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OPINION

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Development

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation
(COM(2011)0840 – C7-0493/2011 – 2011/0406(COD))

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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality calls on the Committee on Development, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following amendments in its report:

Amendment 1 **Proposal for a regulation** **Recital 2**

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) The fight against poverty remains the primary objective of the development policy of the European Union, as laid down in Title V, Chapter 1 of the Treaty on European Union and Title III, Chapter 1 of Part Five of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in line with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), or other objectives accepted by the Union and its Member States,

Amendment

(2) The fight against poverty, ***extreme poverty and social exclusion, while recognizing that women, children and older people are particularly vulnerable and there is a close relationship between growth, development and poverty reduction, on the one hand, and the consistent reduction of gender inequalities on the other,*** remains the primary objective of the development policy of the European Union, as laid down in Title V, Chapter 1 of the Treaty on European Union and Title III, Chapter 1 of Part Five of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in line with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), or other objectives accepted by the Union and its Member States, ***such as the fight against social and gender-based discrimination;***

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2b) Women are key actors in development and drivers of change processes, contributing to their empowerment is therefore a medium and

long-term investment, generating prosperity, competitiveness and more sustainable development;

Amendment 3
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) The EU has reiterated in the EU Plan of Action on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Development (2010-2015) its strong commitment to gender equality as a human right, a question of social justice and a core value of the EU development policy;

Amendment 4
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3b) Pursuant to Articles 2 and 3 TEU and Article 8 TFEU, equality between women and men is a fundamental value and objective of the EU and the EU should promote gender equality in all its activities;

Amendment 5
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4) The Union is founded on the values of democracy, the rule of law, the universality and indivisibility of and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, respect for human dignity, *the principles of* equality and solidarity and respect for the principles of the UN Charter and

(4) The Union is founded on the values *and principles* of democracy, the rule of law, the universality and indivisibility of and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, respect for human dignity, *gender* equality, *non-discrimination*, and solidarity and respect

international law. It seeks to develop and consolidate commitment to these values in partner countries and regions through dialogue and cooperation.

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Amendment 6
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) Violence against women in all its forms is a structural phenomenon linked to the unequal distribution of power between women and men in society and constitutes a violation of fundamental rights. Taking action to combat violence against women contributes to the promotion of equality between women and men and is a strong component of this Regulation;

Amendment 7
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9) The Union's policy and international action for development cooperation are guided by the MDGs, such as the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, including any subsequent modifications thereto, and by the development objectives and principles approved by the Union and its Member States, including in the context of their cooperation within the United Nations (UN) and other competent international organisations in the field of development cooperation,

(9) The Union's policy and international action for development cooperation are guided by the MDGs, such as the eradication of extreme poverty, ***gender-based discrimination*** and hunger, promotion of equality between men and women, the ***reduction of maternal and infant mortality***, including any subsequent modifications thereto, and by the development objectives and principles approved by the Union and its Member States, including in the context of their cooperation within the United Nations (UN) and other competent international organisations in the field of development

cooperation,

Amendment 8
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9a) The EU must foster gender equality and the empowerment of women, not only to promote the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) specifically dedicated to it, but also to help achieve all the MDGs.

Amendment 9
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10) The Union should promote a comprehensive approach in response to crisis and disaster and to conflict-affected and fragile situations, including those of transition. This should in particular build on the conclusions on Security and Development on an EU response to situations of fragility on conflict prevention as well as any relevant subsequent conclusions. This should provide the necessary mix of approaches, responses and instruments in particular by ensuring an appropriate balance between the security-oriented, development and humanitarian approaches, and by linking short-term reaction with the long term support.

(10) The Union should promote a comprehensive approach in response to crisis and disaster and to conflict-affected and fragile situations, including those of transition. ***This should include, whenever necessary, a cross-cutting gender dimension that not only addresses the particular vulnerability of women and girls but also promotes the image of women as agents of social change who possess valuable resources and capacities that are able to influence and steer the process of pacification, stabilisation, reconstruction and development.*** This should ***also*** in particular build on the conclusions on Security and Development on an EU response to situations of fragility on conflict prevention as well as any relevant subsequent conclusions. This should provide the necessary mix of approaches, responses and instruments in particular by ensuring an appropriate balance between the security-oriented, development and humanitarian approaches,

and by linking short-term reaction with the long term support.

Amendment 10
Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10a) Because of the importance of confronting the gender pay gap in favour of global development, it is important to cooperate with UN agencies and bodies such as the World bank and the European Investment Bank on specific programmes on improving access to economic opportunities for women and reducing earnings and productivity gaps between women and men.

Amendment 11
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10a) Women are responsible for securing the foundations for the basic functioning of society during conflicts, but when they cease, women are subordinated, leading to the disadvantage that existed before the conflict.

Amendment 12
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10b) Whereas the importance of combating discrimination between men and women in access to employment and work, promoting equality in careers and professional categories, in vocational training and in salaries, and cooperation

with key UN institutions is essential, to strengthen work with rights and to protect collective bargaining and union rights.

Amendment 13
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) Union assistance should focus where it has more impact, having regard to its capacity to act on a global scale and respond to global challenges such as poverty eradication, sustainable and inclusive development and worldwide promotion of democracy, good governance, **human rights and** the rule of law, its long-term and predictable commitment to development assistance and its role in coordinating with its Member States. To ensure such impact, the principle of differentiation should be applied not only at the level of funds allocation, but also at the level of programming, to ensure that bilateral development cooperation targets partner countries most in need, including fragile states and states with high vulnerability, and with limited capacity to have access to other sources of financing for supporting their own development, having regard to the potential impact of the Union assistance in partner countries. As a consequence, bilateral programming would target such countries, pursuant to the application of objective criteria based on the needs and capacities of these countries, as well as the impact of EU assistance.

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Amendment 14
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) Concerns about increasing the effectiveness of development aid and the importance of new aid modalities — such as budget and sector support in partner countries — also create challenges in promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women in development cooperation.

Amendment 15
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(15a) Given that climate change has a strong gender dimension, both in its effects and in the solutions thereto, gender equality concerns should be included as a cross-cutting issue in programmes and projects on climate change and the environment from their implementation through to their evaluation, so as to provide factual information to evaluate and improve the impact of these policies.

Amendment 16
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(16) Commission communication "Increasing the impact of EU Development Policy: an Agenda for Change" envisages continued support for social inclusion and human development through at least 20% of the Union's development aid. To contribute to that end, at least 20% of the global public goods and challenges programme should support that area of

(16) Commission communication "Increasing the impact of EU Development Policy: an Agenda for Change" envisages continued support for social inclusion and human development, ***including gender equality and women's empowerment***, through at least 20% of the Union's development aid. To contribute to that end, at least 20% of the global public goods and

development,

challenges programme should support that area of development. ***Under this aid, particular programmes should be targeted at women's empowerment, antidiscrimination, achieving the MDGs and the overarching priority of gender equality ,***

Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 - paragraph 1 - point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) thematic programmes to address global public goods and challenges and support civil society ***organisations and local authorities*** in countries, territories and regions eligible for Union funding under geographic programmes, in accordance with Annex I of this Regulation, Regulation (EU) No [...] of the European Parliament and the Council establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument, and Council Decision [2001/822/EC of 27 November 2001 on the association of the overseas countries and territories], and in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries signatories to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000,

Amendment

(b) thematic programmes to address global public goods and challenges and support ***local authorities and local civil society groups***, especially ***women's associations and gender equality associations, organisations focusing on women's issues*** in countries, territories and regions eligible for Union funding under geographic programmes, in accordance with Annex I of this Regulation, Regulation (EU) No [...] of the European Parliament and the Council establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument, and Council Decision [2001/822/EC of 27 November 2001 on the association of the overseas countries and territories], and in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries signatories to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000,

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) thematic programmes which contribute to the promotion and protection of the principles of women's

rights, gender equality and non-discrimination.

Amendment 19
Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Union assistance under this Regulation shall relate to gender equality and women empowerment through supporting regional, national and global initiatives and commitments to promote women's economic and social empowerment, leadership and political participation and the integration of gender equality and women and girls' empowerment into development policies, plans for action and budgets.

Amendment 20
Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 - paragraph 1 - point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the primary objective of cooperation under this Regulation shall be the **reduction and, in the long term**, the eradication of poverty,

(a) the primary objective of cooperation under this Regulation shall be the eradication of poverty *in line with the fundamental values of the EU, especially gender equality, fostering at all levels of the decision-making and the implementation process in development policy in a close partnership with the poorest so that the means and resources, suited to combating chronic poverty effectively and to eradicating social exclusion can be drawn from their experience. Particular attention shall be given to prevent the impact of poverty to women, who are the main victims of poverty and discrimination;*

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 - paragraph 1 - point b,- point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) promoting democracy, the rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights.

Amendment

(ii) promoting democracy, the rule of law, good governance, ***gender equality, women's empowerment*** and respect for human rights.

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(bb) while promoting gender equality and women's empowerment through the promotion of women's rights and the principle of non-discrimination;

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The Union seeks to promote, develop and consolidate the principles of democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms on which it is founded, through dialogue and cooperation with partner countries and regions.

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Amendment 24
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 - paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The following cross-cutting issues shall be mainstreamed in all programmes: the promotion of human rights, gender equality, women empowerment, non-discrimination, democracy, good governance, the rights of the child and indigenous peoples' rights, social inclusion and the rights of persons with disabilities, environmental sustainability including addressing climate change and combating HIV/AIDS,

Amendment

3. The following cross-cutting issues shall be mainstreamed in all programmes: the promotion of human rights, gender equality, women empowerment, ***improvement of working conditions and promotion of a better balance between professional and private life, access to highly qualified positions via equal access training courses and equal pay at work, promotion of the right to stable employment, combating all forms of gender violence in the workplace, in family and society, the right to live with dignity, without poverty and social exclusion,*** non-discrimination, democracy, good governance, the rights of the child and indigenous peoples' rights, social inclusion and the rights of persons with disabilities, environmental sustainability including addressing climate change and combating HIV/AIDS, ***while stressing the importance of looking at these issues from the perspective that women, children and older people can be particularly vulnerable.***

Amendment 25
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 - paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Particular attention shall be given to strengthening the rule of law, improving access to justice and supporting civil society, trade and sustainable development, access to ICTs, health and food security, as well as promoting dialogue, participation

Amendment

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and reconciliation, and institution-building.

resources, especially discrimination against women, trade and sustainable development, access to ICTs, health and food security, as well as promoting dialogue, participation and reconciliation, and institution-building ***while recognising the added value of adopting the gender perspective and promoting the role of women as equal agents of social change.***

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 - paragraph 8 - point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) gathering on an annual basis of data and statistics of the progress made, where appropriate broken down by gender.

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 8 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) the collection and processing of statistical data disaggregated by gender and the development of gender-sensitive indicators (quantitative and qualitative) to ensure the participation of women and men in the political and technical decision-making process.

Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 - paragraph 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

10. The Commission shall seek regular exchanges of information with civil society,

10. The Commission shall seek regular exchanges of information with civil society, ***especially local groups and***

organisations focusing on women's rights, and ensure that all sections of society are represented in and listened to during these exchanges;

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

10a. The Commission should take into account the Declaration A (2010) 21584 adopted by the 21st session of the ACP Parliamentary Assembly, held on 28 September 2010 in which the ACP Parliamentary Assembly is urgently appealing the European Union to refrain from any attempts to impose its values which are not freely shared.

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 - paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The objective of Union assistance under the programme ‘Global public goods and challenges’ shall be to support actions in areas such as the environment and climate change, sustainable energy, human development, food security, and migration and asylum.

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Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The objective of the programme on civil society organisations and local authorities in development shall be to finance initiatives in the area of development by or for civil society organisations and local authorities originating from partner countries, the Union, candidate countries and potential candidates.

Amendment

1. The objective of the programme on civil society organisations and local authorities in development shall be to finance initiatives in the area of development by or for civil society organisations, ***especially local groups and women's organisations and organisations dealing with gender equality, women's empowerment and non-discrimination***, and local authorities originating from partner countries, the Union, candidate countries and potential candidates.

Amendment 32
Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 - paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Union and its Member States shall consult each other, and other donors and development actors including representatives of civil society and regional and local authorities, at an early stage of the programming process in order to promote complementarity and consistency among their cooperation activities. This consultation may lead to joint programming between the Union and its Member States,

Amendment

2. The Union and its Member States shall consult each other, and other donors and development actors including gender experts, representatives of civil society, ***especially local groups and organisations focusing on women's rights***, and regional and local authorities, at an early stage of the programming process in order to promote complementarity and consistency among their cooperation activities. This consultation may lead to joint programming between the Union and its Member States,

Amendment 33
Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 - paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

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with the general principles of this Regulation, based on the criteria laid down in Article 3(2), and taking into account, alongside the specificity of the different programmes, the particular difficulties faced by countries or regions that are in crisis, vulnerable, fragile, in conflict or disaster prone.

with the general principles of this Regulation, based on the criteria laid down in Article 3(2), and taking into account, alongside the specificity of the different programmes, the particular difficulties faced ***by social groups and particularly by women***, by countries or regions that are in crisis, vulnerable, fragile, in conflict or disaster prone. ***Special provision should be made for the establishment of a programme for information on and awareness of gender issues as well as for the empowerment of women and for tackling gender discrimination.***

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. The Commission should adopt rigid compliance criteria linked to the respecting of fundamental rights and in particular the rights of women when assessing and allocating funds for cooperation and development.

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 - paragraph 1 - subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Strategy papers shall set out the European Union's strategy for its assistance under this Regulation, based on the Union's priorities, the international context and the activities of the main partners. They shall be consistent with the overall purpose, objectives, scope, and principles of this Regulation and they should integrate a cross-cutting approach of principles of gender mainstreaming and

non-discrimination during the stages of development, implementation and evaluation;

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

In order to respect the principle of aid effectiveness, the EU shall ensure that the proposed strategies for achieving the development goals do not accentuate any existing discrimination in the allocation of resources, and shall promote the combating of all kinds of discrimination and foster gender equality.

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Strategy papers may be reviewed at their mid-term, or ad hoc if necessary, in accordance, as appropriate, with the principles and procedures laid down in the partnership and cooperation agreements concluded with the partner countries and regions.

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Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Multiannual indicative programmes shall set out the priority areas selected for Union financing, the specific objectives, the expected results, the performance indicators and the indicative financial allocation, both overall and per priority area. Where appropriate, this allocation may be given in the form of a range and/or some funds may be left unallocated.

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Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 5 – subparagraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Pursuant to the principle of mutual accountability in the pursuit and fulfilment of agreed objectives, including those referring to good governance, democracy ***and*** respect for human rights and ***to the rule of law***, indicative allocations may be increased or decreased as a result of reviews, particularly in the light of special needs such as those resulting from a crisis, post-crisis or fragility situation, or where performance has been exceptional or unsatisfactory.

Amendment

Pursuant to the principle of mutual accountability in the pursuit and fulfilment of agreed objectives, including those referring to good governance, democracy, ***the rule of law***, respect for human rights and ***fundamental freedoms, women's rights and the principles of gender equality and non-discrimination***, indicative allocations may be increased or decreased as a result of reviews, particularly in the light of special needs such as those resulting from a crisis, post-crisis or fragility situation, or where performance has been exceptional or unsatisfactory, ***while taking into account the gender approach***.

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation Article 12 - paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. When drawing up the programming documents for countries in crisis, post-crisis, or fragility situations, due account shall be taken of the vulnerability, special needs and circumstances of the countries or regions concerned.

Proper attention should be given to conflict prevention, state and peace building, post-conflict reconciliation and reconstruction measures.

Where partner countries or groups of partner countries are directly involved in, or affected by, a crisis, post-crisis or fragility situation, special emphasis shall be placed on stepping up coordination between relief, rehabilitation and development to help them make the transition from an emergency situation to the development phase. Programmes for countries and regions in fragility or regularly subject to natural disasters shall provide for disaster preparedness and prevention and for managing the consequences of such disasters.

Amendment

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Where partner countries or groups of partner countries are directly involved in, or affected by, a crisis, post-crisis or fragility situation, special emphasis shall be placed on stepping up coordination between relief, rehabilitation and development to help them make the transition from an emergency situation to the development phase. Programmes for countries and regions in fragility or regularly subject to natural disasters shall provide for disaster preparedness and prevention and for managing the consequences of such disasters. ***Special attention should be given to women, who are often the major victims in crisis situations.***

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

When drawing up the programming documents for countries in crisis, post-crisis or fragile situations, it is vital to take into account the implications for the

situation of women and girls because they are the main victims of atrocities and crimes such as violence and sexual abuse.

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Proper attention should be given to conflict prevention, state and peace building, post-conflict reconciliation and reconstruction measures.

Amendment

Proper attention should be given to conflict prevention, state and peace building, post-conflict reconciliation and reconstruction measures. *It is therefore vital to include women so that they can benefit from equal participation in negotiations and initiatives aimed at the pacification, stabilisation and reconstruction of countries and institutions. It is therefore essential to complement the image of women as vulnerable victims with an image of women as a highly differentiated group of social actors who possess valuable resources and capacities, who have their own priorities, and who can influence and steer the process of conflict resolution. Moreover, it is important to stress that the understanding of the role of women in post-war societies and of their contributions to post-war reconstruction must entail a global approach to promoting the key role of education in the empowerment of women and girls, in order to combat stereotypes and to change mentalities.*

Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The assistance measures provided under this Regulation shall take into account the

specific features of crisis where there is a serious lack of fundamental freedoms, where human security is most at risk or where human rights organisations and defenders operate under the most difficult conditions. Particular attention should be paid to conflicts in which women are being exposed to physical and psychological violence;

Amendment 44

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

In cases of crises, post crisis and fragility situations or threats to democracy, the rule of law, human rights **or** fundamental freedoms requiring a swift response by the Union, the urgency procedure provided for in Article 15(4) of the Common Implementing Regulation may be used to modify the document referred to in Article 11 following an ad hoc review of the country's or region's cooperation strategy.

Amendment

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Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 - paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. As referred to in Article 13, paragraph 2 of the "Erasmus for All" Regulation, in order to promote the international dimension of higher education, an indicative amount of EUR 1 812 100 000 from the different external instruments (Development Cooperation Instrument, European Neighbourhood Instrument, Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance, Partnership Instrument and the European Development Fund), will be allocated to

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3. As referred to in Article 13, paragraph 2 of the "Erasmus for All" Regulation, in order to promote the international dimension of higher education, an indicative amount of EUR 1 812 100 000 from the different external instruments (Development Cooperation Instrument, European Neighbourhood Instrument, Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance, Partnership Instrument and the European Development Fund), will be allocated to

actions of learning mobility to or from non EU countries and to cooperation and policy dialogue with authorities/institutions/organisations from these countries. The provisions of the "Erasmus for All" Regulation will apply to the use of those funds.

The funding will be made available through 2 multiannual allocations only covering the first 4 years and the remaining 3 years respectively. This funding will be reflected in the multiannual indicative programming of these instruments, in line with the identified needs and priorities of the countries concerned. The allocations can be revised in case of major unforeseen circumstances or important political changes in line with the EU external priorities.

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Amendment 46

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 - paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. In addition to higher education, there shall be a focus on the elimination of gender disparity in primary and secondary education, and in all levels of education no later than 2015 as indicated in Target 3.A of the Millennium Development Goals.

Amendment 47

Proposal for a regulation

Annex IV – part B – paragraph 2 "Latin America" – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) encouraging social cohesion, in

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particular social inclusion, decent work and equity, gender equality and women empowerment;

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Amendment 48

Proposal for a regulation

Annex IV – part B – paragraph 3 "Asia" – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ia) supporting the reinforcement of the protection of human rights, and the fight against discrimination and sexual and gender-based violence and violence in close relationships;

Amendment 49

Proposal for a regulation

Annex IV – part B – paragraph 4 "Central Asia" – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) promoting constitutional reform and legislative, regulatory and administrative approximation with the Union, including further democratisation and organised civil society, support for the rule of law, good governance, taxation and strengthening of national institutions and bodies, such as election bodies, parliaments, public administration reform and public financial management;

(a) promoting constitutional reform and legislative, regulatory and administrative approximation with the Union, including further democratisation and organised civil society, support for the rule of law, good governance, taxation and strengthening of national institutions and bodies, such as election bodies, parliaments, public administration reform and ***judicial reform, and*** public financial management;

Amendment 50

Proposal for a regulation

Annex IV – part B – paragraph 4 "Central Asia" – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation

Annex IV – part B – paragraph 4 "Central Asia" – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) supporting efficient border management and cross-border cooperation to promote sustainable economic, social and environmental development in border regions; in the context of the security and development nexus, fighting organized crime and all forms of trafficking, ***including*** the fight against production and consumption of drugs as well as negative effects thereof, including HIV/AIDS;

Amendment

(c) supporting efficient border management and cross-border cooperation to promote sustainable economic, social and environmental development in border regions; in the context of the security and development nexus, fighting organized crime and all forms of trafficking, ***particularly the trafficking of women***, the fight against production and consumption of drugs as well as negative effects thereof, including HIV/AIDS;

Amendment 52

Proposal for a regulation

Annex IV – part B – paragraph 4 "Central Asia" – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d a) establishing a development policy with regard to demographic challenges tackling the growing sex imbalance favouring males to females and addressing the problem of pre-natal sex selection, sex-selected abortion and

infanticide to secure male offspring;

Amendment 53

Proposal for a regulation

ANNEX V - paragraph A - 'Environment and climate change' - point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) mitigating impacts of climate change on women as well as enhancing the role of women in tackling climate change, actions to help developing countries to adopt the gender perspective of climate change and environmental policies, especially in policies related to the natural disasters disproportionately affecting them, access to training on matters of the environment, and increased participation of women and women's organizations in development policies related to environment and climate change,

Amendment 54

Proposal for a regulation

Annex V – part A – paragraph 2 "Environment and Climate Change" – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) promoting implementation of Union initiatives and agreed commitments at international and regional level and/or of a transboundary character particularly in the areas of climate change through the promotion of climate resilient strategies especially adaption strategies with biodiversity co-benefits, biodiversity and ecosystems services, forests including FLEGT, desertification, integrated water resource management, natural resource management, sound chemical and waste management, resource efficiency and the green economy;

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participation in the development and implementation of these strategies, and to halt all kinds of discrimination against them, especially in access to resources and in participation in political life;

Amendment 55

Proposal for a regulation

Annex V – part A – paragraph 3 "Sustainable energy" – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) promoting access to secure, affordable, clean and sustainable energy services as a key driver for poverty eradication and inclusive growth, with a special emphasis on the use of local energy sources;

Amendment

(a) promoting access to secure, affordable, clean and sustainable energy services ***for all, while taking into account groups that are victims of discrimination, especially women***, as a key driver for poverty eradication and inclusive growth, with a special emphasis on the use of local energy sources;

Amendment 56

Proposal for a regulation

Annex V - paragraph A - 'Human development' - point c,- point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) Supporting country level programmes to promote women's economic and social empowerment and political participation;

Amendment

(i) Supporting country level programmes to ***combat violence against women and*** promote women's economic and social empowerment and political participation;

Amendment 57

Proposal for a regulation

Annex V – part A – paragraph 4 "Human development" – point b – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) Supporting high levels of productive and decent employment notably with support for sound employment policies and strategies, vocational training for

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employability relevant to labour market needs and perspectives, working conditions including in the informal economy, promotion of decent work, including fight against child labour, and social dialogue as well as facilitation of labour mobility while respecting migrants' rights;

employability relevant to labour market needs and perspectives, working conditions including in the informal economy, promotion of decent work **for both women and men**, including fight against child labour, and social dialogue as well as facilitation of labour mobility while respecting migrants' rights;

Amendment 58

Proposal for a regulation

Annex V – part A – paragraph 4 "Human development" – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e a) Women and Children

(i) enhancing developing countries' attention and capacity to develop policies benefiting women and children;

(ii) advocacy for concrete strategies and interventions to address particular problems and challenges affecting women and children, taking their best interests into account in all relevant action;

(iii) using the Community's position as the principal donor of ODA among international institutions to urge the multilateral donors to exert pressure for the framing of policies to combat trafficking of, and violence against women and children, exploitation and forced labour and promoting the role of women and children as actors for development.

Amendment 59

Proposal for a regulation

Annex V - paragraph A - 'Migration and Asylum' - point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) maximising the development impact of

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the increased regional and global mobility of people, while promoting and protecting the rights of migrants, through support to the formulation and implementation of sound regional and national migration and asylum policies and through integration of the migration dimension into other regional and national policies;

the increased regional and global mobility of people, while promoting and protecting the rights of migrants, ***taking into account the gender aspect of the issue and the situation of women migrants***, through support to the formulation and implementation of sound regional and national migration and asylum policies and through integration of the migration dimension into other regional and national policies;

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