 32

Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(5) It is also necessary to indicate that actions and activities of the Programme may support reforms that *may* help Member States that *wish to* adopt the euro to prepare for participation in the euro area.

*Amendment*

(5) It is also necessary to indicate that actions and activities of the Programme may support reforms that *can* help Member States that *must* adopt the euro to prepare for participation in the euro area.

Or. en

## Amendment 33

Kay Swinburne

on behalf of the ECR Group

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(5) It is also necessary to indicate that actions and activities of the Programme may support reforms that may help Member States that wish to adopt the euro to prepare for participation in the euro area.

*Amendment*

(5) It is also necessary to indicate that actions and activities of the Programme may support reforms that may help Member States that wish to adopt the euro to prepare for participation in the euro area, *whilst stressing that joining the euro area is a long term economic decision that should not be unduly influenced by the prospect of short term financing.*

Or. en

## Amendment 34

Philippe Lamberts

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 5 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(5 a) It is anticipated that the Programme continues to be significantly oversubscribed which will require a selection of requests for support, without prejudice to the necessity of equal treatment of Member States. In order to increase ownership and democratic footing of the relevant structural reforms to be implemented, priority should be given to those requests for support that can demonstrate the involvement of partners in the spirit of the principle of partnership as set out in Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.**

Or. en

**Amendment 35**

**Philippe Lamberts**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Recital 5 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(5 b) It is necessary to set out that no Member State should benefit from preferential treatment on the basis of own financial contributions to the Programme including by means of transfer from European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) resources.**

Or. en

**Amendment 36**

**Philippe Lamberts**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(6) In order to meet the growing demand for support from Member States, ***and in view of the need to support the implementation of structural reforms in Member States whose currency is not the euro***, the financial allocation for the Programme should be increased to a sufficient level that allows the Union to provide support that meets the needs of the requesting Member States.

(6) In order to meet the growing demand for support from Member States, ***the financial allocation for the Programme should be increased to a sufficient level that allows the Union to provide support that meets the needs of the requesting Member States by using the Flexibility Instrument under Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013*** the financial allocation for the Programme should be increased to a sufficient level that allows the Union to provide support that meets the needs of the requesting Member States. ***It is important that resources allocated to the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) should not be redeployed and that Member States should not be obliged to transfer their national and regional ESIF allocations in view of filling the financing gap of the Programme.***

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Kay Swinburne**  
on behalf of the ECR Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) In order to meet the growing demand for support from Member States, and in view of the need to support the implementation of structural reforms in Member States whose currency is not the euro, the financial allocation for the Programme should be ***increased to a*** sufficient level that allows the Union to provide support that meets the needs of the requesting Member States.

*Amendment*

(6) In order to meet the growing demand for support from Member States, and in view of the need to support the implementation of structural reforms in Member States whose currency is not the euro, the financial allocation for the Programme should be ***at a duly justified and*** sufficient level that allows the Union to provide support that meets the needs of the requesting Member States.

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**Proposal for a regulation**

**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) In order to meet the growing demand for support from Member States, and in view of the need to support the implementation of structural reforms in Member States whose currency is not the euro, the financial allocation for the Programme should be increased to a sufficient level that allows the Union to provide support that meets the needs of the requesting Member States.

*Amendment*

(6) In order to meet the growing demand for support from Member States, and in view of the need to support the implementation of structural reforms in Member States whose currency is not the euro, the financial allocation for the Programme should be increased ***by using the Flexibility Instrument under Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013*** to a sufficient level that allows the Union to provide support that meets the needs of the requesting Member States. ***It is important that resources allocated to the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) are not redeployed.***

Or. en

**Amendment 39**

Ivana Maletić

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) In order to meet the growing demand for support from Member States, and in view of the need to support the implementation of structural reforms in Member States whose currency is not the euro, the financial allocation for the Programme should be increased to a sufficient level that allows the Union to provide support that meets the needs of the requesting Member States.

*Amendment*

(6) In order to meet the growing demand for support from Member States, and in view of the need to support the implementation of structural reforms in Member States whose currency is not the euro, the financial allocation for the Programme should be increased, ***by using Flexibility Instrument under Article 11 of the current Multiannual Financial Framework***, to a sufficient level that allows the Union to provide support that meets the needs of the requesting Member States.

Or. en

## **Amendment 40**

**Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 7**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) In order to provide support with the least possible delay, the Commission should be able to use part of the financial envelope also to cover the cost of activities supporting the Programme, such as expenses related to quality control **and** monitoring of projects on the ground.

##### *Amendment*

(7) In order to provide support with the least possible delay, the Commission should be able to use part of the financial envelope also to cover the cost of activities supporting the Programme, such as expenses related to quality control, monitoring, **and evaluation** of projects on the ground.

Or. en

## **Amendment 41**

**Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**

Regulation (EU) 2017/825

Article 4

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming and strengthening institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges, with a view to enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, job creation, and investment, which will also prepare for participation in the euro area, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient, effective and transparent use of the Union funds.;

##### *Amendment*

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming and strengthening institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges, with a view to enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, job creation, and investment, which will also prepare for participation in the euro area, in particular in the context of economic governance processes, including through assistance for the efficient, effective and transparent use of the Union funds **as well as for the**



***correct and timely transposition and  
implementation of legal acts of the Union.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*It's important that EU directives and regulations receive correct attention in their transposition and implementation in Member States.*

**Amendment 42**

**Marco Valli, Rosa D'Amato**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**

Regulation (EU) 2017/825

Article 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to ***institutional***, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms in the Member States by providing support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming and strengthening institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges, with a view to enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, job creation, ***and investment***, which will also prepare for participation in the euro area, ***in particular in the context of economic governance processes***, including through assistance for the efficient, effective and transparent use of the Union funds.;

*Amendment*

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms in the Member States ***that are not based on wage devaluation*** by providing support to national, ***regional and local*** authorities for measures aimed at reforming and strengthening institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors in response to economic and social challenges, with a view to enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, ***sustainable*** job creation, ***social protection, public investment and the fight against poverty*** which will also prepare for participation in the euro area including through assistance for the efficient, effective and transparent use of the Union funds.;

Or. en

**Amendment 43**

**Philippe Lamberts**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1**  
Regulation (EU) 2017/825  
Article 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The general objective of the Programme shall be to ***contribute to institutional, administrative and growth-sustaining structural reforms in the Member States by providing*** support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming and strengthening institutions, governance, public administration, ***and*** economic and social ***sectors*** in response to economic ***and*** social challenges, with a view to enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, job creation, and investment, ***which will also prepare for participation in the euro area, in particular in the context of economic governance processes***, including through ***assistance for the efficient, effective and transparent use*** of the ***Union funds***.;

*Amendment*

The general objective of the Programme shall be to ***provide*** support to national authorities for measures aimed at reforming and strengthening institutions, governance, public administration, economic and social ***welfare and social inclusion, environmental sustainability*** in response to economic, social ***and environmental*** challenges ***and commitments such as the COP21***, with a view to enhancing ***social and territorial*** cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, ***high quality*** job creation, and investment, including through ***the implementation*** of the ***European Pillar of Social Rights, convergence and shared prosperity, resilience to shocks***.;

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Philippe Lamberts**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 a (new)**  
Regulation (EU) 2017/825  
Article 5 – paragraph 2

*Present text*

2. The specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 shall refer to policy areas related to cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, innovation, smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth, jobs and investment, in particular to one or more of the following:

*Amendment*

***(1 a) Article 5(2) is replaced by the following:***

"2. The specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 shall refer to policy areas related to ***environmental and climate change, social*** cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, innovation, smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth, jobs and investment, in particular to one or more of the following::

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

(b)institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public administration, including, where appropriate, through the simplification of rules, effective rule of law, reform of the justice systems and reinforcement of the fight against fraud, corruption and money laundering;

(c)business environment (including for SMEs), re-industrialisation, private sector development, investment, public participation in enterprises, privatisation processes, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for innovation and digitalisation;

(d)education and training; labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of jobs; 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;

(e)policies for implementing climate action, promoting energy efficiency and achieving energy diversification, as well as for the agricultural sector, fisheries and the sustainable development of rural areas;

(f)financial sector policies, including the promotion of financial literacy, financial stability, access to finance and lending to the real economy; the production, provision and quality monitoring of data and statistics; and policies aimed at combating tax evasion.

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

(b)institutional reform and efficient and service-oriented functioning of public administration, including, where appropriate, through the simplification of rules, effective rule of law, ***provision of high quality public goods and services, fighting tax evasion and tax fraud***, reform of the justice systems and reinforcement of the fight against fraud, corruption and money laundering;

(c)business environment (including for SMEs), re-industrialisation, private sector development, investment, public participation in enterprises, privatisation processes, trade and foreign direct investment, competition and public procurement, sustainable sectoral development and support for innovation and digitalisation;

(d)education and training; labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of jobs; 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;

(e)policies for ***attaining the COP 21 goals***, implementing climate action, promoting energy efficiency and achieving energy diversification, as well as for the agricultural sector, fisheries and the sustainable development of rural areas;

(f)financial sector policies, including the promotion of financial literacy, financial stability, access to finance and lending to the real economy; ***protection of consumers and investors***, the production, provision and quality monitoring of data and statistics; and policies aimed at combating tax evasion."

Or. en

**Amendment 45**

**Philippe Lamberts**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) 2017/825

Article 5a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 5a**

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 46**

**Philippe Lamberts**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) 2017/825

Article 5a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Support for preparation for euro area membership***

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 47**

**Philippe Lamberts**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) 2017/825

Article 5a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***The Programme may finance actions and***

***deleted***

*activities in support of reforms that may help Members States in their preparation to join the euro area..*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 48**

**Jonás Fernández, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) 2017/825

Article 5a (new)

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

The Programme may finance actions and activities in support of reforms that *may* help Members States in *their preparation to join the euro area..*

#### *Amendment*

The Programme may finance actions and activities in support of reforms that *can* help Members States in *order to adopt the single currency.*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 49**

**Philippe Lamberts**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2**

Regulation (EU) 2017/825

Article 7 – paragraph 2

#### *Present text*

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

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#### *Amendment*

#### ***Article 7(2) is replaced by the following:***

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

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Member *State*. ***Based on that*** analysis and taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, the Commission shall come to an agreement with the *Member State concerned on* the priority areas for support, the objectives, an indicative timeline, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the estimated global financial contribution for such support, to be set out in a cooperation and support plan.

Member *State*.

***Priority shall be given to requests for support that demonstrate the involvement of partners from local and regional authorities, economic and social partners and representatives from civil society in the preparation and implementation of the relevant structural reform in accordance with the principle of partnership as set out in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.***

***No priority shall be established on the basis of supplementing the financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme by transferring resources from the European Structural and Investment Funds as set out in Article 11.***

***Based on the analysis and priority referred to above*** and taking into account the existing actions and measures financed by Union funds or other Union programmes, the Commission shall come to an agreement with the *national authorities and other domestic stakeholders, regarding* the priority areas for support, the objectives, an indicative timeline, the scope of the support measures to be provided and the estimated global financial contribution for such support, to be set out in a cooperation and support plan ***and approved by the national and regional parliaments concerned.***"

Or. en

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## Amendment 50

**Philippe Lamberts**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Proposal for a regulation

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point a**

Regulation (EU) 2017/825

Article 10 – paragraph 1

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme is set at EUR 222 800 000 in current prices.;

#### *Amendment*

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme is set at EUR 222 800 000 in current prices. ***Such an increase shall not take place through redeployments of existing European Structural and Investment Funds but shall be financed by the mobilisation of the special instruments as provided for in Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013.;***

Or. en

## Amendment 51

**Marco Valli, Rosa D'Amato**

### Proposal for a regulation

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point a**

Regulation (EU) 2017/825

Article 10 – paragraph 1

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme is set at EUR 222 800 000 in current prices.;

#### *Amendment*

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme is set at EUR 222 800 000 in current prices, ***of which EUR 80 000000 shall be provided from the Flexibility Instrument under Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013; resources allocated to the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) shall not be redeployed.***

Or. en

## Amendment 52

**Jörg Meuthen**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point a**

Regulation (EU) 2017/825

Article 10 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme is set at EUR **222 800 000** in current prices.;

*Amendment*

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme is set at EUR **0** in current prices.;

Or. en