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on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund covered by the Common Strategic Framework and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006

Proposal for a regulation
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Amendment 21

Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) ***The Commission should adopt by delegated act*** a Common Strategic Framework ***which translates*** the objectives of the Union ***into key actions for the CSF Funds***, in order to provide clearer strategic direction to the programming process at the level of Member States and regions. The Common Strategic Framework should facilitate sectoral and territorial coordination of Union intervention under the CSF Funds and with other relevant Union policies and instruments.

Amendment

(14) A Common Strategic Framework ***annexed to this Regulation will give shape to*** the objectives of the Union, in order to provide clearer strategic direction to the programming process at the level of Member States and regions. The Common Strategic Framework should facilitate sectoral and territorial coordination of Union intervention under the CSF Funds and with other relevant Union policies and instruments.

Or. de

Amendment 22

Luís Paulo Alves

Proposal for a regulation

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specific characteristics recognised in Article 349 TFEU with regard to the outermost regions.

Or. pt

Amendment 23

Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) On the basis of the Common Strategic Framework ***adopted by the Commission***, each Member State should prepare, in cooperation with its partners and in dialogue with the Commission, a Partnership Contract. The Partnership Contract should translate the elements set out in the Common Strategic Framework into the national context and set out firm commitments to the achievement of Union objectives through the programming of the CSF Funds.

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Or. de

Amendment 24

Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) Member States should concentrate support to ensure a significant contribution to the achievement of Union objectives in line with their specific national and regional development needs. Ex ante conditionalities should be defined to ensure that the necessary framework conditions

Amendment

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for the effective use of Union support are in place. The fulfilment of those ex ante conditionalities should be assessed by the Commission in the framework of its assessment of the Partnership Contract and programmes. In cases where there is a failure to fulfil an ex ante conditionality, the Commission should have the power to suspend payments to the programme.

and a direct impact on, the efficient use of the CSF funds, in order to ensure that the necessary framework conditions for the effective use of Union support are in place. The fulfilment of those ex ante conditionalities should be assessed by the Commission in the framework of its assessment of the Partnership Contract and programmes. In cases where there is a failure to fulfil an ex ante conditionality, the Commission should have the power to suspend payments to the programme.

Or. de

Amendment 25
Mariya Nedelcheva

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18) A performance framework should be defined for each programme with a view to monitoring progress towards the objectives and targets set for each programme over the course of the programming period. The Commission should undertake a performance review in cooperation with the Member States in 2017 and 2019. A performance reserve should be foreseen and allocated in 2019 where milestones set in the performance framework have been attained. Due to their diversity and multi-country character, there should be no performance reserve for 'European Territorial Cooperation' programmes. In cases where the shortfall in the achievement of milestones or targets is significant, the Commission should be able to suspend payments to the programme or, at the end of the programming period, apply financial corrections, in order to ensure that the

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Union budget is not used in a wasteful or inefficient way.

Or. bg

Amendment 26

Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

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Or. de

Amendment 27

Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 19

(19) Establishing a closer link between cohesion policy and the economic governance of the Union will ensure that the effectiveness of expenditure under the CSF Funds is underpinned by sound economic policies and that the CSF Funds can, if necessary, be redirected to addressing the economic problems a country is facing. This process has to be gradual, starting with amendments to the Partnership Contract and to the programmes in support of Council recommendations to address macroeconomic imbalances and social and economic difficulties. Where, despite the enhanced use of CSF Funds, a Member State fails to take effective action in the context of the economic governance process, the Commission should have the right to suspend all or part of the payments and commitments. Decisions on suspensions should be proportionate and effective, taking into account the impact of the individual programmes for addressing the economic and social situation in the relevant Member State and previous amendments to the Partnership Contract. When deciding on suspensions, the Commission should also respect equality of treatment between Member States, taking into account in particular the impact of the suspension on the economy of the Member State concerned. The suspensions should be lifted and funds be made available again to the Member State concerned as soon as the Member State takes the necessary action. **deleted**

Or. de

Amendment 28
Mariya Nedelcheva

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. bg

Amendment 29
Herbert Dorfmann

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 30
Sergio Paolo Francesco Silvestris

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 33

Text proposed by the Commission

(33) In order to improve the quality and design of each programme, and verify that objectives and targets can be reached, an ex ante evaluation of each programme should be carried out.

Amendment

(33) In order to improve the quality and design of each programme, and verify that objectives and targets can be reached ***and are consistent in terms of programme aims and financial allocations***, an ex ante evaluation of each programme should be carried out ***that draws on prior experiences***.

Or. it

Amendment 31
Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 54

Text proposed by the Commission

(54) In order to promote the Treaty objectives of economic, social and territorial cohesion, the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal should support all regions. To provide balanced and gradual support and reflect the level of economic and social development, resources under that goal should be allocated from the ERDF and the ESF among the less developed regions, the transition regions and the more developed regions according to their gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in relation to the EU average. In order to ensure the long-term sustainability of investment from the Structural Funds, regions ***whose GDP per capita for the 2007-2013 period was less than 75% of***

Amendment

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the average of the EU-25 for the reference period but whose GDP per capita has grown to more than 75% of the EU-27 average should receive at least two thirds of their 2007-2013 allocation. Member States whose per capita gross national income (GNI) is less than 90 % of that of the Union average should benefit under the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal from the CF.

period ***and*** whose GDP per capita has grown to more than 75% of the EU-27 average should receive at least two thirds of their 2007-2013 allocation. Member States whose per capita gross national income (GNI) is less than 90 % of that of the Union average should benefit under the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal from the CF.

Or. de

Amendment 32
Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 58

Text proposed by the Commission

(58) In order to strengthen the focus on results and achievement of the Europe 2020 objectives and targets, five per cent of the resources for the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal should be set aside as a performance reserve for each Fund, and category of region in each Member State.

Amendment

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Or. de

Amendment 33
Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 59

Text proposed by the Commission

(59) As regards the Funds and with a view to ensuring an appropriate allocation to each category of regions, resources should not be transferred between ***less developed***,

Amendment

(59) As regards the Funds and with a view to ensuring an appropriate allocation to each category of regions, resources should ***as a rule*** be transferred between ***different***

transition and more developed regions except in duly justified circumstances linked to the delivery of one or more thematic objectives and for no more than **2** % of the total appropriation for that category of region.

regions except in duly justified circumstances linked to the delivery of one or more thematic objectives and for no more than **30** % of the total appropriation for that category of region.

Or. de

Amendment 34
Dimitar Stoyanov

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 74

Text proposed by the Commission

(74) It is necessary for Member States to designate a managing authority, a certifying authority and a functionally independent auditing authority for each operational programme. To provide flexibility for Member States in the set up of control systems, it is appropriate to provide the option for the functions of the certifying authority to be carried out by the managing authority. The Member State should also be allowed to designate intermediate bodies to carry out certain tasks of the managing authority or the certifying authority. The Member State should in that case lay down clearly ***their*** respective responsibilities and functions.

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Or. bg

Amendment 35
Dimitar Stoyanov

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 75

Text proposed by the Commission

(75) The managing authority bears the main responsibility for the effective and efficient implementation of the Funds and thus fulfils a substantial number of functions related to programme management and monitoring, financial management and controls as well as project selection. Its responsibilities and functions should be set out.

Amendment

(75) The managing authority bears the main responsibility for the effective and efficient implementation of the Funds and thus fulfils a substantial number of functions related to programme management and monitoring, financial management and controls as well as project selection. Its responsibilities and functions should be set out ***by the Member States in such a way as to ensure transparency in the implementation of the Funds and to protect the rights of the individuals and organisations that are final recipients in the programmes under the respective Fund.***

Or. bg

Amendment 36
Rareş-Lucian Niculescu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 87

Text proposed by the Commission

(87) The frequency of audits on operations should be proportionate to the extent of the Union's support from the Funds. In particular, ***the number of audits*** carried out ***should be reduced*** where the total eligible expenditure for an operation does not exceed EUR ***100 000***. Nevertheless, it should be possible to carry out audits at any time where there is evidence of an irregularity or fraud, or, following closure of a completed operation, as part of an audit sample. In order that the level of auditing by the Commission is proportionate to the risk, the Commission

Amendment

(87) The frequency of audits on operations should be proportionate to the extent of the Union's support from the Funds. In particular, ***a single audit should be*** carried out where the total eligible expenditure for an operation does not exceed EUR ***200 000***. Nevertheless, it should be possible to carry out audits at any time where there is evidence of an irregularity or fraud, or, following closure of a completed operation, as part of an audit sample. In order that the level of auditing by the Commission is proportionate to the risk, the Commission should be able to

should be able to reduce its audit work in relation to operational programmes where there are no significant deficiencies or where the audit authority can be relied on.

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Or. ro

Amendment 37

Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 88

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(88) In order to supplement and amend certain non-essential elements of this Regulation, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the following: a code of conduct on the objectives and criteria to support the implementation of partnership, the adoption of a Common Strategic Framework, additional rules on the allocation of the growth and competitiveness reserve, the definition of the area and population covered by the local development strategies, detailed rules on financial instruments (ex ante assessment, eligibility of expenses, types of activities not supported, combination of support, transfer and management of assets, payment requests, and capitalisation of annual instalments), the definition of the flat rate for revenue generating operations, the responsibilities of Member States concerning the procedure for reporting irregularities and recovery of sums unduly paid, the model of management declaration of assurance on the functioning of the management and control system, the conditions of national audits, the accreditation criteria for managing authorities and certifying authorities, the identification of

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commonly accepted data carriers, the level of financial correction to be applied, the amendment of annexes; the specific measures necessary for the facilitation of transition from Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006. The Commission should also be empowered to amend Annexes I and IV in order to address future adaptation needs. It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level.

Or. de

Amendment 38

Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 90

Text proposed by the Commission

(90) The Commission should be empowered to adopt, by means of implementing acts, as regards all CSF Funds, decisions approving the Partnership Contracts, ***decisions on the allocation of the performance reserve, decisions suspending payments linked to Member States' economic policies,*** and, in the case of decommitment, decisions to amend decisions adopting programmes; and as regards the Funds, decisions identifying the regions and Member States fulfilling the Investment for growth and jobs criteria, decisions setting out the annual breakdown of commitment appropriations to the Member States, decisions setting out the amount to be transferred from each Member State's CF allocation to the Connecting Europe Facility, decisions setting out the amount to be transferred from each Member State's Structural Funds allocation for food for deprived people, decisions adopting and amending

Amendment

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operational programmes, decisions on major projects, decisions on joint action plans, decisions suspending payments and decisions on financial corrections.

decisions on financial corrections.

Or. de

Amendment 39

Marit Paulsen, George Lyon, Britta Reimers

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The CSF Funds shall provide support, through multi-annual programmes, which complements national, regional and local intervention, to deliver the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, taking account of the Integrated Guidelines, the country-specific recommendations under Article 121(2) of the Treaty and the relevant Council recommendations adopted under 148(4) of the Treaty.

Amendment

1. The CSF Funds shall provide support, through multi-annual programmes, which ***creates synergies and*** complements national, regional and local intervention, to deliver the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, taking account of the Integrated Guidelines, the country-specific recommendations under Article 121(2) of the Treaty and the relevant Council recommendations adopted under 148(4) of the Treaty.

Or. en

Amendment 40

Sandra Kalniete

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Support from the CSF Funds shall be implemented in close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States.

Amendment

3. Support from the CSF Funds shall be implemented in close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States ***in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity.***

Or. en

Amendment 41
Marit Paulsen

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. In accordance with their respective responsibilities, the Commission and the Member States shall ensure coordination among the CSF Funds, and with other Union policies and instruments, including those in the framework of the Union's external action.

Amendment

6. In accordance with their respective responsibilities, the Commission and the Member States shall ensure coordination among the CSF Funds, and with other Union policies and instruments, including those in the framework of the Union's external action ***and ensure policy coherence for development in accordance with Article 208 TFEU.***

Or. en

Amendment 42
Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, a Member State shall organise a partnership with the following partners:

Amendment

1. For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, a Member State shall organise, ***in accordance with Article 4(4), a partnership with the relevant local and regional authorities and*** with the following partners:

Or. de

Amendment 43
Alyn Smith
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) economic and social partners; and

Amendment

(b) economic and social partners
***representing the general interest of
industries or branches, employers and
employees***; and

Or. en

Amendment 44
Alyn Smith
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) bodies representing civil society,
including environmental partners, non-
governmental organisations, and bodies
responsible for promoting equality and
non-discrimination.

Amendment

(c) bodies representing civil society,
including environmental partners, non-
governmental organisations, and bodies
responsible for promoting equality and
non-discrimination, ***and others such as
non-governmental organisations
promoting social inclusion and
organisations active in the areas of
culture, education and youth policy.***

Or. en

Amendment 45
Alyn Smith
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***1 a. A Member State, or sub-national
government with competent authority,***

shall include those institutions, organisations and groups in the Partnership that might influence or might be affected by the implementation of the programmes. Specific attention shall be paid to groups that might be affected by the programmes and may suffer difficulties to influence them, in particular the most vulnerable and marginalised groups.

Or. en

Amendment 46

Alyn Smith

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. In accordance with the multi-level governance approach, the partners shall be involved by Member States in the preparation of Partnership Contracts and progress reports and in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes. The partners shall participate in the monitoring committees for programmes.

Amendment

2. In accordance with the multi-level governance approach, the partners ***representing the different territorial levels in the Member States*** shall be involved by Member States, ***and sub-national governments with competent authority***, in ***all stages of*** the preparation of Partnership Contracts and progress reports and in ***all stages of*** the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes. The partners shall participate in the monitoring committees for programmes.

Or. en

Amendment 47

Zuzana Brzobohatá

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4 a. Member States shall ensure that the partners are provided capacity building to participate in partnership and public consultation processes effectively.

Or. en

Amendment 48

Alyn Smith

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The objectives of the CSF Funds shall be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of protecting and improving the environment, as set out in Article 11 of the Treaty, taking into account the polluter pays principle.

Amendment

The objectives of the CSF Funds shall be pursued in the framework of ***integrated*** sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of protecting and improving the environment, as set out in Article 11 of the Treaty, taking into account the polluter pays principle ***and avoiding future external costs for European society.***

Or. en

Amendment 49

Alyn Smith

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Member States and the Commission shall ensure that environmental protection requirements, resource efficiency, climate change mitigation and adaptation, disaster

Amendment

The Member States and the Commission shall, ***based on existing environmental legislation,*** ensure that environmental protection requirements, resource

resilience and risk prevention and management are promoted in the preparation and implementation of Partnership Contracts and programmes. Member States shall provide information on the support for climate change objectives using the methodology adopted by the Commission. The Commission shall adopt this methodology by means of an implementing act. The implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 143(3).

efficiency, **biodiversity, ecosystem protection**, climate change mitigation and adaptation, **ecosystem-based** disaster resilience and risk prevention and management are promoted in the preparation and implementation of Partnership Contracts and **included as objectives in the** programmes. Member States shall provide information on the support for climate change **and biodiversity** objectives using the methodology adopted by the Commission. The Commission shall adopt this methodology by means of an implementing act. The implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 143(3). **Sustainability shall also be ensured in terms of maintaining and creating employment.**

Or. en

Amendment 50
Mariya Nedelcheva

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Each Member State shall, in response to the specific analyses in connection with the thematic objectives, establish the types and levels of support to be provided in the context of each of the measures.

Or. bg

Amendment 51
Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10

Text proposed by the Commission

In order to promote the harmonious, balanced and sustainable development of the Union, **a** Common Strategic Framework ***shall translate*** the objectives and targets of the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth ***into key actions for the CSF Funds***.

Amendment

In order to promote the harmonious, balanced and sustainable development of the Union, ***the*** Common Strategic Framework ***set out in the Annex to this Regulation shall provide for a range of central operations for the CSF Funds in order to coordinate the Funds in achieving*** the objectives and targets of the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

Or. de

Amendment 52

Britta Reimers

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10

Text proposed by the Commission

In order to promote the harmonious, balanced and sustainable development of the Union, a Common Strategic Framework shall translate the objectives and targets of the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth into key actions for the CSF Funds.

Amendment

In order to promote the harmonious, balanced and sustainable development of the Union, a Common Strategic Framework shall translate the objectives and targets of the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth into ***possible*** key actions for the CSF Funds.

Or. en

Justification

To provide some more flexibility, the "key actions" should not be considered compulsory in their entirety. Pursuing just a selection of those "key actions" should be permissible.

Amendment 53

Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall be empowered to adopt a delegated act in accordance with Article 142 on the Common Strategic Framework within 3 months of the adoption of this Regulation.

Amendment

The Common Strategic Framework ***is annexed to*** this Regulation.

Or. de

Amendment 54
Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Where there are major changes in the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, the Commission ***shall review and, where appropriate, adopt, by delegated act in accordance with Article 142, a revised Common Strategic Framework.***

Amendment

Where there are major changes in the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, the Commission ***may, at the request of the legislature, submit to it a proposal for amendment.***

Or. de

Amendment 55
Zuzana Brzobohatá

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4 a. The Partnership Contract shall undergo public consultation prior to its submission to the Commission.

Or. en

Amendment 56
Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) an integrated approach to address the specific needs of geographical areas most affected by poverty or of target groups at highest risk of discrimination or exclusion, with special regard to marginalised communities, where appropriate, including the indicative financial allocation for the relevant CSF Funds;

Amendment

(c) an integrated approach to address the specific needs of ***the regions containing*** geographical areas most affected by poverty, ***of regions facing demographic challenges*** or of target groups at highest risk of discrimination or exclusion, with special regard to marginalised communities, where appropriate, including the indicative financial allocation for the relevant CSF Funds;

Or. de

Amendment 57
Alyn Smith
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 1 – point d – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

(iv) the actions taken to involve the partners ***and their role*** in the preparation of the Partnership Contract and the progress report as defined in Article 46 of this Regulation;

Amendment

(iv) the actions taken to ***implement the multilevel governance approach and to involve the partners referred to in Article 5 in the preparation of the Partnership Contract and the progress report as defined in Article 46 of this Regulation and in the preparation, implementation, evaluation and monitoring of the programmes, in accordance with the European code of conduct referred to in Article 5, including a list of the partners involved, how they have been selected, their responsibilities and the views they expressed regarding the content of the Partnership Contract***

and regarding the implementation of the partnership principle;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Alyn Smith

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 1 – point d – point iv a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv a) an identification of relevant existing national/regional/local partnership and multilevel governance structures and ways to take them into account;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3 a. If a Member State makes use of a special fund in more than one programme, that Member State's partnership agreement may be amended again upon approval of the last programme;

Or. de

Amendment 60

Britta Reimers

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3 a. Where a Member State implements the specific funds through more than one programme, the Partnership Contract may be adjusted after the last programme of that Member State has been approved.

Or. en

Justification

In the context of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, federal Member States usually implement several regional programmes instead of a single national one. It is appropriate to provide for a simplified procedure for federal MS to adjust their Partnership Contract. Else, the modification of a single regional programme due to COM comments might entail the need to change the Partnership Contract through the administratively burdensome procedure described in Art. 15(3).

Amendment 61
Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Ex ante conditionalities shall be defined for each CSF Fund in the Fund-specific rules.

1. Ex ante conditionalities shall be defined for each CSF Fund in the Fund-specific rules. ***These conditionalities should, without fail, have a close substantive connection to the actual implementation of the CSF Fund.***

Or. de

Amendment 62
Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation
Article 18

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Performance reserve

deleted

5% of the resources allocated to each CSF Fund and Member State, with the exception of resources allocated to the European territorial cooperation goal and to Title V of the EMFF Regulation, shall constitute a performance reserve to be allocated in accordance with Article 20.

Or. de

Amendment 63
Mariya Nedelcheva

Proposal for a regulation
Article 18

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 18

deleted

Performance reserve

5% of the resources allocated to each CSF Fund and Member State, with the exception of resources allocated to the European territorial cooperation goal and to Title V of the EMFF Regulation, shall constitute a performance reserve to be allocated in accordance with Article 20.

Or. bg

Amendment 64
Mariya Nedelcheva

Proposal for a regulation
Article 19

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 19

deleted

Performance review

1. The Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, shall undertake a review of the performance of the programmes in each Member State in 2017 and 2019, with reference to the performance framework set out in the respective Partnership Contract and programmes. The method for establishing the performance framework is set out in Annex I.

2. The review shall examine the achievement of the milestones of the programmes at the level of priorities, on the basis of the information and the assessments presented in the progress reports submitted by the Member States in the years 2017 and 2019.

Or. bg

Amendment 65

Rareș-Lucian Niculescu

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Where the review of performance undertaken in 2017 and 2019 reveals that a priority within a programme has not attained its milestones set for the years 2016 and 2018, the Commission shall make recommendations to the Member State concerned and, where appropriate, activate technical assistance for the managing authority.

Or. ro

Amendment 66
Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

[...]

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 67
Mariya Nedelcheva

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

[...]

deleted

Or. bg

Amendment 68
Alyn Smith
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. Where there is evidence resulting from a performance review that a priority has failed to achieve the milestones set out in the performance framework, the Commission may suspend all or part of an interim payment of a priority of a programme in accordance with the procedure laid down in Fund-specific rules.

deleted

Amendment 69

Alyn Smith

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. Where the Commission, based on the examination of the final implementation report of the programme, establishes a serious failure to achieve the targets set out in the performance framework, it may apply financial corrections in respect of the priorities concerned in accordance with Fund-specific rules. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 142 to establish criteria and the methodology for determining the level of financial correction to be applied. . *deleted*

Amendment 70

Herbert Dorfmann

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

[...]

This article is deleted

Amendment 71

Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation
Article 21

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

[...]

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 72
Mariya Nedelcheva

Proposal for a regulation
Article 21

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

[...]

deleted

Or. bg

Amendment 73
Alyn Smith
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Each programme shall define priorities setting out specific objectives, financial appropriations of support from the CSF Funds and corresponding national co-financing.

2. Each programme shall define priorities setting out specific objectives, financial appropriations of support ***it receives*** from ***one or more of*** the CSF Funds ***referred to in Article 1*** and corresponding national co-financing. ***Where a programme receives support from more than one Fund, a lead Fund may be designated, in which case the running costs shall be financed by the lead Fund and the financial management rules of the lead Fund shall apply.***

Or. en

Amendment 74

Alyn Smith

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 24 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c a) indicators relating to the impact of the operations on the environment and climate change.

Or. en

Amendment 75

Alyn Smith

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 24 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4 a. Each programme shall set out its contribution to the integrated approach for territorial development set out in the Partnership Contract, including:

(i) the mechanisms that ensure coordination between the different CSF Funds and other Union and national funding instruments, and with the EIB;

(ii) planned integrated approached to the territorial development of urban, rural, coastal and fisheries areas and areas with particular territorial features, in particular the implementation arrangements for community led local development strategies referred to in Articles 28 and 29;

(iii) the identification of areas in which community-led local development strategies referred to in Articles 28 and 29

will be implemented;

(iv) the arrangements for interregional and transnational actions with beneficiaries located in at least one other Member State;

(v) where appropriate, the contribution of the planned intervention strategies towards macro regional strategies and sea basin strategies.

Or. en

Amendment 76

Alyn Smith

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 24 – paragraph 4 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4 b. In order to improve the delivery of benefits from EU environment measures, each programme, plan and project shall set out the results of the Member States' and other project promoters' environmental assessment in particular based on Council Directives 85/337/EEC of 27 June 1985 on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment¹, on Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment² and 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora³, and Directives of the European Parliament and of the Council: 2000/60/EC of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy⁴, and 2009/147/EC of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds⁵ in order to avoid or, when not possible, mitigate or

compensate for negative impacts on the environment, such as to landscape fragmentation, soil sealing, air and water pollution as well as noise, and to effectively protect biodiversity.

¹ OJ L 175, 5.7.1985, p. 40.

² OJ L 197, 21.7.2001, p. 30.

³ OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7.

⁴ OJ L 327, 22.12.2000, p.1.

⁵ OJ L 20, 26.1.2010, p. 7.

Or. en

Amendment 77

Alyn Smith

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 24 – paragraph 4 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4 c. Each programme, plan and project shall be based on a carbon-proofing assessment, in accordance with the EU 2020 targets. The Commission shall define a common methodology for these assessments according to the procedure indicated in Article 143.

Or. en

Amendment 78

Alyn Smith

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 29 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Local development strategies shall be selected by a committee set up for this purpose by the relevant managing authorities of the programmes.

Amendment

3. Local development strategies shall be selected by a committee set up for this purpose by the relevant managing authorities of the programmes. ***The partners referred to in Article 5 shall be appropriately represented in this committee.***

Or. en

Amendment 79

Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation

Article 59 – paragraph 3 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) value added tax. However, VAT amounts shall be eligible where they are not recoverable under national VAT legislation and are paid by a beneficiary ***other than non-taxable person as defined in the first subparagraph of Article 13(1) of Directive 2006/112/EC, provided that such VAT amounts are not incurred in relation to the provision of infrastructure.***

Amendment

(c) value added tax. However, VAT amounts shall be eligible where they are not recoverable under national VAT legislation and are paid by a beneficiary.

Or. de

Amendment 80

Dimitar Stoyanov

Proposal for a regulation

Article 63 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Member States shall establish and implement a procedure for the independent examination and resolution of complaints

Amendment

3. Member States shall establish and implement a procedure for the independent examination and resolution of complaints

concerning the selection or implementation of operations co-financed by the CSF Funds. Member States shall **report** the results of ***such examinations to*** the Commission ***upon request***.

concerning the selection or implementation of operations co-financed by the CSF Funds. Member States shall ***produce an annual summary of the complaints examined and the disputes resolved and forward this to the Commission. The Commission may at any time request information from a Member State concerning a specific complaint, its progress and the results of its examination. After it has familiarised itself with the summary of the complaints examined, the Commission may, if necessary, issue a recommendation to the Member States to improve the selection and implementation of operations cofinanced by the CSF Funds.***

Or. bg

Justification

Създаването на процедура за независимо разглеждане на жалби във връзка с изпълнение и финансиране на операции по фондовете следва да бъде подкрепено. При все това е необходимо процедурата да бъде регламентирана подробно, като се предвиди задължение за държавите-членки да обобщават резултатите от разгледаните жалби и да представят обобщенията на Комисията. По този начин ще се повиши доверието на гражданите към управлението на структурните фондове. Представените обобщени резултати биха могли да се използват при по-нататъшните инициативи на ЕС за подобряване ефективността на общата стратегическа рамка, тъй като именно крайните получатели на финансиране по фондовете са тези, които могат обективно да оценят ползите и недостатъците на ОСП.

Amendment 81 **Peter Jahr**

Proposal for a regulation **Article 66 – paragraph 4**

Text proposed by the Commission

As regards the performance reserve, budget commitments shall follow the Commission decision approving the

Amendment

deleted

amendment of the programme.

Or. de

Amendment 82
Mariya Nedelcheva

Proposal for a regulation
Article 66 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*As regards the performance reserve,
budget commitments shall follow the
Commission decision approving the
amendment of the programme.*

deleted

Or. bg

Amendment 83
Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation
Article 82 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*(b) transition regions, whose GDP per
capita is between 75% and 90% of the
average GDP of the EU-27;*

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 84
Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation
Article 84 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

All regions whose GDP per capita *for the*

All regions *which received funding under*

2007-2013 period was less than 75 % of the average of the EU-25 for the reference period but whose GDP per capita is above 75 % of the GDP average of the EU-27 shall receive an allocation under the Structural Funds equal to at least two thirds of their 2007-2013 allocation.

the ‘Convergence’ objective for the 2007-2013 period and whose GDP per capita is above 75 % of the GDP average of the EU-27 shall receive an allocation under the Structural Funds equal to at least two thirds of their 2007-2013 allocation.

Or. de

Amendment 85
Sandra Kalniete

Proposal for a regulation
Article 84 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

All regions whose GDP per capita is below 75% of the GDP average of the EU-27 shall receive an allocation under the Structural Funds equal to at least their 2007-2013 allocation.

Or. en

Justification

Introducing the flat capping rate at 2.5% does not provide a flexibility to reflect the existing disparities among the Member States with respect to the absorption rate and the development level and, as a consequence, would have a negative impact on the small and less developed regions whose economies heavily suffered from the financial and economic crisis in the years 2008-2010.

Amendment 86
Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation
Article 84 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. At least 25 % of the Structural Funds

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resources *for less developed regions, 40% for transition regions and 52% for more developed regions* in each Member State shall be allocated to the ESF. For the purposes of this provision, the support to a Member State through the [Food for deprived people instrument] shall be considered as part of the share of Structural Funds allocated to the ESF.

resources in each Member State shall be allocated to the ESF. For the purposes of this provision, the support to a Member State through the [Food for deprived people instrument] shall be considered as part of the share of Structural Funds allocated to the ESF.

Or. de

Amendment 87

Rareș-Lucian Niculescu

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. At least **25** % of the Structural Funds resources for less developed regions, **40%** for transition regions and **52%** for more developed regions in each Member State shall be allocated to the ESF. For the purposes of this provision, the support to a Member State through the [Food for deprived people instrument] shall be considered as part of the share of Structural Funds allocated to the ESF.

Amendment

3. At least **15** % of the Structural Funds resources for less developed regions, **30%** for transition regions and **35%** for more developed regions in each Member State shall be allocated to the ESF. For the purposes of this provision, the support to a Member State through the [Food for deprived people instrument] shall be considered as part of the share of Structural Funds allocated to the ESF.

Or. ro

Amendment 88

Sandra Kalniete

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The support from the Cohesion Fund for transport infrastructure under the Connecting Europe Facility shall be EUR

Amendment

deleted

10 000 000 000.

The Commission shall adopt a decision by implementing act setting out the amount to be transferred from each Member State's Cohesion Fund allocation for the whole period. The Cohesion Fund allocation of each Member State shall be reduced accordingly.

The annual appropriations corresponding to the support from the Cohesion Fund mentioned in the first subparagraph shall be entered in the relevant budget lines of the Connecting Europe Facility as from the 2014 budgetary exercise.

Support from the Cohesion Fund under the Connecting Europe Facility shall be implemented in accordance with Article [13] of Regulation (EU) [...] /2012 on establishing the Connecting Europe Facility³⁵ in respect of projects listed in Annex 1 to that Regulation, giving greatest possible priority to projects respecting the national allocations under the Cohesion Fund.

Or. en

Amendment 89
Rareș-Lucian Niculescu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 84 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5. The support from the Structural Funds for [food for deprived people] under the Investment for Growth and Jobs shall be EUR 2 500 000 000. ***deleted***

The Commission shall adopt a decision by implementing act setting out the amount to be transferred from each Member State's Structural Funds allocation for the whole period in each Member State. The

Structural Funds allocation of each Member State shall be reduced accordingly.

The annual appropriations corresponding to the support from the Structural Funds mentioned in the first subparagraph shall be entered in the relevant budget lines of the [food for deprived people instrument] with the 2014 budgetary exercise.

Or. ro

**Amendment 90
Rareș-Lucian Niculescu**

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 84 – paragraph 6**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6. 5% of the resources for the Investment for growth and jobs goal shall constitute the performance reserve to be allocated in accordance with Article 20. ***deleted***

Or. ro

**Amendment 91
Peter Jahr**

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 84 – paragraph 6**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6. 5% of the resources for the Investment for growth and jobs goal shall constitute the performance reserve to be allocated in accordance with Article 20. ***deleted***

Or. de

Amendment 92
Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation
Article 85 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The total appropriations allocated to each Member State in respect of less developed regions, transition regions and more developed regions shall not be transferable between each of those categories of regions.

Amendment

1. The total appropriations allocated to each Member State in respect of less developed regions, transition regions and more developed regions shall not, **as a general rule**, be transferable between each of those categories of regions.

Or. de

Amendment 93
Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation
Article 85 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the Commission may accept, in duly justified circumstances which are linked to the implementation of one or more thematic objectives, a proposal by a Member State in its first submission of the Partnership Contract to transfer up to **2** % of the total appropriation for a category of regions to other categories of regions.

Amendment

2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the Commission may accept, in duly justified circumstances which are linked to the implementation of one or more thematic objectives, a proposal by a Member State in its first submission of the Partnership Contract to transfer up to **30** % of the total appropriation for a category of regions to other categories of regions.

Or. de

Amendment 94
Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation
Article 88 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The ERDF and the ESF may finance, ***in a complementary manner and*** subject to a limit of **5** % of Union funding for each priority axis of an operational programme, a part of an operation for which the costs are eligible for support from the other Fund on the basis of eligibility rules applied to that Fund, provided that they are necessary for the satisfactory implementation of the operation and are directly linked to it.

Amendment

2. The ERDF and the ESF may finance, subject to a limit of **20** % of Union funding for each priority axis of an operational programme, a part of an operation for which the costs are eligible for support from the other Fund on the basis of eligibility rules applied to that Fund, provided that they are necessary for the satisfactory implementation of the operation and are directly linked to it.

Or. de

Amendment 95

Rareş-Lucian Niculescu

Proposal for a regulation

Article 105 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) ensuring the establishment of a single website or a single website portal providing information on, and access to, all operational programmes in that Member State;

Amendment

(a) ensuring the establishment of a single website or a single website portal providing information on, and access to, all operational programmes in that Member State; ***that website or portal shall be updated promptly in the event of any changes being made;***

Or. ro

Amendment 96

Rareş-Lucian Niculescu

Proposal for a regulation

Article 105 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) informing potential beneficiaries about funding opportunities under operational

Amendment

(b) informing potential beneficiaries, ***using a range of accessible methods,*** about

programmes;

funding opportunities under operational programmes;

Or. ro

Amendment 97

Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation

Article 110 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) 75 % for the less developed regions of Member States ***other than those referred to*** in points (b) and (c), and for all regions ***whose GDP per capita*** for the 2007-2013 period ***was less than 75 % of the average of the EU-25 for the reference period but*** whose GDP per capita ***is*** above 75 % of the GDP average of the EU-27;

Amendment

(d) 75 % for the less developed regions of Member States ***which do not fulfil the criteria*** in points (b) and (c), and for all regions ***which received funding under the ‘Convergence’ objective*** for the 2007-2013 period ***and*** whose GDP per capita ***was*** above 75 % of the GDP average of the EU-27;

Or. de

Amendment 98

Peter Jahr

Proposal for a regulation

Article 110 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) 60 % for the transition regions other than those referred to in point (d);

Amendment

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 99

Sandra Kalniete

Proposal for a regulation

Article 110 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The co-financing rate at the level of each priority axis of operational programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal shall be no higher than **75%**.

Amendment

The co-financing rate at the level of each priority axis of operational programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal shall be no higher than **85%**.

Or. en

Amendment 100

Rareş-Lucian Niculescu

Proposal for a regulation

Article 140 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Operations for which the total eligible expenditure does not exceed EUR **100 000** shall not be subject to more than one audit by either the audit authority or the Commission prior to the closure of all the expenditure concerned under Article 131. Other operations shall not be subject to more than one audit per accounting year by the audit authority and the Commission prior to the closure of all the expenditure concerned under Article 131. These provisions are without prejudice to paragraph 4.

Amendment

1. Operations for which the total eligible expenditure does not exceed EUR **200 000** shall not be subject to more than one audit by either the audit authority or the Commission prior to the closure of all the expenditure concerned under Article 131. Other operations shall not be subject to more than one audit per accounting year by the audit authority and the Commission prior to the closure of all the expenditure concerned under Article 131. These provisions are without prejudice to paragraph 4.

Or. ro

Amendment 101

Rareş-Lucian Niculescu

Proposal for a regulation

Annex 5 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 3.1 – point 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The managing authority shall ensure that potential beneficiaries are informed on at

Amendment

2. The managing authority shall ensure that potential beneficiaries are informed, **using**

least the following:

a range of accessible methods, on at least the following:

Or. ro

Amendment 102

Rareș-Lucian Niculescu

Proposal for a regulation

Annex 5 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 3.1 – point 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) any change to the information referred to in points (a)-(d), at least three months before that change comes into effect;

Or. ro