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Report

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Inland waterway transport

Proposal for a regulation (COM(2013)0621 – C7-0265/2013 – 2013/0303(COD))

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) In connection with the modernisation and restructuring of the fleets, social measures should be envisaged to help workers who wish to leave the inland waterway industry or to retrain for jobs in another sector, together with measures to encourage the establishment of groupings of undertakings, improve operators' skills and promote the adaptation of vessels to technical progress.

Amendment

(2) In connection with the modernisation and restructuring of the fleets, social measures, ***including early and preventive measures***, should be envisaged to help workers who wish to leave the inland waterway industry or to retrain for jobs in another sector, together with measures to encourage the establishment of groupings of undertakings, improve operators' skills and promote the adaptation of vessels to technical progress, ***in particular with regard to environmentally-friendly vessels. The reserve funds referred to in Regulation (EC) No 718/1999 should be used for measures affecting owner-operators, while dedicated funds that already exist at Union level should be used to support activities jointly undertaken by the social partners.***

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) The Commission and the Member States should strengthen research and innovation in the inland waterway transport sector and in multi-modal port infrastructure through the Horizon 2020 work programmes and the Connecting Europe Facility, ensuring the integration of that sector in multi-modal transport.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5) The measures in connection with the modernisation of the EU fleet referred to in Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 718/1999 concern only social matters. Other types of support measure for creating a context favourable to innovation and the environment are not provided for.

(5) The measures in connection with the modernisation of the EU fleet referred to in Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 718/1999 concern only social matters ***and safety of the working environment***. Other types of support measure for creating a context favourable to innovation and the environment are not provided for.

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) The Commission should support the adaptation of the inland waterway fleet to technical progress as regards the environment, by promoting the use of financial instruments from existing Union funds such as the Connecting Europe Facility and Horizon 2020, and should suggest ways to leverage the reserve funds by means of those existing funds as well as financing instruments from the European Investment Bank.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 718/1999

Article 8 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

– make it easier for inland waterway carriers leaving the industry to obtain an early retirement pension or to transfer to another economic activity,

Amendment

– make it easier for inland waterway carriers leaving the industry to obtain an early retirement pension or to transfer to another economic activity, ***inter alia by providing comprehensive information,***

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 718/1999

Article 8 – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

– organise vocational training or retraining schemes for crew members leaving the industry,

Amendment

– organise vocational training or retraining schemes for crew members leaving the industry ***and provide appropriate information about those schemes,***

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1

Regulation (EC) No. 718/1999

Article 8 – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

– improve skills in inland navigation in order to safeguard the development and future of the profession,

Amendment

– improve skills in inland navigation ***and knowledge of logistics*** in order to safeguard the development and future of the profession,

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

– encourage adaptation of vessels to technical progress in order to improve working conditions and promote safety,

Amendment

– encourage adaptation of vessels to technical progress in order to improve working conditions, ***including health protection***, and promote safety,

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1

Regulation (EC) No. 718/1999

Article 8 – indent 6

Text proposed by the Commission

– encourage innovation of vessels and their adaptation to technical progress as regards the environment.

Amendment

– encourage innovation of vessels and their adaptation to technical progress as regards the environment, ***in particular environmentally-friendly vessels***,

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1

Regulation (EC) No. 718/1999

Article 8 – indent 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

– use the reserve funds preferably to enhance the multiplier effect of grants funded from the Union's budget as well as that of financing instruments from the European Investment Bank (EIB) for measures supporting innovation in relation to vessels, including the development of river-adapted ships, and their adaptation to technical progress as regards the environment, and for other measures to increase marine engine fuel-efficiency, to encourage the use of liquefied natural gas and to improve air quality. The Commission shall suggest ways of promoting the attainment of these objectives through reserve funds leverage by means of financial instruments from

*existing Union funds such as the
Connecting Europe Facility or Horizon
2020, and from the EIB.*