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on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
on European statistical programme 2013-2017

Proposal for a regulation

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Amendment 16
Jens Geier

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Recalls its resolution of 8 June 2011 on Investing in the future: a new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for a competitive, sustainable and inclusive Europe¹; reiterates that sufficient additional resources are needed in the next MFF in order to enable the Union to fulfil its existing policy priorities and the new tasks provided for in the Treaty of Lisbon, as well as to respond to unforeseen events; points out that even with an increase in the level of resources for the next MFF of at least 5 % compared to the 2013 level only a limited contribution can be made to the achievement of the Union's agreed objectives and commitments and the principle of Union solidarity; challenges the Council, if it does not share this approach, to clearly identify which of its policy priorities or projects could be dropped altogether, despite their proven European added value;

Texts adopted, P7_TA(2011)0266.

Or. en

Amendment 17
Carl Haglund

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. Recalls its resolution of 8 June 2011 on "Investing in the future: a new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for a competitive, sustainable and inclusive Europe"¹; reiterates that, regardless of realisable savings and reallocations, sufficient additional resources are needed in the next MFF in order to enable the Union to fulfil its existing policy priorities and the new and reinforced tasks provided for in the Treaty of Lisbon, such as consumer protection, as well as to respond to unforeseen events; challenges the Council, if it does not share this approach, to clearly identify which of its political priorities or projects could be dropped altogether, despite their proven European added value;

Texts adopted, P7_TA(2011)0266.

Or. en

Amendment 18
Georgios Papastamkos

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) The closer cooperation between Eurostat and the national statistical authorities is of vital importance, in order to enhance the quality of European Statistics. The efforts should focus mainly on the provision of further methodological training on statistics and related matters, the development and dissemination of the existing good practices within the European Statistical System, as well as on the exchange of

staff between the Member States and Eurostat in both directions.

Or. en

Amendment 19
Angelika Werthmann

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Statistics developed, produced and disseminated under this programme should contribute to the implementation of the policies of the European Union, as reflected in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and other policies addressed in the Commission's strategic priorities for 2010-2014 (i.e. strengthened and integrated economic governance, climate change, reformed agricultural policy, growth and social cohesion, people's Europe and globalisation) and should be fostered through actions financed under this programme where the European Union *can bring* a clear added value.

Amendment

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Or. de

Amendment 20
François Alfonsi

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

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disseminated under this programme should ***be available promptly and should*** contribute to the implementation of the policies of the European Union, as reflected in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and other policies addressed in the Commission's strategic priorities for 2010-2014 (i.e. strengthened and integrated economic governance, climate change, reformed agricultural policy, growth and social cohesion, people's Europe and globalisation) and should be fostered through actions financed under this programme where the European Union can bring a clear added value. ***The necessity for a prompt availability of statistics is specifically crucial in relation to the indicators underpinning the EU2020 objectives, since even until now certain data on these indicators for the year 2010 are still not available.***

Or. en

Amendment 21
Jens Geier

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) In this context, reasonable financial burden-sharing between the budgets of the European Union and the Member States ***should be achieved***. In addition to the financial allocation set by this Regulation, the National Statistical Institutes or other national authorities should therefore receive at national level the appropriate funding for carrying out the individual statistical actions decided for the implementation of this programme.

Amendment

(7) In ***order to reach common EU objectives, the EU budget must play an important role. In*** this context ***it is particularly appropriate to achieve*** reasonable financial burden-sharing between the budgets of the European Union and the Member States. In addition to the financial allocation set by this Regulation, the National Statistical Institutes or other national authorities should therefore receive at national level the appropriate funding for carrying out the

individual statistical actions decided for the implementation of this programme.

Or. en

Amendment 22
Angelika Werthmann

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) In order to be considered as financing decisions according to Article [] of Regulation [...] on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the European Union [New financial Regulation], the annual work programmes adopted by the Commission for implementation of the Programme have to set out the objectives pursued, the *expected* results, the method of implementation and their total amount. They should also contain a description of the actions to be financed, an indication of the amount allocated to each action and *an indicative* implementation timetable. They shall include for grants the priorities, the essential evaluation criteria and the maximum rate of co-financing.

Amendment

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Or. de

Amendment 23
Jens Geier

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) *This* Regulation lays down a financial allocation for the *entire duration of the* programme which is to be the prime

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reference for the budgetary authority, within the meaning of point 37 of the Inter-institutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management, in the framework of the annual budgetary procedure.

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Or. en

Amendment 24 **Jens Geier**

Proposal for a regulation **Article 2 – paragraph 1**

Text proposed by the Commission

The programme represents the added value of ensuring that European statistics are focused on the information needed to design, implement, monitor and evaluate Union policies. In addition, it contributes to the effective use of resources by fostering actions which provide an essential contribution to the development, production and dissemination of harmonised, comparable and reliable statistical information.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 25
Georgios Papastamkos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

– Objective 1: provide quality statistical information to support the development, monitoring and evaluation of the policies of the European Union properly reflecting priorities;

Amendment

– Objective 1: provide quality statistical information ***in nearly real time*** to support the development, monitoring and evaluation of the policies of the European Union properly reflecting priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Jens Geier

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The programme shall be implemented in accordance with the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice with a view to producing and disseminating high-quality, harmonised European statistics and ensuring the proper functioning of the European Statistical System as a whole. Appropriate measures shall be taken to ensure good coordination and effective priority setting within the ESS in order to contribute to the reduction of administrative burden on statistical respondents. National authorities and the Union statistical authority shall ensure that European statistics comply with the European quality standards and serve the needs of European Union institutional users, governments, regional authorities, research institutions, civil society organisations, enterprises and the public.

Amendment

1. The programme shall be implemented in accordance with the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice with a view to producing and disseminating high-quality, harmonised European statistics ***as defined in Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009*** and ensuring the proper functioning of the European Statistical System as a whole. Appropriate measures shall be taken to ensure good coordination and effective priority setting within the ESS in order to contribute to the reduction of administrative burden on statistical respondents. National authorities and the Union statistical authority shall ensure that European statistics comply with the European quality standards and serve the needs of European Union institutional users, governments, regional authorities, research institutions, civil society

organisations, enterprises and the public.

Or. en

Amendment 27
Georgios Papastamkos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of this programme is hereby set at **299.4** million Euros, including **57.3** million Euros covered by the programming period 2007 to 2013 and **242.1** million Euros covered by the programming period 2014 to 2017.

Amendment

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of this programme is hereby set at **(xxx)** million Euros, including **(xxx)** million Euros covered by the programming period 2007 to 2013 and **(xxx)** million Euros covered by the programming period 2014 to 2017.

Or. en

Amendment 28
Jens Geier

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. A decision on annual appropriations will be taken while respecting the prerogatives of the budgetary authority.

Or. en

Amendment 29
Jens Geier

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Reports

Evaluation and review

Or. en

Amendment 30

François Alfonsi

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The Commission shall, after consulting the European Statistical System Committee, submit an intermediate progress report to the European Parliament and the Council no later than June 2015.

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Or. en

Amendment 31

Jens Geier

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. On the basis of the intermediate progress report referred to in paragraph 1, the Commission may, if appropriate, at the latest by the end of 2016, and after consulting the European Statistical System Committee, submit to the European Parliament and the Council a proposal for the extension of the programme for 2018-2020, while

*respecting the Regulation laying down the
multiannual financial framework 2014-
2020.*

Or. en