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## **DRAFT OPINION**

of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

for the Committee on Regional Development

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council  
on the European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund  
(COM(2018)0372 – C8-0227/2018 – 2018/0197(COD))

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## SHORT JUSTIFICATION

The Cohesion Policy plays a role in mitigating the asymmetric effects of integration. However, in its current manifestation, Cohesion Policy has failed to prevent the widening of economic, social and territorial disparities within the EU. The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Cohesion Fund (CF) count among the cohesion policy's principal financial instruments. In view of the aforementioned asymmetries, their role and appropriations should be strengthened rather than weakened.

The specific objectives set for the ERDF and the CF must first take into account of the need to achieve the crucial overall objective of reducing disparities between levels of development in the EU's various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions. These objectives should, however, avoid curtailing the investment choices open to Member States, which would be regrettable. They must first lay down general criteria on economic development, social justice and environmental sustainability to govern these investments.

The practical outcome of applying the 'thematic concentration' has proven contradictory. Indeed, there is no evidence that the 'thematic concentration' has made a positive contribution to the objective of reducing regional disparities, and some analyses suggest that the options set out in the current thematic concentration have been factors aggravating regional disparities, such as those between the major metropolitan areas and the rest of the EU, or even between countries with a GDP per capita above the EU average and the cohesion countries. For this reason, we would be wise to exercise some caution and moderation in this area.

## AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy calls on the Committee on Regional Development, as the committee responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

### Amendment 1

#### Proposal for a regulation

##### Recital 1

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

(1) Article 176 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') provides that the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF') is intended to help to redress the main regional imbalances in the Union. Under that Article and the second and third paragraphs of Article 174 of the TFEU, the ERDF is to contribute to reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and to reducing the backwardness of the least

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(1) Article 176 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') provides that the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF') is intended to help to redress the main regional imbalances in the Union. Under that Article and the second and third paragraphs of Article 174 of the TFEU, the ERDF is to contribute to reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and to reducing the backwardness of the least

favoured regions, among which particular attention is to be paid to regions which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps such as *the northernmost* regions with *very* low population density and island, cross-border and mountain regions.

favoured regions, among which particular attention is to be paid to regions which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps such as regions with low population density and island, cross-border and mountain regions.

Or. pt

## Amendment 2

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 5

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(5) Horizontal principles as set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union ('TEU') and in Article 10 of the TFEU, including principles of subsidiarity and proportionality as set out in Article 5 of the TEU, should be respected in the implementation of the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund, taking into account the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. Member States should also respect the obligations of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and ensure accessibility in line with its article 9 and in accordance with the Union law harmonising accessibility requirements for products and services. Member States and the Commission should aim at eliminating inequalities and at promoting equality between men and women and integrating the gender perspective, as well as at combating discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation. The Funds should not support actions that contribute to any form of segregation. The objectives of the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of preserving,

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protecting and improving the quality of the environment as set out in Articles 11 and 191(1) of the TFEU, ***taking into account the polluter pays principle. In order to protect the integrity of the internal market, operations benefitting undertakings shall comply with State aid rules as set out in Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU.***

should be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment as set out in Articles 11 and 191(1) of the TFEU.

Or. pt

### Amendment 3

#### Proposal for a regulation Recital 7

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) In order to identify the type of activities which can be supported by the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund, specific policy objectives for providing support from those funds should be laid down to ensure that they contribute to ***one or more of common policy objectives set out in Article 4(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/xxx [new CPR]*** .

*Amendment*

(7) In order to identify the type of activities which can be supported by the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund, specific policy objectives, ***adapted to the different existing conditionalities***, for providing support from those funds should be laid down to ensure that they contribute to ***increasing added value in each region and to creating jobs. These objectives should in no way detract from the crucial overall objective of reducing disparities between levels of development in the EU's various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions.***

Or. pt

### Amendment 4

#### Proposal for a regulation Recital 7 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(7a) The public consultation carried out in preparation for this Regulation***

*concluded that the highest proportion of respondents (94%) considered ‘reducing regional disparities’ as very important or somewhat important, followed by ‘reducing unemployment’ and ‘promoting social inclusion and combating poverty’ (91%), which shows just how central the issue of disparities, both regional and social, is among respondents’ concerns as a whole; this needs to be taken into account for the purposes of this Regulation.*

Or. pt

## **Amendment 5**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 8**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(8) In an increasingly interconnected world and in view of the demographic and migration dynamics, it is clear that Union migration policy requires a common approach that relies on the synergies and complementarities of the different funding instruments. In order to ensure coherent, strong and consistent support for solidarity and responsibility-sharing efforts between Member States in managing migration, the ERDF should provide support to facilitate the long-term integration of migrants.*

*deleted*

Or. pt

## **Amendment 6**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 9**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(9) In order to support the efforts of Member States and regions in facing ***new challenges and ensuring a high level of security for their citizens as well as the prevention of radicalisation***, while relying on the synergies and complementarities with other Union policies, investments under the ERDF should contribute to ***security in areas where there is a need to ensure safe and secure public spaces and critical infrastructure, such as*** transport and energy.

*Amendment*

(9) In order to support the efforts of Member States and regions in facing ***up to rising regional and social disparities***, while relying on the synergies and complementarities with other Union policies, investments under the ERDF should contribute, ***primarily to the fostering of the productive potential and development of these regions as part of an integrated regional development-based perspective, thereby working a wide variety of fields, particularly*** transport and energy.

Or. pt

**Amendment 7**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Recital 9 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(9a) Universal, high-quality public services are vital to address regional and social disparities, promote social cohesion and regional development and encourage companies and people to stay in the their local area, in particular in the least developed regions.***

Or. pt

**Amendment 8**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Recital 9 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(9b) Investments made under the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund should***

*help ensure sustainable and accessible national, regional and local mobility, with particular attention to regions which require processes to achieve economic regeneration and dynamism, and in regions with low population density where serious weaknesses in terms of mobility constitute a barrier to structural development.*

Or. pt

## Amendment 9

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 10

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(10) In addition, investments under the ERDF should contribute to the development of a comprehensive high-speed digital *infrastructure network*, and to promoting clean and sustainable multimodal urban mobility.

*Amendment*

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Or. pt

## Amendment 10

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 10 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(10a) Investments under the ERDF should promote the polycentric development of a network of medium-sized cities in order to leverage the development of inland and rural regions and promote the development of essential public services at the local level.*

Or. pt



## Amendment 11

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 11

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

(11) As a result of the overall aim of the Cohesion Fund provided for in the TFEU, it is necessary to set out **and limit** the specific objectives to which the Cohesion Fund should support.

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Or. pt

## Amendment 12

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 14

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

(14) Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the Funds will contribute to mainstream climate **actions** and to the achievement of an overall target of 25 % of the EU budget expenditure supporting climate objectives. Operations under the ERDF are expected to contribute 30 % of the overall financial envelope of the ERDF to climate objectives. Operations under the Cohesion Fund are expected to contribute 37 % of the overall financial envelope of the Cohesion Fund to climate objectives.

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Or. pt

## Amendment 13

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 17

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

(17) The ERDF should help to redress the main regional imbalances in the Union and to reduce disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions including those facing challenges due to the decarbonisation commitments. ERDF support under the Investment for jobs and growth goal should ***therefore be concentrated on key Union*** priorities in line with policy objectives laid down in Regulation (EU) 2018/xxx [new CPR]. Therefore support from the ERDF should ***be concentrated on*** the policy objectives of 'a ***smarter*** Europe ***by promoting innovative*** and smart economic transformation' and 'a greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate ***adaptation*** and risk prevention and management'. That thematic concentration should be attained at national level while allowing for flexibility at the level of individual programmes and between the three groups of Member States formed according to respective gross national income. In addition, the methodology to classify Member States should be set out in detail taking into account the specific situation of the outermost regions.

##### *Amendment*

(17) The ERDF should help to ***promote true convergence, to*** redress the main regional imbalances in the Union and to reduce disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions including those facing challenges due to the decarbonisation commitments, ***taking into account the legitimate choices, priorities and needs of each Member State, depending on their particular situation.*** ERDF support under the Investment for jobs and growth goal should ***also take into account collectively defined*** priorities, in line with policy objectives laid down in Regulation (EU) 2018/xxx [new CPR]. Therefore, support from the ERDF should ***take particular account of*** the policy objectives of 'a ***more cohesive and solidarity-based*** Europe ***helping reduce economic, social and territorial asymmetries*** and a smart ***and innovative*** economic transformation' and 'a greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, ***the reduction of the impact of industry on the environment,*** green and blue investment, the circular economy, ***combating and adapting to*** climate ***change*** and risk prevention and management'. That thematic concentration should be attained at national level while allowing for flexibility at the level of individual programmes and between the three groups of Member States formed according to respective gross national income. In addition, the methodology to classify Member States should be set out in detail taking into account the specific situation of the outermost regions.

Or. pt

## Amendment 14

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 17 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(17a) There is no evidence that the ‘thematic concentration’ has made a positive contribution to the objective of reducing regional disparities, as the Regulatory Scrutiny Board has reported. Indeed, some analyses suggest that the regional development options set out in the current thematic concentration have been factors aggravating regional disparities, such as those between the major metropolitan areas and the rest of the EU. The thematic concentration should therefore be watered down, particularly in Member States with GDP per capita below the EU average. Furthermore, if total resources available for the ERDF for 2021-2027 are lower than for 2014-2020, the thematic concentration concerning those Member States - if there is one - should be the subject of specific negotiations between the Member State and the European Commission.***

Or. pt

## Amendment 15

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 18

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(18) In order to concentrate the support on key Union priorities, it is also appropriate that thematic concentration requirements should be respected throughout the programming period,***

***(18) In order to enable maximum take-up of the maximum available resources, in certain duly justified situations the thematic concentration requirements may be suspended or abolished, in particular***

*including in the case of transfer between priorities within a programme or between programmes.*

*where there is found to be a negative relationship between the thematic concentration and the crucial overall objective of reducing economic, social and territorial disparities between regions.*

Or. pt

## Amendment 16

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 19

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(19) This Regulation should set out the different types of activities the costs of which may be supported by means of investments from the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund, under their respective objectives as set out in the TFEU. The Cohesion Fund should be able to support investments in the environment and in TEN-T. With regard to the ERDF, the list of activities should be simplified and it should be able to support investments in infrastructure, investments in relation to access to services, productive investments in SME's, equipment, software and intangible assets, as well as measures with regard to information, communication, studies, networking, cooperation, exchange of experiences and activities involving clusters. In order to support the programme implementation, both funds should also be able to support technical assistance activities. Finally, in order to support provide for a broader range of interventions for Interreg programmes, the scope should be enlarged to also include the sharing a broad range of facilities and human resources and costs linked to measures within the scope of the ESF+.

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Or. pt

## Amendment 17

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 20

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(20) Trans-European transport networks projects in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 shall continue to be financed from the Cohesion Fund via both shared management and the direct implementation mode under the Connecting Europe Facility ('CEF').

*Amendment*

(20) Trans-European transport networks projects in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 shall continue to be financed from the Cohesion Fund via both shared management and the direct implementation mode under the Connecting Europe Facility ('CEF'). ***In the latter case, this will only be possible if the overall allocation for the Cohesion Fund does not fall below the allocation set aside for 2014-2020.***

Or. pt

## Amendment 18

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 21

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(21) At the same time, it is important to clarify those activities which fall outside the scope of the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund, ***including investments to achieve the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from activities listed in Annex I to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>20</sup> in order to avoid duplication of available financing, which already exists as part of that Directive.*** In addition, it should be explicitly set out that the overseas countries and territories listed in Annex II of the TFEU are not eligible for support from the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund.

*Amendment*

(21) At the same time, it is important to clarify those activities which fall outside the scope of the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund. In addition, it should be explicitly set out that the overseas countries and territories listed in Annex II of the TFEU are not eligible for support from the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund.

**20 Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC (OJ L 275, 25.10.2003, p. 32).**

Or. pt

## **Amendment 19**

### **Proposal for a regulation Recital 25**

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(25) Within the framework of sustainable urban development, it is considered necessary to support integrated territorial development in order to more effectively tackle the economic, environmental, climate, demographic and social challenges affecting urban areas, including functional urban areas, while taking into account the need to promote urban-rural linkages. The principles for selecting the urban areas where integrated actions for sustainable urban development are to be implemented, and the indicative amounts for those actions, should be set out in the programmes under the Investment for jobs and growth goal with a minimum target of 6% of the ERDF resources allocated at national level for that purpose. It should also be established that this percentage should be respected throughout the programming period in the case of transfer between priorities within a programme or between programmes, ***including at the mid-term review.***

#### *Amendment*

(25) Within the framework of sustainable urban development, it is considered necessary to support integrated territorial development in order to more effectively tackle the economic, environmental, climate, demographic and social challenges affecting urban areas, including functional urban areas, while taking into account the need to promote urban-rural linkages. The principles for selecting the urban areas where integrated actions for sustainable urban development are to be implemented, and the indicative amounts for those actions, should be set out in the programmes under the Investment for jobs and growth goal with a minimum target of 6% of the ERDF resources allocated at national level for that purpose. It should also be established that this percentage should be respected throughout the programming period in the case of transfer between priorities within a programme or between programmes.

Or. pt

## Amendment 20

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 26

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(26) In order to identify or provide solutions which address issues relating to sustainable urban development at Union level, the Urban Innovative Actions in the area of sustainable urban development should be replaced by a European Urban Initiative, to be implemented under **direct or indirect** management. That initiative should cover all urban areas and support the Urban Agenda for the European Union<sup>21</sup>.

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<sup>21</sup> Council Conclusions on an Urban Agenda for the EU of 24 June 2016.

#### *Amendment*

(26) In order to identify or provide solutions which address issues relating to sustainable urban development at Union level, the Urban Innovative Actions in the area of sustainable urban development should be replaced by a European Urban Initiative, to be implemented under **shared** management. That initiative should cover all urban areas and support the Urban Agenda for the European Union<sup>21</sup>.

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<sup>21</sup> Council Conclusions on an Urban Agenda for the EU of 24 June 2016.

Or. pt

## Amendment 21

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 27

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(27) Specific attention should be paid to outermost regions, namely by adopting measures under Article 349 of the TFEU providing for an additional allocation for the outermost regions to offset the additional costs incurred in these regions as a result of one or several of the permanent restraints referred to in Article 349 of the TFEU, namely remoteness, insularity, small size, difficult topography and climate, economic dependence on a few products, the permanence and combination of which severely restrain their development. This allocation can cover investments, operating costs and public

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service obligations aimed at offsetting additional costs caused by such restraints. Operating aid may cover expenditure on freight transport services and start-up aid for transport services as well as expenditure on operations linked to storage constraints, the excessive size and maintenance of production tools, and the lack of human capital in the local market.

***In order to protect the integrity of the internal market, and as is the case for all operations co-financed by the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund, any ERDF support to the financing of operating and investment aid in the outermost regions should comply with State aid rules as set out in Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU.***

service obligations aimed at offsetting additional costs caused by such restraints. Operating aid may cover expenditure on freight transport services and start-up aid for transport services as well as expenditure on operations linked to storage constraints, the excessive size and maintenance of production tools, and the lack of human capital in the local market.

Or. pt

## Amendment 22

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. ***In accordance with*** the policy objectives set out in Article [4(1)] of Regulation (EU) 2018/xxxx[new CPR], the ERDF shall support the following specific objectives:

*Amendment*

1. ***Taking account of*** the policy objectives set out in Article [4(1)] of Regulation (EU) 2018/xxxx[new CPR], the ERDF shall support the following specific objectives, ***while ensuring processes of balanced development for regional and urban economies at national and European level:***

Or. pt

## Amendment 23

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point a – introductory part



*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(a) 'a **smarter** Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation' ('PO 1') by:

(a) 'a **more cohesive and solidarity-based** Europe by **helping reduce economic, social and territorial asymmetries and** promoting innovative and smart economic transformation' ('PO 1') by:

Or. pt

*Justification*

*The ERDF and the Cohesion Fund are crucial instruments of the cohesion policy and their objectives should, therefore, include helping ensure cohesion and combating asymmetries.*

#### **Amendment 24**

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

##### **Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point a – point i a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(ia) **Making efficient and innovative use of local resources in each region, including making the best use of traditional sectors and integrating them into the value chain,**

Or. pt

#### **Amendment 25**

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

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(ii) reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies and governments;

(ii) reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies, **public services** and governments;

Or. pt

## Amendment 26

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point a – point ii a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(iia) encouraging quality in, and the modernisation and universality of, public services,**

Or. pt

*Justification*

*Public services are vital to promote social cohesion and regional development and to encourage companies and people to stay in their local area, in particular in the least developed regions.*

## Amendment 27

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point a – point iii a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(iia) supporting the social economy, namely the cooperative movement;**

Or. pt

## Amendment 28

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point a – point iv

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(iv) developing skills for smart specialisation, **industrial transition** and entrepreneurship;

(iv) developing skills **and infrastructures** for smart specialisation, **reindustrialisation for regions affected by deindustrialisation** and entrepreneurship;

Or. pt

## Amendment 29

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point a – point iv a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(iva) promoting the revitalisation and economic regeneration of regions suffering from depopulation and areas with natural handicaps;**

Or. pt

## Amendment 30

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(b) 'a greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate **adaptation** and risk prevention and management ('PO 2') by:

(b) 'a greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, **an industry underpinned by a non-polluting basis**, green and blue investment, the circular economy, **combating and adapting to** climate **change** and risk prevention and management ('PO 2') by:

Or. pt

## Amendment 31

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b – point i

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(i) promoting energy efficiency measures;

(i) promoting energy efficiency measures **and the efficient use of resources in general**;

Or. pt

## Amendment 32

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b – point i a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(ia) *promoting measures that help reduce energy consumption,*

Or. pt

## Amendment 33

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iv

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(iv) promoting climate change *adaptation*, risk prevention and disaster resilience;

(iv) promoting *the combating of and adaption to* climate change, risk prevention and disaster resilience;

Or. pt

## Amendment 34

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b – point vi

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(vi) promoting the transition to a circular economy;

(vi) promoting the transition to a circular economy *by reducing the amount of waste produced and by means of reusing and recycling waste;*

Or. pt

## **Amendment 35**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b – point vi a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(via) promoting the adequate collection, management and treatment of urban waste,***

Or. pt

## **Amendment 36**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b – point vii a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(viiia) promoting the environmental recovery of areas abandoned and/or degraded owing to man-made activities (former extractive industries, manufacturing and other activities),***

Or. pt

## **Amendment 37**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b – point vii b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(viib) developing skills and infrastructures to fully exploit the potential of the blue economy,***

Or. pt

## Amendment 38

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b – point vii c (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(viic) promoting research, innovation and the uptake of technologies that reduce the environmental impact of production processes and services.**

Or. pt

## Amendment 39

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point c – point iii

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(iii) developing sustainable, climate **resilient**, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility;

(iii) developing sustainable, climate **change-resilient**, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility **based on railways and accessible to all**, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility;

Or. pt

## Amendment 40

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d – introductory part

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(d) 'a more social Europe **implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights**' ('PO 4') by:

(d) 'a more social Europe, **which promotes social progress and guarantees a wide range of social rights for all citizens**' ('PO 4') by:

Or. pt

### *Justification*

*The European Pillar of Rights is an insufficient and restrictive framework for social rights and should thus not be set as a benchmark.*

#### **Amendment 41**

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

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

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

(i) ***enhancing*** the effectiveness of labour markets and access to quality employment through developing social innovation and infrastructure;

###### *Amendment*

(i) ***promoting full employment and enhancing*** the effectiveness of labour markets and access to quality employment ***accompanied by rights*** through developing social innovation and infrastructure;

Or. pt

#### **Amendment 42**

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

##### **Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d – point ii a (new)**

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

###### *Amendment*

***(iia) shoring up public policies and public action in the field of housing by expanding and modernising the stock of public, sustainable and energy-efficient housing, with a view to ensuring the universal right to housing,***

Or. pt

#### **Amendment 43**

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

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

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

###### *Amendment*

(iii) increasing the socioeconomic

(iii) increasing the socioeconomic

integration of marginalised communities, migrants and disadvantaged groups, through integrated measures including housing and social services;

integration of marginalised communities, migrants and disadvantaged groups, through integrated measures, ***urban rehabilitation and regeneration***, including housing and social services;

Or. pt

#### Amendment 44

##### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d – point iv

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(iv) ensuring equal access to health care through developing infrastructure, including primary care;

*Amendment*

(iv) ensuring equal ***and universal*** access to health care through developing infrastructure, including primary care;

Or. pt

#### Amendment 45

##### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d – point iv a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(iva) ensuring equal access to cultural goods by developing infrastructures.***

Or. pt

#### Amendment 46

##### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d – point iv b (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(ivb) helping ensuring the right to water, health, education, learning, culture and sport,***



#### Amendment 47

##### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point e – point i

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

- (i) fostering the integrated social, economic and environmental development, cultural heritage and ***security in urban areas***;

###### *Amendment*

- (i) fostering the integrated social, economic and environmental ***local*** development, ***(material and intangible)*** cultural heritage, ***the creation and enjoyment of culture, also through community-led local development.***

#### Amendment 48

##### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point e – point ii

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

- (ii) fostering the integrated social, economic and environmental local development, cultural heritage and security, including for rural and coastal areas also through community-led local development.

###### *Amendment*

- (ii) fostering the integrated social, economic and environmental local development, ***(material and intangible)*** cultural heritage, ***the creation and enjoyment of culture,*** and security, including for rural and coastal areas also through community-led local development.

#### Amendment 49

##### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point e – point ii a (new)

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

###### *Amendment*

- (iia) promoting the exercise of rights and the organisation and the democratic***

*participation of people.*

Or. pt

## **Amendment 50**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 2 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Cohesion Fund shall support PO 2 and specific *objectives* under PO 3 set out in points (ii), (iii) and (iv) of paragraph 1(c).

*Amendment*

2. The Cohesion Fund shall support PO 2 and specific *objectives* under PO 3 set out in points (ii), (iii) and (iv) of paragraph 1(c) **and under PO 4, point (d)(iia)** .

Or. pt

## **Amendment 51**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 2 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

***Cooperation referred to in point (b) shall include cooperation with partners from cross-border regions, from non-contiguous regions or from regions located in the territory covered by a macro-regional or sea-basin strategy or a combination thereof.***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

Or. pt

## **Amendment 52**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 3 – paragraph 4 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) Member States of group 1 shall allocate at least **85%** of their total ERDF resources under priorities other than for technical assistance to PO 1 and PO 2, and at least **60%** to PO 1;

*Amendment*

(a) Member States of group 1 shall allocate at least **70%** of their total ERDF resources under priorities other than for technical assistance to PO 1 and PO 2, and at least **40%** to PO 2;

Or. pt

**Amendment 53**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 3 – paragraph 4 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) Member States of group 2 shall allocate at least **45%** of their total ERDF resources under priorities other than for technical assistance to PO 1, and at least **30%** to PO 2;

*Amendment*

(b) Member States of group 2 shall allocate at least **35%** of their total ERDF resources under priorities other than for technical assistance to PO 1, and at least **25%** to PO 2;

Or. pt

**Amendment 54**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 3 – paragraph 4 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) Member States of group 3 shall allocate at least **35%** of their total ERDF resources under priorities other than for technical assistance to PO 1, and at least **30%** to PO 2.

*Amendment*

(c) Member States of group 3 shall allocate at least **25%** of their total ERDF resources under priorities other than for technical assistance to PO 1, and at least **20%** to PO 2.

Or. pt

## Amendment 55

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 3 – paragraph 4 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**4a. The thematic concentration requirements laid down in paragraph 4 shall not apply to Member States of group 2 and 3 if they have less total ERDF resources available for 2021-2027 than they had for 2014-2020.**

**Other duly substantiated situations may also cause these thematic concentration requirements to be suspended or eliminated in cases where they run counter to the crucial overall objective of reducing economic, social and territorial asymmetries.**

Or. pt

## Amendment 56

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 3 – paragraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

5. The thematic concentration requirements set out in paragraph 4 shall be complied with throughout the entire programming period, including when ERDF allocations are transferred between priorities of a programme or between programmes **and at the mid-term review in accordance with Article [14] of Regulation (EU) 2018/xxxx [new CPR].**

5. The thematic concentration requirements set out in paragraph 4, **with the exception of the provisions set out in paragraph 4(a),** shall be complied with throughout the entire programming period, including when ERDF allocations are transferred between priorities of a programme or between programmes.

Or. pt

## Amendment 57

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 4 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

In addition, productive investments in enterprises other than SMEs can be supported when they involve cooperation with SMEs in research and innovation activities supported under point (a)(i) of Article 2 (1).

*Amendment*

In addition, productive investments in enterprises other than SMEs can be supported when they involve cooperation with SMEs in research and innovation activities supported under point (a)(i) of Article 2 (1) ***or if the investments are made in Member States of group 2 or 3 – pursuant to Article 3(3) – or in the outermost regions.***

Or. pt

## Amendment 58

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point c a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(ca) Investments in smart, universally accessible, sustainable, climate change-resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility,***

Or. pt

## Amendment 59

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point c b (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(cb) Investments in energy-efficient housing, water-use efficiency, renewable energy or other solutions that reduce environmental impacts;***

## **Amendment 60**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(b) investment to achieve the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from activities listed in Annex I to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>24</sup>;** **deleted**

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<sup>24</sup> *Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC.*

## **Amendment 61**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point d**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(d) undertakings in difficulty, as defined in point 18 of Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014<sup>25</sup>;** **deleted**

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<sup>25</sup> *Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (OJ L 187, 26.6.2014, p. 1).*

## Amendment 62

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point e

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(e) investment in airport infrastructure except for outermost regions;

*Amendment*

(e) investment in airport infrastructure except for ***Member States of group 2 and 3 – pursuant to Article 3(3) – and the*** outermost regions;

Or. pt

## Amendment 63

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point g

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(g) ***investment in facilities for the treatment of residual waste;***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

Or. pt

## Amendment 64

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point j

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(j) ***funding for the purchase of rolling stock for use in rail transport, except if it is linked to the:***

***deleted***

(i) ***discharge of a publicly tendered public service obligation under Regulation 1370/2007 as amended;***

(ii) ***provision of rail transport services on lines fully opened to competition, and the beneficiary is a new entrant eligible for funding under Regulation (EU)***

*Amendment*

Or. pt

*Justification*

*In line with the amendment to Article 5(1), there is no plausible justification for this exclusion, or for differing treatment of the situations described in the points.*

**Amendment 65**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 6 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2. In addition, the Cohesion Fund shall not support investment in housing unless related to the promotion of energy efficiency or renewable energy use.** **deleted**

Or. pt

*Justification*

*This restriction should be removed for reasons of consistency with the amendment to PO 4 in Article 2(1)(d)(ia) and point 2.*

**Amendment 66**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 10 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

The ERDF shall also support the European Urban Initiative, implemented by the Commission in **direct and indirect** management.

The ERDF shall also support the European Urban Initiative, implemented by the Commission in **joint** management.

Or. pt



## **Amendment 67**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 11 – paragraph 3 – point d**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(d) public services obligations not discharged by undertakings and where the State acts by exercising public power.* *deleted*

Or. pt

## Amendment 68

### Proposal for a regulation Annex II – table

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Core set of performance indicators for the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund referred to in Article 7(3)<sup>1</sup>

Policy objective (1)	Specific objective (2)	Outputs (3)	Results (4)
1. ‘a <i>smarter</i> Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation’;	(i) Enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies;	CCO 01 - Enterprises supported to innovate CCO 02 - Researchers working in supported research facilities	CCR 01 - (SMEs introducing product, process, marketing or organisational innovation
	(ii) Reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies and governments;	CCO 03 - Enterprises and public institutions supported to develop digital products, services and applications	CCR 02 - Additional users of new digital products, services and applications developed by enterprises and public institutions
	(iii) Enhancing growth and competitiveness of SMEs;	CCO 04 - SMEs supported to create jobs and growth	CCR 03 - Jobs created in SMEs supported
	(iv) Developing skills for smart specialisation, <i>industrial transition</i> and entrepreneurship	CCO 05 - SMEs investing in skills development	CCR 04 - SMEs <i>staff</i> benefiting from training for skills development
	(i) Promoting energy efficiency measures	CCO 06 – Investments in measures to improve energy efficiency	CCR 05 – Beneficiaries with improved energy classification

<sup>1</sup> These indicators will be used by the Commission in compliance with its reporting requirement pursuant to Article 38(3)(e)(i) of the [applicable] Financial Regulation.

2. A greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management	(ii) Promoting renewable energy	CCO 07 - Additional renewable energy production capacity	CCR 06 – Volume of additional renewable energy produced
	(iii) Developing smart energy systems, grids and storage at local level	CCO 08 - Digital management systems developed for smart grids	CCR 07 - Additional users connected to smart grids
	(iv) Promoting climate change <b>adaptation</b> , risk prevention and disaster resilience	CCO 09 - New or upgraded disaster monitoring, warning and response systems	CCR 08 - Additional population benefiting from protection measures against floods, forest fires, and other climate related natural disasters
	(v) Promoting sustainable water management	CCO 10 - New or upgraded capacity for waste water treatment	CCR 09 - Additional population connected to at least secondary waste water treatment
	(vi) Promoting the transition to a circular economy	CCO 11 – New or upgraded capacity for waste recycling	CCR 10 - Additional waste recycled
	(vii) Enhancing biodiversity, green infrastructure in the urban environment, and reducing pollution	CCO 12 - Surface area of green infrastructure in urban areas	CCR 11 - Population benefiting from measures for air quality
3. A more connected Europe by enhancing mobility and regional ICT connectivity	(i) Enhancing digital connectivity	CCO 13 - Additional households and enterprises with coverage by very high capacity broadband networks	CCR 12 - Additional households and enterprises with broadband subscriptions to a very high capacity networks
	(ii) Developing a sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent, secure and intermodal TEN-T	CCO 14 - Road TEN-T: New and upgraded roads	CCR 13 - Time savings due to improved road infrastructure
	(iii) Developing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and	CCO 15 – Rail TEN-T: New and upgraded railways	CCR 14 - Annual number of passengers served by improved

4. A more social Europe  
*implementing the European  
Pillar of Social Rights*

intermodal national, regional  
and local mobility, including  
improved access to TEN-T and  
cross-border mobility;  
(iv) Promoting sustainable  
multimodal urban mobility

(i) Enhancing the effectiveness  
of labour markets and access to  
quality employment through  
developing social innovation  
and infrastructure;  
(ii) Improving access to  
inclusive and quality services in  
education, training and lifelong  
learning through developing  
infrastructure  
(iii) Increasing the  
socioeconomic integration of  
marginalised communities,  
migrants and disadvantaged  
groups, through integrated  
measures including housing and  
social services;  
(iv) Ensuring equal access to  
health care through developing  
infrastructure, including primary  
care

5. A Europe closer to citizens by  
fostering the sustainable and

fostering the integrated social,  
economic and environmental

CCO 16 - Extension and  
modernisation of tram and metro  
lines

CCO 17 - Annual unemployed  
persons served by enhanced  
facilities for employment  
services

CCO 18 - New or upgraded  
capacity for childcare and  
education infrastructure

CCO 19 - Additional capacity of  
reception infrastructures created  
or upgraded

CCO 20 - New or upgraded  
capacity for health care  
infrastructure

CCO 21 - Population covered by  
strategies for integrated urban

rail transport

CCR 15 - Annual users served  
by new and modernised tram  
and metro lines

CCR 16 - Job seekers using  
annually enhanced facilities for  
employment services

CCR 17 - Annual users served  
by new or upgraded childcare  
and education infrastructure

CCR 18 - Annual users served  
by new and improved reception  
and housing facilities

CCR 19 - Population with  
access to improved health care  
services

integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives

development, cultural heritage and security in urban areas;

development

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Core set of performance indicators for the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund referred to in Article 7(3)<sup>1</sup>

Policy objective (1)	Specific objective (2)	Outputs (3)	Results (4)
1. <i>A more cohesive and solidarity-based Europe by helping reduce economic, social and territorial asymmetries and promoting innovative and smart economic transformation</i>	(i) Enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies; <b>(ia) (new)) Making efficient and innovative use of local resources in each region, including making the best use of traditional sectors and integrating them into the value chain,</b>	CCO 01 - Enterprises supported to innovate CCO 02 - Researchers working in supported research facilities <b>- Number of projects involving ‘traditional’ sectors</b>	CCR 01 - (SMEs introducing product, process, marketing or organisational innovation  <b>- Increase in the turnover/volume of business of companies and other supported entities from ‘traditional’ sectors</b>
	(ii) Reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies, <b>public services</b> and governments  <b>(iia) (new) Encouraging quality in, and the modernisation and universality of, public services</b>	CCO 03 - Enterprises and public institutions supported to develop digital products, services and applications  <b>- Public service units supported</b>	CCR 02 - Additional users of new digital products, services and applications developed by enterprises and public institutions <b>CCR 03 - Jobs created in SMEs supported</b>
	(iii) Enhancing growth and	CCO 04 - SMEs supported to	CCR 03 - Jobs created in SMEs

<sup>1</sup> These indicators will be used by the Commission in compliance with its reporting requirement pursuant to Article 38(3)(e)(i) of the [applicable] Financial Regulation.

2. A greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, *an industry underpinned by a non-polluting basis*, green and blue investment, the circular economy, *combating and adapting to climate change* and risk prevention and management

competitiveness of SMEs;  
*iiia (new)) Supporting the social economy, namely the cooperative movement;*

(iv) Developing skills *and infrastructures* for smart specialisation,  
*reindustrialisation for regions affected by deindustrialisation* and entrepreneurship;  
(i) Promoting energy efficiency measures

*- Promoting measures for the efficient use of resources*

*(ia) (new)) Promoting measures that help reduce energy consumption*

(ii) Promoting renewable energy

(iii) Developing smart energy systems, grids and storage at local level

create jobs and growth  
*- Social economy institutions supported*

CCO 05 - SMEs *and other entities* investing in skills development

*- Industrial units supported*

CCO 06 – Investments in measures to improve energy efficiency

*- Investments in measures to improve efficiency in resource use*

*- Investments in measures to reduce energy consumption*

CCO 07 - Additional renewable energy production capacity

CCO 08 - Digital management systems developed for smart grids

supported  
*- Jobs created in social economy institutions supported*

*- Increase in the turnover/volume of business of institutions supported*

CCR 04 - *Staff from* SMEs *and other entities* benefiting from training for skills development

*- Jobs created in industrial units supported*

CCR 05 - Beneficiaries with improved energy classification

*- Number of beneficiaries of measures to improve efficiency in resource use*

*- Reduction in energy consumption achieved by projects supported*

CCR 06 - Volume of additional renewable energy produced

CCR 07 - Additional users connected to smart grids

(iv) Promoting the <i>combating of and adaption to</i> climate change, risk prevention and disaster resilience	CCO 09 - New or upgraded disaster monitoring, warning and response systems <i>and other investments in risk reduction</i>	CCR 08 - Additional population benefiting from protection measures against floods, forest fires, and other climate related natural disasters, <i>including slowly unfolding disasters such as droughts</i>
(v) Promoting sustainable water management	CCO 10 - New or upgraded capacity for waste water treatment  <i>- Sustainable water management solutions put in place (in the agricultural, industrial and urban sectors)</i>	CCR 09 - Additional population connected to at least secondary waste water treatment  <i>- Volume of water saved by the solutions put in place</i>
(vi) Promoting the transition to a circular economy <i>by reducing the amount of waste produced and by reuse and recycling</i>	CCO 11 – New or upgraded capacity for waste recycling  <i>- Waste-reduction solutions put in place (in the agricultural, industrial and urban sectors)</i>	<i>- Amount of waste reduced</i>  CCR 10 - <i>Waste reused and</i> Additional waste recycled
(via) (new) <i>Promoting efficiency in the collection, management and treatment of urban waste</i> (vii) Enhancing biodiversity, green infrastructure in the urban environment, and reducing	<i>- New or upgraded capacity for urban waste recycling</i>  CCO 12 - Surface area of green infrastructure <i>created, upgraded or expanded</i> in urban areas	<i>- Waste sent for recycling as a proportion of total waste collected</i> CCR 11 - Population benefiting from measures for air quality

pollution

*viia (new)) Promoting the environmental recovery of areas abandoned and/or degraded owing to man-made activities (such as: former extractive industries, manufacturing and other activities);*  
*viib (new)) Developing skills and infrastructures to fully exploit the potential of the blue economy*

*(viic) (new) Promoting research, innovation and the uptake of technologies that reduce the environmental impact of production processes and services*

3. A more connected Europe by enhancing mobility and regional ICT connectivity

(i) Enhancing digital connectivity

(ii) Developing a sustainable,

*- Number of projects for the environmental recovery of abandoned and/or degraded areas*

*- SMEs and other entities investing in skills development*

*- Projects supported to reduce the environmental impact of production processes and services*  
*- Companies or other entities supported promoting the uptake of technologies reducing the environmental impact of production processes and services*

CCO 13 - Additional households and enterprises with coverage by very high capacity broadband networks

CCO 14 - Road TEN-T: New

*- Surface area recovered*

*- Jobs created*

*- Staff from SMEs and other entities benefiting from training for skills development*

*- Technologies developed to reduce the environmental impact of production processes and services*

*- Reduction achieved in the environmental impact of processes and services*

CCR 12 - Additional households and enterprises with broadband subscriptions to a very high capacity networks

CCR 13 - Time savings due to



4. A more social Europe, *which promotes social progress and guarantees a wide range of social rights for all citizens*

climate resilient, intelligent, secure and intermodal TEN-T  
(iii) Developing sustainable, climate change-resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility ***based on railways and accessible to all***, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility;  
(iv) Promoting sustainable multimodal urban mobility

***–(ia) (new)) Helping ensuring the right to water, health, education, learning, culture and sport***

(i) ***Promoting full employment and enhancing the effectiveness of labour markets and access to quality employment accompanied by rights*** through developing social innovation and infrastructure

(ii) Improving access to

and upgraded roads

CCO 15 - Rail TEN-T: New and upgraded railways

***- Other new and upgraded railways***

CCO 16 - Extension and modernisation of tram and metro lines

***–(ia) (new)) Amount invested in projects to improve access to the rights to water, health, education, knowledge, culture and sport***

CCO 17 - Annual unemployed persons served by enhanced facilities for employment services ***and other projects in the targeted areas***

***- SMEs running projects financed in the area of social innovation***

CCO 18 - New or upgraded

improved road infrastructure

CCR 14 - Annual number of passengers served by improved rail transport

CCR 15 - Annual users served by new and modernised tram and metro lines

***Additional number of people now benefiting from investments in improved access to the rights to water, health, education, knowledge, culture and sport***

CCR 16 - Job seekers using annually enhanced facilities for employment services ***and other projects in the targeted areas***

***- Number of stable jobs with rights acquired created by projects financed in the area of social innovation***

CCR 17 - Annual users served

inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing infrastructure

*(iia) (New)) Shoring up public policies and public action in the field of housing by expanding and modernising the stock of public, sustainable and energy-efficient housing, with a view to ensuring the universal right to housing*

(iii) Increasing the socioeconomic integration of marginalised communities, migrants and disadvantaged groups, through integrated measures, **urban rehabilitation and regeneration**, including housing and social services;  
(iv) Ensuring equal **and universal** access to health care through developing infrastructure, including primary care

*(iva) (new)) Ensuring equal access to cultural goods by*

capacity for childcare and education infrastructure

*- Amount of public investment in projects to build, upgrade and improve the stock of public housing*

CCO 19 - Additional capacity of reception infrastructures created or upgraded

CCO 20 - New or upgraded capacity for health care infrastructure

*- New or upgraded capacity for cultural infrastructure*

by new or upgraded childcare and education infrastructure

*- Population benefiting from the additional social housing units available (following construction and/or modernisation)*

*- Additional social housing units available (following construction and/or modernisation)*

CCR 18 - Annual users served by new and improved reception and housing facilities

CCR 19 - Population with access to improved health care services

*Population with improved access to cultural goods*

5. A Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives

*developing infrastructures*  
Fostering the integrated social, economic and environmental local development, *(material and intangible) cultural heritage, the creation and enjoyment of culture, also through community-led local development.*

CCO 21 - Population covered by strategies for integrated urban development

Or. pt